



RÚIN don CHOMHDHÁIL 2020







Motions 1 – 16 (inclusive) are Playing Rules Motions listed in accordance with Rule 3.40 (d) Official Guide (Part 1) 2019.

Motions 17 -19 (inclusive) submitted by Ard Chomhairle in according with Rule 3.40 (a) (iv) (6) Official Guide (Part 1) 2019.

Motions 20 - 30 (inclusive) submitted by the Ard Chomhairle consequent upon a report of the Rules Advisory Committee in accordance with Rule 3.40 (a) (iv) (3) Official Guide (Part 1) 2019.

Motion 31 submitted by Ard Chomhairle consequent upon a report of the Talent Academy and Player Development Review Committee in accordance with Rule 3.40 (a) (iv) (3) Official Guide (Part 1) 2019.

Motion 32 submitted by Ard Chomhairle consequent upon a report of the International Workgroup in accordance with Rule 3.40 (a) (iv) (3) Official Guide (Part 1) 2019.

Motions 33 - 44 (inclusive) submitted by Ard Chomhairle consequent upon a report of the Fixtures Calendar Review Taskforce in accordance with Rule 3.40 (a) (iv) (3) Official Guide (Part 1) 2019.

Motions 45 – 63 (inclusive) submitted by units in accordance with Rule 3.40 (a), (i), (ii) and (iii) Official Guide (Part 1) 2019.



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(1)

That Rule 1.1 (ii) – Rules of Control – Official Guide Part 2 (page 17) be amended to read:

To consult with the Umpires and/or Linesmen **and/or Sideline Official** concerning infringements of the Playing Rules, in particular rough or dangerous play, striking, hitting, etc.

And that Rule 4.1 Duties of Sideline Official be amended by the addition of a new subsection (f) to read:

(f) The Sideline Official shall bring to the attention of the Referee, during a break in play, any instances of foul play, in particular rough or dangerous play, striking, hitting or kicking, or unauthorised incursions onto the field of play which have not been noticed by the Referee.

Cumann na Phluincéadaigh, Cabhán a'Chaortainn, Tír Eoghain

(2)

That Rule 1.1 (iv) – Rules of Control – Powers of the Referee – Official Guide Part 2 (pages 17/18)

be amended to include the following as second last paragraph:

That the referee shall, during the course of the game, also have power to consult the Hawk-Eye Score Detection System and/or Match Official on his own volition or following a request from either of the two competing Managers or Team Captains to clarify if any of the team of officials erred in making a decision in relation to the validity of a score or the awarding of a free/sideline ball/ wide/ 45 or 65 or a square infringement. This to be limited to two failed requests per team per game. Where a request is deemed successful a team retains its right to make a further request. All such requests from Managers or Team Captains must be with the Referee (Captain) Sideline Official (Manager) before the play resumes.

Coiste Contae Luimní

(3)

That Rule 1.4 – Rules of Control – Entry to Field of Play/Incursions – Official Guide Part 2 (page 22)

be amended to read:

A Team Official shall not enter the field of play.

Exception:

The Referee may give his permission to a Team Medical Officer or one authorised official to enter the Field of Play to examine an injured player.

Ard Chomhairle/Standing Committee on Playing Rules

(4)

- (a) That Rule 1.4 (a) (The Rules of Football - Rules of Fair Play) Official Guide 2019 Part 2 – Page 63 –**
be amended to read:

Carried in the hand(s) for a maximum of two seconds.

Rules affected: Rule 2.12(b) (The Rules of Football - Rules of Fair Play) Official Guide 2019 Part 2 – Page 71 Rule 4.1(Rules of Foul Play) Official Guide 2019 Part 2 – Page 75 Rule 4.17(c) (Rules of Foul Play) Official Guide 2019 Part 2 – Page 78 Definitions 13 and 14 Official Guide 2019 Part 2 – Page 98

- (b) That Rule 1.7(a) (The Rules of Hurling - Rules of Fair Play) Official Guide 2019 Part 2 – Page 32 –**
be amended to read:

Carried in the hand for a maximum of two seconds.

Rules affected: Rule 4.1(Rules of Foul Play) Official Guide 2019 Part 2 – Page 41. Definitions 13 and 14 Official Guide 2019 Part 2 – Page 98

Montreal, Canada

(5)

That Rule 1.5 (b) – Rules of Control, Rule 1 - Control of the games Match Officials - Official Guide Part 2 (Page 23) be amended as follows:

(b) Injuries: Blood **or Head Injury**

(i) A player who is bleeding or who has blood on any part of his body, playing attire or playing equipment, as a result of an injury sustained during play shall on the instruction of the Referee, immediately leave the field of play to receive medical and/or other attention. He shall not be allowed to return to the field of play until the bleeding has stopped, all blood has been cleaned off and, where possible, the injured area has been covered, any blood-stained playing attire has been replaced and any blood-stained equipment has been fully cleaned.

(ii) A player who receives a head injury, during play, for which the referee deems that a head injury assessment is appropriate, shall on the instruction of the Referee, immediately leave the field of play to receive medical and/or other attention.

In **the** circumstance **of either (i) or (ii) above**, a Temporary Substitute may be used, and the following acts shall not count as substitutions under Rule 2.4 (i) and (ii), Rules of Specification.

(1) The use of the Temporary Substitute for a player instructed to leave the field under the Rule.

(2) The return to the field of play of the injured (blood **or head injury**) player as a direct replacement for the Temporary Substitute.

(3) The return to the field of play of the injured (blood **or head injury**) player as a replacement for any other player if the Temporary Substitute has previously been sent off or substituted.

Other rules possible affected:

2.4 (iii) & (v), Rule 2 – The Players T.O. Part 2 Page 7

1.2 (v), Rules Of Control, duties of the referee T.O. Part 2 Page 19

1.6, Rules Of Control, Report of Referee T.O. Part 2 Page 24

3.1 (iv), Rule 3 Linesmen T.O. Part 2 Page 26

St Rynaghs, Uíbh Fhailí

(6)

That Rule 2.7 – Set Play – The Playing Rules of Football – Rules of Fair Play – Official Guide Part 2 (page 68) be amended by the introduction of a new subsection (c) to read as follows:

A player in receipt of a kick-out cannot pass the ball directly back to his goalkeeper.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF THIS RULE – A free kick will be awarded to the opposition from the position the goalkeeper receives the pass, or if the goalkeeper is inside the 13m line when in receipt of the pass the free will be from the 13m line opposite where the foul occurred.

Na Raithiní, Cill Dara

(7)

That Rule 2.12 (b) (i) and (ii) – The Rules of Football – Mark – Official Guide Part 2 (pages 71/72) be amended as follows:

Add after Rule 2.12 (b)(i) and (ii) – Play on immediately:

Exception:

Section (b)(i) and (ii) above shall not apply when a player opts to play on immediately from a Mark awarded in either the large or small rectangle.

Ard Chomhairle/Standing Committee on Playing Rules

(8)

That Rule 3.1 – Rules of Control – Linesman – Duties of Linesman – Official Guide Part 2 (Page 26) – be amended by adding a section (vi)

Having consulted with the referee he shall indicate to the Sideline Official, or other person designated by the Committee in Charge, the amount of additional time, if any, to be played at the end of each half.

That Rule 4 Sideline Official – Official Guide Part 2 (Page 27) – be amended as follows

A Sideline Official, shall be appointed for all Senior Inter-County Championship and League Games.

A Sideline Official may also be appointed, by the Committee in charge, for all other games.

Ard Chomhairle/Rules Advisory Committee

(9)

That Rule 3.1 – Scores – The Playing Rules of Hurling – Rules of Fair Play – Official Guide Part 2 (page 40) be amended by adding the following sentence to the Rule:

Two points are scored when the ball is struck directly over the crossbar and between the posts from a sideline puck.

Cillín Chaomhin, Cill Mhantáin

(10)

That Rule 3.2 – Rules of Specification – Official Guide Part 2 (pages 10/11) be amended by adding the following Exception:

(ii) In Inter-Club Adult Championship and Adult League games, the playing time shall consist of two periods of 35 minutes each.

(Existing Exception (ii) to become Exception (iii))

Cumann Naomh Maolmhaodhóg, Caisleán Uidilín, An Dún

(11)

That Rule 3.5(A)(i) – Rules of Specification – Time – Official Guide Part 2 (page 12) be amended to read:

All-Ireland **Semi-Finals** and Finals (Sam Maguire and Liam McCarthy Cups only), and the Provincial Finals, in which Replays shall apply.

Naomh Íde, Corcaigh

(12)

That Rule 4.5 – Rules of Specification – Equipment – Official Guide Part 2 (page 16) be amended by adding the following sentence:

In Underage Hurling up to and including U12 age groups the use of metal bands on hurleys is prohibited unless the metal bands are taped over.

Béal Átha Lubaigh-Caislean Ghrásaigh, Tiobraid Árann

(13)

That Rule 5 – The Rules of Hurling – The Rules of Fair Play - Aggressive Fouls – Category II Infractions – Official Guide Part 2 (pages 50-51) be amended by inserting the following as Category II Infractions:

Category II Infractions – Cynical Behaviour

5.16 To deliberately pull down an opponent

5.17 To deliberately trip an opponent with hand(s), arm, leg, foot or hurley

5.18 To deliberately collide with an opponent after the opponent has played the ball away or for the purpose of taking the opponent out of the movement of play

5.19 To remonstrate in an aggressive manner with a Match Official

Penalties for the above fouls –

(i) Order the offender off for ten minutes in the Sin-Bin by showing him a Black Card

Exception:

If the offender has previously in the game received a Yellow Card for committing a Cautionable Infraction, he shall be shown a Black Card, followed by a Red Card, and ordered off for the remainder of the game, including an Extra-Time when played.

(ii) If, on resuming play after serving ten minutes in the Sin-Bin, a player commits a further Cynical Behaviour/Infraction (Black Card) or Cautionable Infraction, he shall be ordered off by showing him a Black or Yellow Card, as appropriate, followed by a Red Card.

(iii) Free puck from where the foul occurred except as provided under Exceptions of Rule 2.2.

5.20 To threaten or to use abusive or provocative language or gestures to an opponent or teammate.

Penalties for the above Fouls –

(i) Order the offender off for ten minutes in the Sin-Bin by showing him a Black Card.

Exception:

If the offender has previously in the game received a Yellow Card for committing a Cautionable Infraction, he shall be shown a Black Card, followed by a Red Card, and ordered off for the remainder of the game, including any Extra-Time when played.

(ii) If, on resuming play after serving ten minutes in the Sin-Bin, a player commits a further Cynical Behaviour/Infraction (Black Card) or a Cautionable Infraction (Yellow Card), he shall be ordered off by showing him a Black or Yellow Card, as appropriate, followed by a Red Card.

- (iii) **Where an opponent is involved – Free Puck from where the foul occurred except as provided under Exceptions of Rule 2.2**
Where a team-mate is involved – Throw in the ball where the foul occurred except as provided under Exceptions (v) and (vi) of Rule 2.2

Renumber current Rules 5.16 to 5.44 accordingly.

Rules affected – Rules 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.9 Rules of Hurling; Rule(ix)(d)(e) and 4.1, Rules of Control, Official Guide Part 2; Rule 2.6 Rules of Specification Official Guide Part 2 (As adopted by Special Congress 2019); Rule 7.2(b) Categories 1 and 11, Official Guide Part 1 (as adopted by Special Congress 2019).

Ard Chomhairle/Standing Committee on Playing Rules

(14)

(a)

Amend Rule 5 - The Playing Rules of Hurling – Rules of Fair Play - Aggressive Fouls – Deliberate or Accidental Fouls - Official Guide Part 2 (page 48) by deleting the following sentence:

A card shall be issued only where the Infraction is deemed by the Referee to have been deliberate and not accidental.

(b)

Amend Rule 5 - The Playing Rules of Football – Rules of Fair Play - Aggressive Fouls – Deliberate or Accidental Fouls - Official Guide Part 2 (page 82) by deleting the following sentence:

A card shall be issued only where the Infraction is deemed by the Referee to have been deliberate and not accidental.

Cumann Naomh Muire, An Bhoireann, An Dún

(15)

(A)

That Rule 5.44 – The Rules of Hurling – Aggressive Fouls – Official Guide Part 2 (page 54) and Rule 5.40 – The Rules of Football – Aggressive Fouls – Official Guide Part 2 (89) be amended by inserting the following after the first sentence:

However, if the infraction occurs within scoring distance (e.g. but not exhaustive – within 65m (in Hurling)/45m (in Football)) from the attacking goal, the ‘Advantage’ shall lie with the free being immediately given unless the Referee considers that there is clear potential of a goal being scored by the team offended by play being allowed to continue.

(B)

That Rule 4.34 – The Rules of Hurling – Rules of Foul Play – Technical Fouls - Official Guide Part 2 (page 46) and Rule 4.36 – The Playing Rules of Football – Rules of Foul Play – Technical Fouls – Official Guide Part 2 (page 81) be deleted.

Motion effective from 09.05.2020

Ard Chomhairle/Standing Committee on Playing Rules

(16)

That Rule 6.4 – Dissent – The Rules of Hurling & Football Official Guide Part 2 (Hurling page 58/Football page 93) be amended to read as follows:

Before commencing play a maximum of two players from each team shall present themselves to the referee, these two players having already being selected by their team officials and wearing distinctive armbands. One team official will also wear this distinctive armband and this person is allowed to approach the referee in a courteous manner as to a matter of fact in relation to the game before the game starts, at half-time or when the game ends.

During a break of play within the game these two players are the only persons allowed to approach and address the referee in a courteous manner as to a matter of fact such as a free puck/kick, sideline, score/wide or the issuing of a card.

Referee has to give a clear, definite and polite reply when approached and addressed by the two designated players or the team official wearing the distinctive armband.

- (i) A free puck/kick or sideline is awarded to Team A and a Player from Team B other than the two designated players approach or anyone show dissent to the decision of the referee.**

Penalty.

Free puck/kick 13m more advantageous than the place of the original puck – up to opponent's 20/13m line.

- (ii) A free puck/kick or sideline is awarded to Team A and a player from Team A other than the two designated players approach or anyone show dissent to the decision of the referee.**

Penalty.

Cancel free puck/kick or sideline and throw in ball where free/sideline occurred.

- (iii) A player from either team approach or show dissent to a decision of the referee during open play.**

Penalty.

The referee shall award a free puck/kick to the opponents from where the dissent occurred or where the ball is in play, whichever is more advantageous to their opponents. (The referee may allow play to continue if he/she considers it to be to the advantage of the opponents)

- (iv) **Any other official/substitution other than the team official wearing the distinctive armband on the sideline approach or show dissent to the decision of the referee.**

Penalty.

Fine for Club/County involved.

- (v) **Before start of game if no player or official approaches the referee and if they are not wearing distinctive armbands.**

Penalty.

Game to continue without anyone approaching referee during game. Referee to report matter to appropriate authority.

Naomh Éanna, Loch Garman

(17)

- (a) **That Rule 3.11 (a) – The County - Elections – Official Guide Part 1 (page 20) be amended** by deleting the words **‘a Development Officer and’**.
- (b) **That Rule 3.13 – The County - Nominations – Official Guide Part 1 (page 21) be amended** by removing the words **‘Development Officer’**.
- (c) **That Rule 3.18 (a) – The County - Committee – Official Guide Part 1 (page24) be amended** by adding the following: **The County Safety Officer, the County Insurance Office, the County Infrastructure Officer and a Club Leadership and Planning Officer.**
- (d) **That Rule 3.19 (i) – The County - Powers – Official Guide Part 1 (page 24) be amended** to read as follows:

To appoint **a County Safety Officer, a County Insurance Officer, a County Infrastructure Officer and a Club Leadership and Planning Officer.**

- (e) **That Rule 3.20 (v) Planning, Physical development and Safety Committee – Official Guide Part 1 (page 27) be amended** by including the words in bold:

It shall be responsible for:

- (a) Club Planning and Development **(except for Club Officer Training)**
- (b) The Planning and Development of Grounds, and Facilities, and Health and Safety Persons with the particular skill sets appropriate to the respective functions of the Committee shall act as complementary workgroups. **The County Safety Officer, the County Insurance Officer and the County Infrastructure Officer shall be ex-officio members.**

Ard Chomhairle

(18)

That Rule 6.20 – Games & Competitions – Gradings of Clubs and Players – Official Guide Part 1 (page 91) 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 regraded 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. **However, a County, through its Bye Laws, may make provision for a player to be regraded during that Championship year subject to any guidelines issued by Central Council;** 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.

Ard Chomhairle

(19)

That Rule 6.28 (A) (iii) – Inter-County Championships – All-Ireland Senior Football Championship – All-Ireland Quarter-Final Group Stage – Official Guide Part 1 (pages 97/98) be amended as follows:

Phase 1

Team 1 v Team 2 **(neutral venue)**

Team 3 v Team 4 **(neutral venue)**

Rest of Rule to remain unchanged.

Ard Chomhairle

(20)**(a)**

That Rule 2.1 (g) Membership & Registration – Membership – Official Guide – Part 1 (page 13) be amended by adding the following words to the end of the paragraph:

The onus is on the member to prove he paid his membership subscription.

(b)

That Rule 4.1 –Administration – Elective Office – Official Guide – Part 1 (page 59) be amended by adding the following words to the end of the paragraph:

The onus is on the member to prove he paid his membership subscription.

Ard Chomhairle/Rules Advisory Committee

(21)

That Rule 3.2 Organisational Structure – The Club – Affiliation (b) Official Guide Part 1 (pages 16/17) be amended by adding

a Club affiliation shall not be accepted unless a Club has held a General Meeting within the preceding 48 weeks.

Ard Chomhairle/Rules Advisory Committee

(22)

That Rule 3.8 Organisational Structure – The Club – Official Guide Part 1 (pages 18/19) – Amalgamation of Clubs be amended to read as follows:

A resolution to amalgamate two or more Clubs shall be passed only at General Meetings of the Clubs concerned, specially summoned for the purpose of such resolution, if supported at each of the respective meetings by not less than three quarters of those present, entitled to vote and voting. **A vote to amalgamate shall be by secret ballot. A resolution to amalgamate shall be made prior to the 30th of November, in the year preceding the proposed amalgamation taking place.**

Upon such amalgamation, all property, assets and liabilities of the Clubs involved shall be transferred to and vested in the Amalgamated Club. The players of the Clubs involved shall be deemed to be players of the Amalgamated Club. Any decision to amalgamate clubs shall be subject to the approval of the County Committee.

Ard Chomhairle/Rules Advisory Committee

(23)

(a)

That Rule 3.19 – The County Committee – Powers (I) – Official Guide Part 1 (page 26) be amended by adding the words in bold after the first sentence:

To form Divisional Sub Committees and other Sub Committees (e.g. Football, Hurling, Minor & Youth Sub-Committees), whose functions and powers shall be defined in County Bye-Laws. Each **Committee shall have a specified number of members.**

Remainder of Rule to be unchanged.

(b)

That Rule 3.20 – The County Committee– Sub Committees/Functions – Official Guide Part 1 (page 27) be amended by adding the words in bold after the first sentence:

A County Committee shall appoint the following Sub Committees, membership of which shall be set out in County Bye-Laws except as otherwise provided in this Rule; **each Committee shall have a specified number of members:**

Remainder of Rule to be unchanged

Ard Chomhairle/Rules Advisory Committee

(24)

That Rule 3.39 – National – National Youth Forum – Official Guide Part 1 (Page 44) be amended to read:

A National Youth Forum shall be held annually to be attended by young people aged 12 – 21 years of age:

A maximum of five young people, who attended the National Youth Forum will be nominated by the GAA Management Committee to present a Report to Congress, where they shall have speaking rights.

Ard Chomhairle/Rules Advisory Committee

(25)

That Rule 3.43 (c) – National – Central Council – Powers and Functions – Official Guide Part 1 (pages 48/49) be amended by adding the following under Chapter 6:

Rule 6.45 Closed Periods/Collective Training.

Ard Chomhairle/Rules Advisory Committee

(26)

That Rule 3.48 (a) – National – The Central Hearings Committee – Official Guide Part 1 (page 54) be amended by adding the following sentence to the end of the paragraph:

No Member of the Management Committee or Central Competitions Control Committee may serve as a member of the Central Hearings Committee.

Ard Chomhairle/Rules Advisory Committee

(27)

That Rule 3.49 (a) – National – The Central Appeals Committee – Official Guide Part 1 (page 54) be amended by adding the following sentence to the end of the paragraph:

No Member of the Management Committee, Central Competitions Control Committee or Central Hearings Committee may serve as a member of the Central Appeals Committee.

Ard Chomhairle/Rules Advisory Committee

(28)

That Rule 6.6 – Games & Competitions - Inter-County Transfers – Official Guide Part 1 (pages 75/76) be amended by inserting the following as a new sub-paragraph (i):

A player may only avail of one Inter-County Transfer in any Calendar Year.

Renumber existing (i) and (j) as (j) and (k).

Ard Chomhairle/Rules Advisory Committee

(29)

That Rule 6.17 – Eligibility for Championship/Gradings - Age Grades - Official Guide Part 1 (pages 87/88) be amended to read as follows:

(a)

Adult: A Player shall have celebrated his 17th. birthday prior to January 1st. of the Championship Year.

Under 21: A Player shall have celebrated his 16th. birthday prior to January 1st. and his 21st. birthday on or after January 1st. of the Championship Year.

or

Under 21: A Player shall have celebrated his 17th. birthday prior to January 1st. and his 21st. birthday on or after January 1st. of the Championship Year.

(b)

Under 20: A Player shall have celebrated his 16th. birthday prior to January 1st. and his 20th. birthday on or after January 1st. of the Championship Year.

Under 19: A Player shall have celebrated his 15th. birthday prior to January 1st. and his 19th. birthday on or after January 1st. of the Championship Year.

Under 18: A Player shall have celebrated his 14th. birthday prior to January 1st. and his 18th. birthday on or after January 1st. of the Championship Year.

Under 17: A Player shall have celebrated his 13th. birthday prior to January 1st. and his 17th. birthday on or after January 1st. of the Championship Year.

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.

Under 15: A Player shall have celebrated his 11th. birthday prior to January 1st. and his 15th. birthday on or after January 1st. of the Championship Year.

Under 14: A Player shall have celebrated his 10th. birthday prior to January 1st. and his 14th. birthday on or after January 1st. of the Championship Year.

Under 13: A Player shall have celebrated his 9th. birthday prior to January 1st. and his 13th. birthday on or after January 1st. of the Championship Year.

Under 12: A Player shall have celebrated his 9th. birthday prior to January 1st. and his 12th. birthday on or after January 1st. of the Championship Year.

Under 11: A Player shall have celebrated his 8th. birthday prior to January 1st. and his 11th. birthday on or after January 1st. of the Championship Year.

Ard Chomhairle/Rules Advisory Committee

(30)

That Rule 7.1 (a)- Enforcement of Rules - Disciplinary Jurisdiction – Official Guide Part 1 (page 122) be amended by the addition of the following:

Notwithstanding the other contents of this Rule, in a serious case that may cause damage, reputational or otherwise, to the Association, the Management Committee of the Central Council shall have the power to direct the Council or Committee under whose jurisdiction the matter has occurred to submit the case directly to the Management Committee of the Central Council or the Central Competitions Control Committee ,as appropriate, for the Enforcement of Rules, including the investigation and adjudication of the matter and the application of the Rules.

Rules affected: Rules 3.46 and 3.47.

Ard Chomhairle/Rules Advisory Committee

(31)

That Rule 6.17 – Games & Competitions – Age Grades – Official Guide – Part 1 (page 87/88) be amended to read as follows:

CLUB

Adult

A player shall have celebrated his 17th birthday prior to January 1st of the Championship Year.

Under-Age Grades

A county shall determine its internal Under-Age Grades for competition purposes within the parameter of Under 21 down to Under 11, **subject to Central Council Policy.**

The rest of the Rule to remain unchanged.

Talent Academy and Player Development Review Committee/Ard Chomhairle

(32)

(a)

That Rule 1.2 – Aims and Ethos – Basic Aim – Official Guide Part 1 (page 5) be amended to read as follows:

The Association has as its basic aim the strengthening of the National Identity in a 32-County Ireland through the preservation and promotion of Gaelic Games and pastimes. **It is the International Governing Body responsible for the promotion of Gaelic Games and the Aims and Ethos of the Association.**

(b)

That Rule 1.4 (b) – Aims and Ethos – Additional Aims – Official Guide Part 1 (page 5) be amended to read

The Association shall promote its aims amongst communities abroad through its International Units **and World GAA.**

(c)

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

(a) A County is a Unit recognised as such by Central Council.

Renumber the subsequent sub sections.

(d)

That Rule 3.29 – Organisational Structures – The Province – Council – Official Guide Part 1 (page 34) be amended by adding the following:

(a) A Province is a Unit recognised as such by Central Council.

Number the subsequent sub sections.

(e)

That Rule 3.35 – Organisational Structures – National – Congress – Official Guide Part 1 (page 42) be amended to read as follows:

3.35 Congress

The Annual Congress shall be held prior to 1st March. The venue shall be selected by the Central Council, who shall give due consideration to all applications received by the Council. It shall consist of the outgoing Council (voting rights as on the Council), the past Presidents, and delegates from the Counties on the following basis:

- (i) Counties that participated in the previous year’s Senior Inter-County Championships. One delegate from each ten affiliated Clubs or fraction of ten over five, but the minimum representation from such Counties to be four delegates. Counties with fewer than five affiliations to have two representatives. The maximum representation for any one County shall be ten delegates.**
- (ii) Other Counties**
One delegate from each ten affiliated Clubs or fraction of ten over five, but the minimum representation from such Counties to be three delegates. Counties with fewer than five affiliations to have two representatives. The maximum representation for any one County shall be five delegates.

The Gaelic Players’ Association shall be represented by one named representative of the Association. Provincial Secretaries and Chairpersons of National Committees shall be entitled to attend and speak, but shall not have voting rights. The President, at his discretion, may invite other visitors to Congress to speak.

(F)

That Rule 3.40 (a) Organisational Structures – National – Congress – Motions - Official Guide Part 1 (page 44) be amended by adding the following:

(v) A maximum of one motion from World GAA.

Renumber existing (v), (vi), (viii)

(g)

That Rule 3.42 (a) Organisational Structures – National – Central Council – Council – Official Guide Part 1 (page 47) be amended by adding the following after “two Representatives of Congress”:

A Representative of World GAA

Remainder of Rule to remain unchanged.

(h)

That Rule 3.43 – Organisational Structures – National – Central Council – Powers and Functions – Official Guide Part 1 (pages 48–50) be amended as follows:

Renumber 3.43(r) as 3.43(t) and insert a new 3.43(r) & (s) to read:

(r) It shall have the power to recognise geographical areas as Provinces or Counties; or Administrative Areas with the same status as Counties or Provinces. Such recognition may be subject to conditions or restrictions.

(s) It shall have the power to decide from time to time what geographical areas fall under the jurisdiction of World GAA.

(i)

That Rule 3.56, 3.57 and 3.60 – Organisational Structures – National – Central Committees be amended as follows:

Renumber 3.56 as 3.57 and renumber subsequent rules, deleting (c) of 3.60. New 3.56 to read as follows:

World GAA

- (a) Subject to the overall control of Central Council, World GAA shall be responsible for the promotion of the Aims and Ethos of the Association and the administration of its affairs in areas outside of Ireland assigned to it by Central Council provided always that Central Council can add or remove any geographical area to/from the jurisdiction of World GAA.**
- (b) The affairs of World GAA shall be subject to its Constitution and Bye-Laws as sanctioned by the Management Committee. Such Bye-Laws may be approved even if they do not accord with General Rule provided the Management Committee is satisfied such deviation is necessary for the promotion of the Aims and Ethos of the Association.**
- (c) The Chairperson of World GAA shall be appointed by Central Council on the nomination of the Management Committee.**
- (d) It shall make recommendations to Central Council on the recognition of areas outside of Ireland as Counties, Provinces or Administrative Areas with the same status as Counties or Provinces.**
- (e) It shall exercise such other functions as may be assigned to it by the Management Committee or Central Council.**

(j)

That Rule 3.43 (j) Organisational Structures – National – Central Council – Powers and Functions – Official Guide Part 1 (page 50) be amended by adding the following:

(iii) appoint a Chairperson of World GAA.

(k)

That Rule 3.46 (f) – Organisational Structures – National – Central Committees – Management Committee – Official Guide Part 1 (page 52) be amended by adding the following:

as well as a Chairperson of World GAA.

(l)

That Rule 6.12 – Games and Competitions – Playing Eligibility/Transfers/Declarations – Playing in U.S.A/ Canada/Australasia/Europe – Official Guide Part 1 (page 81) be amended to read as follows:

6.12 Playing outside of Ireland

- (a) Any player from Ireland or from an area outside of Ireland which is not under the jurisdiction of World GAA wishing to assist a club under the jurisdiction of World GAA , other than on foot of a Transfer, requires a Licence from the Director General or such other person nominated by him. Such Licences will be in a form approved by Central Council which will specify the period of such a Licence and any conditions attaching to it.
 - (b) Licences are subject to such additional conditions as may be imposed by the Council or Committee in charge in the area where the holder of a Licence wishes to play. It is the responsibility of the player to familiarise himself with the relevant Rules, Bye-Laws and Regulations.
 - (c) No Licence will be issued to any player included on an Inter-County Senior Championship list submitted to a Referee in accordance with Rule 2.5(ii)(a) Rules of Specification for any game in the current year's Championship until his team has been eliminated from the Inter-County Championship (including All-Ireland Qualifiers).
 - (d) A player may only receive one Licence in any calendar year.
 - (e) Any application for a Licence shall be signed by both the Club and County Secretaries of the applicant player.
 - (f) A player may not play for his Own Club during the period specified in a Licence but at the conclusion of that period his status will, in all respects, be the same as at its commencement.
- (m)

That Rule 6.19 (5) – Games and Competitions – Eligibility for Championships/Gradings – Club Championship and League Status of Players – Official Guide Part 1 (pages 90/91) be deleted.

(n)

That Rule 7.13 (f) – Enforcement of Rules/Arbitration – Arbitration – Official Guide Part 1 (page 160) be amended to read as follows:

Disputes may be referred to Dispute Resolution only by members or units from Ireland, Britain or such other Counties, Provinces or Administrative Areas as may be agreed by both the Secretary of the Disputes Resolution Authority and Central Council, upon application by those Counties, Provinces or Administrative Areas.

Ard Chomhairle/International Workgroup

(33)

That Chapter 3 – Organisational Structures – National – Central Committees - Official Guide Part 1 (page 56) be amended by adding a new Committee (to be listed immediately after the Central Fixtures Analysis Committee) to the list of Central Committees at National Level in Chapter 3 of the Official Guide Part 1 (page 56) as follows:

National Club Fixtures Oversight Committee

- (a) It shall consist of a Chairperson, nominated by the Management Committee, the nominated Provincial appointee with responsibility for Club Fixtures from each province, the Director of Games Administration.**
- (b) It shall investigate and process, on behalf of the Management Committee, matters related to the enforcement of rules on the scheduling and postponement of club fixtures, inter-county player availability to clubs, inter-county Challenge and Tournament Games and Closed Periods/ Collective Training.**
- (c) It shall have responsibility for approving County club fixture programmes on an annual basis.**
- (d) It shall be responsible for ensuring County club fixture programmes are consistent with the Rules and stated Policies of the Association in relation to club fixtures and shall only approve programmes that meet these criteria.**

Ard Chomhairle/Fixtures Calendar Review Taskforce

(34)

That Chapter 3 – Organisational structures – National – Central Committees – Official Guide Part 1 (pages 53/55) be amended by adding a new Committee (to be listed immediately after the Central Competitions Control Committee):

Development Competitions Control Committee

- (a) It shall consist of a Chairperson, nominated by the Management Committee, one Provincial Games Manager (or alternative Provincial Council nominee) from each of the four provinces, the Chairman of the Central Competitions Control Committee, the Director of Games Administration and the Director of Games Development.
- (b) It shall be responsible for Competition Scheduling and Arrangements (including the appointment of Referees) for, and Control of, Tournaments and Games under the jurisdiction of Central Council at U17 and younger age grades.
- (c) It shall have responsibility for the processing and enforcement of the provisions of Rules 6.40 and 6.41 in respect of Blitzes/Tournaments and Challenge Games under the jurisdiction of Central Council at U17 and younger age grades.
- (d) It shall investigate and process matters relating to the enforcement of Rules (including hearing Objections and Counter Objections) and Match Regulations arising from Competitions and Games under the jurisdiction of the Central Council at U17 and younger age grades.

Rules affected – Rules 3.43 (h), 3.46 (f), 3.47, 3.48 (b)(i), 6.17, 6.28, 6.40, 6.41

Ard Chomhairle/Fixtures Calendar Review Taskforce

(35)

That rule 3.30 (k) – Organisational Structures – The Province – Council – Powers – Official Guide Part 1 (page 36) be amended by deleting the words in bold:

3.30 Powers

Subject to the overall jurisdiction of the Central Council, a Provincial Council shall have within its Province the following powers:

- (k) To carry out a Games Audit and examine the Fixtures Programme in each of the Counties under its jurisdiction, and to make recommendations ~~or take any action deemed necessary~~ in relation to same

Ard Chomhairle/Fixtures Calendar Review Taskforce

(36)

That Rule 3.31 Organisational Structures – The Province – Council – Monitoring of County Fixtures Programme – Official Guide Part 1 (page 36) be amended to read as follows:

3.31 Monitoring of County Fixtures Programme

A County shall submit its complete Fixtures Programme, both Adult and Underage, to its Provincial Council by the last day of **January** each year, and the Provincial Council – **through its nominated appointee with responsibility for Club Fixtures** – shall either **submit to the National Club Fixtures Oversight Committee for approval** or instruct adjustment to the Programme as is considered necessary. Provincial Councils, **through its nominated appointee**, shall monitor the progress of each County’s Championships on a monthly basis.

Any postponements of a Championship Game shall be notified to the Provincial Council within three days of the original date of the Game, and the reason for the postponement shall be given.

Each Provincial Council shall establish a Sub-Committee, to include the Provincial Chairperson **and its nominated appointee with responsibility for Club Fixtures**, to ensure that its responsibilities in relation to Club Fixtures are met, and this Sub-Committee, through **its nominated appointee**, shall report **breaches to the National Club Fixtures Oversight Committee**. Any failure by a Provincial Council to enforce this Rule shall be dealt with by the Central Council’s Management Committee.

Club Games shall not be postponed because of a County’s involvement in an Inter-County Championship, except as provided for within these Rules. **Counties shall comply with Policies and Directives of Central Council on the proper scheduling of Club Fixtures.**

Penalty for non-compliance: Loss of Championship Expenses and/or Grants, or Disqualification from the Inter-County Championship concerned.

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(37)

That Rule 3.32 (x) (a) – Organisational Structures – The Province – Council – Sub-Committees/Functions – Fixture Analysts – Official Guide Part 1 (page 39) be amended to read as follows:

Two Fixtures Analysts shall be appointed by the Management Committee. One of these **will be the Provincial Councils’ nominated appointee with responsibility for Club Fixtures and will act as the Provincial Representative on both the Central Fixtures Analysis Committee and the National Club Fixtures Oversight Committee.**

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(38)

That 3.53 (a) – Organisational Structures – National – Central Committees - The Central Fixtures Analysis Committee – Official Guide Part 1 (page 55) be amended to read as follows:

- (a) It shall consist of no more than ten members including a Chairperson appointed by the Management Committee, **each of the four Provincial nominated appointees with responsibility for Club Fixtures** and the Secretary of the Competitions Control Committee.

Ard Chomhairle/Fixtures Calendar Review Taskforce

(39)

That Rule 6.17 – Games and Competitions – Eligibility for Championship/Gradings – Age Grades – Inter-county – Under 20 (football) Official Guide Part 1 (pages 88) be amended as follows:

Delete:

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 until after his County Senior football team has been eliminated from the Inter-County Championship.

Replace with:

A player who plays in a National Football League game at any stage in the current year's National League shall be ineligible to participate in the Inter-County Under 20 Football Championship.

Rules affected – Rules 6.17, 6.28 and 6.35, O.G.

(Motion effective from January 1st, 2021).

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(40)

That Rule 6.28 – Games and Competitions – Intercounty Championships – Organisation – Official Guide Part 1 (page 107) be amended by adding a new section as follows:

Higher Education Council Championships:

The All-Ireland Higher Education football Championship (Sigerson Cup) shall be completed on or before the 5th Sunday of the year, save in exceptional circumstances (e.g. due to bad weather).

The All-Ireland Higher Education hurling Championship (Fitzgibbon Cup) shall be completed on or before the 7th Sunday of the year, save in exceptional circumstances (e.g. due to bad weather).

Rules affected or possibly affected – Rule 3.58, 6.28

(Motion effective from January 1st, 2021).

Ard Chomhairle/Fixtures Calendar Review Taskforce

(41)

That Rule 6.28 – Games and Competitions – Intercounty Championships – Organisation – Official Guide Part 1 (page 107) be amended by adding a new section as follows:

All-Ireland Post Primary Schools Championships:

The All-Ireland Post Primary schools football Championships at A and B levels shall be completed on or before the 5th Sunday of the year annually save in exceptional circumstances (e.g. due to bad weather).

The All-Ireland Post Primary schools Hurling Championships at A and B levels shall be completed on or before St Patrick's Day annually save in exceptional circumstances (e.g. due to bad weather).

Post Primary competitions at all other levels shall be organised on a provincial basis (i.e. to provincial final stage) only

Rules affected or possibly affected – Rule 3.58, 6.28

(Motion effective from January 1st, 2021).

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(42)

That Rule 6.28 (H) – Games and Competitions – Intercounty Championships – Organisation – Other All-Ireland Championships – Official Guide Part 1 (pages 106/107) be amended as follows:

Delete:

The All-Ireland Under 20 Football Championship shall commence no earlier than the last weekend in May (i.e. when both Saturday and Sunday fall in the month of May) and shall be concluded by the end of August.

Replace with:

The All-Ireland Under 20 Football Championship shall be played in the months of February and March, save in exceptional circumstances (e.g. due to bad weather).

Rules affected – Rules 6.17, 6.28 and 6.35, O.G.

(Motion effective from January 1st, 2021).

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(43)

That Rule 6.28 (H) – Games and Competitions – Inter-County Championships – Organisation – Other All-Ireland Championships – Official Guide Part 1 (Page 106) be amended by deleting `the words:

The All-Ireland Junior Football Championship

Rules affected – Rules 6.16, 6.18 and 6.28.

(Motion effective from January 1st, 2021).

Ard Chomhairle/Fixtures Calendar Review Taskforce

(44)

That Rule 6.45 – Games and Competitions – Games – General – Closed Periods/Collective training – Official Guide Part 1 (pages 119/120) be amended to read as follows:

Collective training: Collective training is where one or more player(s) is/are required to be at a specific place at a specific time on a specific date.

Inter-County panels may return to collective training and/or games for the following year on a timetable determined annually by the Central Council.

Collective Training for all Senior Inter-County Team Panels which involves an overnight stay is not permitted from 1st April to 1st November except during the 10 days prior to that team playing in a championship game, or 17 days if the game in question is an All-Ireland Final, unless written permission has been given in advance by the Central Competitions Control Committee.

An Under-Age Inter-County Team (i.e. U20 or Minor) shall be restricted to a maximum of three collective sessions - Training and/or Games - per week.

Penalties for breaches:

Senior Inter-County panels: The team shall forfeit Home Venue for its next ‘Home Game’ in the National League.

All Other Panels:

Team Penalty: removal from competition.

Person(s) in charge of the Team: 24 weeks suspension.

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(45)

That Rule 3.11 (b) Exception 2 – Convention – Elections – Official Guide Part 1 (pages 20/21) be amended to read as follows:

Exceptions to (a) and (b) above:

- (2) Where a County Bye-Law provides that the positions of Treasurer **and/or Assistant Treasurer** and/or Children’s Officer are/is not subject to a maximum number of years in office, the provision of Section (b) does not apply.

Rest of Rule to remain unchanged.

Mainistir na Croise-Baile Cathaill, Tiobraid Árann

(46)

(a)

That Rule 3.18 (a) The County - Committee – Official Guide Part 1 (Page 24) be amended to read as follows:

A County Committee shall consist of the Officers, the Central and Provincial Council Representatives (who shall be ex-officio members), other representatives of District or other Committees or Clubs as set out in the County Bye-Laws, the County Referees' Administrator and a representative of each of the following Committees: County GAA Handball (where applicable), County Primary Schools, County Post-Primary Schools and, **if desired, up to two nominees of the Cathaoirleach and Rúnaí, who are members of the Association, subject to their approval by the County Committee.**

Rest of Rule to remain unchanged.

(b)

That Rule 3.29 The Province - Provincial Council – Official Guide Part 1 (Page 34) be amended to read as follows:

A Provincial Council shall consist of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer, Public Relations Officer, full-time Secretary (without voting rights), and two Representatives from each County and, **if desired, up to two nominees of the Cathaoirleach and Rúnaí, who are members of the Association, subject to their approval by the Provincial Council.** The immediate past Council Chairperson shall be an ex-officio member for the year following termination of office.

Rest of Rule to remain unchanged.

Comhairle Uladh

(47)

That Rule 4.1 – Administration - Elective Office – Official Guide Part 1 (page 59) be amended to read:

Only a full member who has paid his annual Club subscription prior to the 31st March in a membership year **and registered** shall be entitled to be nominated for or elected to any Elective Office referred to in the Official Guide arising in the same membership year.

Coiste Chontae na Gaillimhe

(48)**(A)**

That Rule 6.3 – Games & Competitions – Definitions – Official Guide Part 1 (pages 72/73) be amended to read as follows:

Other Relevant Connection: A player shall be considered to have an ‘Other Relevant Connection’:

- (a) With a particular County if:
 - (i) **Either of** the player’s parents **or legal guardians** at the time of the member’s birth were permanently resident in that County.
 - (ii) That County is the County of the first Club of either of his parents **or legal guardians**.
- (b) With a Particular Club if:
 - (i) **Either of** the player’s parents **or legal guardians** were at the time of his birth permanently resident in the present Catchment Area of that Club.
 - (ii) In the case of a player whose parent(s) **or legal guardian(s)** were permanently resident in Co. Dublin at the time of his birth, that Club was the First Club of either of his parents or **legal guardians**.
 - (iii) County Bye-Laws either define generally or for specific cases that particular factors give rise to such a connection.
- (c) **Central Council has the power, in exceptional circumstances, to deem a player to have an ‘Other Relevant Connection’ with a particular club or county in accordance with policy adopted Central Council.”**

(B)

That Rule 6.9 (b) – Games & Competitions – Playing Restrictions (County and Province) Official Guide Part 1 (page 79) be amended by inserting the following clause:

- (iv) **A player may declare for a County based on ‘Other Relevant Connection’ With a Particular County, as provided for under sub-section (c) of Rule 6.3, and the Player’s Declaration receives the sanction of the Committee of his First County or Own County, as applicable (see Appendix 4), subject to the player being Over 18 years as defined in Rule 6.17.**

Tuar Mhic Éadaigh, Maigh Eo

(49)

That Rule 6.6 (i) – Games & Competitions – Inter-County Transfers – Official Guide Part 1 (pages 75-79) be amended to read as follows:

A player who transfers from one County to another County shall not transfer again within a 12-month period after the transfer has been approved. Where a player transfers back to his former County within 96 weeks thereafter, he shall rejoin the Club of which he was a member prior to the initial transfer.

Cumann Naomh Brónach, Caisleán Ruairí, An Dún

(50)

That Rule 6.8 (D) – Games & Competitions – Playing Restrictions (Club) – Official Guide Part 1 (pages 77-79) be amended as follows:

Delete Exception (7) which states

A player who joins a new Club by transfer (within a County or Inter-County) who previous to his transfer has played for his former Club in a particular Competition shall be entitled to finish that Competition and play for his new club as permitted in Sections (5) and (6) above.

Cumann Naomh Brónach, Caisleán Ruairí, An Dún

(51)

That Rule 6.9 (b) (iii) – Games & Competitions – Playing Restrictions (County and Province) – Official Guide Part 1 (page 79) be amended as follows:

(iii) A player may declare for a County based on ‘Other Relevant Connection’ With a Particular County (ii), as defined in sub-section (a) of Rule 6.3, ~~subject to that County being allowed by Central Council to avail of this provision;~~ and the Player’s Declaration receives the sanction of the Committee of his First County or Own County, as applicable (see Appendix 4), subject to the player being Over 18 years as defined in Rule 6.17.

Tuar Mhic Éadaigh, Maigh Eo

(52)

That Rule 6.12 (b) (ii) Games & Competitions – Playing in the U.S.A./Canada/Australasia/Europe – Official Guide Part 1 (Pages 81 & 82) be amended to read as follows:

Playing in U.S.A./Canada/Australasia/Europe

- (a)** A week-end Authorisation is required by any player intending to assist a Club in a game under the jurisdiction of the New York Board or the European Board. The Official Authorisation, in duplicate, requires the signatures of the player's Home Club Secretary and the County Secretary, and must be presented for signature by the Director General (or other designated person) in Croke Park before 4 p.m. on the Wednesday before the game.

An Authorisation is valid for one week-end only other than where there is a replay of the game for which the Authorisation was granted.

The maximum number of authorised players to assist a Club on any weekend shall be two in Football and three in Hurling.

- (b)** (i) A player intending to play on a longer-term basis in the area governed by either the New York Board or the Canadian Board – must obtain an Official Sanction in duplicate, signed by his Club Secretary, the County Secretary and the Director General (or other designated person).
- (ii) A player intending to play on a longer-term basis in the area governed by the USGAA Board must obtain an Official Sanction or an Official J1 Sanction in duplicate, signed by his Club Secretary, the County Secretary and the Director General (or other designated person).

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 shall not be eligible to be accepted for Registration as a member of any Club in the USGAA Board Jurisdiction.

Exception: The above shall not apply to a player on a team competing in the Tier 2 Football or Tiers 3/4/5 Hurling Championship

and

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 his J1 Sanction approved once his team has been eliminated from the Inter-County Championship including All-Ireland Qualifier games.

The J1 Visa concerned with this Exception is the J1 Work and Travel Programme Visa only – i.e. the four-month Visa for 3rd Level Students.

The remainder of the rule to remain unchanged

Coiste Chontae Longfort

(53)

That Rule 6.17 – Eligibility for Championship/Gradings - Age Grades – 2019 Official Guide Part 1 (page 87) be amended by way of the following deletions and additions:

CLUB

Adult

A player shall have celebrated his 17th birthday prior to January 1st of the Championship Year.

Under Age Grades

A County shall determine its internal Under Age Grades for competition purposes within the parameter of Under 21 down to Under 11, subject to the following eligibility year's span:

~~Under 21~~ **A five years span.** ~~Under 21 / Under 20~~ - A five year's span

~~Under 20 down to Under 14/13.~~ **Under 19 down to Under 14/13** A four years span

~~Under 12/11~~ - A three years span

The remainder of the rule to remain unchanged.

Eiméid Óg Cill Eo, Longfort

(54)

That Rule 6.17 – Eligibility for Championship/Gradings - Age Grades – 2019 Official Guide Part 1 (Page 88) be amended by way of the following deletions and additions:

INTER-COUNTY

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.

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 until after his County Senior football team has been eliminated from the Inter-County Championship.

Minor (Under 17 18)

A player shall have celebrated his **15th 16th** birthday prior to January 1st and his **17th 18th** birthday on or after January 1st of the Championship Year.

Adult shall include Senior, Intermediate and Junior Grades.
Girls may participate only up to and including the Under 12 Grade.

The remainder of the rule to Remain unchanged.

Other Rules possibly affected - Rule 6.41 Challenge Games

Eiméid Óg Cill Eo, Longfort

(55)

That Rule 6.17 – Eligibility for Championship/Gradings – Age Grades – Official Guide Part 1 (page 87/88) be amended to read:

INTER-COUNTY**Minor (under 18)**

A player shall have celebrated his 16th birthday prior to January 1st and his 18th birthday on or after January 1st of the Championship Year.

Inis Eascra Abhainn/Cill Molaise – Enniscrone/Kilglass Sligo

(56)

That Rule 6.19 – Club Championship and League Status of Players – Official Guide Part 1 (page 90) be amended by adding the following condition (6) to the qualification that “A player shall not lose his current Championship status by”:

(6) Playing in his first game of a higher grade Championship.

Remainder of the Rule to be unchanged.

Gaill Tír, Port Láirge

(57)

That Rule 6.21 – Championships - County Championships – Official Guide (pages 92/93) be amended as follows:

Add new (4) (d)

In the event that two teams or more finish with equal points, but have been affected by a disqualification, loss of game on a proven objection, retirement or walk over, the tie shall be decided by the following means:

- (i) Score Difference from the games in which only the teams involved, (teams tied on points), have played each other. (subtracting the total Scores Against from total Scores For)**
- (ii) Highest Total Score For, in which only the teams involved, have played each other, and have finished equal in (i)**
- (iii) A Play-Off**

Exceptions to (c) Delete (i)

Present (4) (d) to be renamed (4) (e)

Buirgheas, Tiobraid Árann

(58)

That Rule 6.28 Organisation – Inter-County Championships – Official Guide Part 1 (pages 105/106) be amended to read as follows:

(F) All-Ireland Minor Hurling Championship (2018, 2019 and 2020)

The All-Ireland Minor Hurling Championship shall be organised initially on a Provincial basis in Munster and Leinster. Ulster Teams, as agreed by the Ulster and Leinster Councils, shall participate in the Leinster Championship. The All-Ireland Series shall be organised as follows: **A draw will be made to decide which of the Munster or Leinster Champions will play Galway in the All-Ireland Semi-Final. The winner of the semi-final will then face the other provincial winner in the All-Ireland Final. In subsequent years the provincial winner which takes part in the semi-final will be rotated between the Munster and Leinster champions.**

The All-Ireland Minor 'B' and 'C' Hurling Championships shall be organised on the basis of Recommendations of the Central Competitions Control Committee, as approved by Central Council.

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(H) Other All-Ireland Championship

The All-Ireland Junior Football Championship, the All-Ireland Under 21 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 Football Championship shall commence no earlier than the last weekend in May (i.e. when both Saturday and Sunday fall in the month of May) and shall be concluded by the end of August. The All-Ireland Under 20 Hurling Championship shall be organised initially on a Provincial basis in Munster and Leinster, with Galway and any Ulster Team(s) as agreed by Ulster and Leinster Councils participating in the Leinster Championship. **The Munster and Leinster champions shall proceed to the All-Ireland Final.**

Rest of rule 6.28 to remain unchanged

Coiste Contae Loch Garman

(59)

That Rule 6.28 (B) and (C) – Inter-County Championships – Official Guide Part 1 (pages 97-107) be amended to read as follows:

ALL-IRELAND SENIOR HURING CHAMPIONSHIP

Tier 1: Liam MacCarthy Cup

The following Counties shall be eligible to participate in this Championship in 2020, in Munster Championship – Tipperary, Limerick, Cork, Clare and Waterford, in Leinster Championship – Wexford, Kilkenny, Galway, Dublin and Laois.

Stages:

- (i) Provincial Championships: As per Official Guide 2019**
- (ii) All-Ireland Quarter-Finals: As per Official Guide 2019**
- (iii) All-Ireland Semi-Finals: As per Official Guide 2019**
- (iv) All-Ireland Final Points\Tie Breakers: As per Official Guide 2019**

Relegation: There shall be no relegation from Leinster Championship for 2020 only.

Exception: If Kerry (or another Munster County) wins the Tier 2 Championship they shall play-off against the bottom Team in the Munster Round-Robin Championship at a neutral Munster Venue.

The Winner of that Play-Off game shall play in the Munster Championship and the loser shall play in the Tier 2 Championship the following year. In that circumstance the bottom Team in the Leinster Round-Robin Championship shall not be relegated.

Tier 2: Joe McDonagh Cup

The following counties are eligible to participate in this Championship in 2020: Carlow, Westmeath, Kerry, Antrim, Meath

Format:

The Championship shall be played on a Round-Robin basis. The Teams finishing in the top two places shall play in the Tier 2 Championship Final, the winner promoted to the Leinster Championship the following year, if a non-Munster Team. No relegation from Tier 2 for 2020 only.

Tier 3: Christy Ring Cup

The following counties are eligible to participate in this Championship in 2020, Offaly, Down, Derry, Sligo, Wicklow, Roscommon, Kildare, London

Format for 2020: Two groups of Four Teams shall be drawn. Group games shall be played on Round-Robin basis. The top two Teams in each group shall qualify for the semi-final in which the winner of each shall play the runner-up in the other group, Winners qualify for the Final. Winner and runner-up promoted to Tier 2 for the following year only. The bottom two Teams play for relegation and the loser will play in Tier 4 the following year.

Tier 4: Nickey Rackard Cup

The following counties are eligible to participate in this Championship in 2020, Donegal, Leitrim, Armagh, Warwickshire, Tyrone, Longford, Mayo and Monaghan

Format for 2020: Two groups of Four Teams shall be drawn. Group games shall be played on Round-Robin Basis. Top Two Teams in each group shall qualify for Semi-Finals in which the winner of each group shall play the runner-up in other group. Winners shall qualify for Final. Winner promoted to Tier 3 for the following year. Bottom Team in each group relegated to Tier 5 for following year. The Team that finishes third last on scoring difference shall play winner of Lory Meagher Cup. The winner of that game shall play in Tier 4 and the loser shall play in Tier 5 in 2021.

Tier 5: Lory Meagher Cup

The following counties are eligible to participate in this Championship in 2020, Louth, Cavan, Fermanagh, Lancashire

Format for 2020: This Championship shall be played on a Round-Robin in one group, the top two Teams shall play in the Final and the winner shall play the third last Team in Tier 4 for promotion \ relegation for 2020 only

Leinster Championship Tiers 2,3,4,5 2021 and after

Leinster Championship & Tiers 2,3,4,5 shall have Six Teams in each Championship and shall be played on a Round-Robin basis. Each County shall have three home games and two away games which shall rotate every other year. The counties who finish in the top two places in each Tier shall qualify for their respective Final and winner shall be promoted to the next Tier above them where possible.

Bottom Team in each Tier shall be relegated to the Tier below them, where possible, exception if Kerry (or another Munster County) wins Tier 2 Championship they shall play off against the bottom Team in the Munster Round-Robin Championship at a neutral Munster Venue. The winner of that play-off game play in the Munster Championship and the loser shall play in the Tier 2 Championship the following year. In that circumstance the bottom Team in the Leinster Championship shall not be relegated.

Venues for all Finals, Semi-Finals and Relegation play-offs shall be determined by the CCCC.

Comhairle Laigean

(60)

- (a) That Rule 7.2 (e) Enforcement of Rules/Arbitration – Misconduct Considered to have Discredited the Association – Official Guide Part 1 (page 131)** be amended to read as follows:

Team/Unit – where suspension is deemed appropriate – a minimum of eight weeks. A fine, disqualification, **deduction of points** and expulsion from the Association may also be considered.

- (b) That Rule 7.6 – Disqualification of Teams and Forfeiture of Games – Official Guide Part 1 (page 147/148)** be amended as follows:

Add Section (e)

Where a team has points deducted from them in a League Competition, they shall play all games in that competition but shall have the appropriate number of points deducted at the conclusion of the competition.

Cumann Pheadair Naofa, An Dún

(61)

That Rule 5.7 of the Club Constitution (Format No 1) – Official Guide Part 1 (pages 167/168) be amended to read as follows:

An application for Full or Social Membership must be made on the Prescribed Form and signed by the applicant. The application request must be submitted to the Club Secretary.

Cumann Naomh Muire, An Bhoireann, An Dún

(62)

That Rule 5.8 of the Club Constitution (Format No. 1) Official Guide Part 1 (page 168) be amended to read as follows:

An application for Youth membership must be made on the Prescribed Form and signed by the applicant and one of his parents/guardians. 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.

Cumann Naomh Muire, An Bhoireann, An Dún

(63)

That Rule 5.9 of the Club Constitution (Format No. 1) Official Guide Part 1 (page 168) be amended to read as follows:

The name and address of an applicant for full membership shall be brought for approval by the Club Secretary to a meeting(s) of the Club Executive to be held on a date prior to 31st March each year. All applications for membership shall be collectively approved by the Executive at each meeting from its AGM through to March. A list, in alphabetical order, of the names and addresses of all club members shall be retained by the Club Secretary.

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