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A. *Interpretation*

- 1.1 “The GAA” means the National Governing Organisation for the preservation and promotion of Gaelic Games and pastimes known as the Gaelic Athletic Association (*in Irish – Cumann Lúthchleas Gael*)
- 1.2 “the Official Guide” means the Official Guide (*in Irish - An Treoraí Oifigiúil*) and all parts thereof containing the Constitution and Rules of the GAA as shall be in effect and operational from time to time.
- 1.3 “The County Committee” means the Committee, with responsibility for the control and management of all the affairs of the GAA in the City and County of Dublin
- 1.4 “The County Convention” means the meeting with responsibility for electing / appointing the Officers etc. of the County Committee who shall hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual Convention.
- 1.5 “The County Chairperson” means the Chairperson for the time being of the County Committee, or any person appointed to perform the duties of the County Chairperson or deputise for him/her, and the descriptions: - “the County Vice-Chairperson”, “the County Secretary” and “the County Assistant Secretary” shall have corresponding meanings.
- 1.6 Words importing the singular number only shall include the plural number and vice versa.

B. Bye-Laws

1. County Committee (Coiste Chontae)

1.1 The County Committee shall be the governing and controlling body of all the affairs of the GAA in the County of Dublin, excepting those functions reserved to the Provincial Council and Central Council as outlined in An Treoraí Oifigiúil.

1.2 The County Committee shall consist of: -

- the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Coaching Officer, Officer for Irish Language and Culture, Public Relations Officer, Planning and Training Officer, Children's Officer, the Chairperson of the Adult Competitions Control Committee, the Chairperson of the County Youth Committee and a representative from Blue Clusters Company* in accordance with the provisions of An Treoraí Oifigiúil as amended from time to time;
- the Central Council representative and the two Provincial Council representatives;
- the County Referees' Administrator;
- The County Safety and Facilities Officer
- one named representative from each affiliated Club.
- one named representative each from the County Handball, the County Primary Schools and the County Post-Primary Schools Committees;
- All members, with the exception of the Secretary, shall have voting rights.

1.3 In accordance with An Treoraí Oifigiúil the County Committee shall appoint the following sub-committees whose powers and functions shall be as outlined in Rule 3.20 An Treoraí Oifigiúil 2021 and in these Bye-Laws, to carry out its business and affairs: -

- County Management Committee;
- County Competitions Control Committee;
- County Fixtures Analysts;
- County Hearings Committee;
- County Safety and Facilities Committee
- County Referees' Administration Committee;
- County Coaching & Games Development;
- County Cultural Committee;
- County Public Relations/Marketing Committee;
- County Youth Committee;
- County Finance Committee
- County Information Technology Committee
- County Teams' Management and Panels Committee;
- County Health and Wellbeing Committee

- County Planning and Training Committee
 - County Audit and Risk Committee
- 1.4 In accordance with Rule 3.19 (l) An Treoraí Oifigiúil 2021 the County Committee shall appoint the following sub-committees whose functions shall be as outlined in these Bye-Laws: - All members of sub-committees shall be named.
- County Football Committee;
 - County Hurling Committee;
 - County Post Primary Schools Committee;
 - County Strategic Plan Implementation Committee
- 1.5 With the exception of the powers and functions that are specifically reserved for the County Committee itself, the County Committee shall be entitled to delegate all or any of its powers or responsibilities to Sub-Committees, whether consisting of members of the County Committee or otherwise and to lay down such terms of reference and conditions as the County Committee shall specify, including the appointment of a Chairperson of such sub-committee.
- 1.6 A member who has served five years in any specific Officership on the County Committee (with the exception of the County Treasurer in accordance with the provisions of An Treoraí Oifigiúil) shall be ineligible to hold that Officership for the ensuing five years. The Chairperson of any Sub-Committee who has served five years shall be ineligible to hold that Officership for the ensuing five years.
- 1.7 The County Chairperson and County Secretary shall be entitled to attend meetings of all sub-committees with the exception of the Hearings Committee.
- 1.8 If the County Committee decide that the mode of selection of Inter-County teams is by Selection Committee, the County Committee shall appoint such Committees, the County Secretary to act as Secretary to such Committee.
- 1.9 The County Committee shall hold five regularly scheduled meetings per year.
- 1.10 In accordance with Rule 6.8 An Treoraí Oifigiúil 2021 the County Committee may allow Independent Teams at Minor or Younger Grade.

2. *County Convention (Comhthionól Contae)*

- 2.1 The County Committee, on the recommendation of the County Management Committee, or at the request of at least forty of the ordinary members, shall have the power to convene a Special County Convention. A Special County Convention shall only discuss those items indicated in the notice convening the Convention.

3. *County Management Committee (Coiste Bainistí)*

- 3.1 The County Management Committee shall consist of the following County Committee members:- the County Chairperson, County Vice-Chairperson, County Secretary (without voting power), County Assistant Secretary, County Treasurer, Chairperson of the County Youth Committee along with the Central Council Representative, the Leinster Council Representatives, a representative from Blue Clusters Company and two members of the County Committee, to be elected each year at the first meeting of the County Committee to be held after the Annual County Convention, one of whom shall be nominated from representatives of Hurling Clubs and one of whom shall be nominated from representatives of Football Clubs.
- 3.2 The day-to-day business and affairs of the County Committee, shall, subject to the approval of the County Committee, be managed by the County Management Committee who may exercise all such business and affairs of the County Committee.
- 3.3 The County Management Committee may nominate for appointment by the County Committee working groups to deal with delegated matters/activities and will receive regular reports from such working groups.
- 3.4 The powers and authority of the County Management Committee are to be exercised subject to such directions to the County Management Committee as may be passed at a meeting of the County Committee. The County Management Committee shall furnish a report of its activities to each meeting of the County Committee, for ratification.
- 3.5 The County Management Committee shall meet for the dispatch of its business, and may adjourn or otherwise regulate its meetings as it shall see fit.
- 3.6 Either the Chairperson or the Secretary may, and the Secretary at the request of at least two members of the County Management Committee shall, call a meeting of the County Management Committee to be held within five days.
- 3.7 Five members must be present to form a quorum at meetings of the County Management Committee.
- 3.8 The County Management Committee shall appoint two Fixture Analysts whose functions shall be as detailed in Rule 3.20 (iii) An Treoraí Oifigiúil 2021.

4. *County Competitions Control Committee*

- 4.1 The County Competitions Control Committee (otherwise referred to in these bye-laws and regulations as the “CCC”) shall consist of the following members: - Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, County Referees Administrator, One Fixtures Analyst and six additional members, all of whom shall be nominated by the County Management Committee and all of whom shall be subject to appointment by the County Committee.
- 4.2 A Secretary shall be nominated by the County Management Committee to service the CCC and be subject to appointment by the County Committee.

- 4.3 The County Committee shall set out the regulations regarding competitions prior to the commencement of the season for Championship, League and Cup from Minor grade upwards.
- 4.4 With the exception of matters pertaining to grading of clubs and players the power and authority of the CCC shall be final and conclusive regarding matters under its jurisdiction and shall have the same force and effect as if made by the County Committee. Appeals against the decision of the CCC, except in the case of their decisions on applications for transfers, shall be to the Leinster Council in accordance with An Treorai Oifigiúil.
- 4.5 Five members must be present to form a quorum of the CCC.

5. *County Hearings Committee*

- 5.1 A Hearing of an Objection / Counter Objection is the function of the County Competitions Control Committee. The County Hearings Committee shall also hear all appeals arising from the County Youth Committee and its sub-committees).
- 5.2 The County Hearings Committee shall consist of a Chairperson and eight members (one of whom shall act as Vice Chairperson) to be nominated by the County Management Committee - all of whom shall be subject to appointment by the County Committee.
- 5.3 Members of the following committees may not be members of the County Hearings Committee: -
 - (a) County Management Committee;
 - (b) County Youth Management Committee;
 - (c) County Youth Hearings Committee;
 - (d) Any of the CCC's operating at any level within the County Committee.
- 5.4 A Secretary shall be nominated by the County Management Committee to service the County Hearings Committee and shall be subject to appointment by the County Committee.
- 5.5 Three members must be present to form a quorum at County Hearings Committee meetings.
- 5.6 There shall be no appeal against decisions of the County Hearings Committee relating to appeals against the County Youth Committee or its sub-committees).

6. *Safety and Facilities Committee*

- 6.1 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 Rule 3.20 (v) T.O. 2021.

7. *County Referees Administration Committee (Coiste Riaracháin na Réiteoirí)*

- 7.1 The County Referees' Administration Committee must satisfy themselves as to the suitability of an individual before nominating him/her to the panel of referees to be considered for appointment to matches by the CCC.
- 7.2 The County Referees' Administration Committee shall co-operate with the County Youth Committee and any other underage league committee to provide a panel of referees for fixtures in Under-16 or lower age-group competitions.
- 7.3 The County Referees' Administration Committee shall hold an Annual Forum. The County Management Committee shall nominate, for appointment by the County Committee, a County Referees' Administration Committee consisting of a Secretary, Treasurer/Registrar and two representatives from a hurling referees panel and two representatives from a football referees panel. The County Referees' Administrator, appointed in accordance with Rule 3.19 (h) An Treoraí Oifigiúil 2021, shall be the Chairperson / representative to County Committee.
- 7.4 Either the County Referees' Administration Committee Chairperson or the Secretary may, and the Secretary at the request of the (County) Management Committee or one-quarter of the members of the County Referees Administration Committee shall, call a meeting of the County Referees Administration Committee to be held within fourteen days.
- 7.5 The County Referees' Administration Committee shall meet for the dispatch of its business, adjourn or otherwise regulate its meetings as it shall see fit.

8. *County Coaching & Games Development Committee (Coiste Forbatha na gCluichí)*

- 8.1 The County Coaching & Games Development Committee shall consist of the Coaching & Games Development Officer (who shall be Chairperson), the Coaching and Games Development Manager (who shall be Secretary) and 4 members who shall be nominated by the County Management Committee and subject to appointment by the County Committee.
- 8.2 The Chairperson and members, with the exception of the Coaching & Games Development Manager, shall be appointed for a period not exceeding three years.

9. County Cultural Committee (*Coiste Cultúir*)

- 9.1 The County Cultural Committee shall consist of the County Officer for Irish language and Culture who shall be the Chairperson and 4 members who shall be nominated by the County Management Committee and subject to appointment by the County Committee.
- 9.2 A Secretary shall be nominated by the County Management Committee to service the County Cultural Committee and subject to appointment by the County Committee.
- 9.3 The members shall be appointed for a period not exceeding three years.

10. County Public Relations/Marketing Committee

- 10.1 The County Public Relations/Marketing Committee shall consist of a Chairperson and 4 members who shall be nominated by the County Management Committee and subject to appointment by the County Committee.
- 10.2 A Secretary shall be nominated by the County Management Committee to service the County Public Relations/Marketing Committee and subject to appointment by the County Committee.
- 10.3 The Chairperson and members shall be appointed for a period not exceeding three years.

11 County Youth Committee (*Coiste na nÓg*)

- 11.1 The County Youth Committee shall be responsible for the organisation and control of the playing of Gaelic Games within the county by young persons up to and including the under 16 grade.
- 11.2 The County Youth Committee shall consist of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary (without voting power), Assistant Secretary, Children's Officer, the Chairpersons of both Youth Competition Control Committee1 (CCC 1) and Competition Control Committee 2 (CCC 2) and one representative from each Club competing in current Under 16 or Juvenile Championship (under 15) in which the club is entitled to compete.
- 11.3 The County Youth Committee shall hold an Annual Forum each year. The County Management Committee shall nominate, for appointment by the County Committee, the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Assistant Secretary.
- 11.4 A Club shall be entitled to have no more than one representative on the County Youth Committee except the Clubs of the Committee's Chairperson and the Chairpersons of both CCCs.
- 11.5 The County Youth Committee shall be entitled to make Regulations, in relation to matters under its jurisdiction, subject to ratification by the County Committee.

- 11.6 The County Youth Competitions Control Committee shall process and make recommendations to the County Competitions Control Committee on, all applications for transfers (up to and including U16 grade) within the County.

12. *County Youth Management Committee (Coiste Bainistí na nÓg)*

- 12.1 The County Youth Management Committee shall consist of the following County Youth Committee members: - the County Youth Chairperson, County Youth Vice-Chairperson, County Youth Secretary (without voting power), County Youth Assistant Secretary, the Chairpersons of both CCC 1 and CCC 2, Representatives of Primary and Post-Primary Schools, County Coaching and Games Administration Officer and County Children's Officer.
- 12.2 The day-to-day business and affairs of the County Youth Committee, shall, subject to the approval of the County Youth Committee, be managed by the County Youth Management Committee, who may exercise all business and affairs of the County Youth Committee, between meetings of the County Youth Committee.
- 12.3 The County Youth Management Committee may, subject to County Committee approval, appoint working groups to deal with delegated matters/activities and will receive regular reports from such working groups.
- 12.4 The powers and authority of the County Youth Management Committee are to be exercised subject to such directions to the County Youth Management Committee as may be passed at a meeting of the County Youth Committee.
- 12.5 The County Youth Management Committee shall furnish a report of its activities to each meeting of the County Youth Committee, for ratification.
- 12.6 The County Youth Management Committee shall meet for the dispatch of its business, and may adjourn or otherwise regulate its meeting's as it shall see fit.
- 12.7 Either the Chairperson or the Secretary may, and the Secretary at the request of at least two members of the County Youth Management Committee shall, call a meeting of the County Youth Management Committee to be held within five days.
- 12.8 Five members must be present to form a quorum at meetings of the County Youth Management Committee.

13. *County Youth Competitions Control Committee*

- 13.1 There shall be two County Youth Competitions Control Committees. The County Youth Competitions Control Committee One (CCC 1) shall be responsible for the arrangement and control of all games (including appointment of referees) in respect of the Age Groups up to and including under 12. The County Youth Competitions Control Committee Two (CCC 2) shall be responsible for the arrangement and control of all games (including appointment of referees) in respect of the Age Groups under 13 to under 16 (inclusive).

- 13.2 Both the CCC 1 and CCC 2 shall consist of the following members, a Chairperson, an Assistant Secretary and three other persons appointed at the Annual Forum of the County Youth Committee and subject to appointment by the County Committee.
- 13.3 A Secretary shall be nominated by the County Management Committee and to be subject to appointment by the County Committee to service all Youth Committees excluding the Juvenile Hearings Committee.
- 13.4 The Chairperson and Vice-chairperson of each of the CCCs shall be appointed annually and shall serve for a period not exceeding five years.
- 13.5 The County Youth Committee shall set out the regulations regarding competitions prior to the commencement of the season.
- 13.6 The Youth Competitions Control Committees shall be in accordance with Rule 3.19 (l) An Treoraí Oifigiúil 2021. The Youth Competitions Control Committees shall have Plenary Powers and appeals against their decisions shall be made to the County Hearings Committee. Three members must be present to form a quorum at meetings of a CCC.
- 13.7 The County CCC1 Delegates Committee shall consist of the members of The County Youth Competitions Control Committee One (CCC 1) and one Representative of each Club competing in games under CCC1's jurisdiction. The County CCC1 Delegates Committee shall act as a forum for clubs to make proposals only to The County Youth Competitions Control Committee One (CCC 1) in relation to the running of CCC1 affairs.

The County CCC2 Delegates Committee shall consist of the members of The County Youth Competitions Control Committee Two (CCC 2) and one Representative of each Club competing in games under CCC2's jurisdiction. The County CCC2 Delegates Committee shall act as forum for clubs to make proposals only to The County Youth Competitions Control Committee Two (CCC 2) in relation to the running of CCC2 affairs.

14. County Youth Hearings Committee

- 14.1 The County Youth Hearings Committee shall adjudicate on all disciplinary matters, where a hearing is prescribed and requested, relating to the enforcement of Rules arising from matters under the jurisdiction of the County Youth Committee.

Exception: - A Hearing of an Objection / Counter Objection is the function of the County Youth Competition Control Committees.

- 14.2 The County Youth Hearings Committee shall consist of a Chairperson and five members (one of whom shall act as Vice Chairperson) to be nominated annually by the County Youth Management Committee - all of whom shall be subject to appointment by the County Committee.
- 14.3 No Member of the County Youth Management Committee, The County CCC 1 or County CCC 2 may serve on the County Youth Hearings Committee.

- 14.4 A Secretary shall be nominated by the County Youth Management Committee to service the County Youth Hearings Committee and subject to appointment by the County Committee.
- 14.5 The Chairperson and five members nominated annually by the County Management Committee shall be appointed for a period up to but not exceeding five consecutive years from the date of their ratification by the County Committee.
- 14.6 Three members must be present to form a quorum at County Youth Hearings Committee meetings. The County Youth Hearings Committee shall have Plenary Powers and all appeals against its decisions shall be to the County Hearings Committee.

15. *County Finance Committee*

- 15.1 The County Finance Committee shall consist of a Chairperson and 4 members who shall be nominated by the County Management Committee and subject to appointment by the County Committee.
- 15.2 A Secretary shall be nominated by the County Management Committee to service the County Finance and subject to appointment by the County Committee.
- 15.3 The Chairperson and members shall be appointed for a period not exceeding three years.

16. *County Information Technology Committee*

- 16.1 The County Information Technology Committee shall consist of a Chairperson and 4 members who shall be nominated by the County Management Committee and subject to appointment by the County Committee.
- 16.2 A Secretary shall be nominated by the County Management Committee to service the County Information Technology and subject to appointment by the County Committee.
- 16.3 The Chairperson and members shall be appointed for a period not exceeding three years.

17. *County Teams' Management and Panels' Committee*

- 17.1 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 Árd Chomhairle from time to time. The functions of this Committee will be as outlined in Rule 3.20 (xiii) An Treoraí Oifigiúil 2021.

18. *County Health and Wellbeing Committee*

- 18.1 The County Health and Wellbeing Committee shall consist of a Chairperson and 4 members who shall be nominated by the County Management Committee and subject to appointment by the County Committee.
- 18.2 A Secretary shall be nominated by the County Management Committee to service the County Health and Wellbeing Committee and subject to appointment by the County Committee.
- 18.3 The Chairperson and members shall be appointed for a period not exceeding three years.

19. *Planning and Training Committee*

- 19.1 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.

20. *Audit and Risk Committee*

- 20.1 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

21. *Rule 3.19 Treoraí Oifigiúil – Sub-Committees*

In accordance with Rule 3.19 An Treoraí Oifigiúil 2021 the County Committee shall appoint the following sub-committees whose functions shall be as outlined in these Bye-Laws: -

(I) *County Hurling Committee (Coiste Iomána)*

- (a) The County Hurling Committee shall consist of the following members: - a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary, the nominees to the CCC and County Hearings Committee and one representative from each remaining Club competing in the current Minor or higher grade Championship in which the club competes all of whom shall be appointed by the County Committee in accordance with Rule 3.20 An Treoraí Oifigiúil 2021. Twenty members must be present to form a quorum at meetings of the committee.
- (b) The County Hurling Committee shall be entitled to make proposals in relation to the format of all hurling competitions to the County Committee and on matters relating to the promotion and improvement of hurling within the county to the County Coaching & Games Development Committee.

- (c) The County Hurling Committee shall hold an Annual Forum which shall be held before the County Convention. The County Management Committee shall nominate, for appointment by the County Committee, a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson and a Secretary.
- (d) With the exception of the Chairperson and Secretary of the meeting no Club shall be entitled to more than one representative on the County Hurling Committee.
- (e) Either the County Hurling Committee Chairperson or the Secretary may, and the Secretary at the request of the County Management Committee or fifteen members of the County Hurling Committee shall, call a meeting of the County Hurling Committee to be held within fourteen days of receipt by the Secretary of such a request.

(II) *County Football Committee (Coiste Peil)*

- (a) The County Football Committee shall consist of the following members: - a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary, the nominees to the CCC and County Hearings Committee and one representative from each remaining Club competing in the current Minor or higher grade Championship in which the club competes all of whom shall be appointed by the County Committee in accordance with Rule 3.20 An Treoraí Oifigiúil 2021. Twenty members must be present to form a quorum at meetings of the committee.
- (b) The County Football Committee shall be entitled to make proposals in relation to the format of all football competitions to the County Committee and on matters relating to the promotion and improvement of football within the county to the County Coaching & Games Development Committee.
- (c) The County Football Committee shall hold an Annual Forum which shall be held before the County Convention. The County Management Committee shall nominate, for appointment by the County Committee, a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson and a Secretary.
- (d) With the exception of the Chairperson and Secretary of the meeting no Club shall be entitled to more than one representative on the County Football Committee.
- (e) Either the County Football Committee Chairperson or the Secretary may, and the Secretary at the request of the County Management Committee or fifteen members of the County Football Committee shall, call a meeting of the County Football Committee to be held within fourteen days of receipt by the Secretary of such a request.

(III) County Post Primary Schools Committee

The County Post Primary Schools Committee shall consist of the following members:

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- ♦ A member of An Coiste Bainistí;
- ♦ A representative from each affiliated Post-Primary School;
- ♦ A representative from the County Coaching & Games Development Committee.

The functions of this committee shall be: -

- ♦ The promotion, development and control of games in Post-Primary Schools;
- ♦ To organise games, where appropriate, and encourage as wide a participation in Gaelic games as is feasible;
- ♦ To forward motions to Provincial Schools' Committee.

The Committee shall hold an A.G.M. and nominate Officers and a Management Committee for appointment by the Co. Committee. It shall also elect two representatives to the Provincial Committee. It shall have a Post Primary Schools Competitions Control Committee consisting of the Post Primary Schools Chairman, the Post Primary Schools Secretary and 3 other members appointed by the County Committee. It shall be responsible for all arrangements for and the control of any matters arising from the games under the jurisdiction of the Post Primary Schools Committee including disciplinary matters other than those reserved for the County Youth Hearings Committee. It shall investigate and process matters relating to the enforcement of rules, including hearing objections and counter objections. Appeals against decisions of this committee and requests for a Hearing shall be heard by the County Youth Hearings Committee.

22. Finance

- 22.1 No person shall have authority to incur expense on behalf of the County Committee or a Subsidiary Committee without the express sanction in writing of the County Committee.
- 22.2 A full report of revenue and expenditure for discussion and ratification by the County Committee will be submitted at each meeting setting out under each heading the full amounts of income and expenditure for discussion and approval.

23. Trustees

- 23.1 An Choiste shall have power to acquire, hold and deal with real property for the furtherance of the aims and objects of An Cumann Lúthchleas Gael in Dublin County and all such real property (unless covered by a separate and specific Deed of Trust) shall be vested in five or more members of An Cumann Lúthchleas Gael as Trustees who shall hold same in accordance with the Charter Constitution and Rules thereof.

- 23.2 The Trustees may from time to time deal with the property so vested in them by way of sale, mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise howsoever as directed by An Choiste and with the consent of the Central Council of An Cumann Lúthchleas Gael. The direction of An Choiste shall be given by a resolution of the members of the County Committee passed by a two-third majority of the members present at a duly convened meeting of the Committee. A Certificate under the signature of the Secretary for the time being of An Choiste shall be conclusive evidence in favour of any Purchaser, Mortgagee, Chargee, Lessee, or Grantee or otherwise that a direction complying in all respects with the provision of this rule was given to the Trustees. The consent of the Central Council of An Cumann Lúthchleas Gael under this rule shall be vouched by way of a letter under the signature of an t-Ard Stiurthoir for the time being.
- 23.3 Trustees shall hold office until retirement, death or removal from office in the manner hereinafter set out.
- 23.4 The power of appointing or removing Trustees shall be vested in a Committee of persons comprised of the persons for the time being who held the offices of President of the Central Council of An Cumann Lúthchleas Gael and Chairman of the Leinster Council of An Cumann Lúthchleas Gael and Chairman of An Coiste (hereinafter called "the Appointers".
- 23.5 The majority of the Appointers (of whom the President of the Central Council shall be Chairman with a casting vote) may at any time and their absolute discretion by a document in writing under the hands of the majority of them replace any Trustee or Trustees who died or retired or remove any existing Trustee from his or their office as Trustee or Trustees and as from the date of such Document the Trustee or Trustees so removed shall cease to hold office as Trustee or Trustees and thereafter any Trustee or Trustees so removed shall have no further legal or equitable interest in the said property and the said property shall thereby vest in the remaining Trustee or Trustees or such new Trustee or Trustees as shall then be appointed by the Appointers. A Certificate under the signature of the President for the time being of the Central Council shall be taken as conclusive evidence in favour of any Purchaser, Mortgagee, Chargee, Lessee, Grantee or otherwise as to the person or persons properly appointed and acting as Trustee or Trustees under this rule at any particular time.
- 23.6 An Coiste shall indemnify and save harmless a Trustee in respect of any loss or out of pocket expenses bona fide incurred by him in or about the execution of his trust or powers.
- 23.7 "Real Property" within the meaning of this rule shall be taken to include all the property of An Coiste of an immovable nature and comprising any playing pitches, grounds, buildings or structures whether of leasehold or freehold tenure and with all fixtures or fittings attached thereto and used therewith.

24. *Registration/Transfers*

- 24.1 Transfers shall be dealt with in accordance with Rules 6.5, 3.20 (ii) and 3.20 (iv) An Treorai Oifigiúil 2021.

- 24.2 As the GAA is community centred, based on the allegiance of its members to their local Clubs, the object of which is to promote the Association's aims at local level, the transfer rules in An Treoraí Oifigiúil and this Bye-Law reflect that ethos. A player is considered to always owe allegiance and loyalty to the Club he first legally participated with in Club competition.

The County Competitions' Control Committee, when adjudicating on a transfer application, shall give serious consideration to the response of his current Club, and: -

- a. be cognisant of the role played by his current Club in nurturing and developing the player;
- b. consider the potential impact of the transfer of the player on his current Club; and
- c. consider the potential impact of the transfer of the player on the promotion of the Association's aims in Dublin

in reaching their determination.

- 24.3 Annually, the opening date for the receipt of transfer applications, at all ages, shall be the 1st December and the closing date shall be 5.30pm on 8th December. Exception: Transfers falling within the category set out in Byelaw 24.5 below.
- 24.4 An application shall be submitted and accepted only on the form as currently approved by County Committee. The application shall be completed in the prescribed manner as indicated on the form and in accordance with An Treoraí Oifigiúil and this Bye-Law. In the case of underage players (up to and including u16 grade) an application for transfer shall also be accompanied by an authorisation signed by the player's parent(s)/guardian(s).
- 24.5 Where the family of an underage player (i.e. up to and including u16 grade) who is still in full-time education, changes permanent residence from the Catchment Area of one Club to that of another, an application for transfer (only to a Club, the Catchment Area of which, includes his new permanent residence) may be submitted (without reference to the dates as determined at 24.2) for consideration by the County Committee.
- 24.6 The Secretary of the Competitions Control Committee (Adult / Juvenile as appropriate), shall forward the transfer application to the applicant's Club, which Club shall be required to respond in writing within seven (7) days of the date of receipt, indicating their position on the application. The Competitions Control Committee shall then notify the relevant clubs of the current status of the transfer application. Within 14 days of this notification, if requested by any party involved, the committee shall give the applicant and the two Clubs concerned the opportunity of attending a convened hearing to outline their respective positions / observations on the application.
- 24.7 The Competitions Control Committee shall make its decision in accordance with Rule and the County's Transfers Bye-Law and any discretion available to it shall be exercised having regard to the submissions of the transfer applicant and his existing Club, such other discretionary factors as may be provided for in Bye-Law and the ethos of the Association.

- 24.8 Multiple transfers from a Club shall not be approved pending consideration by the County Management Committee and the presentation of a report thereon to the County Committee.
- 24.9 Permanent residence, in the context of this Bye-Law and An Treoraí Oifigiúil, shall mean residing at a fixed address for a minimum period of twenty four (24) weeks prior to the date of the transfer application, but residence in a Club Catchment Area for the purpose of attending a Primary or Post-Primary School shall not qualify as a permanent residence eligible to avail of this Bye-Law.

25. *Inter-County Players Availability to Clubs*

- 25.1 The period of time during which Senior Inter-County Players shall not be expected to fulfil Inter-Club Championship Fixtures prior to Inter-County Championship Games, in the same code, shall be as follows:

Senior Inter-County Championships:

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| (1) | All-Ireland Finals | - | maximum 17 days |
| (2) | All Other games | - | maximum 10 days |

All other grades of championship, including All-Ireland Minor and Under 20 Finals - maximum 6 days.

26. *Intermediate Championship Eligibility*

- 26.1 In addition to those players excluded by Rule 6.13 An Treoraí Oifigiúil 2021 from playing in the Inter-club Intermediate championships the following shall also be excluded from that grade: - players who played on the winning team in the previous year's County Senior or Intermediate Championship Final in the same code.

27. *Junior Championship Eligibility*

- 27.1 In addition to those players excluded by Rule 6.13 An Treoraí Oifigiúil 2021 from playing in the Inter-club Junior championships the following shall also be excluded from that grade: - players who played on the winning team in the previous year's County Senior, Intermediate or Junior Championship Final in the same code.

28. *Regrading*

- 28.1 Subject to Rule 6.20 An Treoraí Oifigiúil 2021 County Committee shall delegate responsibility for dealing with annual player championship re-grading to the Competitions Control Committee.
- 28.2 The CCC shall open a re-grading season for the month of January each year. Applicants for re-grading shall, on a prescribed form, provide the following information; Name, address, date of birth, club, grade and number of games played in the previous year, grading requested for the current year, reason for application and applicants' signature.

- 28.3 The CCC shall set up workgroups from its membership (excluding the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary) to make re-grading recommendations from the applications received (exception: a CCC member may not make a recommendation on an application from a member of his own Club). A player aggrieved with such a recommendation shall have the right to lodge an appeal against the recommendation to the Secretary of the CCC within 5 days of the issuing of that recommendation to Clubs.
- 28.4 The final list of re-grading recommendations shall be submitted to County Committee for ratification at least 4 weeks prior to the start of championship fixtures.
- 28.5 In exceptional circumstances (e.g. a player returning after a long term injury) CCC may, at its discretion, consider an application outside of the re-grading season set out above provided that such an application is not contrary to the general rules of the Association. Any recommendation on such an application is subject to ratification by the next County Committee meeting.

29 General

- 29.1 Amendments and/or additions to these Bye-Laws may be made at any Annual County Convention, or at a Special County Convention convened for the purpose, providing that the resolution proposing same is carried by a vote of two-thirds of the delegates present, entitled to vote and voting thereon. A new Bye-Law may be enacted, at any Annual County Convention or Special County Convention, convened for this purpose, by a simple majority.
- 29.2 Alterations and/or additions to the Regulations may be made annually at a meeting of the County Committee following notice of motion having been given in writing to the previous County Committee meeting, and also providing that the resolution proposing same is carried by vote of a simple majority of the delegates present, entitled to vote and voting thereon.
- 29.3 A Committee to be known as the “Motions Committee” consisting of the Chairman, the available past Chairmen, the County Secretary, and the Central Council Delegate shall prior to Convention examine motions submitted and decide whether these are in order. The Motions Committee may put a motion in order where there is a failure to quote the numbers of the rules affected or the wrong rules quoted, or where there are minor clerical errors or may classify the Motion as a Bye-law or Regulation. Clubs shall be advised in writing, in advance of Convention, of the reason for the amendments being made. Notwithstanding the above, the Chairman shall have the authority to rule a motion out of order at County Convention.
- 29.4 In the case of all motions passed at County Convention (or at County Committee, in the case of Regulations) which involve an amendment or change of Bye-laws or Regulation, the Motions Committee shall have authority to examine such motions and, without derogating from their meaning, recommend any re-phrasing or re-location or re-classification considered necessary. Such recommendations shall be put before the County Committee for ratification at its first meeting after Convention before being forwarded to Central Council for approval if such approval is required.

Note * Blues Cluster Company