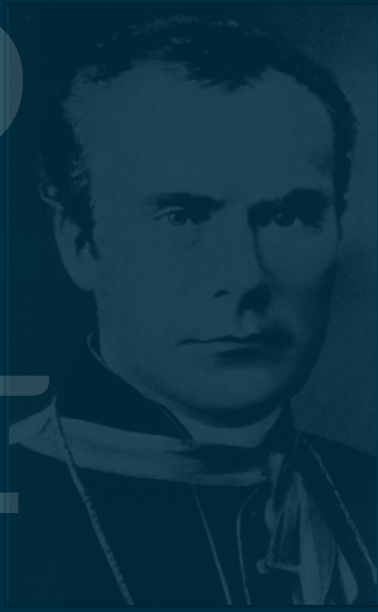




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Time

- 10.00am Registration of Congress delegates**
- 11.00am Opening of Special Congress**
- 11.05am Adoption of Standing Orders**
- 11.10am Consideration of Motions**
- 2.00pm Congress Concludes**
- 2.05pm Ard Chomhairle Meeting to adopt Codes
(subject to the adoption of Motion 10)**
- 2.10pm Lón**

REFERENCES

Motions 1 – 6 are submitted pursuant to Rule 3.40 (a) (iv) (3) consequent upon a report from CCCC and the Development CCC adopted by Central Council.

Motions 7 – 8 are submitted pursuant to Rule 3.40 (a) (iv) (3) consequent upon a report from the Central Council Review Workgroup adopted by Central Council.

Motion 9 are submitted pursuant to Rule 3.40 (a) (iv) (3) consequent upon a report from the Management Committee adopted by Central Council.

Motion 10 submitted, pursuant to Rule 3.40 (a) (iv) (6), consequent upon proposals from the Rules Advisory Committee adopted by Central Council.

Motion 11 submitted pursuant to Rule 3.40 (a) (iv) (6).

STANDING ORDERS

In order that the proceedings of Special Congress be carried out without delay, the following Standing Orders will be observed:

1. The Proposer of a Resolution or of an Amendment thereto may speak for five minutes, but not more than five minutes.
2. A delegate speaking to a Resolution or of an Amendment must not exceed three minutes. A maximum of two delegates from any one county shall speak on any one motion.
3. The Proposer of a Resolution or an Amendment may speak a second time for three minutes before a vote is taken, but no other delegate may speak a second time to the same Resolution or Amendment.
4. The Cathaoirleach may at any time he considers a matter has been sufficiently discussed call on the Proposer for a reply, and when that has been given a vote must be taken.
5. A delegate may, with the consent of the Cathaoirleach, move “that the question be now put”, after which when the Proposer has spoken, a vote must be taken.
6. No motion shall be considered, other than that properly before the Congress.
7. A suspension of Standing Orders may only be allowed with the approval of three-fifths of those present and voting.
8. Motions to remove, amend or to temporarily amend/set aside a rule shall be carried by three-fifths of those present, entitled to vote and voting.

MOTIONS

(1)

That Rule 6.28 (B) (ii) All-Ireland Senior Hurling Championship –Tier 1 Liam McCarthy Cup – All Ireland Quarter Finals – Official Guide Part 1 (page 106) be amended to read as follows:

6.28 (B) (ii): “All-Ireland Quarter Finals

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

Ard Chomhairle/CCCC/Development CCC

(2)

That Rule 6.28 (C) All-Ireland Senior Hurling Championship Tiers 2,3,4 and 5, Tier 2- Joe McDonagh Cup “Format” – Official Guide Part 1 (pages 107-109) 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 semifinal 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.

Ard Chomhairle/CCCC/Development CCC

(3)

That Rule 6.28 (E) – All Ireland Minor Football Championship – Official Guide Part 1 (page 109) be amended to read as follows:

(E) ALL-IRELAND MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Round Robin Championships shall be organised initially on a Provincial basis.

Post the Provincial Championships, Counties will compete in Tiered (knockout) competitions.

Tier 1

The All-Ireland Series shall be organised as follows:

- i. All-Ireland Quarter-Finals
Each of the four Provincial Winners shall meet one of the Provincial Runners-Up.

The pairings shall be determined on a Provincial Rota system initially determined by Central Council, but Provincial winners shall not at this stage meet the team they defeated in their own Provincial Final.

- ii. All-Ireland Semi-Finals
A Provincial Rota system, initially determined by Central Council, shall apply. If a Provincial Championship winning team is defeated in its Quarter-Final, the team that defeats it shall take its place in the Semi-Final. All-Ireland Final.

Additional Tiers

Additional tiered competitions shall be organised for Counties outside of the Provincial winners and runners-up. Competition structures and regulations will be approved annually by Central Council based on proposals from the Development Competitions Control Committee.

Ard Chomhairle/CCCC/Development CCC

(4)

That Rule 6.28 (F) All-Ireland Minor Hurling Championship – Official Guide Part 1 (pages 109/110) be amended to read as follows:

(F) ALL-Ireland MINOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

The All-Ireland Minor Hurling Championship shall be organised initially on a Provincial basis in Munster and Leinster. Ulster Teams, as agreed by the Ulster and Leinster Councils, **and Galway** shall participate in the Leinster Championship.

The All-Ireland Series shall be organised as follows:

The Munster and Leinster Winners shall automatically qualify for separate Semi-Finals and may not meet the defeated Finalists of their own Province at this stage.

The defeated Munster and Leinster finalists shall automatically qualify for separate Quarter-Finals.

The teams deemed to have finished 3rd and 4th (as determined by competition regulations) in the Leinster and Munster Minor Hurling championships shall qualify for Preliminary Quarter Finals, where the two Leinster teams shall be drawn to play against the two Munster teams. The winners of these games shall advance to the quarter finals where they will be drawn to play the defeated Munster and Leinster finalists (draw subject to the avoidance of repeat pairings where possible)

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

Ard Chomhairle/CCCC/Development CCC

(5)

That Rule 6.29 (b) – Inter-County Championships – Provincial Championships – Official Guide Part 1 (pages 111/112) be amended to read as follows:

(b) Draws - Provincial Councils may organise their respective Provincial Championships to take into account the relevant strengths of the Counties within the Province. Provincial Championships, other than Minor **and U20**, shall be organised on a Knock-Out basis, which may include a Losers Round

The Provincial Councils may organise their Minor **and U20** Championship as suits their respective requirements. In Inter-County Championships, other than Minor **and U20**, one Draw shall be made to cover the entire Championship, except where otherwise provided for in these Rules.

A Bye shall be given only in the First Round, except Minor **and U20**.”

Ard Chomhairle/CCCC/Development CCC

(6)

That Rule 6.31 - All Ireland finals – Official Guide Part 1 (page 112) be amended to read as follows:

The All-Ireland Senior 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

In exceptional circumstances the Central Council may make other arrangements”

Ard Chomhairle/CCCC/Development CCC

(7)

That Rule 3.20 – The County Committee - Sub-Committees/Functions - Official Guide Part 1 (page 26) be amended as follows:

(i) Management Committee

Insert as a second sentence “ The County’s Representative on the Central Council shall be a member of the Committee”.

No other change proposed.

Ard Chomhairle/Central Council Review Workgroup

(8)

That Rule 3.42 Central Council – Official Guide Part 1 (page 48) be amended as follows:

Amend first sentence in second paragraph to read:

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.

No other change proposed.

Ard Chomhairle/Central Council Review Workgroup

(9)

In conformity with the Association’s policy to maintain a gender balance in the membership of the Central Council Management Committee, that Rule 3.46 (a) - Management Committee be amended for the years 2024 - 2027 sequentially, as outlined below, subject to alteration from time to time as circumstances may warrant:

2024

(a) Management Committee

It shall consist of the following twenty one voting members:

- (i) The President.
- (ii) The Director General-up to Congress 2026
- (iii) The Chairperson of each Provincial Council (5).
- (iv) The two Representatives of Congress, one male and one female.

- (v) One Central Council member from each of the four Provinces elected by the Central Council, each nominee having been proposed and seconded by members of the Central Council from a nominee's own Province.
- (vi) One member from each of the four provinces, elected/appointed by their respective Provincial Councils for the period up to Annual Congress 2026. All members shall be female.
- (vii) Two members of the Association nominated by the President and Director General to serve one year. Both nominees shall be female.
- (viii) A Representative of the Camogie Association and a Representative of the Ladies Gaelic Football Association (the respective Association's Director General up to Congress 2026).

The immediate Past President and the Financial Director shall be entitled to attend meetings.

(Effective from Annual Congress 2024)

2025

(a) Management Committee

It shall consist of the following nineteen voting members:

- (i) The President.
- (ii) The Director General.
- (iii) The Chairperson of each Provincial Council (5).
- (iv) The two Representatives of Congress, one male and one female.
- (v) One Central Council member from both Ulster and Leinster elected by the Central Council, each nominee having been proposed and seconded by members of the Central Council from a nominee's own Province.
- (vi) One member from each of the four provinces, elected/appointed by their respective Provincial Councils for the period up to Congress 2026. All members shall be female.
- (vii) Two members of the Association nominated by the President and Director General to serve for two years. One nominee shall be female.
- (viii) A Representative of the Camogie Association and a Representative of the Ladies Gaelic Football Association (the respective Association's Director General up to Congress 2026).

The Financial Director shall be entitled to attend meetings.

(Effective from Annual Congress 2025)

(a) Management Committee (2026)

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.
- (viii) 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.

(Effective from Annual Congress 2026)

(a) Management Committee (2027 and onward).

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. 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 for a three-year period. 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 his term of office as President) and the Financial Director shall be entitled to attend meetings.

(Effective from Annual Congress 2027)

Rules affected: 3.36 (c), 3.37 and 3.30 Official Guide Part 1 2023.

An Coiste Bainistíochta/Ard Chomhairle

(10)

That the Official Guide 2023 - Parts 1 and 2 be amended so that it reads as set out in the draft attached and that the amended Official Guide - Parts 1 and 2 shall become operative immediately.

Rules Advisory/Ard Chomhairle

(11)

That Rule 6.17 Age Grades - Club - Adult – Official Guide Part 1 (page 90) be amended to read:

CLUB

Adult:

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

A County Committee may decide, by means of Competition Regulations, to increase this minimum eligibility age generally or in specific competitions / circumstances.

Ard Chomhairle

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