

Motions 1-3 (inclusive) submitted by Ard Chomhairle in accordance with Rule 3.40 (a) (iv) 6.

Motions 4 – 18 (inclusive) submitted by Ard Chomhairle consequent upon a report of the Rules Advisory Committee in accordance with Rule 3.40 (a) (iv) (3).

Motions 19 - 40 (inclusive) submitted by units in accordance with Rule 3.40 (a) (i), (ii) and (iii).

Amendments/Additions to Rules 1.13 and 1.14 – approved by Ard Chomhairle on 20th January 2018, in accordance with its powers and functions under Rule 3.43 (c) T.O. 2018 listed as Motions 41 and 42.

(1)

That **Rule 1.17 Sponsorship – Official Guide Part 1 – Page 10** be amended by adding as a Section (d)

“Sponsorship by a betting company of any competition, team, playing gear or facility is prohibited.”

Ard Chomhairle

(2)

That **Rule 6.12 (iv) – Playing in U.S.A./Canada/Australasia/Europe – Official Guide Part 1 – Pages 82-85** be amended by changing dates “1st July” and “20th July” to **“June 15th”**, applicable to the three jurisdictions named.

Ard Chomhairle

(3)

That **Rule 1.18 – Playing Gear and Equipment – Official Guide Part 1 – Page 10** be amended by the **deletion of Section (c) (ii)**

Ard Chomhairle

(4)

Membership Rules

- (a) That **Rule 2.1(c) - Membership – Club Constitution Rules - Official Guide Part 1 – Page 13** be amended as follows:

The first paragraph shall read “A person becomes a Full or Youth Member of the Association when he is approved as a Full or Youth Member respectively of a Club. Once granted, Full Membership of the Association shall continue for life, and Youth Membership shall continue until the end of the year in which the member celebrates his eighteenth birthday, **at which time his next membership subscription payment will automatically be as a Full Member**, unless the member resigns in writing, or is expelled in accordance with the Official Guide. “

Rule affected Rule 5 – Membership – Official Guide Part 1 – Club Constitution and Rules.

- (b) That **Rule 5.6 Club Constitution and Rules – Official Guide Part 1 – Page 172** be amended to read:

“Any person seeking admission as a Member of any Class of Membership, other than Honorary, shall complete and sign a prescribed Application Form, which shall be

returned to the Secretary together with the prescribed fee. **Alternatively, a prescribed electronic Application Form may be completed and submitted to the Club, complete with accompanying electronic payment of the prescribed fee."**

Rules affected – Rule 2.1 (c) Official Guide Part 1 and Rule 5.8 Club Constitution and Rules.

- (c) That **Rule 5.8 Club Constitution and Rules – Official Guide Part 1 – Page 173** be amended to read:

"An Application for Youth Membership must be on the Prescribed Form, signed by the Applicant and one of his parents or Guardians, as well as being proposed by one Full Member and seconded by another Full Member, who are not suspended or disqualified under this Constitution and Rules or the Official Guide. **Alternatively, a prescribed electronic Application Form may be completed by one of the Applicant's parents or Guardians and submitted to the Club, complete with accompanying electronic payment for the prescribed fee."**

Rules affected – Rule 2.1(c) Official Guide Part 1 and Rule 5.6 Club Constitution and Rules.

Rules Advisory Committee

(5)

That **Rule 2.1(g) - Membership – Official Guide Part 1 – Page 14**

be amended to read as follows:

"Only a Full Member who has paid his annual Club subscription **for a Membership Year** by the due date set by the Executive Committee of the Club, (which shall be prior to March 31st each year) shall be eligible to vote at, nominate for, or seek election to the Executive Committee at any following General Meeting of the Club ***held prior to the due date for payment of the annual Club subscription in the following Membership year***"

Rules Advisory Committee

(6)

That **Rule 3.11(a) – Elections – Official Guide Part 1 – Page 20** be amended by after “shall elect” remove “**Development Officer**” and after “shall appoint” include “**Development Officer**”.

Rule affected – Rule 3.20(v)

Rules Advisory Committee

(7)

That **Rule 3.19(m) – Powers of a County Committee – Official Guide Part 1 – Pages 26/27** be amended by adding:

“The Committee- in-Charge of a Divisional or Group Team, arising from games in which the team has played, shall have the same rights as are available to a Club under Rules 7.3 (x), 7.4, 7.10, 7.11 and 7.13.”

Rules affected - Rule 7.11(e) (5) - add to that Rule “**except as provided for in Rule 3.19(m)**”; 7.3(x), 7.4, 7.10 and 7.13.

Rules Advisory Committee

(8)

That **Rule 3.44 – Official Guide Part 1 – Page 52** be amended to read:

Powers of the Director General and other Officers

(a) The Central Council shall appoint a Director General, who shall be Chief Executive of the Association.

(b) The Director General may enter into any contract or transaction on behalf of the Association which is in the ordinary course of the business of the Association or which has been approved by the Management Committee.

(c) The Director General may from time to time delegate such power as is set out in clause (b), in whole or in part, to any person or persons nominated by him for that purpose.

(d) The Secretary of an Administrative Unit may enter into any contract or transaction on behalf of that Unit which is in the ordinary course of business of that Unit or which has been approved by the Management Committee of that Unit.

Rules Advisory Committee

(9)

(a) That **Rule 6.3 – Definitions – Official Guide Part 1 – Pages 73/72 -** be amended under ‘Other Relevant Connection’ by changing the words “member; member’s” to “**player; player’s**”.

(b) That **Rule 6.5 – Transfers within a County – Official Guide Part 1 – Pages 75/76** be amended by changing the word “member(s)” to “**player(s)**” in Sections (a), (b) and (d) of the Rule.

Rules Advisory Committee

(10)

That **Rule 6.17 - Age Grades – Official Guide Part 1 – Pages 88/89** be amended as it relates to CLUB as follows

Adult – no change

Under Age Grades

A County shall determine its internal Under Age Grades for competitions purposes within the parameter of Under 21 down to Under 11, subject to the following eligibility years’ spans:

Under 21 – A five years’ span.

Under 20 down to Under 14/13 - A four years’ span.

Under 12/11 – A three years’ span.

Definition of Span - Example

Under 16 – A player shall have celebrated his 12th birthday prior to January 1st and his 16th birthday on or after January 1st of the Championship year i.e. a four-year span to ages of 13/14/15/16.

Rules Advisory Committee

(11)

That **Rule 6.20 – Grading of Clubs and Players – Official Guide Part 1 – Page 93** be amended in the second last paragraph at (2) to read as follows:

“(2) 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 application.**”

Rules Advisory Committee

(12)

(1) That Rule 6.29(b) – Provincial Championships – Official Guide Part 1 Pages 114-15 be a separate Rule 30 applicable to Provincial and All-Ireland Championships and worded as follows:

“Failure to fulfill Inter-County Championship Game.

A County failing to fulfill a Championship fixture shall be disqualified from the Championship **and a fine, the extent of which shall be at the discretion of the Committee-in-Charge, shall be imposed”.**

(2)That Rule 6.29(a) and (c) and Rule 6.30 – Draws – Official Guide Part 1 – Page 115 (in amended form consequence of experimental format of Senior Hurling Championship Tier 1) **be amalgamated in Rule 6.29 as sections (a), (b) and (c) respectively.**

Rules Advisory Committee

(13)

That **Rule 7.2(b) Category III – Infractions – Official Guide Part 1 – Pages 131/132**

be amended by the addition of the following sub-paragraph:

“(viii) Minor physical interference (e.g. laying a hand on, pushing, pulling or jostling) with an Opposing Team Official either on or off the field of play”

(Rules affected – Rules 5 (Hurling and Football), Playing Rules, Official Guide Part 2. An additional Category 111 Infraction to be included as Rule 5.24(Hurling) and 5.21 (Football) with Penalty as in current 5.23 (Hurling) and 5.20 (Football)

(Motion allowed by Central Council under Rule 3.40 (a) (iv) (5))

Rules Advisory Committee

(14)

That **Rule 7.3(f) – Procedures for Disciplinary and Related Hearings – Official Guide Part 1 – Page 139** be amended as set out below:

“(d) Disciplinary Action shall commence where:

- (1) a Referee’s Report discloses an alleged Infraction,
- (2) the Competitions Control Committee decides that Disciplinary Action is appropriate arising from Competitions or Games, subject to Rule 7.3(f), or
- (3) the Management Committee decides that Disciplinary Action is appropriate arising otherwise than from Competitions or Games.”

“(f) Disciplinary Action alleging **an Infraction occurring on or in the vicinity of the Field of Play immediately before, during or after a Game** may only be commenced by the Competitions Control Committee where:

- (i) the Referee’s Report discloses the alleged Infraction; or
- (ii) the Referee has failed to submit his report within a period of five days after the Game concerned; or
- (iii) Clarification of the Referee’s Report is received stating that the Referee did not adjudicate upon the subject matter of the Request.”

Rules affected – Rules 7.2(d) and (e), 7.3(d) and 7.5(n).

Rules Advisory Committee

(15)

That access to Official Records/Documents in Chapter 7 – Enforcement of Rules/Arbitration be clarified by amendments as outlined below:

- (i) **Rule 7.3(s) – Pages 142-3** to read:
“7.3(s) Where the Defending Party requests a Hearing, he shall indicate in his Reply any special requirements with regard to the Hearing (e.g. video playing equipment). He may also submit a written Request for Clarification of the Referee’s Report and that Request and the Clarification received shall be furnished by the Competitions Control Committee to the Hearings Committee and the Defending Party.”

(Note: The final Paragraph of this Section is deleted. Rule 7.3(i)(3) and Rule 7.3(aa)(5), as amended in proposal (ii) below, provide adequately for provision of Relevant Documents and Copy Extracts of Official Records).

- (ii) **Rule 7.3(aa)(5) - Pages 145-6** to read:
 “7.3(aa)(5) Evidence or information shall not be accepted or considered unless applicable to a period not longer than 96 weeks prior to the date of the Hearing. Exceptions to this provision shall be:
 (i) **Copy Extracts of Official Records**
 (ii) Proof of Age.”
- (iii) **Rule 7.10(h) - Page 157** to read:
 “7.10(h) The Director-General, Provincial or County Secretary or the Council or Committee-in-Charge shall where possible facilitate access to copies of Official Records (or extracts thereof) relevant to the Objection on written application of any party specifying the Official Record(s) required. Application must be made when the Objection or Counter-Objection is submitted. In Underage Competitions such Copies of Official Records (or extracts thereof) shall be furnished prior to submission of Objection/ Counter Objection.”
- (iv) **Rule 7.11(m) – Page 162** to read:
 “7.11(m) The Director-General, Provincial or County Secretary or the Council or Committee-in-Charge shall where possible facilitate access to copies of Official Records (or extracts thereof) relevant to the Appeal on written application of any party specifying the Official Record(s) required.
 In the case of any Appeal from Disciplinary Action or an Objection, the only Official Record supplied shall be the official minutes of the Hearing and Decision, the subject of the Appeal, and these shall not include any private deliberations of the Decision-Maker.”

Rules Advisory Committee

(16)

That Rule 7.3 (aa) (4) – Procedures for Disciplinary and Related Hearings – Official Guide Part 1 – Page 145

be amended to read as follows:

“(4) A Member deliberately giving false evidence or otherwise misleading a Hearing, whether orally or in writing, on any matter of fact, shall be guilty of misconduct considered to have discredited the Association and:

- (i) If that Member is the Defending Party and the Hearings Committee makes a finding of his having misled it on foot of the Hearing itself, the applicable penalty under Rule 7.2(e) shall be imposed by the Hearings Committee without a further Hearing, in addition and consecutive to any other penalty imposed on foot of the Hearing; and

- (ii) In all other such cases, Disciplinary Action arising from such infraction shall be commenced and prosecuted under Rule 7.2(e) by the Competitions Control Committee or Management Committee, as applicable under Rule 7.3(a) (1) and (2)".

Rules Advisory Committee

(17)

That **Rule 7.5(i) - Term of Suspension – Official Guide Part 1 – Page 151**

be amended by the inclusion of the following sub-paragraph (2) with the existing sub-paragraphs (2) to (4) retained and renumbered sequentially:

“(2) In the case of illegal participation in a game by a Player, he incurs immediate suspension upon so participating. Notwithstanding any other provisions in this Rule, any penalty subsequently imposed on a Player arising from such proven illegal participation shall be applicable in all Codes and at all Levels and shall apply from the date of his last game played.

Exception

Breach of Rule 2.3 does not carry a Penalty on the individual player.”

That the current Rule 7.5(i)(3) be amended by the deletion of the words **“on proven illegal participation in a game by a Player”**

Rules Advisory Committee

(18)

That **Rule 7.5(n) – Juvenile Suspensions – Special Rules – Official Guide Part 1 – Page 153** be amended to read:

- (n) Juvenile players participating in Under 16 or younger Grade Competitions shall be subject to penalties for **Infractions occurring at Games** on the same basis as under the General Rules above, except that:
- (1) The minimum Time Suspension imposed for a Rule 7.2(b) Category V or VI Infraction shall be one-half of that otherwise applicable; and
 - (2) **The penalty for a breach of Playing Membership Requirements (Rule 6.2) or for playing while under Suspension (Rule 7.5(m)) shall be a minimum 4 weeks suspension.**

Rules affected – Rules 6.2; 7.2(b), (c), (d) and (e); 7.3(d) and (f); and 7.5(m).

Rules Advisory Committee

(19)

That Rule 2.1 (g) Membership – Official Guide Part 1 (page 14) be amended to read as follows:

Only a Full Member who has paid his annual Club subscription by the due date set by the Executive Committee of the Club, (which shall be prior to March 31st each year) shall be eligible for the following roles with teams in that Club: Manager, Coach, Selector.

Wolfe Tones na Sionna, An Clár

(20)

(1) That Rule 3.18 (a) The County Committee – Official Guide Part 1 (page 24) - be amended by adding the following:

The Club Representative shall be either its Club Chairman, Club Secretary or Club Treasurer. A Club proxy must be either the Club Chairman, Club Secretary or Club Treasurer.

(Effective 1st January 2019)

(2) That Rule 3.29 – The Provincial Council – Official Guide Part 1 – (page 35) - be amended by:

- (i) adding after the words “and two Representatives of each County” – the provision “one of whom shall be either its County Chairman, or County Secretary.
- (ii) Adding after paragraph
“A Representative, on the Council..... of the five years’ period” the following
“This provision shall become effective when the current Representatives have either completed a five-year term or retired prior to completing a five-year term.

(Effective 1st January 2019)

(3) That Rule 3.42(a) – Central Council – Official Guide Part 1 (page 48) – be amended by:

- (i) adding after the words “and a Representative with each of the following:
The provision:
“each County in Ireland whose Representative shall be the County Chairman or County Secretary but shall not be a current member of the relevant Provincial Council”.

- (ii) Adding at the end of (a):
 “This Provision shall become effective when a current Representative has either completed a 5-year term or retired prior to completing a five-year term.

(Effective 1st January 2019)

Comhairle Laighean

(21)

That Rule 3.18 (b) – The County Committee - Official Guide Part 1 (page 24) – be amended by additionally inserting as a second sentence “A minimum two-thirds of voting members of a County Committee shall be Representatives of Clubs.”

Kildavin/Clonegal G.A.A Club, Ceatharlach

(22)

That Rule 3.40 – Motions – Official Guide Part 1 (pages 45/46/47) - be amended by the addition of a Section (i)

Each delegate’s vote on any and all motions (For/Against/Abstain) at Annual or Special Congress shall be recorded, and the result of each vote shall be announced and the record of how each delegate voted shall be displayed at Congress and published in the minutes thereafter.

St Mary’s Rosslare, Loch Garman

(23)

That Rule 4.3 – Voting – Official Guide Part 1 (page 60) – be amended in the second sentence as follows:

Any decision taken at a duly convened meeting of any Committee or Council of the Association, shall not be rescinded at a subsequent meeting, unless due notice of intention to propose rescindment has been previously conveyed to each member, and the consent of three fifths of those present entitled to vote and voting is obtained.

Other Rules that may be affected:
 Appendix 5 – Club Constitution and Rules.

Tang, Iar Mhí

(24)

That Rule 5.1 – Uses of Property – Official Guide Part 1 (page 67) be amended to read as follows:

5.1 Uses of Property

(a) All property including grounds, Club Houses, Halls, Dressing Rooms and Handball Alleys owned or controlled by units of the Association shall be used only for the purpose of or in connection with the playing of the Games controlled by the Association, and for such other purposes not in conflict with the Aims and Objects of the Association, that may be sanctioned from time to time by the Central Council.

(b) Grounds controlled by Association units shall not be used or permitted to be used, for Horse Racing, Greyhound Racing, or for Field Games others than those sanctioned by Central Council.

(Notes: (1) Central Council **has** the power to authorise the use of Croke Park for games other than those controlled by the Association.

(2) Central Council **has** power to authorise the use of Croke Park and other Stadia for games in the Rugby World Cup 2027, if this Tournament is staged in Ireland.

(3) Central Council has the power to authorise the use of all property including grounds, Club Houses, Halls, Dressing Rooms and Handball Alleys which are located outside of Ireland and which are owned or controlled by units of the Association, for games other than those controlled by the Association.

Penalty:

In the event of any Club, County Committee, or Provincial Council acting contrary to this Rule, that body shall be subject to suspension or fine, as deemed appropriate.

(See Appendix 2)

Rules affected/possibly affected – 5.1 Official Guide 2017 part 1 and Central Council Policy Statement and Code on Trusts of Association Property referred to in Appendix 2 under the heading Chapter 5 – Control of Association Property

An Bhreatain

(25)

That Rule 6.8 – Playing Restrictions (Club) - Exception (2) – Official Guide Part 1 – (page 78) be amended by way of the following **addition**:

Exceptions:

- (2) Subject to allowance by the County Committee under Rule 3.19 (n):
A player of a Club without an Under 21, Minor or Younger Grade team, subject to County Bye-Laws **and any restrictions therein**, may play:
- (a) With an Independent Under 21, Minor or Younger Grade Team within the County which shall not bear the name of an Adult Club within that County
- or
- (b) With another Under 21, Minor or Younger Grade Team within the County. In the case of a team having five or more players under this provision in Rule, the team shall play under and be recognised by the combined names of the two Clubs in question or by an Independent name which shall not bear the name of an Adult Club within the County.

A player who plays on a team provided for in (a) or (b) above, shall be a registered member of his Adult Club and shall retain membership of that Club during and at the conclusion of his playing participation with a team formed under (a) or (b).

The remainder of the Rule to remain as is.

Mullach na Leachta Naomh Columba, Longfort

(26)

That Rule 6.10 – Special Eligibility Provisions for Hurling – Official Guide Part 1 (pages 81/82) be amended to read as follows:

For Senior Inter-County Hurling Competitions, a player, subject to the conditions hereunder, shall be entitled to –

- (a) Declare for the First County of either of his parents; or
- (b) Play for the County of Residence, provided this County is a designated County as provided for in Condition (1) below, while continuing to be eligible to play with his Own Club.

The following Conditions shall apply:

- (1)** The County availing of this Rule is not participating in the All-Ireland Senior Hurling Championship (Liam MacCarthy Cup) or Division 1 of the National League **or Tier 2 Senior Hurling Championship (Joe Mc Donagh Cup) or Tier 3 Senior Hurling Championship (Christy Ring Cup)**

No change proposed for Conditions 2-6 inclusive.

Emmet Bhré, Chill Mhantain

(27)

That Rule 6.12 (b) (ii) Playing in the USA/Canada/Australasia/Europe – Exception (page 83) be amended to read as follows:

Exception: A player who has been included on an Inter-County Senior Championship list submitted to the Referee, in accordance with Rules of Specification 2.5 (ii)(a), for a game in the current year's Championship, who holds a valid current J1 Visa **or meets the eligibility requirements to obtain a J1 Visa**, and who obtains an Official J1 Sanction in duplicate, signed by his Club Secretary, the County Secretary and the Director General (or other designated person), may be accepted for registration.

Such a player may only have their J1 Sanction approved once his team has been eliminated from the Senior Inter-County Championship including All-Ireland Qualifier Games.

USGAA

(28)

That Rule 6.12 (c) Playing in the USA/Canada/Australasia/Europe Official Guide Part 1 (page 85) be amended to read as follows:

Authorisations and Sanctions, as outlined in (a) and (b) above, are available only to the following categories of players:

- (1) A current playing member of a Club in Ireland.

Exception

A player who obtains an Inter-County Transfer from a Club in Britain to a Club in Ireland shall not be eligible to obtain an Authorisation or Sanction within twenty-four weeks from the date of such transfer being granted.

(2) A current playing member of a Club in Britain where the player's First Club, as defined in Rule 6.3, is in Britain.

Otherwise playing members of Clubs in Britain are not eligible for Authorisations or Sanctions.

Coiste Contae Londain

(29)

That Rule 6.17 - Age Grades – Official Guide Part 1 – (pages 88-89) be amended to include the following:

Inter-County Under 20 Football

A Player who **plays** an inter-County Senior Football Championship game at any stage in a current Championship year shall be ineligible to participate in the Inter-County Under 20 Football Championship in that year.

Mainistir Leathrátha, Longfort/St. Abban's Adamstown, Loch Gorman

(30)

(A)

That Rule 6.17 - Age Grades – Official Guide Part I – (pages 88/89) be amended as it relates to the Under 21 hurling and U20 Football Inter County Grade and read as follows:

Under 20 (Hurling and Football)

A Player shall have celebrated his 17th birthday prior to January 1st and his 20th birthday on or after January 1st of the Championship Year.

Rules affected: 4.10, 6.22 (a), 6.35 (a), 6.45 O.G. Part 1 and Rule 3.5, Rules of Specification, O.G. Part 2;

(B)

That Rule 6.28 (H) Other All-Ireland Championships – Official Guide Part 1 (page 114) - Other All-Ireland Championships be amended to read as follows:

The All-Ireland Junior Football Championship, the All-Ireland Under 20 Hurling and Football Championship shall be organised initially on a Provincial basis with the winners, going forward to the All-Ireland Series. The pairings for the All-Ireland Series shall be on a Rota System, initially determined by the Central Council. The All-Ireland Under 20 Football Championship shall be played during the months of June, July and August.)

Rules affected: 4.10, 6.22 (a), 6.35 (a), 6.45 O.G. Part 1 and Rule 3.5, Rules of Specification, O.G. Part 2;

Coiste Contae Uíbh Fhailí

(31)**(A)**

That Rule 6.17 – Age Grades - Official Guide Part 1 (pages 88/89/90)- be amended to read:

Intercounty

Adult: A Player shall have celebrated his 18th birthday prior to January 1st of the championship year.

Under 20 (Hurling): A Player shall have celebrated his 17th birthday prior to January 1st and his 20th birthday on or after January 1st of the championship year.

Under 20 (Football): A Player shall have celebrated his 17th birthday prior to January 1st and his 20th birthday on or after January 1st of the championship year.

(Note: Effective from January 1st 2019)

(B)

That Rule 6.17 – Age Grades - Official Guide Part 1 (pages 88/88/89) be amended to read:

Intercounty Under 20 Hurling and Football Championships:

A player who is on a team list submitted to the Referee for an Inter-County **Senior Hurling** or Senior Football Championship at any stage of the current championship year is ineligible to participate in the Inter-County Under 20 **Hurling** or Football Championships

(Current Rule 6.17 and subsequent rules in the chapter shall be renumbered accordingly).

(Note: effective from January 1st 2019)

(C)

That Rule 6.28 (H) Other All-Ireland Championships – Official Guide Part 1 (page 114) be amended to read as follows:

The All Ireland Junior Football Championship, **the All Ireland Under 20 Hurling Championship** and the All-Ireland Under 20 Football Championship shall be organised initially on a Provincial basis with the winners going forward to the All-Ireland series. The pairings for the All-Ireland series shall be on a Rota System, initially determined by the Central Council. The All-Ireland Under 20 **Hurling** and Football championships shall be played during the months of June, July and August.

(Note: Effective from January 1st 2019)

Cill Sioláin & Cill Chais, Tiobráid Árann

(32)**(a)**

That Rule 6.19 - Club Championship and League Status of Players – Official Guide Part 1 (page 92) be amended to read as follows:

A Player is graded by his Championship Status e.g. if a Player plays in a Senior Championship game he is graded Senior for the remainder of that Championship Year, **unless a County Bye Law makes provision for a player to be regraded during that Championship year.**

Participation in the Provincial and/ or All-Ireland Club Championships, other than as allowed in Rule 6.8 Exception (3), grades a Player by the relevant status of that Championship.

A County Committee may, in its Bye Law, allow a player to be regraded during that Championship year.

A Player shall not thereafter play in a current year's Competition (Championship, Relegation Play-Off, League etc.) of a lower grade than that of his current Championship status **unless a County Bye Law makes provision for a player to be regraded during that Championship year.** A Player shall not lose his current Championship status by:

- (1) Playing in a Senior or Intermediate Championship on a Divisional or Group Senior or Intermediate team.
- (2) Playing on a College Club team in a Senior Championship, as allowed by Rule 6.8, Exception (3).
- (3) Participating in a game or Competition the purpose of which is to determine Qualification/Relegation for the following year's Championship. or (4) Participation as a Temporary Substitute, as provided for in Rule 1.5 (b) Rules of Control, in a Championship Match of a higher grade than his current Championship status.

Penalties:

Player - twelve weeks Suspension.

Team - On a proven Objection -- Award of Game to Opposing Team.

On an Inquiry by the Committee-in-Charge- Forfeiture of Game without Award of Game to Opposing Team, or Fine, depending on the circumstances.

(b)

That Rule 6.20 - Gradings of Clubs and Players – Official Guide Part 1 (page 93) be amended to read as follows:

The Gradings of Clubs and Players shall be controlled by a County Committee, through a County Bye-Law, which shall set down the Regrading criteria (e.g. timing) which does not conflict with General Rule. The Grading of Clubs shall be subject to Rule 3.30(j).

A County Committee shall delegate responsibility for dealing with applications for Regrading to its Competitions Control Committee subject to the following:

- (a) The County Committee shall retain the right to make the final decision on an application for Regrading by a Club.

- (b) A Player aggrieved by a decision on his application for Regrading shall have the right of appeal to the County Hearings Committee whose decision shall be final. The appeal shall be made within three working days of the receipt of notification of the decision, it shall state the grounds on which the appeal is being made and shall be signed by the appellant player.
Other formalities regarding submission of appeal (e.g. provision of duplicate copy, fee) outlined in Rule 7.11 (f) to (i), are not applicable in this case. All other relevant sections of Rule 7.11 shall apply. An appeal may only be upheld on the basis of the provisions outlined in Rule 7.11(o).
A County Committee may, in its Bye-Law, allow for a Player to be re-graded by more than one level during a Championship Year, provided that:
- (1) He has not played in a higher Championship Grade in that Championship Year, **unless a County Bye Law makes provision for a player to be regraded during that Championship year;** and
- (2) 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 of his Club.
A Player who joins, by transfer, a Club whose highest status is lower than the Player's current Championship status, shall be automatically regraded to that Club's highest Championship status.

Daimhliagh Baile Beiliú C.L.G., An Mhí

(33)

(1)

That Rule 6.22 (d) – Inter-County Players Availability to Clubs – Official Guide Part 1 (pages 95/96) be amended to become new (c) as current (c) has become defunct) and read as follows:

- (c) Players who are not included in Inter-County Senior panel of twenty-six players shall be available to their Clubs from the Thursday previous to the weekends of National League and Senior Championship Games.”
- (2)**
That a new Section (d) be added to Rule 6.22 – Inter-County Availability to Clubs – Official Guide Part 1 (page 96).
- (d) County panel collective training sessions or inter county challenge games, in the same code, shall not be scheduled to take place on the same day as an official inter-club league or championship games.

Raharney, Iar Mhí

(34)

That Rule 6.28 (A) – All Ireland Senior Football Championship – Official Guide Part 1 (page 99) be amended to read as follows:

- (1) After Section (i) **Provincial Championships** insert:
“Provincial Championships shall be scheduled to be completed on or before, but in event not later than, the second Sunday in July.”
- (2) After (ii) **All-Ireland Qualifier Series** insert:
“The All-Ireland Qualifier Series shall be scheduled to be completed on or before, but in any event not later than, the second Sunday in July.”
- (3) After (iii) **All-Ireland Quarter-Finals Group Stage** insert:
“The All-Ireland Quarter-Finals Group Stage shall be scheduled to be completed on or before, but in any event not later than, the second Sunday in July.

Rules Affected

Rules 6.29 – (Provincial Championships) and Rule 6.47(B) (Central Competitions Control Committee).

Doire Colmcille, Doire

(35)

That Rule 6.28 (C) Inter-County Championships – All Ireland Senior Hurling Championship (as passed at Special Congress) – Official Guide Part 1 (page 109) – be amended to read as follows:

“Venues for Tiers 2, 3, 4 and 5" by deleting the line: "**Group Winners shall have Home Advantage for Semi-Finals**" and amending the final sentence to read: "**Venues for all Finals, Semi-Finals and Relegation Play-Offs shall be determined by the Central Competitions Control Committee.**"

GPA

(36)

That Rule 6.28 (E) All-Ireland Minor Championship – Official Guide Part 1 (page 111) be amended to read as follows

The Championship shall be organised initially on a national round-robin basis, with teams seeded into eight groups of four (GROUPS 1-8). Seedings / placings for each team to be determined by the CCCC, with a view to ensuring teams of similar standard playing in each group, e.g. the strongest teams in Group 1; the weakest, in Group 8.

All teams play three games against their group opponents with the top two teams emerging from Groups 1, 2 & 3 advance to quarter finals, plus the top team from Group 4. The eight and final quarter final place to be contested between the 2nd placed team in Group 4, and the winner to emerge by knock-out rounds of the top teams in each of Groups 5-8. (to be determined by two play-off rounds, as follows:- (1);- (a) winner of Group 5 v's winner of Group 8 & (b) winner of Group 6 v's winner of Group 7, followed by (2);- winner (a) v's winner (b).)

All-Ireland Quarter-Finals

Each of the four Group Winners from Groups 1-4 shall meet one of the group runners up (or the team to emerge from Groups 5-8, should that team defeat the Group 4 runner-up) . The pairings shall be determined on an open draw, with teams not to be drawn against opponents from their round robin group.

All-Ireland Semi-Finals

An open draw of the winning quarter-finalists shall be made to determine semi-final pairings.

All-Ireland Final.

Rule affected – Rule 6.29, 6.30, Appendix 3

Cuar an Chláir, An Clár

(37)

That Rule 6.28 (H) Other All-Ireland Championships – Official Guide Part 1 (page 114) be amended so that last line read as follows:

“The All-Ireland U-20 Football Championship shall commence no earlier than the last weekend in May and shall be concluded by the end of August.”

(For the purposes of this Rule 'the last weekend in May' means that both the Saturday and Sunday fall in the month of May).

Comhairle Uladh

(38)

That Rule 6.38 – League Competitions - Official Guide Part 1 (page 119) be amended by the Penalties for each unfulfilled fixture reading as follows:

- (i) County or Club: Award of game to Opposing Team
and
- (ii) County: Minimum Fine €400
Club: Minimum Fine €100 **or alternative penalty specified in the Competitions Regulations of the Committee-in-Charge.**

Coiste Contae Doire

(39)

That Rule 7.2 (b) Misconduct at Games by Players – Official Guide Part 1 (page 130) be amended to read as follows:

Category III (vi) “Contributing to a melee”.

The following definition will quantify a melee in relation to GAA disciplinary matters;
“A melee shall be defined as a minimum of five Persons”

Rules Affected – Rule 5.21 (Hurling) and 5.19 (Football), Playing Rules, Official Guide Part 2.

(Motion allowed by Central Council to be put under Rule 3.40 (a) (iv) (5)

Tulach Sheasta, Tiobráid Árann

(40)

That Rule 7.5 (h) – After-Match Presentation – Official Guide Part 1 (page 150) be deleted.

Coiste Chontae an Dúin

MOTIONS TO BE LISTED ON THE AGENDA
(Approved by Central Council on 20th January 2018)

(41)

That in Rule 1.13 (c) reference 'Code of Best Practice in Youth Sport' be altered to '**Code of Behaviour (Underage)**

Rule Affected: Rule 3.43 and Appendix 2

(42)

That in Rule 1.14 add '**non-members**' in first sentence.