




# RÚIN don CHOMHDHÁIL 2024





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- 1-10 Motions carried by County Committees and County Conventions pursuant to Rule 3.38 (a) (i) & (ii) – Official Guide Part 1.**
- 11 Motion submitted by Ard Chomhairle consequent upon the Sliotar & Hurley Regulation Workgroup Report pursuant to Rule 3.38 (a) (iv) (3) – Official Guide Part 1.**
- 12-18 Motions submitted by Ard Chomhairle consequent upon the Rules Advisory Committee Report pursuant to Rule 3.38 (a) (iv) (3) – Official Guide Part 1.**
- 19-21 Motions submitted by Ard Chomhairle consequent upon proposals from the Standing Committee on Playing Rules pursuant to Rule 3.38 (a) (iv) (4) – Official Guide Part 1.**
- 22-23 Motions submitted by Ard Chomhairle regarding emergency matters relating to the Playing Rules pursuant to Rule 3.38 (a) (iv) (5) – Official Guide Part 1.**
- 24-26 Motions submitted by Ard Chomhairle pursuant to Rule 3.38 (a) (iv) (6) – Official Guide Part 1.**



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(1)

**That Riail 3.9 (a) – Convention – Elections – Official Guide Part 1 (page 9)** be amended to read:

The Annual County Convention shall elect the following Officers of the County Committee: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, if desired; Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, if desired; Coaching Officer, Officer for Irish Language and Culture, **Planning and Training Officer**, Public Relations Officer, and Hurling Officer, if desired; and shall appoint a Demographics Officer and a Children's Officer recommended by the outgoing County Committee.

A member shall not hold more than one of the above Officerships at any given time. The Officers elected/appointed shall hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual Convention.

CLG Baile Uí Cheog (Loch Garman)

(2)

**That Rule 3.9 (b) – The County – Convention (page 9)** be amended to read:

- (b) A member who has served five years either consecutively or cumulatively, in a specific Officership, shall be ineligible to hold that Officership for the **ten-year** period following immediately after serving the fifth year in that Office.

If a member is elected as an Officer of the County Committee 'in term', twenty-six weeks or less before Convention, that time served shall not be considered as part of the five years' period.

Rest of Rule to remain unchanged.

CLG Naomh Pádraig, An Goirtín (Tír Eoghain)

(3)

**That Rule 3.17 (n) – The County - Committee – Powers – Official Guide 1 (Page 13)** be amended by the deletion of the words "Senior" and "Intermediate". Remainder of Rule to remain unchanged.

- (n) (i) To allow players of Junior and Intermediate Clubs, including players of Clubs that are unable to field Junior and/or Intermediate Teams, to play for Divisional or Group Teams.
- (ii) To allow players of Junior Clubs, and the players of Intermediate Clubs that are unable to field in that grade, to play for Group Teams. Arrangements shall be subject to annual review by the County Committee. Players by so playing in these Divisional or Group teams shall not lose their Championship status. The Committee-in-Charge of a Divisional or Group Team shall arising from games in which the team has played have the same rights as are available to a Club under Code 16.1 (x), 16.2 and Rules 7.4, 7.5 and 7.7.

Choiste Chontae Mhaigh Eo

(4)

**That Rule 3.27 – The Province – Council – Official Guide Part 1 (page 19)** paragraph four be amended to read:

**A Representative on the Council who has served as a representative of the same Unit for five years, either consecutively or cumulatively, shall be ineligible to hold that position for the five-year period following immediately after serving the fifth year in that position.**

A year's term shall be from immediately after an Annual Provincial Convention to the conclusion of the next Annual Provincial Convention.

Rest of Rule to remain unchanged.

Gaeil na Sionnaine (An Cabhán)

(5)

**That Rule 6.11 – Age Grades – Inter-County – Under 20 (Hurling) and Under 20 (Football) – Official Guide Part 1 (page 46)** be amended to read:

#### INTER-COUNTY

**U20 Hurling:** A player is restricted from playing in both the Inter-County Senior Hurling Championship and the Inter-County Under 20 Hurling Championship within a 60-hour period and Committees in Charge of the latter grade competition shall make such allowance where necessary in its scheduling”.

**U20 Football:** A player is restricted from playing in both the Inter-County Senior Football Championship and the Inter-County Under 20 Football Championship within a 60-hour period and Committees in Charge of the latter grade competition shall make such allowance where necessary in its scheduling”.

Rest of Rule to remain unchanged.

Rules Affected- Rules 3.30 (A) (ii) and 3.45 (b).

Choiste Chontae Corcaigh

(6)

**That Rule 6.11 – Age Grades – Inter-County – Under 20 (Hurling) and Under 20 (Football) – Official Guide Part 1 (page 46)** be amended by deleting the second paragraph in Under 20 Hurling and Football to read:

#### INTER-COUNTY

**U20 (Hurling):** A player shall have celebrated their 17th birthday prior to January 1st and their 20th birthday on or after January 1st of the Championship Year.

**U20 (Football):** A player shall have celebrated their 17th birthday prior to January 1st and their 20th birthday on or after January 1st of the Championship Year.

Rest of Rule to remain unchanged.

O'Donovan Rossa, Machaire Fíolta (Doire)

(7)

**That Rule 6.11 – Age Grades – Inter-County – Official Guide Part 1 (page 46)** be amended to read:

**INTER-COUNTY**

**Minor (Under 17):** A player shall have celebrated their **16th** birthday prior to January 1st and their 17th birthday on or after January 1st of the Championship Year. – (i.e. Final Year Minors only).

Rest of Rule to remain unchanged.

Coiste Chontae na Mí

(8)

**That Rule 6.15 – All-Ireland Finals – Official Guide Part 1 (Page 53)** be amended to read:

The All-Ireland Senior & Minor Finals shall be played in Croke Park. The Finals shall be played on or before the last Sunday in July on dates determined by the Central Council **with the All-Ireland Minor Football and Hurling Finals to be played immediately prior to their respective Senior Finals.**

In exceptional circumstances the Central Council may make other arrangements.

CLG Mhic Uidhir, An t-Iompú Deiseal/Coiste Contae Fhear Manach

(9)

**Part 1**

**That Rule 7.2 (b) – Infractions – Category III – Official Guide Part 1 (page 57)** – be amended by deleting (vii).

Rest of Rule to remain unchanged.

Rule affected 5 - Playing Rules of Hurling/Football - Official Guide Part 2

**Part 2**

**That Rule 7.2 (b) – Infractions – Category IV – Official Guide Part 1 (page 57)** – by inserting a new (x) to read:

Abusive language towards a Referee, a Score Umpire, Line Umpire or Sideline Official.

Rest of Rule to remain unchanged.

Rules affected 5 - Playing Rules of Hurling/Football – Official Guide Part 2

Na Píarsaigh Óga (Ard Mhacha)

(10)

**That Rule 7.5 (e) (3) Appeals – Right of Appeal – Official Guide Part 1 (page 69) be amended to read:**

Against a decision of a **Competitions Control Committee** with regard to arrangements for the date and venue of a Game (provided that required notice is given) or the appointment of Referees).

Coiste Chontae An Dúin

(11)

**That Rule 4.4 – Equipment – Official Guide Part 2 (page 9) be amended to read:**

Central Council shall adopt a Code for Playing Gear and Equipment. Only Footballs and Sliotars complying with the provisions of that Code shall be used.

Ard Chomhairle/Sliotar & Hurley Regulation Workgroup

(12)

**That Rule 3.1 (c) -The Club - Official Guide Part 1 (page 7) be amended in its final paragraph to read:**

The Central Council, with recommendation of the Management Committee, may consider an application for Deviation from this Rule submitted in writing by a County Committee and if approved shall determine its Terms.

Ard Chomhairle/Rules Advisory Committee

(13)

**That Rule 3.18 - The County - Sub-Committee -Official Guide Part 1 (page 13) be amended as follows by:**

- a. inserting a heading over the final two paragraphs of Rule 3.18; and
- b. including a short definition of “plenary powers” at that location so that it would read as follows:

**General**

*Plenary powers are powers which can be exercised by a Sub-Committee without the approval of the County Committee. Except where plenary powers or functions have been specifically delegated to a Sub-Committee, all decisions of any Sub-Committee shall be submitted for approval of the County Committee prior to implementation. The Officers and Members of the above Sub-Committees shall not in General Rule be subject to maximum terms of office but a County Bye-Law may prescribe a limitation(s) in terms of office.*

Ard Chomhairle/Rules Advisory Committee

(14)

**That Rule 4.1 - Official Guide Part 1 (page 36)** be amended to read as follows:

Elective Office/**Committees with Plenary Powers**

- (a) Only Full Members who have paid their annual Club subscription on or before the 31st. March in a membership year shall be entitled to be nominated for or elected to any Elective Office **or be appointed to membership of a Committee with Plenary Powers, referred to in the Official Guide**, arising in the same membership year.

The onus is on a member to prove that the required membership subscription has been paid and by the due date”.

Ard Chomhairle/Rules Advisory Committee

(15)

**That Rule 6.5 (d) – Inter-County Transfers - Official Guide Part 1 (page 42)** be amended to read:

- (d) An Inter-County transfer is a transfer from one County to another County for Club purposes. **It does not determine what Club a player joins in the new County unless provision (i) below of this Rule is applicable.** The Player transferred must otherwise satisfy the requirements of the new County’s Bye-Laws as regards the Club the player joins.

Ard Chomhairle/Rules Advisory Committee

(16)

**That Rule 6.11 -Age Grades - Official Guide Part 1 (page 46)** be amended in the provision concerning the participation of Girls to read:

Teams shall be comprised of male Players only.

**Exception:** Girls may participate in Boys’ teams up to and including the Under 12 Grade only.

Ard Chomhairle/Rules Advisory Committee

(17)

**(Part 1)**

**That Rule 7.2 (b) – Official Guide Part 1 (pages 55-59)** be amended in Category V Penalties (1) and (2) to eliminate the ambiguous words **“together with”**.

- (1) Minimum:
- (i) Twelve weeks Suspension in all Codes and at all Levels
- and**
- (ii) A Two-Match Suspension in the same Code and at the same Level, applicable to the next games in the same Competition, which, depending on schedule, may occur within the 12 weeks or outside in the current or the following year’s competition.



- (2) Minimum on Repeat Infraction:
- (i) Twenty-four weeks Suspension in all Codes and at all Levels
- and**
- (ii) A Three-Match Suspension in the same Code and at the same Level, applicable to the next games in the same Competition, which, depending on schedule, may occur within the 24 weeks or outside in the current or the following year's competition.

## **(Part 2)**

**That Rule 7.2 (c) – Official Guide Part 1 (pages 59 -61)** be amended as outlined below principally to eliminate the ambiguous words “**together with**” in Penalties.

### **Category IIa**

- (1) Minimum:
- (i) Four weeks Suspension in all Codes and at all Levels
- and**
- (ii) A One-Match Suspension in the same Code and at the same Level, applicable to the next game in the same Competition, which, depending on schedule, may occur within the four weeks or outside that period in the current or the following year's competition.
- (2) Minimum on Repeat Infraction:
- (i) Eight weeks Suspension in all Codes and at all Levels
- and**
- (ii) A Two-Match Suspension in the same Code and at the same Level, applicable to the next games in the same Competition, which, depending on schedule, may occur in full or in part within the eight weeks or outside that period in the current or the following year's competition.

### **Exceptions to (1) and (2) above:**

Arising from the National League, the Inter-County Senior Championship or from a combination of both Competitions (all in the same Code), the above Penalties shall be substituted by:

- (1) Minimum:
- (i) Four weeks Suspension in all Codes and at all Levels
- and**
- (ii) A One Match Suspension in the same Code and at the same Level applicable to the next game in the combination of the National League/Inter-County Senior Championship, which, depending on schedule, may occur within the four weeks or outside that period in the current or the following year's competition
- (2) Minimum on Repeat Infraction:
- (i) Eight weeks Suspension in all Codes and at all Levels
- and**
- (ii) A Two Match Suspension in the same Code and at the same Level applicable to the next games in the combination of the National League/Inter-County Senior Championship which, depending on schedule, may occur in full or in part within the eight weeks or outside that period in the current or the following year's competition

**Category III a**

- (1) Minimum:
- (i) Eight weeks Suspension in all Codes and at all Levels
- and**
- (ii) A Two-Match Suspension in the same Code and at the same Level, applicable to the next games in the same Competition, which, depending on schedule, may occur within the eight weeks or outside that period in the current or the following year's competition.
- (2) Minimum on Repeat Infraction:
- (i) Sixteen weeks Suspension in all Codes and at all Levels
- and**
- (ii) A Three-Match Suspension in the same Code and at the same Level, applicable to the next games in the same Competition, which, depending on schedule, may occur within the sixteen weeks or outside that period in the current or the following year's competition.

Exceptions to (1) and (2) above:

Arising from the National League, the Inter-County Senior Championship or from a combination of both Competitions (all in the same Code), the above Penalties shall be substituted by:

- (1) Minimum:
- (i) Eight weeks Suspension in all Codes and at all Levels
- and**
- (ii) A Two Match Suspension in the same Code and at the same Level applicable to the next game in the combination of the National League/Inter-County Senior Championship, which, depending on schedule, may occur in full or in part within the four weeks or outside that period in the current or the following year's competition
- (2) Minimum on Repeat Infraction:
- (i) Sixteen weeks Suspension in all Codes and at all Levels
- and**
- (ii) A Three Match Suspension in the same Code and at the same Level applicable to the next games in the combination of the National League/Inter-County Senior Championship which, depending on schedule, may occur in full or in part within the eight weeks or outside that period in the current or the following year's competition.

**Category IV a**

- (1) Minimum:
- (i) Twelve weeks Suspension in all Codes and at all Levels
  - and**
  - (ii) A Two-Match Suspension in the same Code and at the same Level, applicable to the next games in the same Competition, which, depending on schedule, may occur in full or in part within the twelve weeks or outside that period in the current or the following year's competition.
- (2) Minimum on Repeat Infraction:
- (i) Twenty-four weeks Suspension in all Codes and at all Levels
  - and**
  - (ii) A Three-Match Suspension in the same Code and at the same Level, applicable to the next games in the same Competition, which, depending on schedule, may occur in full or in part within the 24 weeks or outside that period in the current or the following year's competition.

Ard Chomhairle/Rules Advisory Committee

(18)

**(Part 1)**

**That Rule 7.3 (o) - Official Guide Part 1 (page 65)** be amended by deleting reference to "Juvenile" and to include a separate heading to read:

**Infractions of Team Officials at Under 17 and Younger Grade Competitions.**

- (o) In the case of a Team Official officiating at Games in Under 17 or Younger Grades Competitions committing an infraction of Rule 7.2(c) Category IIa, IIIa, IVa or Va, the minimum time suspension imposed shall be double the minimum specified in the respective Category of this Rule."

Rule Affected: 7.2 (c)

**(Part 2)**

**That Rule 7.2 (c) – Official Guide Part 1 (page 61)** be amended by removing the word 'Juvenile' and replacing it with 'U17 or younger grades' to read:

**Infractions of above Rule by Team Officials at Under 17 and Younger Grades**

In the case of a Team Official officiating at Games in Under 17 or Younger Grades Competitions committing an infraction of Rule 7.2 (c) Category IIa, IIIa, IVa or Va, the minimum time suspension imposed shall be double the minimum specified in the respective category of this Rule.

Ard Chomhairle/Rules Advisory Committee



(19)

**(Part 1)**

**That Temporary Rule 5.45 - Rules of Hurling - Official Guide, Part 2 (page 34) be adopted as a permanent Rule and be extended to cover all Inter-County competitions/games from Minor (Under 17) up and be amended as follows:**

5.45 This Rule applies only to Inter-County competitions/ games from Minor (Under 17) up

Notwithstanding provisions of existing Playing Rules 2.2 Exception (i), 5 and specifically 5.44, if one of the following infractions -

- (a) To pull down an opponent (5.1) or
- (b) To trip an opponent with hand (s), arm, leg, foot, or hurley (5.2) or
- (c) To use the hurley in a careless manner (5.6) is committed on an attacking player who is denied of a goal-scoring opportunity, as defined in Important Terms and Definitions 9 the following penalties shall apply:
  - (i) A Penalty Puck shall be awarded to the team affected.
  - (ii) The offender shall be issued with a Black Card and be sent to the Sin Bin for 10 minutes.

**Exception:**

If the offender has previously been issued with a Black Card or a Yellow Card (on foot of a Cautionable Infraction), the offender shall be ordered off for the remainder of the game, including Extra-Time, when played.

Rules Affected: Rules 2.2 Exception (i), 2.4 (b), 2.5, 5 and specifically 5.44, Playing Rules of Hurling, O.G Part 2;  
Rule 2.5 Exception (ii), Rules of Specification, O.G. Part 2;  
Rule 1.2 (ix) (d) and (e) Rules of Control, O.G. Part 2;  
Important Terms and Definitions- 2, 9 and 18 O.G. Part 2;  
Rule 7.2 (b), Category 1, O.G. Part 1.

**Note:** It is proposed that this rule should first apply to U20 and Minor (U-17) competitions/ games from January 1st 2025.

**(Part 2)**

**That Temporary Rule 5.41 - Rules of Football - Official Guide Part 2 (page 54) be adopted as a permanent Rule and be extended to cover all Inter-County competitions/games from Minor (Under 17) up and be amended as follows:**

5.41 This Rule applies only to Inter-County competitions/ games from Minor (Under 17) up:

Notwithstanding provisions of existing Playing Rules 2.2 Exception (i), 5 and specifically 5.40, if one of the following infractions-

- (a) To deliberately pull down an opponent (5.10) or
- (b) To deliberately trip an opponent with hand (s), arm, leg, or foot, (5.11) or
- (c) To deliberately collide with an opponent after the opponent has played the ball away or for the purpose of taking the player out of the movement of play (5.12) is committed on an attacking player who or, in the case of a Rule 5.12 (Football) Infraction, the player's team, is denied of a goal-scoring opportunity, as defined in Important Terms and Definitions 9, the following penalties shall apply:
  - (i) A Penalty Kick shall be awarded to the team affected.
  - (ii) The offender shall be issued with a Black Card and be sent to the Sin Bin for 10 minutes.

**Exception:**

If the offender has previously been issued with a Black Card or a Yellow Card (on foot of a Cautionable Infraction) the offender shall be ordered off for the remainder of the game, including Extra-Time, when played.

**Rules Affected:** Rules 2.2 Exception (i), 2.4 (b), 2.5, 2.6, 5 and specifically 5.40, Playing Rules of Football, O.G Part 2;  
 Rule 2.5 Exception (ii), Rules of Specification, O.G. Part 2;  
 Rule 1.2 (ix) (d) Rules of Control, O.G. Part 2;  
 Important Terms and Definitions- 2, 9 and 18 O.G. Part 2;  
 Rule 7.2 (b), Categories 1 and 11, O.G. Part 1.

**Note:** It is proposed that this rule should first apply to U20, Minor (U-17) and Junior competitions/ games from January 1st 2025.

**(Part 3)**

**That Important Terms and Definitions 9, Official Guide Part 2 (page 58), be adopted as a permanent Definition and be amended as follows:**

**9 Goal Scoring Opportunity (Denial of) in Inter-County Championships.**

In the context of Playing Rules 5.45 (Hurling) / 5.41 (Football), a situation requiring each of the following criteria:

- (i) The attacking player fouled, as specified in these Rules, shall be in possession of the ball, except in the case of Rule 5.12 (Football).

Possession shall include a player being in control of the ball as specified in any one or more Rule 1-The Play sub-sections 1.3,1.4,1.7 (Hurling); 1.4,1.5 (Football).

- (ii) The location of the infraction shall be either:

- (a) Inside the 20-metre line, but not within 25 metres infield of each side-line or  
(b) Within the semi-circular Arc.

- (iii) In the opinion of the Referee, the player fouled or, in the case of a Rule 5.12 Infraction the player's team, had and was denied of the opportunity to score a goal when the infraction was committed.

**Rules Affected:**

Rules 2.2 Exception (i),2.4 (b),2.5,5 and specifically 5.44, Playing Rules of Hurling, O.G Part 2;  
Rules 2.2 Exception (i),2.4 (b), 2.5, 2.6, 5 and specifically 5.40, Playing Rules of Football, O.G Part 2;  
Rule 2.5 Exception (ii), Rules of Specification, O.G. Part 2;  
Rule 1.2 (ix) (d) Rules of Control, O.G. Part 2;  
Important Terms and Definitions- 2, and 18 O.G. Part 2;  
Rule 7.2 (b), Categories 1 and 11, O.G. Part 1.

The Standing Committee on Playing Rules

(20)

**Amend Rule 1.5 (a) Injuries: General, Rules of Control. Official Guide Part 2 (page 13)** by adding the following:

An injured player shall leave the field at the nearest point.

The player may at a break in play, and only with the referee's permission, return to the Field of Play at the centre point of either sideline.

The Standing Committee on Playing Rules



(21)

**Amend Rule 1.5 (b) Injuries: Blood or Suspected Head Injury, Rules of Control, Official Guide Part 2 (pages 13-14)** by adding the following as section (iii):

- (iii) A player in Hurling who during a game removes their helmet or has had it removed by a player/official on the player's own side shall be presumed to be potentially injured and shall be instructed by the referee to immediately leave the Field of Play to be assessed for injury and the helmet refitted.

The player shall not return to the Field of Play until the next break in play, at the earliest, and with the permission of the referee.

**Note:** It is proposed that this rule should only apply at Minor (U17) level and above.

The Standing Committee on Playing Rules

(22)

**That Rule 2.5 - Rules of Specification - The Players - Players in Extra-Time – Official Guide Part 2 (page 7)** be amended to read as follows:

- a) At the commencement of Extra-Time, a team may replace any or all of the Players on the field of play at the conclusion of Normal Time
- b) A player ordered off in any circumstance in Normal Time, may not play in Extra-Time and may not be replaced
- c) A player in receipt of a Black Card and ordered to the Sin Bin for ten minutes with less than ten minutes remaining in normal time shall be one of the players on the List but shall serve any remaining time in the Sin Bin in Extra-Time.
- d) A Caution (Yellow Card) issued in Normal Time shall carry over into Extra-Time as shall a Black Card.
- e) The Referee shall be given a List of the players starting Extra-Time, or a Note clearly indicating the changes made from that of the finishing team in Normal Time. This List/Note may be in single form but shall otherwise comply with the provisions of Rule 2.4 - List of Players.
- f) In an Inter-County Game, only players on the List submitted to the Referee prior to the game may start Extra-Time.
- g) Substitutions/Temporary Substitutions shall be allowed during the playing of Extra-Time as outlined in Rule 2.3(ii) and (iii).

Ard Chomhairle

(23)

**That Rule 3.4 - Rules of Specification –Time - Official Guide Part 2 (page 8)** be amended by the addition of the following as (e):

Extra-Time shall be considered to be a continuation of Normal Time save where provided for otherwise in these Rules.

Ard Chomhairle

(24)

**That Rule 3.40 (b) – National - Central Council - Official Guide – Part 1 page 27** be amended so the second sentence reads as follows: **A county or other representative may be represented by a proxy, who shall be a member of the representative unit.**

Ard Chomhairle

(25)

**That Rule 6.12(l) – All-Ireland Junior Football Championship - Official Guide Part 1 (page 52) be amended to read:**

The regulations governing the composition, structure and all other matters pertaining to the Championship, shall be decided by the Central Council, on the advice of the Central Competitions Control Committee.

Ard Chomhairle

(26)

**That Rule 5.3(A) – Official Guide Part 1 (page 37) be amended to read:**

### **5.3 Trusts of Property**

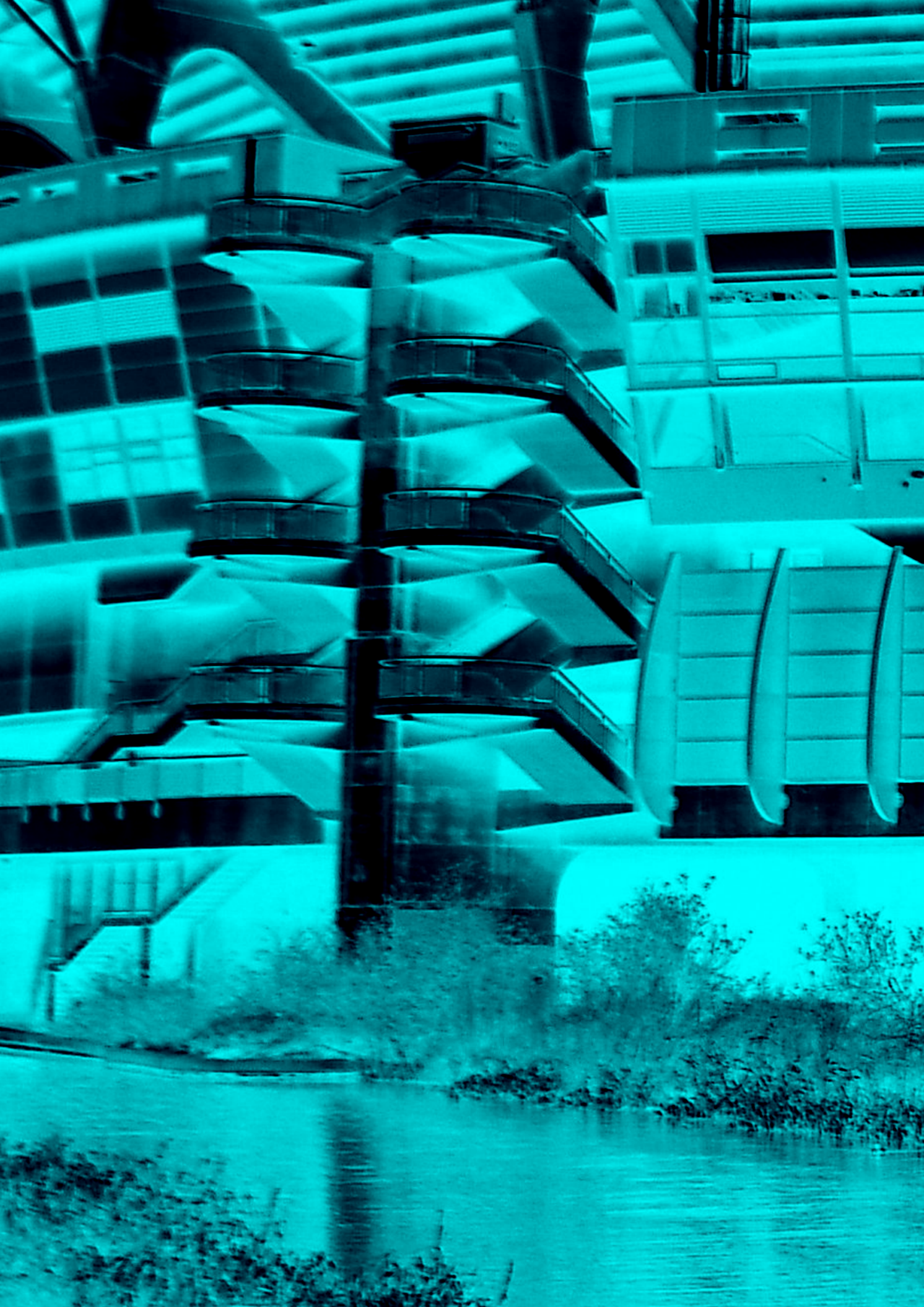
#### **(A) Property held upon Trust**

All property owned by a Club of the Association or held by other Units of the Association is held upon Trust for the benefit of the club concerned or the Association as the case may be. The Trust is subject to and governed by the provisions of the Official Guide and the Code in relation to Trusts of Property, both as amended from time to time. **All such property shall be vested in a corporate body or bodies established by Central Council (“the Corporate Trustee”)** and/or a number of full members as Trustees.

Ard Chomhairle











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