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(1)

That Rule 3.38 – Special Congress – Official Guide (Part 1), page 44 be amended by removing the last sentence of the first paragraph to read:

In special circumstances, and with the support of a three fifths majority of its members, the Central Council may summon a Special Congress. A Special Playing Rules' Congress may be called by Central Council to meet the provisions of Rule 3.40(d).

A Special Congress that is held within a forty-eight week period following an Annual Congress shall not change a decision made at that Annual Congress.

Coiste Chontae Fhear Manach

(2)

That Rule 6.17 -Games & Competitions - Age Grades - Official Guide – Part 1 (page 91) 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 U21 down to U11, subject to the stipulation that competitions at U14, U16 and U18 must take place within each County together with one further underage competition above the U18 grade.

The rest of the Rule to remain unchanged.

Cumann Aireagal Chiaráin, Cumann Naomh Pádraig Domhnach Mór, Cumann Uilf Tóin Cill Dhreasa, Cumann Eoghan Rua Uí Néill (Tír Eoghain) – Slaughtneil (Doire) - Cumann na Bréadaí, Cumann Cheathrú Aodha Dhuibh, Cumann Eoghain Rua, Cill Chua Cumann Chluain Daimh (An Dún) - Gael Ó Lochlainn, Seamus Stiopháin, Rogha Éireann & Dún Fearta (Cill Chainnigh) - Deuglán Naofa (Port Láirge) -, Cluain an Ultaigh Rosmór, Ceapach na bhFaoiteach, Eire Óg Ath na cCairte agus Gabhailin/CillFiaclia (Tiobraid Árann)

(3)

That Rule 6.17 -Games & Competitions - Age Grades - Official Guide – Part 1 (page 91) 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 U21 down to U11, subject to the stipulation that competitions at U12, U14, U16 and U18 must take place within each County together with one further underage competition above the U18 grade.

The rest of the Rule to remain unchanged.

Na Pairnéalaigh, (Ciarraí)

(4)

That Rule 6.17 - Games & Competitions - Age Grades – Under-Age Grades - Official Guide – Part 1 (page 91) be amended removing the phrase 'Central Council Policy and'.

The rest of the Rule to remain unchanged.

Cluain Geis (Longfort)/ Na Rathína (Cill Dara)

(5)

That the section of Rule 6.17 - Games & Competitions - Age Grades - Official Guide – Part 1 TO 2022 (page 91) below be amended to read as follows:

Age Grades CLUB Adult

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

Counties may determine by means of a Bye Law that the prescribed eligibility age be increased either generally or in specific circumstances.

The remainder of the rule to remain unchanged.

Coiste Chontae Longfort

(6)

That Rule 6.17 – Age Grades – Official Guide Part 1 (pages 91-93) be amended to read:

Club Adult:

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

Na Pairnéalaigh, (Ciarraí)

(7)

That Rule 6.17 – Age Grades – Inter-County – Minor (U17) - Official Guide Part 1 (pages 91-93) be amended to read:

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.

All other sections and paragraphs of Rule 6.17 to remain unchanged.

Rules affected or possibly affected: Rule 6.28 (H), 6.35 & 6.45 T.O. 2022 Appendix 2 - GAA Codes. Guidelines & Directives Chapter 6 – Rule 6.17 Age Grades

> Coiste Chontae Thír Eoghain/ Na Pairnéalaigh, Ciarraí/ Cluain Geis, Longfort

(8)

That Rule 6.17 – Age Grades – Official Guide Part 1 (Page 91) be amended to include as follows:

INTER-COUNTY

Minor (Under 18): A player shall have celebrated his 17th 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 16th birthday prior to January 1st and his 17th birthday on or after January 1st of the Championship year.

The rest of the Rule to remain unchanged.

Rule(s) affected or possibly affected: <u>Inter County Championships</u> 6.28 - Organisation 6.29 - Provincial Championships 6.35 - Inter County Minor/Under 20 Registrations 6.45 - Closed Periods / Collective Training

(9)

That Rule 6.17 – Age Grades – Inter-County – Official Guide Part 1 (page 92) be amended as follows:

Under 21 (Hurling) A player shall have celebrated his **18th birthday** prior to January 1st and his **21st birthday** on or after January 1st of the Championship Year.

A player who plays an Inter-County Senior Hurling (Tier 1) Championship game at any stage in a current Championship Year shall be ineligible to participate in the Inter-County U21 Hurling Championship in that year until after his County Senior hurling team has been eliminated from the Inter-County Championship.

Under 21 (Football) A player shall have celebrated his **18th birthday** prior to January 1st and his **21st 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 21** Football Championship in that year until after his County Senior football team has been eliminated from the Inter-County Championship.

Na Pairnéalaigh (Ciarraí)

(10)

(Part 1)

That the section of Riail 6.17 – Age Grades T.O. 2022 in respect of Inter-County U20 (Hurling) be amended to read as follows:

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.

Such a player may only play in either the Inter-County Senior Hurling Championship (Tier 1) or the Inter-County U20 Hurling Championship in each seven-day period (Friday morning to the following Thursday night). Coming on as a substitute constitutes playing a game.

(Part 2)

That the section of Riail 6.17 – Age Grades T.O. 2022 in respect of Inter-County U20 (Football) be amended to read as follows:

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.

Such a player may only play in either the Inter-County Senior Football Championship (Tier 1 or Tier 2) or the Inter-County U20 Hurling Championship in each seven-day period (Friday morning to the following Thursday night). Coming on as a substitute constitutes playing a game.

Coiste Chontae Loch Garman

(11)

That a new Rule be inserted into Chapter 6 to read:

Every Club shall field at least one Hurling Team at Under 7, Under 8, Under 9 and/or Under 10 Age Grades and every County shall organise hurling games on the 'Go Games' model for Under 7 or Under 8 and Under 9 or Under 10 Age Grades. Clubs shall be deemed exempt from this rule by their County Committee in the following circumstances:

(i) any exclusively football Club that can demonstrate that it's Under 7, Under 8, Under 9 and/or Under 10 Players are afforded hurling at an exclusively hurling Club or dual code Club;

or

(ii) any Club that, by sheer demographics, can demonstrate it does not have the numbers to comply.

Penalty for Breach: Fine of €250 for the first year of non-compliance by any Club, with the fine to double for each consecutive year of non-compliance.

In addition, that Riail 6.17 T.O. 2022 be amended to add the following definitions for the age grades mentioned above:

Under 10: A Player shall have celebrated their 7th birthday prior to January 1st. and their 10th birthday on or after January 1st. of the Championship Year
Under 9: A Player shall have celebrated their 6th birthday prior to January 1st. and their 9th birthday on or after January 1st. of the Championship Year
Under 8: A Player shall have celebrated their 5th birthday prior to January 1st. and their 8th birthday on or after January 1st. of the Championship Year
Under 7: A Player shall have celebrated their 5th birthday prior to January 1st. and their 7th birthday on or after January 1st. of the Championship Year

Naomh Mhuire Rosláir (Loch Garman)

(12)

That Rule 6.19 Club Championship and League Status of Players - Official Guide Part 1 (page 94) be amended by the inclusion as (5) Making one substitution appearance for a team at a higher level than his current Championship status. Current (5) to become (6).

Cill an Daingin (Tiobraid Árann)

(13)

That Rule 6.21 - Club Championships - Official Guide Part 1 (pages 96/97) be amended as follows:

(Part 1)

Amend Rule 6.21 5 (c) to read as follows:

5 (c) Except where provided for otherwise in these Rules, in County Bye-Law or in Competition Regulations, when Teams finish with equal League Points for Qualification for the Concluding Stages or for Promotion or Regulation, the tie shall be determined by the following criteria and in the order specified :

- (i) The higher number of League Points obtained in the 'Head-to-Head' games defined as the games in which the teams involved in the tie have played each other.
- (ii) The higher Scoring Difference (subtracting the total Scores Against from total Score For) in the 'Headto-Head' games.
- (iii) The higher Scores For in the 'Head-to-Head' games.
- (iv) If the application of criteria (i) to (iii) results in a team(s) being successful or eliminated but there is still a relevant tie to be decided, criteria (i) to (iii) is to be repeated for the 'Head to Head' games only of the still tied teams.
 - (v) The higher Scoring Difference in all games in the League Group.
 - (vi) The higher Scores For in all games in the League Group.
 - (vii) A Play-Off.

Exceptions to (c): Except where provided for otherwise in County Bye-Law or Competition Regulation, Regulations (i) to (vi) inclusive above shall not apply to Under 17 or younger age grade competitions.

Delete Section (d) as its contents are covered by criteria (ii), (iii), (iv) and (vii). **Current Section (e)** to become **Section (d)**.

(Part 2)

Add to 6.21 (5) (c):

Where a team's total Scores For and total Scores Against record is affected by there not being a score for a game consequent on a walk-over, retirement, disqualification or loss of game on a proven objection, an Average Scores For and an Average Scores Against achieved by the team in its other games played (in Head to Head games or All Games in the Group, as applicable) shall be applied to the game concerned and calculated as follows: If it arises where a 'Head-to-Head' scores criteria is applicable, the team's Scores For and Scores Against made in the 'Head-to-Head' games played shall be separately totalled and both the Scores For and Scores Against totals shall be separately divided by the number of 'Head to Head' games the team has actually played.

If it arises where a scores criteria involving all games in the League Group is applicable, the team's Scores For and Scores Against made in all games played shall be separately totalled and both the Scores For and Scores Against totals shall be separately divided by the number of all games the team has actually played.

Buirghess (Tiobraid Árann)

(14)

That the relevant portion of Rule 6.28 (F) -All-Ireland Minor Hurling Championship - Official Guide

(Part 1) – be temporarily set aside in 2023 to allow for the introduction of Galway to either the Leinster or Munster provincial championship with the format to be determined by Central Council.

Coiste Chontae na Gaillimhe

(15)

(Part 1)

That Rule 7.2 (b) Category VI - Misconduct at Games by Players – Official Guide Part 1 (pages 133/134) be amended to read as follows:

Striking or attempting to strike, or any type of assault on, a Referee, Umpire, Linesman or Sideline Official.

Penalties:

- (1) Minimum: **96** weeks Suspension in all Codes and at all Levels, with offender's Team liable to Disqualification, where appropriate.
- (2) **Minimum on** Repeat Infraction within **192** weeks: **192** weeks Suspension in all Codes and at all Levels, with offender's Team liable to Disqualification, where appropriate.

(Part 2)

That Rule 7.2 (c) Va - Misconduct at Games by Team Officials be amended to read as follows:

Any type of assault on a Referee, Umpire, Linesman or Sideline Official.

Penalties:

- (1) Minimum: **96** weeks Suspension, with offender's Team liable to Disqualification, where appropriate.
- (2) Minimum on Repeat Infraction **within 192** weeks: **192** weeks Suspension, with offender's Team liable to Disqualification, where appropriate.

The rest of the Rule to remain unchanged.

Coiste Chontae Loch Garman

(16)

That Riail 7.5 (b) - Gravity - Official Guide Part 1 (150) be amended to read as follows:

Where a minimum Suspension is prescribed in relation to an Infraction, the Council or Committee-in-Charge shall have due regard for the gravity of Infraction in each case. Where appropriate, the Council or Committee-in-Charge shall impose additional Match Suspension(s) or a longer Term of Suspension and shall provide reasons for the imposition of a penalty in excess of the minimum. In exceptionally serious cases the penalties of Debarment from playing or Expulsion may be imposed.

Coiste Chontae Loch Garman

(17)

That Rule 7.5 (c) – Next Game in Competition – Official Guide Part 1 (page 150) - be amended to read as follows:

Next Game in Competition

(c) A walk-over shall not constitute the next game in a competition.

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 be deemed to be the 'same Competition' as that of the current year's Championship or League, as applicable.

Rule affected : Rule 7.2 Alternative Penalty to non-applicable Match Suspensions (ii)

Carn na Ruis C.L.G. (An Mhí)

(18)

That Rule 4.17 - Players' Injury Fund – Official Guide Part 1(page 69) be amended as follows:

- (1) Amend the heading to read: Insurance/Players' Injury Fund
- (2) Amend to read:

(a) Players' Injury Fund

Council may make arrangements for the provision of a Players' Injury Fund for registered playing members of affiliated units of the Association within Ireland and Britain'. The Fund shall be administered in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Fund as may be determined from time to time. A team shall not be permitted to participate in any competition or game whatsoever under the jurisdiction of the Association unless they are in compliance with the terms and conditions of the Injury Fund. Failure to fulfil a fixture as a result of such non-compliance shall result in the forfeiture of the game. Any member or unit of the Association found, following investigation by Central Council, to have made, or assisted in the making of, a fraudulent claim under the Fund shall be deemed to have discredited the Association and shall be liable to penalties set out in Rule 7.2(e).

(3) Amend to include the following paragraph:

(b) Property & Liability Insurance

Central Council shall centrally procure and administer Property and Liability Insurance and additional insurance covers as may be required and available for affiliated units of the Association within Ireland and Britain and shall seek to equitably apportion and collect the relevant insurance premiums across those units to the extent possible

Comhairle Laighean

(19)

That Rule 6.28 (B) (i) – Provincial Championships – Official Guide Part 1 (page 109) be amended to read:

The Provincial Championships of Munster and Leinster shall have a combined maximum of eleven teams, which shall be divided on a Provincial basis into two groups of six and five teams respectively.

The number of teams (i.e., six or five) competing in each of the two Provincial Championships shall be determined from year to year on the basis of the outcome of the Promotion and Relegation process in respect of Tier 2.

Munster Counties shall play in the Munster Championship and all other eligible Counties shall play in the Leinster Championship."

Each group shall be played on a Round Robin basis. The group of six will have three home games and two away games, the group of five shall have two home and two away games.

The Counties finishing in the top two places in each Provincial Championship Group shall qualify for their respective Provincial Final.

6.28 B (iv) Relegation

The bottom team in the Provincial Championship group of six teams shall be relegated to the Tier 2 Championship.

6.28 C Promotion and Relegation: (Tier 2 Championship)

The winner of the Joe McDonagh Cup shall be promoted to the Senior Hurling Championship Tier 1 and take part in the Provincial Championships in the following year. If the winner is from Munster, they shall play in the Munster Championship, and if the winner is not from Munster, they shall play in the Leinster Championship.

Ciarraí/Comhairle na Mumhan

(20)

That Rule 7.4 (a) (2022) – Validity of Team Constitution – Official Guide Part 1 (page 149) be amended to read as follows:

"Without prejudice to the general disciplinary jurisdiction of the Council or Committee-in-Charge or the Rules concerning Objections, the Competitions Control Committee of a Council or Committee-in-Charge may of its own volition at any time, or shall on receipt of a request from a Unit involved in a game, or from a unit not involved in a game but who may have been directly impacted by the result of the game, not later than three days after the official starting time of the game, investigate in such manner as it deems fit the validity of the constitution of a Team taking part in the Game."

Rule 7.4 T.O. (b) to remain unchanged. Rules affected or possibly affected: 3.20 (ii), 3.32 (A) (ii), 3.47, 3.48, 7.3.

Comhairle Uladh

(21)

Part 1

That Infraction (x) in Rule 7.2(b) Category IV be deleted and that Category VI be amended to read as follows:

Category VI

- (i) Striking or attempting to strike, or any type of assault on, a Referee, Umpire, Linesman or Sideline Official.
- (ii) An act by Deed, Word or Gesture of a Racist, Sectarian or Anti-Inclusion/Diversity nature on an opponent or Match Official.

Penalties:

- (1) Minimum: 48 weeks Suspension in all Codes and at all Levels, with offender's Team liable to Disqualification, where appropriate.
- (2) Repeat Infraction within 96 weeks: 96 weeks Suspension in all Codes and at all Levels, with offender's Team liable to Disqualification, where appropriate.

Part 2

That Rule 7.5 be amended by the addition of the following:

- (p) A Council or Committee which imposes a Suspension or other Penalty for a Category VI (ii) Infraction shall have the power, on one subsequent occasion, to reduce the penalty imposed on application of the Player affected, where that Player can satisfy the Council or Committee concerned that he has completed an appropriate course of training or education. Any such reduction shall result in a penalty of not less than
 - (i) where the Player is over 18 years, a 24 Week Suspension in all Codes and at all Levels together with a Four Match Suspension in the same Code and at the same Level, applicable to the next games in the same Competition, even if one or more games occur(s) in the following year's competition.
 - (ii) where the player is 18 years or under, a 12 Week Suspension in all Codes and at all Levels together with a Two Match Suspension in the same Code and at the same Level, applicable to the next games in the same Competition, even if one or more games occur(s) in the following year's competition.

Rule affected: 7.5 (o)

An Bhreatain

(22)

(a) That Rule 2.1 (g) Membership – Official Guide Part 1 (page 13) be amended to Read as follows:

Only a Full Member who has paid his annual Club subscription by the due date set by the Executive Committee of the Club. (which shall be on or before March 31st each year) shall be eligible to vote at, nominate for, or seek election to the Executive Committee at any following General Meeting of the Club held up to and including the due date for payment of the annual Club subscription in the following Membership Year. The onus is on the member to prove he paid his membership subscription.

(b) That Rule 4.1 – Official Guide Part 1 – Elective Office (page 63) be amended to read as follows:

Only a Full Member who has paid his annual Club subscription on or before 31st March in a membership year 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. The onus is on the member to prove he paid his membership subscription.

(c) That Article 6.2 of the Club Constitution – Official Guide Part 1 (page 176) be amended to read as follows:

The determined Annual Subscription shall be payable on election and thereafter annually, in advance of the date and in the manner decided by the Executive Committee. The date set shall be a date on or before March 31st each year.

Ard Chomhairle (The Rules Advisory Committee)

(23)

That Rule 3.11 (b) – Official Guide Part 1 – The County Convention (page 20) be amended by adding the following sentence to the end of the paragraph:

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.

Ard Chomhairle (The Rules Advisory Committee)

(24)

That Rule 3.40 (b) – Congress – Motions – Official Guide Part 1 (page 46) be amended to read as follows:

- Motion (s) for Annual Congress, carried at a County Convention or submitted directly by a County Committee, shall be send by electronic transmission to the Director General on or before
 23rd December.
- (ii) A Motion for **Annual Congress** from a Provincial Council shall be sent by electronic transmission to the Director General **on or before 23rd January**.

(25)

That Rule 3.42 (a)- Central Council – Official Guide Part 1 (page 48) be amended to read as follows: The Central Council shall consist of the President, the Director General (without voting rights), President-elect, if in office; the immediate past President for the year following his term as President, the Vice-Presidents, being the **Chairpersons** of the Provincial Councils **(who shall take membership at the conclusion of the Annual Congress following their election)**, two Representatives of Congress, a Representative of World GAA, and a Representative with voting rights of each of the following - each County in Ireland; Britain; the London County Committee; the USGAA Board; the New York Board; the European Board; GAA Handball; the Higher Education Council; the All-Ireland Post Primary Schools' Council; the All-Ireland Primary Schools' Council and the Gaelic Players' Association and a Representative without voting rights from each of the Camogie Association and the Ladies Gaelic Football Association.

A member of the Council shall not hold office as a representative of the same unit for more than five years. A year's term shall be from immediately after an Annual Congress to the conclusion of the next Annual Congress. If a member is elected as a Representative on the Council 'in term', twenty-six weeks or less before the next Congress, that time served shall not be considered as part of the five years' period.

Ard Chomhairle (The Rules Advisory Committee)

(26)

That Rule 4.7 – Official Guide Part 1 – Video and/or Telephone Conferencing (page 67) be amended

- (a) by including the words 'Decisions by email' in the heading and
- (b) by inclusion of the following sentence at the end of the Rule:
 Decisions may be taken by email in accordance with parameters set down by Central Council which may be amended from time to time.

(27)

That Rule 6.4 (b) – Attachment to First Club – Official Guide Part 1 (page 77) be amended to read as follows: Sections (a), (b) and (c) to remain unchanged.

The following be inserted as Section (d):

(d) Where a case arises in relation to an entitlement to becoming a member of, or be attached to, a Club (thereafter to be the First Club), the County Committee shall delegate consideration of such case to its Competitions Control Committee for resolution.

If requested by any party involved in the case, the Competition Control Committee shall give all parties concerned the opportunity of making observations for consideration within a specified period and/or of attending at a convened hearing to outline their respective positions on the case.

The Competitions Control Committee shall make its decision in accordance with Rule and County Bye Law.

An appeal against the decision of the Competitions Control Committee on the case may be made in writing by an aggrieved party to the County Hearings Committee. It 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 or in the case of a Club, by its Secretary. 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).

Existing Sections (d) and (e) to be designated as (e) and (f) respectively.

Rules affected 3.19, 3.20(ii), 3.20(iv).

(28)

That Rule 6.16 - Inter-County Junior Football – Official Guide Part 1 (page 90) be amended by removing the word 'Britain' from the title and the rest of the Rule to read as follows:

Eligibility to be determined by Central Competitions Control Committee and approved by Central Council.

Penalties: Player - twelve weeks Suspension Team - On a proven Objection – Award of Game to Opposing Team. On an Inquiry by the Committee-in-Charge – Forfeiture of Game without Award of Game to Opposing Team, or Fine, depending on the circumstances.

Ard Chomhairle (The Rules Advisory Committee)

(29)

That Rule 6.21 (5) (d) – Official Guide Part 1 – Club Championships (page 97) be amended to include the words 'and in the order specified' in the first paragraph after the words 'by the following means'.

Ard Chomhairle (The Rules Advisory Committee)

(30)

That Rule 7.3 (x) – Official Guide Part 1 – Procedures for Disciplinary and Related Hearings (page 73) be amended so the last sentence reads as follows: In addition to the foregoing, Youth Members may be accompanied **or represented** by their parent(s) or guardian(s).

(31)

That Rule 7.2 (b) – Misconduct at Games by Players - Category I, Exception (ii) – Official Guide Part 1 (page 129) be amended to read as follows:

(A)

Exception to (ii):

This Penalty shall not apply to Infractions committed in the National Leagues or the Inter-County Senior Championships for which alternative Provisions and Penalties apply as follows:

In Football, as outlined in Category II, Penalty (3) below.

In Hurling, Fixed Penalty for the accumulation of three orderings off for Infractions that follow the issuing of two Yellow or Black Cards of any sequence or combination committed in the same year in the National Hurling League, the Inter-County Hurling Championship or in a combination of both Competitions:

A One Match Suspension applicable to the next game in the combination of the National Hurling League/Inter-County Senior Hurling Championship, even if that game occurs in the following year.

The Penalty of serving a ten-minute period in the Sin-Bin for a breach of Temporary Playing Rule 5.45 shall not count as an "ordering off" under this provision of Rule.

(B)

That Rule 7.2 (b) – Misconduct at Games by Players – Category II, Penalty (3) – Official Guide Part 1 (page 129) be amended to read:

(3) Fixed Penalty for the accumulation of three ordering-offs for Cynical Behaviour/**Temporary Rule 5.41** or Second Cautionable infractions committed in the same year in the National Football League, the Inter-County Senior Football Championship or a combination of both Competitions:

A One Match Suspension applicable to the next game in the combination of the National Football League/ Inter-County Senior Football Championship, even if that game occurs in the following year.

The Penalty of serving the ten minutes in the Sin-Bin shall not count as an "ordering off" under this provision of Rule.

(C)

That Rule 7.2 (b) – Misconduct at Games by Players - Category III – Exceptions to (1) and (2) – Official Guide Part 1 (page 131) above be amended by the insertion of ' "in the same year" in the opening paragraph.

(D)

That Rule 7.2 (b) – Misconduct at Games by Players – Category IV – Exceptions to (1) and (2) above - Official Guide Part 1 (page 132) be amended by the insertion of "in the same year" in the opening paragraph.

(E)

That Rule 7.2 (b) – Misconduct at Games by Players – Definition of "Repeat Infraction" – Official Guide Part 1 (page 134) be amended by adding after "within a 48-week period" in the first sentence "or in the same year where such provision is within a Rule."

Ard Chomhairle (The Rules Advisory Committee)

(32)

That Rule 7.2 – Alternative Penalty to non-applicable Match Suspensions – Official Guide Part 1 (pages 133/134) be amended as follows:

(1) After the four non exhaustive circumstances, amend the following three lines to read: **An equivalent Match Suspension shall be proposed/imposed in the same Code and at the same Level.**

(2) In relation to the final paragraph dealing with a case of a player **exiting a Level** amend the final sentence to read: **An equivalent Match Suspension shall be proposed/imposed at Club Level**.

Ard Chomhairle (The Rules Advisory Committee)

(33)

That Article 5.11.2 of the Club Constitution – Official Guide Part 1 (page 173) be amended to read as follows:

"A penalty imposed by the Executive Committee applies within the Club only. Where the Executive Committee decides to initiate Disciplinary Action and to propose a penalty which would apply outside of the Club, the matter shall be transferred to the County Management Committee or the County Competitions Control Committee, as appropriate, for **further processing, following receipt of the Reply to Notification of Disciplinary Action or the expiration of the two days provided in Rule for receipt of same."**

(34)

(Part 1)

That Rule 7.10 (e) Objections - Official Guide Part 1 (pages 157/158) be amended by adding a section (3) as follows:

(3) If the Secretary of the Competitions Control Committee considers that an Objection or Counter-Objection is out of order, other than as specified in (1) and/or (2) above, he shall, as a preliminary issue, circulate the document concerned to the Committee for a decision on this issue, without the necessity of convening an 'in person' meeting for this purpose."

(Part 2)

That Rule 7.11 (h) Appeals - Official Guide Part 1 (pages 162/163) be amended by adding a section (3) as follows :

(3) If the Secretary of the appellate Hearings Committee considers that an Appeal is out of order, other than as specified in (1) and/or (2) above, he shall, as a preliminary issue, circulate the document concerned to the Committee for a decision on this issue, without the necessity of convening an 'in person' meeting for this purpose."

Ard Chomhairle (The Rules Advisory Committee)

(35)

(Part 1)

That Congress approves the reordering of the Official Guide - Part 1 so that certain Rules be reclassified as Codes and that their adoption or amendment be dealt with by Central Council.

(Part 2)

That following this Annual Congress, on a date to be determined by Central Council, a Special Congress is called to consider the adoption of the newly reordered Official Guide- Part 1.

Ard Chomhairle (The Rules Advisory Committee)

(36)

That Rule 6.1 – Dissent – Official Guide Part 2 (page 64) be amended to read as follows:

To fail to comply with the Referee's instruction to wear a helmet with a facial guard **or to use the approved match Sliotar**'.

Penalty – Caution the offender; order off if he persists or for a second cautionable foul.

Ard Chomhairle (Sliotar & Hurley Regulation Workgroup)

(37)

That Rule 4.5 – Equipment – Official Guide Part 2 (page 55) be amended to read as follows:

Hurleys shall only be approved for use based on compliance with standards and tests as set out by Central Council.

Ard Chomhairle (Sliotar & Hurley Regulation Workgroup)

(38)

(Part 1)

That Rule 7.2 (c) Misconduct at Games by Team Officials consists of five Categories of Infractions which occur on or in the vicinity of the Field of Play, and which occur immediately before, during or after a Game – Category III (a) Official Guide Part 1 (page 136) be amended by deleting (i) and renumbering (ii) as (i).

(Part 2)

That Rule 7.2 (c) Misconduct at Games by Team Officials consists of five Categories of Infractions which occur on or in the vicinity of the Field of Play, and which occur immediately before, during or after a Game - Category IV (a) Official Guide Part 1 (pages 136 & 137) be amended to read:

- (i) Minor physical interference with (e.g., laying a hand on, pushing, pulling or jostling), threatening or abusive conduct towards, or threating language to, a Referee Umpire, Linesman or Sideline Official.
- (ii) Any type of physical interference with an Opposing Player or Team Official.

(39)

That Rule 7.2 (c) Misconduct at Games by Team Officials consists of five Categories of Infractions which occur on or in the vicinity of the Field of Play, and which occur immediately before, during or after a Game – Category IIa – Penalties – Official Guide Part 1 (page 135) be amended to read as follows:

- (i) **Category IIa Minimum Penalty:** Four weeks Suspension together with a One-Match Suspension in the same Code and at the same level, applicable to the next game in the same Competition, even if that game occurs in the following year's competition.
- (ii) Minimum on Repeat Infraction: Eight weeks Suspension together with a Two-Match Suspension in the same Code and at the same level, applicable to the next games in the same Competition, even if one or both games occur(s) in 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: Four weeks Suspension together with 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, even if the game occurs in the following year.
- (2) Minimum on Repeat Infraction: Eight weeks Suspension together with 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, even if one or both games occur(s) in the following year.

(40)

That Rule 7.2 (c) Misconduct at Games by Team Officials consists of five Categories of Infractions which occur on or in the vicinity of the Field of Play, and which occur immediately before, during or after a Game – Category Illa – Penalties – Official Guide Part 1 (page 136) be amended to read as follows:

- (i) **Category Illa Minimum Penalty:** Eight weeks Suspension together with a Two-Match Suspension in the same Code and at the same level, applicable to the next games in the same Competition, even if one or both games occur(s) in the following year's competition.
- (ii) Minimum on Repeat Infraction: Sixteen weeks Suspension together with a Three-Match Suspension in the same Code and at the same level, applicable to the next games in the same Competition, even if one or more games occur(s) in 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: Eight weeks Suspension together with 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, even if one or both games occur(s) in the following year.
- (2) Minimum on Repeat Infraction: Sixteen weeks Suspension together with 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, even if one or more of the games occur(s) in the following year.

Ard Chomhairle (CCCC/CHC/CAC)

(41)

That Rule 7.5 (a) (b) – Suspensions – Interpretation of Terms – Official Guide Part 1 (page 149) be amended to read:

In the case of a team official, from acting in **any** capacity at a **game(s)** in a specified competition, including extra-time when played. This involves the team official concerned being debarred from the Pitch Enclosure before and during the game **and from managing, directing, assisting, or communicating with their team in any way before or during the game.**

(42)

That Rule 7.5 (e) - Effect of a Suspension - Official Guide Part 1 (page 151) be amended by insert and to read:

A Suspension for all other Infractions provided for in Rule or County Bye-Laws means Suspension from all functions, privileges and Competitions under the Association's control but not from membership of the Association. **In the case of a Team Official, this also includes managing, directing, assisting, or communicating with their team in any way during the period of the time-based suspension.**

Ard Chomhairle (CCCC/CHC/CAC)

(43)

That Rule 7.5 (h) (1), (3) and (5) – Term of Suspension – Official Guide Part 1 (page 152) be amended as follows:

- (1) In the case of a player sent from the field of play **or a Team Official** sent from the pitch enclosure, immediately upon his being sent off.
- (3) In the case of a player or **Team Official** reported by the Referee as having committed a Category V or VI Misconduct at Games by Players Infraction or a Category IVa or Va Misconduct at Games by Team Officials Infraction after the conclusion of the Game, immediately from the time of the Infraction, subject to his being notified in writing forthwith of the report having been made.
- (5) In the case of a non-player or **any other case of Misconduct at Games by a Team Official,** from the date of acceptance of the Proposed Penalty or the expiration of the two days specified in Rule 7.3(r), whichever is the earlier; or where he seeks a Hearing, from the date of the decision of the Hearings Committee.

Rule affected: Rule 7.2 (c) Category II (a), III (aa), IV (aa), V (a).

Ard Chomhairle (CCCC/CHC/CAC)

(44)

That Rule 7.5 (b) – Suspensions – Gravity – Official Guide Part 1 (page 150) be amended to read: Where a minimum Suspension is provided for in relation to an Infraction, the Council or Committee-in-Charge shall have due regard for the gravity of the Infraction in each case. Where appropriate, the Council or Committee-in-Charge may impose additional Match Suspension(s) or a longer Term of Suspension and shall provide reasons for the imposition of a penalty in excess of the minimum. **Match Suspensions shall not spread over a period of in excess of 96 weeks** and no Term of Suspension shall exceed **240** weeks. However, in exceptionally serious cases the penalties of Debarment from playing or Expulsion may be imposed.

Ard Chomhairle (CCCC/CHC/CAC)

(45)

That a new Rule 7.5 (o) – *Team Officials Officiating in Juvenile Games* – **Official Guide Part 1** be inserted as follows: In the case of a Team Official officiating in Juvenile games (Under 17 or younger Grade Competition), the minimum Time Suspension imposed for a Rule 7.2(c) IIa, IIIa, IVa or Va shall be **double** that otherwise applicable. Other rules to be renumbered.

(46)

That Rule 7.5 (I) Penalty for Breach of Suspension – Official Guide Part 1 (pages 153/154) be amended by the addition of the following: **For the Chairperson and Secretary of the Club or County, as applicable:** 12 Weeks Suspension.

Ard Chomhairle (CCCC/CHC/CAC)

(47)

That Rule 7.3 (ee) Procedures for Disciplinary and Related Hearings – Decision (page 148) be amended to read:

- (1) Where a Player **or Team Official** who is involved in/with in either:
 - (1) An Inter-County team in a current Championship or National League

Or

(2) A Club Team in a current Provincial or All-Ireland Club Championship

is reported within his County as having committed:

- (i) A Category V Misconduct at Games by Players Infraction or a Category IVa Misconduct at Games by Team Officials Infraction and that Player or Team Official, when notified of the commencement of Disciplinary Action against him, seeks a Hearing, that Hearing shall be conducted by the Provincial Hearings Committee or the Central Hearings Committee, as appropriate, and not the County Hearings Committee or a Divisional /Other Sub-Committee Hearings Committee.
- (ii) A Category VI Misconduct at Games by Players Infraction or a Category Va Misconduct at Games by Team Officials Infraction and that Player or Team Official when notified of the commencement of Disciplinary Action against him, seeks a Hearing, that Hearing shall be conducted by the Central Hearings Committee, and not the County Hearings Committee or a Divisional/Other Sub-Committee Hearings Committee.

Save for these procedural changes, such Disciplinary Action cases shall otherwise be conducted in accordance with the procedures set out in this Rule 7.3.

(48)

(Part 1)

(a) That Rule 7.2 (b) Misconduct at Games by Players – Official Guide Part 1 (pages 128 – 134) be amended by the addition of the following paragraph to Category II, III, IV, V & VI:

Where the below reference is made to a minimum penalty this is a reference to the minimum penalty that can be proposed by the CCC or Management Committee. In all cases where a Defending Party requests a hearing, the minimum penalty available to the Hearings Committee shall be double the minimum penalty as listed below, subject to the provisions of Rule 7.3 (cc).

(b) That Rule 7.2 (c) Misconduct at Games by Team Officials – Official Guide Part 1 (pages 134-138) be amended by the addition of the following paragraph to Category IIa, IIIa, IVa & Va:

Where the below reference is made to a minimum penalty this is a reference to the minimum penalty that can be proposed by the CCC or Management Committee. In all cases where a Defending Party requests a hearing, the minimum penalty available to the Hearings Committee shall be double the minimum penalty as listed below, subject to the provisions of Rule 7.3 (cc).

(Part 2)

That Rule 7.3 (cc) - Procedures for Disciplinary and Related Hearings - Decision – Official Guide Part 1 (page 147) be amended by adding the following paragraph:

Where the Hearings Committee is satisfied that the Defending Party's request for a hearing and their submission to the Hearings Committee is not frivolous or vexatious and/or is not solely based on procedural or technical arguments, the Hearings Committee may, in its sole discretion, impose a minimum penalty as provided for in Rule 7.2 (b) & 7.2 (c). The exercise of this discretion by the Hearings Committee may not be challenged in any way or made the subject matter of any further hearing.

Ard Chomhairle (CCCC/CHC/CAC)

(49)

That Rule 7.3 (s) - Procedures for Disciplinary and Related Hearings – Reply – Official Guide – Part 1 (page 144) be amended by the addition of the following paragraph:

Where the Defending Party requests a Hearing, he shall indicate in his Reply any special requirements with regard to the Hearing (e.g., video playing equipment). He may also submit a written Request for Clarification of the Referee's Report, **subject to guidelines issued by Central Council**, and that Request and the Clarification received shall be furnished by the Competitions Control Committee to the Hearings Committee and the Defending Party. Such a request may also be submitted in relation to an alleged Category I or II Infraction, as provided for in Rule 7.3(p).

(50)

That Rule 7.3 (ff) – Procedures for Disciplinary and Related Hearings – Decision – Official Guide Part 1 (page 148) be amended by the inclusion of the following sentence: In the event of an Infraction not being proven, the Hearings Committee shall provide a reason for its decision.

Ard Chomhairle (CCCC/CHC/CAC)

(51)

That Rule 7.3 (bb) – Procedures for Disciplinary and Related Hearings - Decision – Official Guide Part 1 (page 147) be amended by the inclusion of the following sentence: The Hearings Committee may remit the matter for reprocessing to the relevant Committee, with or without recommendations as to procedure.

Ard Chomhairle (CCCC/CHC/CAC)

(52)

That Rule 3.47 – The Central Competitions Control Committee – Official Guide Part 1 (page 54) be amended by amending (a) to read:

(a) It shall consist of a Chairperson, one member from each of the four Provinces appointed by the Management Committee and the Secretary of each of the four Provincial Councils.

Ard Chomhairle (CCCC/CHC/CAC)

(53)

That Rule 3.49 – The Central Hearings Committee – Official Guide – Part 1 (page 55) be amended by adding a new section (b) and renumbering the remaining sections:

(b) The Chairperson shall select at least three members of the Committee to conduct a hearing

Ard Chomhairle (CCCC/CHC/CAC)

(54)

That Rule 3.50 – The Central Appeals Committee – Official Guide – Part 1 (page 56) be amended by adding a new section (b) and renumbering the remaining sections:

(b) The Chairperson shall select at least three members of the Committee to conduct a hearing

(55)

That Rule 4.7 – Video and/or Telephone Conferencing – Official Guide Part 1 (page 67) be amended by making the following changes in **bold** and deleting the word "facility" from the third paragraph below:

Video and/or Telephone Conferencing at Conventions, Meetings and Hearings ("the Meeting") is allowable, when deemed appropriate by the Committee-in-Charge.

A member may apply to avail of such facility **or an in-person meeting** by making an application, in writing, at least seven days prior to the Meeting (or immediately, where less than seven days notice has been given of the Meeting).

If the **request** is not allowed by the Committee-in-Charge, the applicant shall be so informed, in writing, at least three days prior to the Meeting (or immediately, where less than three days notice has been given of the Meeting).

A Member participating in Video and/or Telephone Conferencing shall be considered as being "present" at the Meeting.

When Video and/or Telephone Conferencing is deemed appropriate, the facilities for same shall be provided by the Committee-in-Charge.

(56)

That Rule 6.36 Registration/Lists for Inter-County Senior Championship Games Special Provisions for Registration of Teams and supply of Team List to Referee for all Inter-County Senior Championship Games – Official Guide Part 1 (page 117) be amended to read as follows:

Notwithstanding the provisions of any other Rules, the following requirements shall specifically apply to all Inter-County Senior Championship Games:

(a) For all Senior Inter-County Championship Games, the Team line-out (Fifteen Players and maximum Eleven Panel Members - total twenty-six) shall be registered with the Committee-in-Charge not later than 9 am on the Thursday before a week-end game.

Penalty: Withdrawal of Sideline Privileges from Bainisteoir for one game and/or maximum €1,000 fine on the County Committee, depending on the circumstances.

(b) **Regulations covering any changes to the Registered Team or Panel shall be included in the Competition Regulations and approved by Central Council.**

Penalty for playing or including on the Team list submitted to the Referee, a player who has not been registered with the Committee-in-Charge: Forfeiture of Game.

A prescribed Team List (as issued by the Committee-in-Charge from time to time), confirming the 15 starting players and maximum 11 additional panel members, shall be submitted to the Referee not later than forty minutes before the official starting times of the Game and shall only contain the names of Registered Players specified in paragraphs (a) or (b), together with the Team Officials.
 Regulations covering any changes to starting team after the team list has been submitted to the Referee shall be included in the Competition Regulations and approved by Central Council.

Penalty: Fine on the County Committee - up to a maximum of $\leq 1,000$ for each minute over the prescribed time.

Ard Chomhairle (CCCC/CHC/CAC)

(57)

That Rule 2.1. Set Play - The Rules of Hurling - Official Guide Part 2 (page 39) be amended by altering in final line 65m. to 45m.

Rule affected: Rule 1.2 (i)-The Field of Play, Rules of Specification, Official Guide Part 2.

Ard Chomhairle (The Standing Committee on the Playing Rules)

(58)

That Rule 3.3. Scores - Rules of Hurling and Football - Official Guide Part 2 (pages 46 & 79) be amended by adding the following Sections (c) and (d):

- (c) If an opposing player interferes with the goal posts when the ball is in flight from a free or side-line kick (puck), and a score does not result, the Referee shall order that the free or side-line kick (puck) be retaken.
- (d) A score shall be allowed if, in the opinion of the Referee, a score was prevented by an opposing player interfering with the goal posts during the Play other than as provided in (c) above.

Rules affected: Rules 4.36 (Football) and 4.33 (Hurling), Rules of Foul Play, Official Guide Part 2.

Ard Chomhairle (The Standing Committee on the Playing Rules)

(59)

(Part 1)

That Rule 3.56 TO 2022 - National Club Fixtures Oversight Committee – Official Guide Part 1 (pages 58/69) be deleted Rule 3.55 be amended to read as follows:

The Central Fixtures Analysis and Oversight Committee

- a. It shall include a Chairperson appointed by the Management Committee, each of the four Provincial nominated appointees with responsibility for Club **and Schools** Fixtures, and the Secretary of the Competitions Control Committee.
- b. It shall be responsible for monitoring and analysing the National Fixtures Programme at **Club level and in the education sector.**
- c. It shall present a Report to Annual Congress on all Fixtures under its remit and make recommendations for changes to Central Council to address fixture issues in the Club **and education** sector.
- d. It shall determine the National minimum Required Standards for fixtures programmes **in the Club and education sectors.**
- e. It shall keep a register and organise the training of all Fixtures Analysts at Provincial and County level.
- f. It shall have responsibility for approving **Schools**, County and Provincial **Club** fixture programmes on an annual basis.
- g. It shall be responsible for ensuring County Club fixture programmes are consistent with the Rules and stated Policies of the Association and shall only approve programmes that meet these criteria.

(Part 2)

That Rule 3.31 – Monitoring of County Fixtures Programme – Official Guide Part 1 (page 37) be amended by replacing the words "National Club Fixtures Oversight Committee" where they appear with the words "Central Fixtures Analysis and Oversight Committee".

(Part 3)

That Rule 3.47 – The Central Competitions Control Committee – Official Guide Part 1 (pages 54/55) be amended by adding a new section as follows:

It shall investigate, and process matters related to the Enforcement of Rules on inter-county player availability to Clubs, Inter-County Challenge and Tournament Games and Closed Periods/Collective Training at adult inter county level.

(Part 4)

That Rule 3.48 - Development Competitions Control Committee – Official Guide Part 1 (page 55) be amended by adding a new section as follows:

"It shall investigate, and process matters related to the Enforcement of Rules on inter-county player availability to clubs and Closed Periods/Collective Training for inter-county teams at Under 17 and younger age grades".

Ard Chomhairle

(60)

That Rule 6.3 – Definitions - Official Guide Part 1 (page 76) be amended by replacing the words 'any grade' with "Under 12 Grade or Over".

Ard Chomhairle

(61)

(Part 1)

That Rule 3.20 – Sub-Committees/Functions - Official Guide 2022 (Pages 30/31) be amended by the insertion of a new paragraph (xvi) to read as follows:

Demographics Committee

It shall be responsible for monitoring the impact of population changes and advising the County on the formation of policies to deal with those changes. It shall liaise with the relevant committees within the Association and with relevant bodies outside the Association in carrying out its functions. It shall consist of at least five members to include the Demographics Officer who shall act as Chairperson. All other members shall be suitably qualified in areas relevant to the Terms of Reference of the Committee.

Current Rule 3.20(xvi) to be renumbered 3.20(xvii)

(Part 2)

That Rule 3.18(b) – **The County Committee - Official Guide 2022 (Page 23)** be amended by the inclusion of "Demographics Officer" after "County Safety and Facilities Officer".

(Part 3)

That Rule 3.11(a) The County Convention – Elections (pages 20/21) be amended by the addition of "Demographics Officer" after "Planning and Training Officer".

Rules affected: 3.20(v) and (vi); 3.21(i).

Ard Chomhairle

(62)

That Rule 4.1 – Elective Office – Official Guide Part 1 (page 63) be amended by adding the following paragraph:

A member holding any Elective Office referred to in the Official Guide shall not misappropriate Association funds or disburse them in a manner other than in the purposes for which the funding was provided or intended.

Penalty: Permanent Debarment of the member from holding any Elective Office referred to in the Official Guide.

Ard Chomhairle (World GAA/Ceanada)





