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(1)

That Rule 3.9 (b) – Elections – Official Guide Part 1 (page 12) be deleted and replaced with the following:

(b)

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

Exception to (i): For the purposes of sub-section (i), where service in an Officership is being calculated on a cumulative basis, one (1) year of service shall be credited for each year in which the member holds that Officership and one (1) year shall be deducted for each year in which the member does not hold that Officership, provided that the cumulative total shall not be reduced below zero.

- (ii) Where 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 a year of service for the purposes of sub-section (i) (including the Exception to (i)).

Coiste Chontae na Mí

(2)

That Rule 3.40 (a) – Central Council – Official Guide Part 1 (page 34) be amended to read:

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 their 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; **GAA Rounders**; 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 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 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.

Sean Leithghlinn (Ceatharlach)

(3)

That Rule 6.2 – Definition of First Club – Official Guide Part 1 (page 50) be amended to read:

First Club:

The Club (or Club within an Independent Team) with which a player first legally (i.e. in accordance with Rule and Bye-Law) participated in Club Competition at **Under 10** Grade or Over (including Go-Games) organised by the County Committee or one of its Sub-Committees in the County of the player's permanent residence.

Cill tSíle Drom Caoin (Luimneach)

(4)

That Rule 6.7 – Playing Restrictions (Club) – Official Guide Part 1 (page 54) - be amended as follows (proposed changes to rule in red font):

- (A) A player may not play in any Championship in a given year's Championships in more than one County, save as provided in Exceptions below.
- (B) A player may not play with two Clubs in the same code in a given year's Championship, within a County, save as provided for in Exceptions below.
- (C) A player may play Hurling with one Club and Football with another Club, within a County, subject to any restrictions provided in County Bye-Laws.
- (D) A player may not play with two Clubs in the exact same Competition of a given year.

Exceptions to (A), (B), (C) and (D):

- (1) Subject to allowance by the County Committee under Rule 3.17(o): A Player of a Club without an Under 21 or Younger Grade team, subject to County Bye-Laws and any restrictions therein, may play:
 - (a) With an Independent Under 21 or Younger Grade Team within the County which shall not bear the name of an Adult Club within that County; or
 - (b) **With another Club fielding a team in the specific Under 21 or Younger Grade on a one-year permission granted by the County Committee, which shall be recorded in its minutes. Such permission may be renewed on an annual basis.**
 - ~~(b) With another Under 21 or Younger Grade Team within the County. In the case of a team having five or more players under this provision in Rule, the team shall play under and be recognised by the combined names of the Clubs in question or by an independent name which shall not bear the name of an Adult Club within the County.~~

A player who plays on a team provided for in (a) or (b) above, shall be a registered member of the player's Adult Club and shall retain membership of that Club during and at the conclusion of the player's playing participation with a team formed under (a) or (b). **Proof of such Registration shall be submitted to the County Committee annually by the Clubs concerned before availing of Exception 1.**

Coiste Chontae Chiarraí

(5)

That Rule 6.8 - Playing Restrictions (County and Province) – Official Guide Part 1 (pages 55-56) be amended by including the following text:

- (f) In order to be eligible to play adult (excluding minor and under 20 grades) inter-county championship, a player shall have played a minimum of eight competitive league or championship games with their club in the previous calendar year (in either their current County or their previous County) and this requirement will be contingent on the following considerations:
- (1) In exceptional circumstances (including injury), as defined by Central Council, this eligibility requirement will be reduced or waived.
 - (2) A player may satisfy the requirement by aggregating club games (league and championship) played in football and hurling.
 - (3) The 8-game requirement will be implemented by individual County Committees in any way they choose.

This amendment will take effect on 1st January 2027. In other words, a County Committee would implement for club games in 2027 with motion operational at inter-county level in 2028. Thus, you would have to play in eight club games in 2027 to be eligible to play inter-county in 2028 and similarly for subsequent years.

Cluain Tarbh (Áth Cliath)

(6)

That Rule 6.12 (B) and (C) – Inter-County Championships – Official Guide Part 1 (pages 65-67) be amended to read as follows:

Part 1

That Rule 6.12 (B) (ii) All-Ireland Senior Hurling Championship –Tier 1 Liam McCarthy Cup – All Ireland Quarter-Finals – Official Guide Part 1 (page 65) be amended to read as follows:

6.12 (B) (ii): All-Ireland Quarter Finals

The third-placed team in the Munster Championship shall play the Leinster Runner-up and the third-placed team in the Leinster Championship shall play the Munster Runner-up in the All-Ireland Quarter Finals at venues determined by the CCCC.

Part 2

That Rule 6.12 (C) All-Ireland Senior Hurling Championship Tiers 2, 3, 4 and 5. Tier 2- Joe McDonagh Cup “Format” – Official Guide Part 1 (page 66) be amended to read as follows:

Format:

Tier 2 shall have Six Teams in its Championship and shall be played on a Round-Robin basis. Each County shall have three home games and two away games which shall rotate every other year. **The counties who finish in 2nd and 3rd place shall qualify for a semi-final which shall be a Home game for the 2nd placed team. The County that finishes in first place shall qualify directly for the Final where they will meet the winners of the Semi-Final.**

Rest of Rule to remain unchanged.

Coiste Chontae Laoise

(7)

That 6.15 - All-Ireland Finals - Official Guide Part 1 (page 69) be amended to read:

The All-Ireland Senior and **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 & 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 (Fear Manach)

(8)

That a new Rule 6.16 be inserted in the Official Guide Part 1 to read as follows:

Duration of the Senior Inter-County Playing Season

The Senior Inter-County playing season in all codes shall not exceed 30 scheduled competition weekends in any calendar year.

For the avoidance of doubt, this limit applies to all scheduled Senior inter-county competitive fixtures, including League, Championship and all Provincial competitions, but shall not include any additional weekend required solely for the playing of a permitted Senior All-Ireland Final replay.

Gaelic Players Association

(9)

That Rule 7.3 (aa) (1) (vii) – Procedures for Disciplinary and Related Hearings - Official Guide Part 1 (Page 85) be amended by way of the following **additions / deletions**:

A Referee or other **Match** Official shall not **attend at or be required to give oral evidence to a Hearing or to appear for cross-examination;**

The remainder of the Rule to remain as is.

Mainistir Leathrátha (An Longfort)

(10)

That Rule 7.6 - Appeals - GAA Official Guide (Page 97) be amended as follows:

Add a new section (r) and re-letter all remaining sections
Decision

- (q) A decision shall be made by the appellate Hearings Committee on foot of the Appeal and such decision shall be notified to the Appellant, the Decision-Maker and any other relevant party. In the event of an Appeal being upheld, the appellate Hearings Committee shall either:
 - (i) annul the decision appealed against and direct that no further action be taken by the Decision-Maker,
 - (ii) remit the matter for re-hearing or re-processing (with or without recommendations as to procedure), or
 - (iii) substitute its own decision on the matter.
- (r) *The decision shall become effective on the expiry of the period allowed for an appeal against the decision, if applicable, or if a valid appeal is submitted, on the making of a decision on that appeal.*
- (s) In the event of an appeal being upheld, the fee paid shall be refunded.

The remainder of the Rule to remain as is.

Mainistir Leathrátha (An Longfort)

(11)

That Article 8.8 of the Club Constitution – Official Guide Part 1, Appendix 4 (Page 107) be amended to read:

8.8 The Executive Committee shall call a Special General Meeting for a date not more than twenty-one days from the receipt by the Executive Committee of a requisition, in writing, signed by **not less than ten percent (10%) of the full Adult Members of the Club**, or Twenty-Five (25) Adult members, whichever is the Greater, and ten clear days' notice, in writing, shall be given to the Members.

Caisleán Uí Dálaigh (Iar Mhí)

(12)

Part 1

That Rule 3.44 – Official Guide Part 1 – Central Committees – Management Committee (pages 38) be amended to read as follows:

2026

- (a) It shall consist of the following sixteen voting members:
- (i) The President.
 - (ii) The Chairperson of each Provincial Council (5).
 - (iii) The two Representatives of Congress, one male and one female.
 - (iv) One member from each of four Provinces, elected/appointed by their respective Provincial Councils for one year. ~~Three Provincial Councils (by rotation) shall each elect/ appoint a female member. The fourth Provincial Council shall elect/appoint a male member.~~
 - (v) Two members of the Association nominated by the President and Director General. ~~One nominee shall be female.~~
 - (vi) A voluntary Officer of the Camogie Association and a voluntary Officer of the Ladies Gaelic Football Association. Both Officers shall be female.

The Director General, the President Elect (if in office), and the Financial Director shall be entitled to attend meetings.

Part 2

That Rule 3.44 – Official Guide Part 1 – Central Committees – Management Committee (pages 39) be amended to read as follows:

2027 and onward

- (a) It shall consist of the following sixteen voting members:
- (i) The President.
 - (ii) The Chairperson of each Provincial Council (5).
 - (iii) The two Representatives of Congress, one male and one female.
 - (iv) One member from each of four Provinces, elected/appointed by their respective Provincial Councils for a three-year period. **At least** three Provincial Councils (**by agreement** ~~by rotation~~) shall each elect/ appoint a female member. ~~The fourth Provincial Council shall elect/ appoint a male member.~~
 - (v) Two members of the Association nominated by the President and Director General for a three-year period. **At least** one nominee shall be female.
 - (vi) A voluntary Officer of the Camogie Association and a voluntary Officer of the Ladies Gaelic Football Association. Both Officers shall be female.

The Director General, the President Elect (if in office), the immediate Past President (for the year after their term of office as President) and the Financial Director shall be entitled to attend meetings.

(Effective from Annual Congress 2027)

Ard Chomhairle

(13)

That Rule 3.5 Rules of Specification – Official Guide Part 2 (page 9) be amended to read:

- (a) The Central Council shall approve a system to determine the result of games which finish level after extra-time as provided for in Rule has been played, without a replay - ‘Winner on the Day’. The regulations for ‘Winner on the Day’ shall be determined by the Central Council.
- (b) Unless the Management Committee of the Central Council, on application by the Relevant Competitions Control Committee, permits otherwise, knockout games in all Inter-County hurling and football competitions, Provincial and All-Ireland club competitions and 3rd level championships shall be decided by ‘Winner on the Day’:

Exceptions:

All-Ireland Senior Football (Tier 1) and Hurling Finals (Tier 1) and Provincial Senior Football Championship (Tier 1) finals which will have Extra-time in the original fixture and will be decided by ‘Winner on the Day’ in the event of a Replay only.

Ard Chomhairle

(14)

That Rule 6.15 - All-Ireland Finals – Official Guide Part 1 (page 69) be amended to read as follows:

- (a) The All-Ireland Finals shall be played in Croke Park. The finals shall be played on or before the 32nd Sunday of the year on dates determined by the Central Council. In exceptional circumstances, the Central Council shall make other arrangements.
- (b) No inter-county competitions will be organised before the 4th Sunday of the year annually.

Code Affected

That Code 11.5 - Organisation (Provincial and All-Ireland) – Codes (page 25) be amended by adding the following section (c):

- (c) Clubs from Counties that reach the All-Ireland Senior Hurling and Football Finals will receive a Bye from the opening round of competition in their respective province in the same competition year”.

Ard Chomhairle

(15)

(a) That a new Rule - “Inter-County Certification Programme” be enacted as follows - (subsequent Rules in Chapter 3 to be re-numbered accordingly):

“A County intending to participate in the National Leagues and/or Senior Inter-County Championships in football or hurling shall meet the Certification requirements determined by Central Council annually to do so. The requirements and parameters of such certification shall be determined annually by the Central Council based on advice from the Certification, Governance and Oversight Committee (the “Certification Programme”)”

Rules affected or possibly affected: Rule 3.17 (Powers of County Committee), Rule 3.41 (Powers and functions of Central Council)

(b) Introduce a new Central Committee “Certification, Governance and Oversight Committee” as Rule 3.54 as follows: (subsequent Rules in Chapter 3 to be re-numbered accordingly)

Certification, Governance and Oversight Committee

- (a) It shall be responsible for developing, maintaining, and overseeing compliance with the Certification Programme as set out in Rule 3.16
- (b) On an annual basis, it shall develop and propose minimum standards for inclusion in the Certification Programme for approval by Central Council. The minimum standards shall apply to areas such as player welfare, adherence to Amateur Status [as set out in Rule 1.8], financial governance and other minimum standards as proposed by the Certification, Governance and Oversight Committee from time to time.
- (c) It shall also develop and propose appropriate sanctions for breaches of the minimum standards for inclusion in the Certification Programme, for approval by Central Council.
- (d) It shall have responsibility for the monitoring of and compliance with the Certification Programme and shall have the authority to propose and make preliminary findings and recommended sanctions for breaches of the Certification Programme against relevant parties.

(*Note – it is proposed that Hearings for proposed penalties will be dealt with **under current disciplinary provisions (i.e. CHC and CAC)**).

Ard Chomhairle/Amateur Status Review Committee

(16)

That Rule 1.8 - Amateur Status – Official Guide Part 1 (page 6) be amended to read:

The Association is a volunteer-led and Amateur Association.

- (i) A player, official or member may claim expenses in conjunction with the playing of Gaelic games. Expense payments to officials, players and members are permitted only to the extent that they do not generate an income tax liability in the relevant jurisdiction. Expense payments made by Association units (or individuals on their behalf) shall not exceed the standard rates laid down by the Central Council.
- (ii) Players are permitted to benefit directly from endorsements or commercial initiatives related to the playing of Gaelic games. Personal endorsements shall respect GAA intellectual property rights as outlined in Code 3.2. Players may not participate in full-time training and all preparation for competitions shall be consistent with policies issued by Central Council.
- (iii) Other than as outlined above, a player, team, official or member shall not accept payment in cash or in kind in conjunction with the playing of Gaelic games from any party.
- (iv) Nothing in this Rule shall prohibit the payment of salaries or wages to employees of the Association in administrative or broader games development related coaching roles approved by Central Council.

Minimum Penalty for breaches of any of the above provisions: 24 weeks suspension.

Maximum Penalty on Repeated Infractions: Expulsion from the Association.

Ard Chomhairle/Amateur Status Review Committee

(17)

That Rule 6.12 (C) – Inter-County Championships - New York Participation – Official Guide Part 1 (page 67) be amended to read as follows:

In future years, whichever Tier of Tiers 2 to 5 that New York shall be eligible to participate in shall have seven instead of six teams.

The format of Tier 5 in 2025 shall apply.

Promotion and Relegation

If New York are promoted to a Tier, that Tier shall have no Team relegated for that Year.

Once promoted, New York will have a 3-year period in which to win a semi-final or they will be automatically Relegated to the next lowest Tier.

Should New York win a semi-final but remain in a given Tier, a new 3-year period will commence in which they must win a semi-final or be automatically Relegated to the next lowest Tier.”

Ard Chomhairle/Central Competitions Control Committee

(18)

That Rule 6.12(B)(ii) – Inter-County Championships – Official Guide Part 1 (page 65) be amended to read as follows:

(ii) All-Ireland Quarter-Finals

The two defeated Provincial Finalists and the third-placed teams in the Munster and Leinster Championships shall participate in the All-Ireland Quarter-Finals. The Munster Runners-Up shall play the third-placed team in Leinster, and the Leinster Runners-Up shall play the third-placed team in Munster in the All-Ireland Quarter finals. These games shall be designated as home games for the Provincial Runners-Up.

Ard Chomhairle/Hurling Development Committee

(19)

Part 1

That Rule 6.4 – The Playing Rules of Hurling – Rules of Foul Play – Dissent – Official Guide Part 2 (page 42) be amended to read as follows:

Penalty:

The free puck already awarded shall be taken **from a place 30m more advantageous** than the place of original puck-up to opponents' 20m line.

Further dissent shall be considered as a breach of Rule 6.1 and shall be penalised accordingly.

Part 2

That Rule 6.4 – Penalty – The Playing Rules of Hurling – Rules of Foul Play – Rule 6 – Dissent – Official Guide Part 2 (page 42) be amended to read as follows:

Additional penalty at Under 18 or younger grades – Order the offender off for ten minutes in the Sin Bin by showing the offender a Black Card. The offending player can be replaced immediately by a Temporary Substitute for the duration of the ten minutes. In these circumstances, the following acts shall not count as substitutions under Rule 2.3 (i) and (ii), Rules of Specification:

- (1) The use of the Temporary Substitute for a player instructed to leave the field.
- (2) The return to the field of play of the player who was ordered off as a direct replacement for the Temporary Substitute.
- (3) The return to the field of play of the player who was ordered off as a replacement for any other player if the Temporary Substitute has previously been sent off or substituted.

(19) continued**Part 3**

That a new Rule 6.7 - The Playing Rules of Hurling - Rules of Foul Play – Dissent – Official Guide Part 2 (page 42) be inserted to read as follows:

For a Team Official to commit one of the following Misconduct at Games by Team Officials infractions contrary to Rules of Control – Rule 5:

- (a) Category 1a.2 To challenge the authority of a Referee, Score Umpire, Line Umpire or Sideline Official;
- (b) Category 1a.3 To threaten or to use abusive or provocative language or gestures to an opposing player or team official;
- (c) Category IIa.
 - (i) To use abusive language to a Referee, Score Umpire, Line Umpire or Sideline Official;
 - (ii) Disruptive Conduct
- (d) Category IVa.1 Minor physical interference with (e.g. laying a hand on, pushing, pulling or jostling), threatening or abusive conduct towards, or threatening language to, a Referee, Score Umpire, Line Umpire or Sideline Official;
- (e) Category Va Any type of assault on a Referee, Score Umpire, Line Umpire or Sideline Official.

Penalty:

A free puck on the offending team's 20m line at the centre of the scoring space or, Where the infraction occurs immediately before the start of the game; or during the half-time interval in Normal Time or Extra Time; or between the end of Normal Time and the commencement of Extra Time, the game shall start or restart with a free puck as outlined above.

Part 4

That Rules of Control – Control Of The Games - Rule 5 – Misconduct At Games By Team Officials – Penalty on the day for the above categories IIa, IIIa, IVa, and Va infractions - Official Guide Part 2 (page 20) be amended to read as follows:

In Hurling, in addition to the above penalties, the team of the official shall be penalised as follows: A free puck on the offending team's 20m line at the centre of the scoring space.

Ard Chomhairle/Hurling Development Committee/Standing Committee on Playing Rules

(20)

That Rule 3.1 (c) – The Club – Official Guide Part 1 (page 10) be amended as follows:

- (c) A Club shall be recognised as a Unit of the Association if it participates in Senior, Intermediate or Junior Championships.

Exception:

To cater for the ever-changing Demographics, in Rural and Urban areas, a County Committee may give club status to a unit that complies with Central Council Approved Policy.

Rules possibly affected Rule 3.8 and 3.16

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.

Rest of Rule to remain unchanged.

Ard Chomhairle/Demographics Committee

(21)

That Rule 2 – The Players – Official Guide Part 2 (pages 7-8) be amended as follows:

THE PLAYERS

2.1

A team shall consist of fifteen players – a goalkeeper and fourteen outfield players.

Exceptions:

- (i) **A Council or Committee in charge may reduce the number of outfield players to a number not below eleven.**
- (ii) As provided for in 2.2 below.

2.2

A team may commence a game with thirteen players. Players arriving late may join in the game during a break in play but must report to the referee before so doing. The game shall be played for the full playing time. Provided a team has fielded thirteen players, including players ordered off or retired injured, the final score shall stand as the result of the game.

Exception:

A Council or Committee in charge may reduce this number to a figure no lower than eleven where the number of outfield players is lower than fourteen.

(21) continued**2.3**

- (i) The maximum number of substitutes permitted during the playing of Normal Time shall be five.
Exceptions:
 - (a) A Council or Committee in Charge may adopt Regulations permitting additional substitutions at Under 18 or younger grades for league or other non-championship competition.
 - (b) A Council or Committee in charge may reduce this number to a figure no lower than three where the number of outfield players is lower than fourteen.
- (ii) A maximum of three Substitutions shall be allowed during the playing of Extra Time.
Exception
A Council or Committee in charge may reduce this number where the number of outfield players is lower than fourteen.
- (iii) Temporary Substitutions are also permitted during the playing of both Normal Time and Extra Time, as provided for in Rule 1.5(b) Rules of Control - Injuries: Blood or Suspected Head Injury.
- (iv) A Substitution is not allowed in the case of a player ordered off.
- (v) A Substitution may only be made during a break in play, after the player has given a substitution note to the Referee, or in the case of a Inter-County Senior game, to the Sideline Official. This shall also apply to a Temporary Substitution allowed under Rule 1.5 (b), Rules of Control - Injuries: Blood or Suspected Head Injury. A break in play shall be when the play is stopped after a score or wide or for a free, sideline puck/ kick or when the Referee has stopped play for medical attention to an injured player.
- (vi) In Inter-County games, all Substitutions and Temporary Substitutions must be from players on the official list submitted to the Referee.
- (vii) In Inter-County Senior Championship games, all substitutions/temporary substitutions shall be in compliance with Code 12.2.

2.4**LIST OF PLAYERS**

- (a) Before all official games, the Referee shall be given a list of players, in duplicate and in Irish (except as provided for in Code 5.2), giving full **First** names.
The names first appearing on a list shall be taken as constituting the actual team, unless otherwise clearly indicated.
- (b) In Inter-County Games
 - (i) The list of players shall be numbered from 1 to 24, and shall name the Clubs to which the players belong.
Exception:
In Inter-County Senior Games, the list of players shall be numbered from 1 to not more than 26.
 - (ii) All players shall be from the list submitted to the Referee prior to the game.
 - (iii) For Inter-County Senior Championship games, compliance with Code 5.2 is required with regard to Team Registration/Lists of Players.

Ard Chomhairle/Demographics Committee/Standing Committee on Playing Rules

(22)

That Rule 3.47 – Development Competitions Control Committee – Official Guide Part 1 (page 40) be amended to read as follows:

- (a) It shall consist of a Chairperson, appointed by Central Council having been nominated by the Central Sub-Committee Nominations Committee and recommended by the Management Committee, one Provincial Games Manager (or alternative Provincial Council nominee) from each of the four provinces, the Chairperson of the Central Competitions Control Committee, **the Chairperson of Féile, Chairperson of Central Games Development Committee, the Chairperson of All-Ireland Post-Primary Council**, the Director of Games Administration and the Director of Games Development.
- (b) It shall be responsible for Competition Scheduling and Arrangements (including the appointment of Referees) for, and Control of, Tournaments and Games under the jurisdiction of Central Council at Under 17 and younger age grades.
- (c) It shall have responsibility for the processing and enforcement of the provisions of Codes, **11.7**, 14.1 and 14.2 in respect of Blitzes/Tournaments and Challenge Games under the jurisdiction of Central Council at Under 17 and younger age grades.
- (d) It shall investigate and process matters relating to the enforcement of Rules and Codes (including hearing Objections and Counter Objections) and Match Regulations arising from Competitions and Games under the jurisdiction of the Central Council at Under 17 and younger age grades.
- (e) It shall investigate, and process matters related to the Enforcement of Rules and Codes on Inter-County player availability to clubs and Closed Periods/Collective Training for Inter-County teams at Under 17 and younger age grades.
- (f) **It shall have authority to undertake an annual operational review of club and inter-county competitions at U17 and younger age grades and present findings and recommendations as appropriate to Central Council.**

Ard Chomhairle/Development Competitions Control Committee

(23)

That Rule 3.41 (b) – Powers and Functions – Official Guide Part 1 (Page 34) be amended to read:

It is the final authority to interpret the Rules **and Codes**, subject to Rule 3.34(e). It shall consider and adjudicate on recommendations made by the Management Committee on requests for Interpretation of Rule **or Code** received in writing by the Director-General.

In the case of a Rule, any such Interpretations shall, have the force of Rule until the Congress held in the Calendar Year after the Interpretation being given, and which Congress shall, on a Motion submitted by Central Council, approve or disapprove the Interpretation being included in Rule.

In the case of a Code, any such Interpretations shall, have the force of Code until the Central Council meeting held in the January, after the Interpretation being given, at which Central Council shall approve or disapprove the Interpretation being included in Code.

An Interpretation shall not be given on the subject matter of a case which is pending before an Adjudicative Unit of the Association.

Ard Chomhairle/Rules Advisory Committee

(24)

That Rule 6.2 - Permanent Residence – Official Guide Part 1 (Page 50) be amended to read as follows:

Permanent Residence: Unless otherwise defined in Bye Law, a place of Permanent Residence of a person shall be the domestic property where (by reference to actual overnight presence, the person's own or the person's family's ownership of or tenancy in the property, the person's place of non-temporary employment, and such other factors as may be considered appropriate) the Council or Committee assessing the question considers the person's principal private residence to have been for at least the previous month and is likely for at least the ensuing year.

Residence for the purpose of attending a Primary or Post-Primary School or a Higher Education College shall not qualify as a Permanent Residence for the purposes of this Rule. A County may deem certain states of affairs to constitute **evidence of** permanent residence for the purpose of its Bye-Law, **subject to being in accordance with guidelines issued by Central Council.**

For the purpose of applications for Inter-County Transfers, the foregoing definition shall prevail.

Ard Chomhairle/Rules Advisory Committee

(25)

That Rule 6.4 (b) – Transfers Within County – Official Guide Part 1 (page 52) be amended to read as follows:

A player who wishes to leave one Club to join another in the same County must apply to the County Committee for a transfer. **Applications may be made online.**

Ard Chomhairle/Rules Advisory Committee

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FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES

MOTIONS PASSED BY ARD CHOMHAIRLE AT ITS MEETING ON 24TH JANUARY 2026

(1)

That Code 6.2 – Trophies and Medals (Page 16) be amended to read:

Central Council shall award to All-Ireland winners 9 carat gold medals, depicting the design of the Association, of the following weights: Senior Tier 1: 10 dwt; Senior Tiers 2, 3, 4 and 5, Intermediate, Junior and Under 20, 8 dwt; and Minor 6 dwt.

Trophies shall be awarded to All-Ireland Championship runners-up in all grades. The number of medals/ trophies to be awarded shall be: Senior – **up to 35**; Intermediate; Junior, Under 20 and Minor – 24.

As the design of the Championship medals is the registered property of the Association, purchase and distribution of identical additional medals by a winning team's Unit requires prior approval of Central Council. A miniature replica of the All-Ireland Cup shall be awarded to the Captain of a team winning an All-Ireland Inter-County Senior Championship.

Éire Óg Aonach (Tiobraid Árann)

(2)

That Code Part 14.1 (b) Tournament & Challenge Games (Page 29) be amended to read as follows;

(14.1) Tournament Games

(a) All Tournament games shall be sanctioned by the appropriate controlling authority, which will deal with any disciplinary matters arising.

(b) An Inter-County Tournament may be organised only in the following grades:

- (i) Up to and including Under 16 (Football and Hurling);
- (ii) In Under 19 (**Football and** Hurling).

CLG Naomh Naille (Dún na nGall)

(3)

Amend Code (8.3) - Infractions and Penalties – Page 17 Codes to Read:

- (a) Competing for a Club for which one is ineligible to play within the County in which one is eligible to play in accordance with Rule, Code or Bye-Law.
Club: Player – 12 weeks suspension;
Club Chairperson and Secretary – 12 weeks suspension;

Team -

- (i) On a proven Objection – Award of Game to the Opposing Team,
(ii) On an Inquiry by the Committee-in-Charge – Forfeiture of Game without Award of / Game to the Opposing Team, or Fine, depending on the circumstances.
- (b) Competing for a Club for which one is ineligible to play outside the County in which one is eligible to play in accordance with Rule, Code or Bye Law.
Club: Player – 48 weeks suspension;
Club Chairperson and Secretary – 48 weeks suspension;

Team: as above.

- (c) Competing for a County for which one is ineligible to play in accordance with Rule or Code
Player – 48 weeks suspension;
County Chairperson and Secretary – 48 weeks; suspension;
Team – As in (i) and (ii) above.

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(4)

That Code 3.2 Sponsorship & Branding – Branding (page 7) be amended by reformatting and re-lettering to read as follows:

- (3.2) Branding
- (a) The Association's corporate logo shall be displayed on all jerseys worn by players during official matches, in pre-match and post-match television or video interviews, player walk-ups and photographs.
 - (b) The Association's Match Sliotar or SMART Sliotar logo(s) shall be displayed, as appropriate, on all Licensed Sliotars. Sliotars used in Official Games shall not carry an additional branding other than as per specifications approved by the Central Council.
 - (c) The Association's corporate logo shall be displayed, as appropriate, on all Licensed Footballs. Footballs used in Official Games shall not carry an additional branding other than as per specifications approved by the Central Council.
 - (d) Only in accordance with an officially approved Sponsorship Agreement may a Sponsor's brand name(s), distinctive marks or logo be displayed on Jerseys, tracksuits and kitbags of players.

A Sponsor's brand name(s), distinctive marks or logo shall not be displayed on the shorts or body of a player.

A Sponsor's brand name(s), distinctive marks or logos shall not be displayed on the jersey, shorts or body of a match official.
 - (e) A Club shall not be entitled to enter into a sponsorship agreement with regard to the use of sponsor's brand name(s), distinctive marks or logo on playing gear unless it has obtained the prior written approval of the County Committee.
 - (f) A County shall not be entitled to enter into a sponsorship agreement with regard to the use of a sponsor's brand name(s), distinctive marks or logo on playing gear unless it has obtained the prior written approval of the Central Council. The County Sponsor's brand name(s), distinctive marks or logo only shall be displayed on jerseys and replica jerseys as per specifications approved by the Central Council.
 - (g) The total area of the sponsor's brand name(s), distinctive marks or logo on jerseys shall not exceed an area of 350 square centimetres. That area shall be calculated by measuring the total area, including background highlighting, covered from one extremity to the other. The calculation of the size does not refer to the area covered by individual letters of a name or distinctive marks or logo but to the total area. Additional branding on other area(s) of jerseys and replica jerseys shall be allowed as per specifications approved by Central Council.
 - (h) A brand name(s), distinctive marks or logo or other advertising material shall not be displayed on boots, gloves, hurleys, kicking tees, hand-guards, sweatbands, undergarments, headbands or helmets or on any other item of playing equipment or accessories worn or displayed during official matches or in pre-match or post-match television or video interviews or photographs, other than the manufacturer's or supplier's brand name(s), distinctive marks or logo.

- (i) A manufacturer's or supplier's brand name(s), distinctive marks or logo may not be displayed on items of playing gear as set out in sub clause (a) of this Code unless such items are included in an Official Licence Agreement previously approved by the Management Committee of the Central Council. A brand name(s), distinctive marks or logo of any nature shall not be displayed on stockings.
- (j) Other than in accordance with sub clauses (c) and (h), no other brand name(s), distinctive marks or logo or other advertising material shall be displayed on jerseys, shorts, tracksuits or kitbags.
- (k) The acceptance of playing gear and/or equipment by any unit of the Association shall be permitted on the following conditions:
 - (i) Compliance with the sub-clauses of this Code;
 - (ii) The presentation of the playing gear and/or equipment is made to Officers of the appropriate Unit of the Association; and
 - (iii) The playing gear and/or equipment complies with the Playing Gear and Equipment Regulations as ratified from time to time by Central Council.
- (l) A unit, team, player, official or member shall not contract itself/themselves to wear or use any particular brand of playing gear, equipment or accessories unless such playing gear, equipment or accessories fully comply with the provisions of Rule and Code.
- (m)
 - (i) No brand name(s), distinctive marks or logo or other advertising material relating to alcohol companies, public houses, or off licence premises, shall be displayed on the playing gear, as set out in sub-clause (a), or any additional gear/equipment, as set out in sub-clause (i) belonging or relating to teams catering exclusively for young people under 18 years of age.
 - (ii) Sponsorship of teams catering exclusively for young players under 18 years of age by alcohol companies is prohibited.

Penalty: Any unit or team in breach of this Code shall be liable to disqualification and/ or loss of expenses, and an individual(s) to a suspension of not less than 24 weeks or to expulsion.

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