

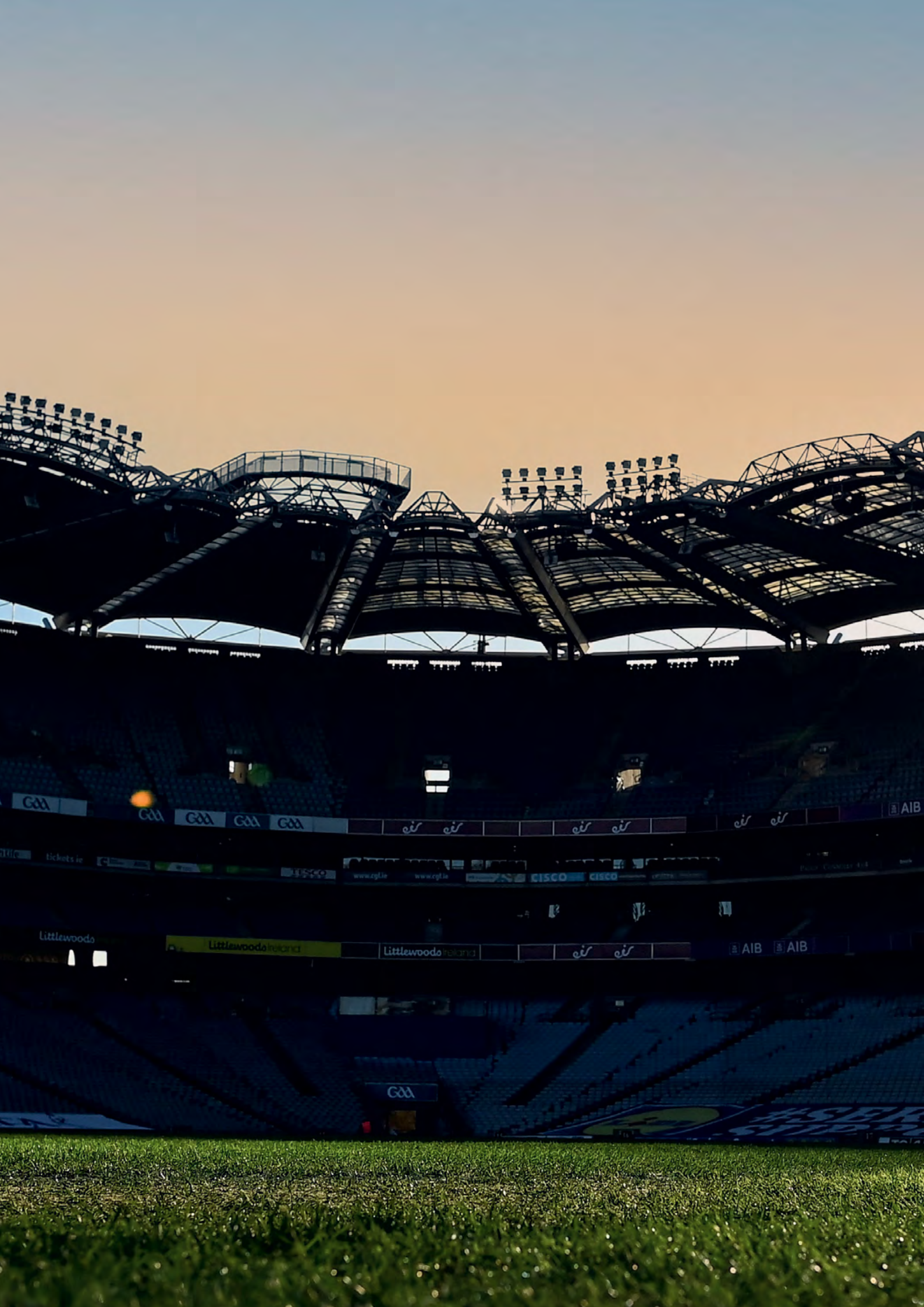


# CHOMHDHÁIL SPEISIALTA 2021

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## (1)

- (1) **That Rule 3.11 (a) The County – Elections – Official Guide Part 1 (page 20)** be amended by replacing Development Officer with Planning and Training Officer
- (2) **That Rule 3.19 (i) The County – Powers (i) – Official Guide Part 1 (page 24) to read: To appoint a County Safety and Facilities Officer**
- (3) **That Rule 3.20 (v)- The County – Sub-Committees/Functions – Official Guide Part 1 (page 28)** to read:

Safety and Facilities Committee

It shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with

- (a) Ground Health and Safety Legislation
- (b) Chapter 5 of The Official Guide (Control of Association Property).
- (c) The terms of the Associations Public Liability and Property Insurance policies.

It shall further make recommendations to the County Management and Finance Committees in relation to:

- (a) The development of Grounds and Facilities, including advice on available grants.
- (b) Other duties as directed from time-to-time by Central Council.

The Committee shall consist of at least six members, to include The Safety and Facilities Officer (as Chairperson) and a qualified Event Controller. The remaining members should be suitably qualified in areas relevant to the terms of reference of the Committee.

Other persons with the particular skill set appropriate to specific items under discussion by the Committee may be added from time-to-time and shall act as complementary workgroups.

- (4) **That Rule 3.20 – The County – Sub-Committees/Functions be amended by inserting a new sub-committee as follows:**

Planning and Training Committee

It shall be responsible for:

- a) Delivering Club and County Officer Training within the county.
- b) Assisting clubs in developing a Club Plan, including details regarding the financing of such plans.
- c) Assisting the county in the development and implementation of a County plan.
- d) Monitoring demographic changes within the county, which will assist the county planning process, identify participation levels, infrastructure and resource requirements.
- e) Other duties as directed from time-to-time by Central Council.

The Committee shall consist of at least five members, the Chairperson of which shall be the County Planning and Training Officer. All members shall, upon appointment, complete the necessary training as prescribed by the Central Council, the relevant Provincial Council or any of their sub-committees.

Note: At Provincial level Rule 3.32 (iv) may need to be amended and a new rule inserted for Leadership and Planning Committee.

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**(3)**

- (a) That Rule 3.20 – The County – Sub-Committees/Functions – Official Guide Part 1 (pages 26-29) be amended by inserting a new Sub-Committee as follows:**

**Audit and Risk Committee**

It shall support the Treasurer, the Management Committee and the Finance Sub-Committee in all financial and risk related matters.

It shall be responsible for the promotion and monitoring of good governance standards and risk management practices by the County Committee and all its subsidiaries (including any person or entity that raises funds in the name of the GAA).

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

The Committee shall provide reports to the Provincial Audit and Risk Committee and the Central Audit and Risk Committee when requested and at least once per year.

Rule affected: 3.21 (i)

- (b) That Rule 3.32 – The Province – Sub-Committees/Functions – Official Guide Part 1 (pages 36-38) be amended by inserting a new Sub-Committee as follows:**

**Audit and Risk Committee**

It shall support the Treasurer, the Management Committee and the Finance Committee in all financial and risk related matters.

It shall be responsible for the promotion and monitoring of good governance standards and risk management practices by the Provincial Council.

It shall consist of no more than five members including a Chairperson nominated by the Management Committee and approved by the Central Audit and Risk Committee and up to four other members nominated by the Management Committee. Neither the Treasurer nor the Finance Director (if applicable) shall be members.

The Committee shall provide reports to the Central Audit and Risk Committee when requested and at least once per year.

**(c) That a new Sub-Committees be inserted after Rule 3.52 – Official Guide Part 1 (page 54) as****follows:****Central Audit and Risk Committee**

It shall support the Management Committee, and the Finance Director in all financial and risk related matters.

It shall be responsible for the promotion and monitoring of good governance standards and risk management practices by the Central Council

It shall consist of no more than seven members (one of whom shall be a member of the Management Committee) appointed by the Central Council on the recommendation of the Management Committee. The Finance Director shall not be a member.

Rules 3.53 to 3.63 to be renumbered accordingly.

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**(9)****That Rule 7.5 (c) – Suspensions – Interpretation of Terms – Next Game in Competition – Official Guide 2020, Part 1 (page 142-143) be amended to read as follows:**

(c) walkover shall not constitute the next game in a competition for those Players and Team Officials involved in the team that has conceded the game.

A game or competition, the sole purpose of which is to determine qualification or relegation in respect of a following year's Championship or League, shall not be deemed to be the 'same Competition' as that of the current year's Championship or League, as applicable, and shall not entail a 'next game suspension' arising from a current Championship or League game.

Naomh Pádraig, Fhearmanach

**(11)****That Rule 3.18 (b) – The County – Committee – Official Guide Part 1 (page 23) to read:**

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 Safety and Facilities Officer, 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 members of the Association nominated by the Chairperson and Secretary, subject to their approval by the County Committee.

Rest of Rule to remain unchanged.

Comhairle Laighean

**(18)****PROPOSAL 'A'**

**That Rule 6.28 (A) – Inter-County Championships – Official Guide Part 1 (pages 98-109)** be amended to read:

**(A) All-Ireland Senior Football Championship and Tailteann Cup****(i) Provincial Championships – Preliminary Rounds**

**Preliminary Rounds** shall be organised annually in the Leinster (3 Preliminary Rounds) and Ulster (1 Preliminary Round) Championships.

- Leinster Championship Preliminary Round – Open Draw: Three fixtures to be drawn involving the 6 lowest placed Leinster Counties at the conclusion of the National Football League in that Championship year.
  - The winners of these three fixtures will progress to the Round-Robin stage of the Leinster Championship
  - The Losers of these three fixtures will enter the Munster (2) and Connacht (1) championship Round-Robin stages. (Note: C.C.C.C will determine annually on a geographic basis which of the losing teams will enter the Munster and Connacht Championships once the preliminary rounds have been completed)
- Ulster Championship Preliminary Round – One fixture to be played involving the two lowest placed Ulster Counties at the conclusion of the National Football League in that Championship year.
  - Winner of this fixture to progress to the Round-Robin stage of the Ulster Championship
  - Loser of this fixture to enter the Connacht Championship
- Neutral Venues to be used for all Preliminary Round games.



**(ii) Provincial Championships – Round-Robin Stage**

Each provincial championship at the Round-Robin stage will consist of 8 teams:

Leinster – The five highest placed teams at the end of the National League and the three Leinster preliminary Round winners

Munster – The six Munster counties and the losers of two of the Leinster Preliminary Round games.

Ulster – The seven highest placed teams at the end of the National League and the Ulster Preliminary Round winners

Connacht – The five Connacht counties, London and one losing team from each of the Leinster and Ulster Preliminary Rounds.

- Each province will have two groups of four teams, seeded on the basis of National league finishing positions. These teams will play each other in a Round-Robin series of games - i.e. three group stage games for all teams.
  - Seeding
    - Group A in each province to consist of the 1st, 4th, 5th and 8th highest ranked of the participating teams in the given provincial championship (based on finishing positions in the National League of the Championship year)
    - Group B in each province to consist of the 2nd, 3rd, 6th and 7th highest ranked of the participating teams in the given provincial championship.
- The winner of each group will progress to the relevant Provincial final
- The 2nd and 3rd placed teams (16 in total) will progress to Round 1 of the All-Ireland Series
- The fourth placed team in each group will participate in a knock-out Tailteann Cup provided they are classified as a Division 3 or 4 team at the end of the National League in the same year.

**(iii) All-Ireland Series:**

- Round 1 – 2nd placed teams from Provincial Round-Robin v 3rd placed teams (8 games)
  - Round 2 – Winners of Round 1 drawn against each other
  - Round 3 – Beaten Provincial Finalists v Rd 2 Winners
  - All-Ireland Quarter-Finals – Provincial Champions v Rd 3 Winners.
- A draw will take place to decide the pairings for Games in Rounds 1, 2 and 3 and in the All-Ireland Quarter-Finals.
- All Rounds are subject to the avoidance of Repeat Pairings where possible.

**(iv) All-Ireland Semi-Finals**

All-Ireland Semi-Final pairings shall be subject to the continuation of the existing provincial rota for Provincial Champions; where a provincial champion is defeated in the All-Ireland Quarter-Final, the team who defeats them shall assume their place in that year's Semi-Final pairings.

**(v) All-Ireland Final**

**Venues** (Round-Robin Stages and All-Ireland Series):

**Round-Robin Stage:**

Each County to have one home, one away and one game at a neutral venue in the Round-Robin stage based on draws conducted by the relevant Provincial Council.

**All-Ireland Series**

Rd 1 – home venue for 2nd placed teams from Provincial Round-Robin series

Rd 2 – First team drawn in each fixture shall have home venue

Rd 3– venues to be determined by C.C.C.C

All-Ireland Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals and Finals – venues to be determined by C.C.C.C

Home Venues for all Senior Inter-County Championship games shall be subject to approval by the Central Competitions Control Committee and shall meet the criteria set down by the National Facilities/Health and Safety Committee.

**(vi) Tailteann Cup**

New York, and the lowest placed team in each of the Round-Robin groups enter the Tailteann Cup (Exception: Division 1 or 2 teams based on finishing positions in the National League of the Championship year)

- a. A Preliminary-Round game, which shall not involve New York, to reduce the overall number of participating teams to 8 shall be organized if required.
- b. Quarter-Finals shall be organized on an Open Draw basis. The First Team drawn to each fixture will have Home Advantage (Exception – New York shall have a home game in this Round)
- c. Semi-Finals – The winners of the Quarter-Finals play each other on an open draw basis. Venues to be determined by C.C.C.C
- d. Tailteann Cup Final – Winners of the Semi-Finals. Venue to be determined by C.C.C.C

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(19)

**PROPOSAL 'B'**

- (a) **That Rule 6.39 – National Leagues – Official Guide Part 1 (page 113)** be amended as follows:

The regulations governing the composition, timing, promotion, relegation play-offs and all other matters pertaining to the National Hurling League shall be decided by the Central Council on the advice of the Central Competitions Control Committee.

The National Hurling League shall be constructed in order that it be completed, including Finals, over no more than eight, but not necessarily successive, weekends.

**Exception:**

Nine weeks allowed for Division 1 of the National Hurling League.

- (b) **That Rule 6.28 (A) – Inter County Championships – Official Guide Part 1 (pages 98- 109)** be amended to read:

(i) **Provincial Championships**

Each province will organize a Round-Robin Provincial Championship to be staged before the All-Ireland Championships annually and on the following basis:

**Connacht** (including London) and **Munster Championships**

- Round-Robin groups of 6
- 2 Home and 3 Away games per team (or vice versa) based on a draw for home venues
- The group winners in each provincial group at the end of the Round-Robin Series to progress directly to the Provincial Final
- The 2nd and 3rd placed teams to meet in a Provincial Semi-Final (home venue for the 2nd place team)

**Ulster Championship**

- Eligible teams to be drawn to two Round-Robin Groups of 4 and 5 teams respectively (Group A and Group B)
- Teams in the 4 Team Group to play 2 Home and 1 Away game (or vice versa) based on a draw for home venue
- Teams in the 5 Team Group to play 2 Home and 2 Away games each based on a draw for home venue
- Provincial semi-finals to be played on the following basis (home advantage to first named team):
  - Winner Group A v Runner-Up Group B
  - Winner Group B v Runner-Up Group A
- Semi-Final Winners to meet in the Provincial Final.

### **Leinster Championship**

- Eligible teams to be drawn to two Round-Robin Groups of 5 and 6 teams respectively (Group A and Group B)
- Teams in the 5 Team Group to play 2 Home and 2 Away games each based on a draw for home venue
- Teams in the 6 Team Group to play 3 Home and 2 Away games (or vice versa) based on a draw for home venue
- Provincial semi-finals to be played on the following basis (home advantage to first named team):
  - Winner Group A v Runner-Up Group B
  - Winner Group B v Runner-Up Group A
- Semi-Final Winners to meet in the Provincial Final.

### **(ii) All-Ireland Championship**

The All-Ireland Senior Football Championship to initially consist of 4 Divisions of 8 Teams (in the initial year, the teams will be allocated to Divisions based on their finishing positions in the previous year's Allianz Football League)

- Round-Robin Series
  - Each team to play 7 games in their Division; 4 Home games and 3 Away games each, based on a draw by the C.C.C.C for home or away venues
- Preliminary All-Ireland Quarter-Finals
  - The teams that finish 2nd and 3rd in Division 2 of the League shall be drawn to play the teams that finish top of Division 3 and 4 in Preliminary Quarter-Finals. The Division 3 and 4 winners shall have home advantage.
- All-Ireland Quarter-Finals
  - The teams that finish 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th in Division 1 shall be drawn to play against the team that finishes 5th in Division 1, the Division 2 winners and the Winners of the Preliminary Quarter-Finals in the All-Ireland Quarter-Finals.
  - Venues to be determined by the C.C.C.C.
- All-Ireland Semi-Finals
  - The Winners of the All-Ireland Quarter-Finals will progress to the All-Ireland Semi-Finals
  - Pairings for the Semi-Finals will be on the basis of an Open Draw
  - Venues to be determined by the C.C.C.C
- All-Ireland Final
  - The winners of the All-Ireland Semi-Finals will play in the All-Ireland final for the Sam Maguire Cup
  
- Home Venues for all Senior Inter-County Championship games shall be subject to approval by the Central Competitions Control Committee and shall meet the criteria set down by the National Facilities/Health and Safety Committee.

**(iii) Tailteann Cup**

- New York and all remaining teams in Division 3 and 4 (i.e. with the exception of the Division 3 and 4 winners) progress to the Tailteann Cup.
- **Round One**
  - The 2nd placed team from Division 3 will be given a bye to the Quarter- Finals
  - The remaining 14 teams will be drawn to 7 Quarter-Finals on an Open Draw Basis
  - First team drawn will have home venue.
- **Quarter-Finals**
  - The bye team from Round 1 and the 7 Round One winners will be drawn to 4 Quarter-Finals on an Open Draw basis.
  - First team drawn will have home venue
- **Semi-Finals**
  - The Quarter-Final winners will be drawn to two Semi-Finals on an Open Draw basis
  - Venues to be determined by the C.C.C.C
- **Tailteann Cup Final**
  - The Winners of the Tailteann Cup Semi-Finals will meet in the Tailteann Cup Final

**Promotion and Relegation**

- **Division 1**
  - The two teams that finish bottom of Division 1 will be relegated to Division 2 for the following year
- **Division 2**
  - The top two teams from Division 2 will be promoted to Division 1 for the following year
  - The bottom two teams in Division 2 will be relegated to Division 3 for the following year
- **Division 3**
  - The Division 3 Winners and Runners-Up will be promoted to Division 2 for the following year - Exception: if another Division 3 team other than the Division 3 Runners-Up win the Tailteann cup, they will be the promoted team
  - The bottom two teams in Division 3 will be relegated to Division 4 for the following year – Exception: If either of the bottom placed teams subsequently win the Tailteann Cup, they will be the second promoted team along with the Division 3 winners. In this scenario, the 3rd from bottom team will be relegated to Division 4 for the following year
- **Division 4**
  - The Division 4 Winners and Runners-Up will be promoted to Division 3 for the following year - Exception: if another Division 4 team other than the Division 4 Runners-Up win the Tailteann cup, they will be the promoted team.

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(29)

**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.”**

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(35)

**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.**

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(36)

**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.**

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(37)

**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.**

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