

An Chomhdháil Bhlíantúil 2017

Rúin don Chomhdháil





Scór na bPaistí finalist Cillian O Sé recites a piece from Angela's Ashes during the Piarsaigh Na Dromoda Lá na gClubanna celebrations. Lá Na gClubanna - Piarsaigh Na Dromoda. Páirc an Phiarsaigh, Inse na Toinne, Dromid, Co. Kerry

Motions 1 - 3 (inclusive) submitted by Ard Chomhairle in accordance with Rule 3.40 (a) (iv) 6.

Motions 4 to 6 (inclusive) submitted by Ard Chomhairle consequent upon a report of An Coiste Bainistíochta in accordance with Rule 3.40 (a) (iv) (3).

Motions 7 to 23 (inclusive) submitted by Ard Chomhairle consequent upon a report of the Rules Advisory Committee in accordance with Rule 3.40 (a) (iv) 3. Motions 7 to 20 (inclusive) will be voted upon on a composite basis. Motions 21, 22 and 23 will be voted upon individually.

Motions 24 to 56 (inclusive) submitted by units in accordance with Rule 3.40 (a) (i), (ii) and (iii).

Amendment/Additions to Rules 5.2 to 5.4 - Control of Association property, approved by Ard Chomhairle on 21st January 2017, in accordance with its powers and functions under Rule 3.43 (c) T.O. 2017 listed on pages 18 to 22.

(1)

That a new **Rule 1.18 – Betting – Official Guide Part 1** – be adopted as follows:

A Player, a Team, a member of a Team Management or a Match Official involved in a Game is strictly prohibited from betting on the outcome of any aspect of the Game concerned.

PENALTY – a breach shall be penalised in accordance with Rule 7.2 (e).

Ard Chomhairle

(2)

- (a) **That Rule 3.35–Congress – Official Guide Part 1 (page 43)** be amended as follows: In Section of the Rule outlining “it shall consist of.....etc” add the following

“The Gaelic Players’ Association shall be represented at Annual Congress by a named Gaelic Players’ Representative”.

- (b) That Rule 3.40(a) –Motions – Official Guide Part 1 – (page45) be amended by adding as Section (v)

“A maximum of one motion submitted by the Gaelic Players’ Association”.

Current Sections (v) and (vi) to be renumbered accordingly.

Ard Chomhairle

(3)

That Rule 6.28 (B) Tier 1 – Liam MacCarthy Cup – Official Guide Part 1 – (pages 99–102) be amended as follows:

- (a) In Stage (i) Provincial Championships (b)Leinster

Delete NOTE that came into effect on January 1st 2017 i.e.

“The Christy Ring Cup winners shall qualify for the Leinster Quarter-Finals in the current year of winning the Christy Ring Cup”.

- (b) In Stage (ii) All-Ireland Qualifier Series amend the NOTE that came into effect on January 1st 2017 as follows:

“Preliminary Round

The current year’s winners of the Christy Ring Cup shall qualify to play a team defeated in a Leinster Quarter-Final. The latter team shall, where feasible, be one of the two teams that qualified for the Leinster Quarter-Finals through the Leinster Qualifier Group. If, however, both

of these teams advance to the Leinster Semi-Finals, the replacement shall be a team defeated by them in the Quarter-Finals. If necessary, the team to compete in this Preliminary Round shall be decided on a draw basis.

Round 1

This Round shall be comprised of eight teams and two Groups shall be formed as follows:

Group 1-The two teams defeated in the Leinster Semi-Finals and the two teams defeated in the Leinster Quarter-Finals that did not participate in the Preliminary Qualifier Round.

Group 2-The three teams defeated in the Munster Semi-Finals and Quarter-Final and the Winners of the Preliminary Qualifier Round.

The teams shall play on a knock-out basis.

A Draw for four pairings of Group 1 v Group 2 Teams, with avoidance of a Repeat Pairing, shall be made.

Venues shall be on a Home or Away basis and shall be determined by a Draw.

The four Winners shall progress to Round 2.

- c) Under Promotion and Relegation, amend the second paragraph of the NOTE that came into effect on January 1st 2017 as follows:

The Christy Ring Cup winners shall participate in the All-Ireland Qualifier Series in the current Championship Year as outlined above and shall be promoted to the Provincial Qualifier Group for the following year.”

Ard Chomhairle

(4)

That Rule 6.28 (A) – Governing the All-Ireland Senior Football Championship – Official Guide Part 1 – (pages 96–99) be temporarily set aside in 2018, 2019 and 2020 to allow the following format be the subject of experimentation in the Championships in 2018, 2019 and 2020:

(a) All-Ireland Senior Football Championship

(i) Provincial Championships

These Championships shall be played on a Knock Out Format. Group or 'Round Robin' Formats may not be used. The winners of the Provincial Championships shall qualify for the All-Ireland Championship Quarter-Finals Group Stage.

(ii) All-Ireland Qualifier Series

Round 1 -This Round shall include all the Counties that do not qualify for Provincial Semi-Finals.

A Preliminary Game(s) if required and which may be on an arranged basis, shall be played to reduce the number of teams to sixteen. An open draw shall then be made to determine the eight pairings.

Round 2 -Each of the eight teams defeated in the Provincial Semi-Finals shall play against one of the eight winners from Round 1. A Draw shall be made to determine the eight pairings.

Round 3 -This Round shall involve the eight winners of Round 2. Subject to the avoidance of Repeat Pairings where feasible, a Draw shall be made to determine the four pairings.

Round 4 -Each of the four defeated Provincial Finalists shall play against one of the four winners from Round 3. Subject to the avoidance of Repeat Pairings where feasible, a Draw shall be made to determine the four pairings.

(iii) All-Ireland Quarter-Final Group Stage

The All-Ireland Quarter-Final Group Stage shall be on a League basis of two Groups of four teams, with each team in a Group playing the other teams once.

The Groupings in year 1 (2018) shall be as follows:

Group 1	Group 2
Team 1: Munster provincial winner	Team 1: Ulster provincial winner
Team 2: Connacht provincial winner	Team 2: Leinster provincial winner
Team 3: Ulster runner-up, or team that defeats them in round 4	Team 3: Munster runner-up, or team that defeats them in round 4
Team 4: Leinster runner-up, or team that defeats them in round 4	Team 4: Connacht runner-up, or team that defeats them in round 4

The groupings in the succeeding years shall be determined by the Central Council.

The order of fixtures shall be as follows:

Phase 1

Team 1 v Team 2 (venue: Croke Park)

Team 3 v Team 4 (venue: Croke Park)

Phase 2

Team 1 v Team 3 or 4 (venue: Home advantage for Team 3 or 4)

Team 2 v Team 3 or 4 (venue: Home advantage for Team 3 or 4)

Phase 3

Team 1 v Team 3 or 4 (venue: Home advantage for Team 1)

Team 2 v Team 3 or 4 (venue: Home advantage for Team 2)

The Central Competitions Committee shall make the Draws for Phases 2 and 3.

Note:

Home Venues shall be subject to approval by the Central Competitions Control Committee (CCC) and shall meet the criteria set down by the National Facilities/Health and Safety Committee.

Tie-breakers:

In the event of teams finishing on equal points in a Quarter-Final Group, the tie shall be decided by the following means and in the order specified:

- (i) Where two Teams only are involved – the outcome of the meeting of the two Teams in the Group
- (ii) Score difference – subtracting the total Scores against from the Scores for
- (iii) Highest Total Score For
- (iv) Highest Total Goals For
- (v) A Play-Off

(iv) All-Ireland Semi-Finals

In the All-Ireland Semi-Finals –

The Group 1 Quarter-Final winner shall play the Group 2 Quarter-Final Runner-up.

The Group 2 Quarter-Final winner shall play the Group 1 Quarter-Final Runner-up

(v) All-Ireland Final**Other matters related to the All-Ireland Qualifier Series****(1) Scheduling**

Qualifier Games shall be played on Saturdays/Sundays as deemed appropriate by the Central Competitions Control Committee, but the Schedule of Games shall avoid conflict with the Provincial Championships schedules (including Replays), and shall also allow sufficient dates for Club Championship fixtures. Consideration shall be given to the dual involvement of Counties in both Hurling and Football, and, where feasible, avoid the same weekend.

Provincial Runners-Up shall be allowed, where feasible, a thirteen-day gap between their Provincial Final and their participation in the All-Ireland Qualifier Series.

All Games in each Round of the All-Ireland Qualifier Series shall be played over not more than two consecutive weekends, save in exceptional circumstances.

(2) Venues

Home Venues shall be used in Rounds 1, 2 and 3 of the All-Ireland Qualifier Series, with the first Team drawn having Home Advantage.

Exception:

A Division 3 or 4 team drawn against a Division 1 or 2 team in the current year's National Football League shall have Home Advantage

Venues for Round 4 shall be determined by the Central Competitions Control Committee.

Rule affected – Rules 6.21(4) and 6.29(a) Official Guide Part 1

An Coiste Bainistíochta / Ard Chomhairle

(5)

That Rule 6.31 – All-Ireland Finals – Official Guide Part 1 (page 110) be temporarily set aside in 2018, 2019 and 2020 and amended to read:

“The All-Ireland Senior Finals shall be played in Croke Park.

The Finals shall be played on or before the last Sunday in August on dates determined by the Central Council. In exceptional circumstances, the Central Council may make other arrangements”.

Rules affected – Rule 6.28 and 6.29 – Official Guide Part 1

(Motion effective January 1st 2018).

An Coiste Bainistíochta / Ard Chomhairle

(6)

That Rule 3.5, Rules of Specification – Time – Official Guide Part 2 (pages 12–13) be temporarily set aside in 2018, 2019 and 2020 and amended to read:

Unless the Management committee of Central Council otherwise permits on an application by a Competition Control Committee, extra time shall be obligatory in the event of a draw in the following Competitions:

(a) Inter-County All-Ireland and Provincial Senior Championship Games with the exceptions of –

- (i) All-Ireland Finals (Sam Maguire and Liam MacCarthy Cups only) and the Provincial Finals, in which Replays shall apply,

and

- (ii) ‘Round Robin’ Group Games, in which the provision as in Rule 6.21(4)(a) shall apply (i.e. one ‘table point’ credited to each team).

(b) Other Competitions:

- Inter-County Under 21/Under 20 Championships;
- Inter-County Minor Championships; includes Finals
- Inter-County Intermediate Championship;
- Inter-County Junior Championship;
- Knock-out Stages of the National Leagues;
- Inter-Provincial Competitions;
- Inter-County Tournaments;
- Inter-Club Provincial and All-Ireland Championships;
- Sigerson and Fitzgibbon Cups;
- Other games in subsidiary competitions.

Rule Affected – Rule 3.4, Rules of Specification, Official Guide Part 2; Rule 6.21, Official Guide Part 1.

(Motion effective from January 1st 2018)

An Coiste Bainistíochta / Ard Chomhairle

Motions 7 to 20 (inclusive) will be voted upon on a composite basis.

(7)

That the following sections of Rule 1.17 Playing Gear and Equipment – Official Guide Part 1 – (page 10) be amended to read as follows:

- (a) All jerseys, shorts, stockings, tracksuits (**tops and bottoms**) and kitbags, worn and/or used for official matches, in pre-match or post-match television or video interviews, **player walk-ups** and photographs, shall be of Irish manufacture. This requirement shall also apply to replica playing gear.
- (b) 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.
- (c) A sponsor's brand name(s), distinctive marks or logo shall not be displayed on jerseys, tracksuits and kitbags unless in accordance with an officially approved sponsorship agreement. A sponsor's brand name(s), distinctive marks or logo shall not be displayed on shorts or on the body of a player.

Only a County sponsor's brand name(s), distinctive marks or logo shall be displayed on the jersey and replica jersey as per specifications approved by Central Council and in accordance with sub clause (e).

- (f) 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.

The Rules Advisory Committee / Ard Chomhairle

(8)

That Rule 3.18 (a) – County Committee – Official Guide Part 1 – (page 24) be amended by the addition of **“(where applicable)”** after County Handball.

The Rules Advisory Committee / Ard Chomhairle

(9)

That Rule 3.19 (f) – Powers of the County Committee – Official Guide Part 1 – (page 25) be amended to read as follows:

“To appoint a Full-Time County Secretary or other Full-Time Administrator, subject to permission from the Central Council and a process and conditions determined by the Management Committee on behalf of the Central Council”.

Rule Affected – Rule 3.11 – Official Guide Part 1 – In Exception (1) to Sections (a) and (b) delete the word “Annual” in second last line.

The Rules Advisory Committee / Ard Chomhairle

(10)

(a) That Rule 3.19 (c) – Powers of the County Committee – Official Guide Part 1 – (page 25) be amended by the deleting the second paragraph.

(b) That Rule 3.20 (xiii) (c) – County Teams Management and Panels Sub-Committee – Official Guide Part 1 – page 30) be amended to read as follows:

- (c) the Senior Inter-County Team Panels. This Sub-Committee must meet at least twice each year and otherwise as required. The Sub-Committee shall discharge its functions in the context of the Charter for County Committee/Player Relationships (Player's/**Manager's** Charter) approved by Central Council from time to time. Membership of this Sub-Committee shall be detailed in the completed said Charter, which shall be submitted to the Central Council by January 31st each year.

The Rules Advisory Committee / Ard Chomhairle

(11)

Rule 3.30 – Powers (Provincial Councils) – Official Guide Part 1 – (pages 35 – 37) be amended by adding the following sub-paragraph:

- “(n) To appoint Sub-Committees as may be required from time to time with delegated powers in relation to such specified matters/activities as may be determined by the Council”

The Rules Advisory Committee / Ard Chomhairle

(12)

(I) That Rule 3.32(A)(ii) Provincial Competitions Control Committee – Official Guide Part 1 – (page 38) be amended by the insertion of the following new paragraph:

“It shall be responsible for making decisions on applications for Inter-County transfers within its jurisdiction”

Remainder of Rule to remain unchanged.

Rule affected: 6.6 – Official Guide Part 1

(II) That Rule 3.47 – The Central Competitions Control Committee – Official Guide Part 1 – (page 54) be amended by inserting the following sub-paragraph:

(g) “It shall be responsible for making decisions on applications for Inter-County transfers within its jurisdiction”

Remainder of Rule to remain unchanged

Rule affected: 6.6 – Official Guide Part 1

The Rules Advisory Committee / Ard Chomhairle

(13)

That Rule 3.54 (b) – Standing Committee on Playing Rules – Official Guide Part 1 – (page 57) be amended by replacing “October meeting of the Central Council” with “the final meeting of the Calendar Year of Central Council”.

The remainder of the Rule to remain unchanged.

The Rules Advisory Committee / Ard Chomhairle

(14)

That Rule 3.55 – Handball – Official Guide Part 1 – (page 58) be amended to read as follows:

- (a) GAA Handball shall, subject to the overall control of Central Council, be responsible for the promotion of the National Game of Handball.
- (b) The affairs of GAA Handball shall be subject to the General Rules of the Association and the Constitution for the regulation of its affairs as sanctioned by the Management Committee.

Rule possibly affected – Rule 3.18(a) – Official Guide Part 1

The Rules Advisory Committee / Ard Chomhairle

(15)

That Rule 3.57 – Educational Institutions – Official Guide Part 1 – (page 58) be amended as follows:

That the word “Bye-Laws” in the penultimate paragraph of Rule 3.57 be amended to read “Constitutions”.

The Rules Advisory Committee / Ard Chomhairle

(16)

That Rule 3.59 – Deviation from Rule – Official Guide Part 1 (page 59) be amended by the inclusion of the following sub-paragraph:

- (c) In the case of a Bye-Law from an International Unit, other than in Britain, permission shall not be required for deviation from General Rule in circumstances where the Management, in sanctioning such a Bye-Law, is satisfied that where any provisions thereof conflict or are not fully in accord with General Rule are unavoidable, are necessary for the proper functioning of the particular Unit, and are in the best interests of the G.A.A. and the promotion of Gaelic Games within its jurisdiction.

The Rules Advisory Committee / Ard Chomhairle

(17)

That Rule 4.1 – Elective Office – Official Guide Part 1 – (page 60) be amended to read as follows:

“Only a Full Member who has paid his annual Club subscription prior to the 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.

Rules affected – Rules 3.11, 3.12, 3.13, 3.25, 3.26, 3.37; – Official Guide Part 1

Club Constitution Rules 7.1 to 7.6 inclusive – Official Guide Part 1 – Appendix 5

The Rules Advisory Committee / Ard Chomhairle

(18)

Amend Rule 4.6 Communications – Methods– Official Guide Part 1 (page 61) by adding the following:

Where official correspondence is sent by email to or from Units/ Committees of the Association or Officers/Representatives of such Units/Committees who have been allocated email addresses in the form of @gaa.ie, the use of such email addresses shall be mandatory for the purposes of compliance with Rules governing Correspondence and Communications.

Rules affected – Rule 4.5 – Official Guide Part 1

The Rules Advisory Committee / Ard Chomhairle

(19)

That Rule 7.5 (a) (5) – Suspensions – Interpretation of Terms – Official Guide Part 1 – (page 142) be amended by the addition of the words “including any extra time played”.

The Rules Advisory Committee / Ard Chomhairle

(20)

That Rule 14.1 – Additions to an amendments of Rules – Club Constitution – Official Guide part 1 – Appendix 5 (page 180) be amended as follows:

“the words “**County Committee**” be deleted and replaced by “**County Management Committee**”

The Rules Advisory Committee / Ard Chomhairle

(21)

That Rule 4.17 – Player Injury Scheme – Official Guide Part 1 – (page 66) be amended to read as follows:

“Central Council may make arrangements for the provision of a Players Injury **Fund** for registered playing members of affiliated units of the Association. **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 of 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)”

The Rules Advisory Committee / Ard Chomhairle

(22)

That Rule 6.12 (b) (iii) – Playing in U.S.A./Canada/Australasia/ Europe – Official Guide Part 1 (Page 82) be amended by substituting the words “from the 1st of March” to “the 1st of May”.

The Rules Advisory Committee / Ard Chomhairle

(23)

That Rule 6.12 (b) (iv) – Playing in U.S.A./Canada/Australasia/ Europe – Official Guide Part 1 – (page 82) be amended to read:

A Sanction shall not be granted after the **1st July** for players intending to play in the Canadian Board, New York or USGAA areas.

The Rules Advisory Committee / Ard Chomhairle

(24)

(A)

That Riail 6.28 – Intercounty Championships – Official Guide Part 1 – (pages 96-99) be amended to read as follows:

6.28: Organisation

The Championships shall be organised as follows:

(a) All-Ireland senior Football Championship

(i) **Provincial Championships:** These Championships shall be played on a Knock Out Format. A ‘Round Robin’ Format may not be used. The winners of the Provincial Championships shall qualify for separate All-Ireland Championship Quarter-Finals.

(ii) All-Ireland Qualifier Series

***Round 1** – This round will consist of a group stage contested by the sixteen counties that do not qualify for the provincial semi-finals. The group stage will be organised on a league basis with four groups of four with each team playing the other three teams once with the top two teams from each group qualifying for round two of the qualifiers. A draw shall be made to decide groups*

Round 2 – Each of the eight teams defeated in the provincial semi-finals shall play against one of the eight teams who qualify from round one. An open draw shall be made to determine the eight pairings

Round 3 – This round shall involve the eight winners from Round 2. Subject to the avoidance of repeat pairings where feasible a draw shall be made to determine the four pairings

Round 4 – Each of the four defeated provincial finalists shall play against one of the four winners of round 3. Subject to the avoidance of repeat pairings where feasible a draw shall be made to determine the four pairings.

(iii) All-Ireland Quarter Finals

Each of the four winners of the provincial championships shall play against one of the four winners from round 4. Subject to the respective provincial champions not meeting the defeated finalists from their own province in this round and to the avoidance of repeat pairings where possible a draw shall be made to determine the four pairings.

(iv) 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.

(v) All-Ireland Final

Other matters related to the All-Ireland Qualifier series

- (1) Scheduling – Qualifier Games shall be played on Saturdays/Sundays as deemed appropriate by the Central Competitions Control Committee, but the Schedule of Games shall avoid conflict with the Provincial Championships schedules (including Replays), and shall also allow sufficient dates for Club Championship fixtures. Consideration shall be given to the dual involvement of Counties in both Hurling and Football, and, where feasible, avoid the same weekend. Provincial Runners-Up shall be allowed, where feasible, a thirteen-day gap between their Provincial Final and their participation in the All-Ireland Qualifier Series.

All Games in Round 1 of All-Ireland Qualifier Series shall be played over not more than three consecutive weekends, with the final round of games to be played no later than the third weekend in June save in exceptional circumstances. All games in the rounds 2, 3 & 4 shall be played over not more than one weekend per round save in exceptional circumstances.

- (2) Venues – Home Venues shall be used in Rounds 1 of the All-Ireland Qualifier Series with all teams in each group guaranteed at least one home game and the two teams with the lowest National Football League position in each group getting two home games. Home venues shall be used in Round 2 and 3 of the All-Ireland Qualifiers with the first team drawn having home advantage.

Exceptions

- (i) Where two teams who have already met in a provincial championship of the current year are drawn to meet in rounds 2 or 3 the winner of the provincial championship game shall have home advantage.

The above arrangements shall be conditional on Home Grounds being deemed to meet the criteria set down by the National Health and Safety Committee and the Central Competitions Control Committee. Venues in Round 4 shall be determined by the Central Competitions Control Committee. All-Ireland Quarter-Finals scheduling save for replays and exceptional circumstances provided for in Rule 6.29(a), all games in the All-Ireland Quarter-finals shall be played over not more than two consecutive weekends and shall be completed by the second weekend in August.”

(B)

That Riail 6.29 – Provincial Championships – Official Guide 2016 – (page 109) to be amended to read as follows:

- (a) Senior Provincial Championships in the Provinces that have to send forward Teams to compete in the All-Ireland Championships shall begin no **later** than the third weekend in May and shall be decided during that month, June and July, unless deviation is allowed by the Central Council on the recommendation of the Central Competitions Control Committee.

Minor Provincial Championships shall commence not earlier than the second week of April and not later than May 1st, and shall be decided during the months of April, May, June (as authorised by Central Council, based on Second Level Schools’ examination dates) and July. In exceptional circumstances, Provincial Senior and Minor Finals may, by the sanction of the Central Competitions Control Committee, be played on the first Sunday in August. The Provincial Under 21 Football Championships shall be played in conjunction with the period of the National Football League. Provinces shall send forward Teams to compete in All-Ireland Championships on the dates required by the Central Council.

- (b) A County failing to fulfil a Championship fixture shall be disqualified, and suspended for 48 weeks from date of default.

- (c) A Province which has not completed its Championship shall, when required, nominate a team to compete in the All-Ireland Championship. Failure to do so shall involve disqualification of the Province from the competition.

Naomh Seosamh, Laois

(25)

That Rule 6.28 (A) – All-Ireland Senior Football Championship – Official Guide Part 1 (pages 96–98) be amended as follows:

The Championship shall be organised as follows:

Delete all of (i), (ii) and (iii) and add in the following:

Provincial Championships: - These championships shall be played on a Knock-Out format.

All provincial quarter finals to be completed by the last Sunday in May.

All provincial semi-finals to be completed by the third Sunday in June.

All provincial finals to be completed by the second Sunday in July.

All-Ireland Qualifier Series:

Round One: First weekend June

This round includes the 16 teams who do not reach the provincial semi-finals. Draw to decide pairings. Total of 8 games.

Round Two: Fourth weekend June

This round includes the 8 winners from Round One, who are drawn against the 8 defeated provincial semi-finalists. Total of 8 games.

Round Three: Second weekend July

This round includes the 8 winners from Round Two, drawn against each other in an open draw. Total of 4 games.

Round Four: Fourth weekend July

The 4 winners from Round Three play the 4 provincial losing finalists.

Quarter Finals: First weekend August

The winners from Round Four play the Provincial Champions.

Semi Finals: Third and/or Fourth Weekend August

As per the Provincial Rota system that is in place at the moment and determined by Central Council.

FINAL: Second or Third Sunday September

In Rounds One, Two and Three, the lowest ranked team to have home advantage.

Extra time in all qualifier games.

Coiste Contae Cheatharlach

(26)

That Rule 6.31 All-Ireland Finals – Official Guide Part 1 – (Page 110) be amended to read:

All-Ireland Finals

The All-Ireland Senior Finals shall be played in Croke Park:

The Football Final shall be played on the **last Sunday in August and the Hurling Final shall be played one week previous.** In exceptional circumstances, the Central Council may make other arrangements.

Coiste Contae Thír Eoghain

(27)

That Rule 6.28 (C) – All-Ireland Senior Hurling Championship – Official Guide 2016 Part 1 (Pages 104 – 106) be amended.

Tier 2 – Christy Ring Cup

Promotion and Relegation

Replace: “The two Round 2B losers shall Play Off. The Losers of this Play-Off shall play the Nicky Rackard Cup Winners to determine Promotion or Relegation, with the winners of this game qualifying for the Christy Ring Cup and the losers for the Nicky Rackard Cup in the following year”

with: “Losers of this Play-Off shall play in the Nicky Rackard Cup in the following year.”

Tier 3 – Nicky Rackard Cup

Promotion and Relegation

Replace: “The two Round 2B losers shall Play-Off. The Losers of the Play-Off shall play the Lory Meagher Cup Winners to determine Promotion or Relegation, with the Winners of this Game Qualifying for the Nicky Rackard Cup and the Losers for the Lory Meagher Cup in the following year”

with: “The winners of the Nicky Rackard Cup shall be promoted to the Christy Ring Cup in the following year. The two Round 2B Losers shall Play-Off. The Losers of this Play-Off shall play in the Lory Meagher Cup in the following year.”

Tier 4 – Lory Meagher Cup

Add the following paragraph:

“Promotion:

The winners of the Lory Meagher Cup shall be promoted to the Nicky Rackard Cup in the following year”

Coiste Chontae Dhoire

(28)

That Rules 6.28 (F), (G) and (H) – Official Guide Part 1 – (pages 96 to 109) be amended as follows, that Rule 6.28 (I) be re-numbered as Rule 6.28 (J) and that a new Rule 6.28 (I) be added as follows:

Rule 6.28 (F) All-Ireland Minor Hurling Championship

The All-Ireland Minor Hurling Championship shall be organised initially on a Provincial basis i.e. **Ulster, Munster and Leinster. Galway shall participate in Leinster.**

The Provincial Winners and the Munster and Leinster Runners-Up shall go forward to the All-Ireland Series.

The All-Ireland Series shall be organised as follows:

All-Ireland Quarter Final:

The Provincial winners in Ulster shall meet the Munster or Leinster Runners-Up, on a Rota System, initially determined by Central Council and the winners shall go forward to the All-Ireland Semi-Final.

All-Ireland Semi-Finals:

The Munster and Leinster Winners shall automatically qualify for separate Semi-Finals, and may not meet the defeated Finalists from their own Province at this stage. The remaining two Semi-Finalists shall comprise of the All-Ireland Quarter Final Winner and the remaining Provincial Runners-Up.

The All-Ireland Minor ‘B’ and ‘C’ Hurling Championships shall be organised on the basis of Recommendations of the Central Competitions Control Committee, as approved by Central Council.

Rule 6.28 (G) All-Ireland Intermediate Hurling Championship

The Championship shall be organised initially on a Provincial basis i.e. **Munster and Leinster. Galway shall participate in Leinster,** and the Provincial Winners qualifying for the All-Ireland Final.

The Championship shall be confined to Counties that are Senior Tier 1.

Rule 6.28 (H) Other All-Ireland Football Championships

The All-Ireland Junior Football Championship and the All-Ireland Under 21 Football Championship shall be organised initially on a Provincial basis with the winners, going forward to the All-Ireland Series. The pairing for the All-Ireland Series shall be on a Rota System, initially determined by Central Council.

(Note: Effective from January 1st 2018, Section (H) shall read:

The All-Ireland Junior Football Championship and the All-Ireland Under 20 Football Championship shall be organised initially on a Provincial basis with the winners, going forward to the All-Ireland Series. The pairings for the All-Ireland Series shall be on a Rota System, initially determined by Central Council. The All-Ireland Under 20 Football Championship shall be played during the months of June, July and August.

Rule 6.28 (I) All-Ireland Under 21 Hurling Championship

The All-Ireland Under 21 Hurling Championship shall be organised initially on a Provincial basis i.e. **Ulster, Munster and Leinster. Galway shall participate in Leinster.** The winners shall go forward to the All-Ireland Series. The pairings for the All-Ireland Series shall be determined by the Central Council.

Cumann Liam Ui Mhaoiliosa, Gaillimh

(29)

(a) **That Rule 6.28(H) – Other All-Ireland Championships – Official Guide Part 1** be amended to read:

Effective from January 1st 2018, section (H) shall read:

(H) Other All-Ireland Championships

The All-Ireland Junior Football Championship, the All-Ireland **Under 20 Hurling** Championship and the All-Ireland Under 20 Football Championship shall be organised initially on a Provincial basis with the winners going forward to the All-Ireland series. The pairings for the All-Ireland series shall be on a rota system, initially determined by the Central Council. The All-Ireland Under 20 Football

Championship shall be played in the months of June, July and August.

(b) **That Rule 6.17 – Age Grades – Official Guide Part I – (pages 86/87)** be amended as it relates to the Under 21 hurling Grade and read as follows:

Under 20 – Inter-County Football – Be Under 20 years and over 18 years.

Under 20 – Inter-County Hurling – Be Under 20 years and over 18 years.

Club – Be Under 21 years and over 16 years.

This Motion proposes no other change to this Rule.

- (c) **That Rule 6.17 – Age Grades – Official Guide Part 1 (pages 86/87)** be amended to read:

Effective from January 1st, 2018, Rule 6.17 shall read as below, Current Rule 6.17 and

subsequent rules in the Chapter shall be renumbered accordingly.

Inter-County Under 20 hurling and football Championships:

A Player who is on a team list submitted to a Referee for an Inter-County Senior hurling or football Championship game at any stage of the Current Championship year is ineligible to participate in the Inter-County Under 20 Championships.”

Cill Siolán & Cill Chais, Tiobraid Árann

(30)

That Rules 3.23, 4.10, 6.15, 6.17, 6.18 and 6.28 (G) – Official Guide Part 1 be amended whereby all reference to the Inter-County “**Intermediate**” Championship be replaced with references to an Inter-County “**U25 Reserves Hurling Championship**”.

Also that Rule 6.15, paragraphs (a) and (b), excluding Exceptions paragraphs (i) and (ii) which shall remain, be replaced with the following text:

- (a) **Those who have already played on an Inter-County Senior Hurling Championship team in the current Championship year.**
- (b) **Those who are over 25 years of age and under 18 years of age as defined in Rule 6.17.**

Comhairle na Mumhan

(31)

That Rule 6.29 (a) – Provincial Championships – Official Guide Part 1 – (pages 109/110) be amended by deleting the words “**and not later than May 1st**”, reference the commencement dates for minor provincial Championships.

Comhairle Uladh

(32)

That Rule 6.30 – Intercounty Championships – Draws – Official Guide Part 1 – (page 110) be amended to read:

Provincial Councils may organise their respective Championships to take into account the relative strengths of the Counties within the Province. Provincial Championships **other than Minor** shall be organised on a Knock-Out basis, which may include a Losers Round. **The Provinces may organise their Minor Championships as suits their respective requirements.**

In Inter-County Championships **other than Minor**, 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**.

Comhairle Laighean

(33)

Add as Section (d) of Rule 1.17 – Playing Gear and Equipment – Official Guide Part 1 (page 11):

A Sponsor’s brand name(s), distinctive marks or logo may be displayed on match officials’ jackets, tops, jerseys or kitbags in accordance with an officially approved sponsorship agreement. A sponsor’s brand name(s), distinctive marks or logo shall not be displayed on shorts or body of a match official.

Re-letter existing Sections (d) to (l) accordingly

Tulach Sheasta, Tiobraid Árann

(34)

That Rule 2.1 – Membership and Registration – Official Guide Part 1 – (page 13) be amended in part to read:

- (a)
- (i) Full membership, for persons **over 17 years** (i.e. shall have celebrated their **17th birthday** prior to January 1st of the membership year)
- (ii) Youth membership, for persons **under 17 years** and over 9 years (i.e. shall celebrate their **17th birthday** on January 1st of the membership year or on a later date and shall have celebrated their 9th birthday prior to January 1st of the membership year.)

Tuaim Uí Mheara, Tiobraid Árann

(35)

That Rule 3.14 – County Convention – Motions – Official Guide Part 1 (page 21/22) be amended to read:

Motions for consideration by the County Convention shall be submitted only by Clubs and the County Committee. Such motions shall be submitted on the motion paper, which shall be sent to the Clubs at least six weeks prior to the County Convention, and which shall be completed and returned to the County Secretary at least **two weeks** prior to the Convention.

A Motion from a Club shall have been approved by an Annual or Special General Meeting of the Club and the date of such meeting shall be shown on the motion paper.

Cumann Uilf Tón, Cill Dhreasa, Tír Eoghain

(36)

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

- (e) Motions to remove, amend or to temporarily amend/set aside a Rule shall be carried by **three-fifths (60%)** of those present, entitled to vote and voting.

Droichead Mhaigh Eo, (An Dún)/ Mainistir Leathrátha/Abbeylara, (Longfort)/Tang (Iar Mhí)

(37)

That Rule 3.40 (e) – Congress – Motions – Official Guide Part 1 – (page 46) be amended to read;

Motions to remove amend or temporarily amend/set aside a rule shall be carried by a **simple majority** of those present and entitled to vote and voting.

Naomh Phadráig (Tiobraid Árann)/ Gaeil na hAilne (Liatroim)

(38)

That Rule 3.17 – County Bye-Laws – Official Guide Part 1 – (page 22) be amended by replacing the words ‘**two thirds**’ with the words ‘**three-fifths (60%)**’ in the final paragraph.

Coiste Chontae an Dúin

(39)

That Rule 4.3 – Voting – Official Guide Part 1 – (page 60) be amended to read:

Except where otherwise provided in these Rules, all decisions at General Meetings and Committee Meetings shall be taken by a simple majority of those present entitled to vote and voting, and in the event of a tie, the presiding Chairperson shall have a

casting vote in addition to his/her vote as a member, irrespective of whether or not he/she had originally voted on the issue. Any decision taken at a duly convened meeting of any Committee or Council of the Association, shall not be rescinded at a subsequent meeting, unless due notice of intention to propose rescindment has been previously conveyed to each member, and the consent of **3/5th** of those present entitled to vote and voting is obtained.

Tang, Iar Mhí

(40)

That Rule 4.3 – Voting – Official Guide Part 1 (page 60) be amended to read:

Except where otherwise provided in these rules, all decisions at General Meetings and Committee meetings shall be taken by a simple majority of those present and entitled to vote and voting, and in the event of a tie, the presiding Chairperson shall have a casting vote in addition to his vote as a member irrespective of whether or not he has originally voted on the issue. Any decision taken at a duly convened meeting of any committee or Council of the association shall not be rescinded at a subsequent meeting, unless due notice of intention to propose rescindment has been previously conveyed to each member, and the consent of **the majority** of those present entitled to voting is obtained.

Realt na Mara Bun Dobhain (Dún na nGall)/ HWH Buncloody, (Loch Garman)

(41)

That Rule 3.58 – Gaelic Players’ Association – Official Guide – (page 59) be amended as follows:

3.58 Gaelic Players Associations

- (a) The Gaelic Players’ Association is recognised as the official representative body for senior inter-county players.
- (b) **The Club Players’ Association is recognised as the official representative body for club players at all grades eligible to play for adult teams.**

St. Mary’s Rosslare (Loch Garman)/Gort na Huaigh-Gleann an Ghuail (Tiobraid Árann)

(42)

That Rule 6.10 (2) – Special Eligibility Provisions for Hurling – Official Guide Part 1 – (page 80) be amended by way of the following:

- (2) A County availing of this Rule may have a maximum of **three** such players sanctioned in any Championship Year.

Meathas Troim (Mostrim), Longfort

(43)

That Rule 6.12 (b) (iv) – Playing in U.S.A./Canada/Australasia/Europe – Official Guide Part 1 – (page 82) be amended to read:

A Sanction shall not be granted after the **1st July** for players intending to play in the Canadian Board or USGAA (fka NACB) Board areas, or after the 20th July for players intending to play in the New York area.

Sons of Boru-Celts, USGAA

(44)

That Rule 6.12 (b) (ii) Exception – Playing in U.S.A./Canada/Australasia/Europe – Official Guide Part 1 – (page 81) be amended to read:

Exception: A player who has been included on an Inter-County Senior Championship list submitted to the Referee, in accordance with Rules of Specification 2.5 (ii)(a), for a game in the current year's Championship, who holds a valid current J1 Visa and who obtains an Official J1 Sanction in duplicate, signed by his Club Secretary, the County Secretary and the Director General (or other designated person), may be accepted for registration.

Such a player may only have his J1 Sanction approved once his team has been eliminated from the Senior Inter-County Championship (including All-Ireland qualifier games).

The J1 Visa concerned with this **Exception** is the **J1 Work and Travel Programme Visa** only – i.e. the four-month Visa for 3rd Level Students.

St. Josephs, USGAA

(45)

That Rule 6.17 – Age Grades – Official Guide Part 1 – (pages 86-88), as applicable in 2017 and 2018 onwards, be amended, to be eligible for **adult** Grades listed hereunder, a player shall meet the respective stated age criteria:

Adult:

- **Club be over 16 years**

- inter-County be over 18 years

Coill na Cúirte (Laois)/Ardclough Hurling & Monasterevin (Cill Dara)/Éire Óg (Cill Chainnigh)/ Collin Chaoimh- Hollywood (Cill Mhantáin)/Cumann Naomh Pádraig, An Goirtín (Tír Eoghain)

(46)

That Rule 6.17 – Age Grades – Official Guide Part 1 – (pages 86-88), as applicable in 2017, be amended, to be eligible for **adult** Grades listed hereunder, a player shall meet the respective stated age criteria:

“Adult

- **Club for non-Championship competitions – be over 16 years.**

- Club for Championship competitions – be over 17 years.

- Inter-County – be over 18 years.”

Coill na Cúirte (Laois)

(47)

That Rule 6.17 – Age Grades – Official Guide Part 1 – (pages 86-88) be amended to read:

Adult:

- Club Be Over 17 years **or for counties outside of Ireland who have less than 10 clubs competing at minor over 16**

Note: Effective from January 1st 2018, the above Section shall read:

Adult:

- Club Be Over 17 years **or for counties outside of Ireland who have less than 10 clubs competing at minor – over 16**

St Lawrence's na Piersaigh, Lanchashire

(48)

That Rule 6.17 – Age Grades – Official Guide Part 1 – (pages 86-88) be amended in respect of Under 21 –

Club to read:

Under 21- Club Be under 21 and over **15** years.

Éire Óg, Cill Chainnigh

(49)

That Rule 6.17 – Age Grades – Official Guide Part 1 (pages 86–88) be amended to read as follows:

To be eligible for the Grades listed hereunder, a player shall meet the respective stated age criteria:

Under 21:

Club	Be Under 21 years and Over 16 years
Inter-County	Be Under 21 years and Over 18 years
Inter-County B and C Hurling	Be Under 21 years and over 17 years.

Remainder of rule to remain unchanged.

Tooreen, Maigh Eo

(50)

That Rule 6.17 – Age Grades – Official Guide Part 1 (Page 86/87) be amended by way of the following:

Age Grades

To be eligible for the U21/U20 Grades listed hereunder, a player shall meet the respective stated age criteria:

(Note: effective from January 1st 2018, the above section shall read:

Under 21:

Club	Be Under 21 years and Over 16 years
Inter-County Hurling	Be Under 21 years and Over 17 years

Under 20:

Inter-County Hurling	Be Under 20 years and Over 17 years
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The remainder of the Rule to remain unchanged

Mainistir Leathrátha (Abbeylara), Longfort/ Mullingar Shamrocks (Iar Mhi)

(51)

(A)

That Rule 6.20 T.O. 2016 – Gradings of Clubs and Players – Official Guide Part 1 (page 89/90) be amended to read:

The Gradings of Clubs and Players shall be controlled by a County Committee, through a County Bye-Law, which shall set down the Regrading criteria (e.g. timing) which does not conflict with General Rule.

The Grading of Clubs shall be subject to Rule 3.30(j). A County Committee shall delegate responsibility for dealing with applications for Regrading to its Competitions Control Committee subject to the following:

- (a) The County Committee shall retain the right to make the final decision on an application for Regrading by a Club.
- (b) A Player aggrieved by a decision on his application for Regrading shall have the right of appeal to the County Hearings Committee whose decision shall be final. The appeal 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. 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).

A County Committee may, in its Bye-Law, allow for a Player to be re-graded by more than one level during a Championship Year, provided that:

- (1) He has not played in a higher Championship Grade in that Championship Year
- or;
- (2) **He has only played in one championship game** and
- (3) He is not regraded by more than one level on a single application i.e. from his existing Championship status to the next lower Championship Level of his Club.

A Player who joins, by transfer, a Club whose highest status is lower than the Player's current Championship status, shall be automatically regraded to that Club's highest Championship status.

Rule affected: Rule 6.19 – Official Guide Part 1

(B)

That Rule 6.19 – Club Championship and League Status of Players – Official Guide Part 1 (page 89) be amended to read:

A Player is graded by his Championship Status e.g. if a Player plays in a Senior Championship game he is graded Senior for the remainder of that Championship Year, and may not be subsequently regraded during that Championship Year other than allowed in rule 6.20.

Daimhliagh Baile Beiliú C.L.G., An Mhí

(52)

That Rule 6.22 (a) – Intercounty Availability to Clubs – Official Guide Part 1 – (page 92) be amended as follows:

6.22 (a): Inter-County Players Availability to Clubs

- (a) The period of time during which Senior Inter-County Players shall not be expected to fulfil Inter-County Club Championship Fixtures prior to Inter County Championships Games, in the same Code, shall be as follows:

Senior Inter County Championships:

- (1) All-Ireland Finals – **maximum 17 days**
 (2) All other Games – **maximum 11 days**

All other Grades of Championship, including All-Ireland Minor and Under 21 Finals – maximum 7 days.

(Note: Effective from January 1st 2018 the above provision shall include “Under 20 Final”)

A County Bye Law may specify a lesser period in each case.

Remaining parts of 6.22 remain unchanged

Teampall Doire Uí Chianan, Tiobraid Árann

(53)

That Rule 6.25 (a) (ii) – Club Championships – Organisation (Provincial & All-Ireland) – Official Guide Part 1 – (page 94) be deleted.

Raonaithe Stua Laighean, Ceatharlach

(54)

That Riail 6.27 – Under 13 and Younger Age Groups – Official Guide Part 1 – (page 95) be amended to read as follows “Games in the Under 11 and younger age groups shall be organised on the ‘Go Games’ model, as approved by Central Council”.

Games in the Under 12 and Under 13 age groups shall be organised in the same format as applies in the higher age groups.

Lios Uí Cathasaigh, An Clár

(55)

That Rule 6.41 (b) – Challenge Games – Official Guide Part 1 (Page 114) be amended by way of the following **additions**:

Challenge Games

- (b) An Inter-County Challenge game shall be sanctioned by Provincial Council(s) and Central Council, as appropriate. Sanction must be obtained from the Provincial Council where teams are from the one Province, and from the appropriate Provincial Councils and Central Council where teams are from more than one Province. After the conclusion of a National Hurling or Football League, an Inter-County Challenge Game in that code may not be played on a Saturday, ~~or~~ Sunday **or Monday (in the case of a Bank Holiday weekend)** unless a Round of Adult Club Games is played in the Counties involved on the preceding Monday to Saturday inclusive, or is to be played on the Sunday/**Monday (in the case of a Bank Holiday weekend)** i.e. the day after a Saturday/**Sunday** Challenge Game. Permission for such proposed Challenge Games shall be refused by the Sanctioning Body unless it is satisfied that the condition above has been met, but special permission may be given in exceptional cases (e.g. for the Official Opening of a Ground).

The remainder of the Rule to remain unchanged.

Mainistir Leathrátha (Abbeylara), Longfort

(56)

That Rule 7.5 (n) – Juvenile Suspensions – Special Rules – Official Guide Part 1 (page 146) – be amended by the addition of the following:

Exception: In the case of a player who has been ordered off for committing a 7.2 (b) Category III or Category IV infraction while participating in Under 12 Grade Competitions (including Go-Games) the following fixed penalty shall apply: Debarment from playing for the remainder of the Game, to include any extra-time.

Mullingar Shamrocks, Iar Mhí

Amendment/Additions to Rules 5.2 to 5.4 - Control of Association property, approved by Ard Chomhairle on 21st January 2017, in accordance with its powers and functions under Rule 3.43 (c) T.O. 2017.

5.2 Powers

Change (b) to read as follows:

(b) To erect and construct, either by itself or through other parties, houses, buildings, playing fields, stadia, offices, or works of every description on any land of the Association, or upon any other lands or hereditaments, and to pull down, rebuild, repair, reinstate, enlarge, alter, and improve existing houses, buildings, playing fields, stadia, offices, or works thereon, and generally to deal with and improve the property of the Association.

Inset new clauses (e) and (f) as follows:

(e) To acquire, dispose of, grant licences or otherwise deal with Intellectual Property.

(f) To employ staff, consultants, advisors and contractors.

5.3 Trusts of Association Property (new)

All property owned by a club or the Association or held by other Units of the Association is held upon Trust for the benefit of the club concerned or the Association as the case may be. The Trust is subject to and governed by the provisions of the Official Guide as amended from time to time. All such property shall be vested in the Corporate Trustee and/or a number of full members as Trustees.

5.4 Identity of Trustees (new)

(a) Personal Property

The Personal Property owned [or held] by a Unit shall be vested in the Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary who shall hold it in Trust for the Unit. All other Personal Property owned by the Association shall be held in trust for the Association by the Corporate Trustee.

(b) Real Property

(i) Club

The Real Property owned by a club, shall be vested in the following:

- (a) Five Trustees, three of whom shall be appointed [for and on behalf of] a Club, one of whom shall be appointed for and on behalf of the relevant County Committee, and one of whom shall be appointed for and on behalf of the relevant Provincial Council; or

- (b) Four Trustees, three of whom shall be appointed [for and on behalf of] a Club and the Corporate Trustee shall be appointed for and on behalf of the relevant County Committee and Provincial Council; or

- (c) One Trustee being the Corporate Trustee.

(ii) Administrative Units

- (a) The Real Property held by the County Committee, or that held by the combination of Units under the control of a County Committee, shall be vested as follows:-
 - a. Three Trustees, one of whom shall be appointed [for and on behalf of] the relevant County Committee, one of whom shall be appointed for and on behalf of the relevant Provincial Council, and one of whom shall be appointed for and on behalf of Central Council; or
 - b. Two Trustees, one of whom shall be appointed [for and on behalf of] the County Committee, and the other being the Corporate Trustee shall be appointed on behalf of the relevant Provincial Council and Central Council; or
 - c. One Trustee being the Corporate Trustee.
- (b) The Real Property held by the Provincial Council shall be vested as follows:-
 - a. Three Trustees, two of whom shall be appointed [for and on behalf of] the Provincial Council, one of whom shall be appointed for and on behalf of the Central Council; or
 - b. Three Trustees, two of whom shall be appointed [for and on behalf of] the Provincial Council, and the other being the Corporate Trustee shall be appointed on behalf of Central Council; or
 - c. One Trustee being the Corporate Trustee.
- (c) The Real Property held by the Central Council shall be vested in the Corporate Trustee who shall be appointed to hold the Real Property for and on behalf of Central Council.
- (d) The Real Property of the Association not owned by a club or held by an Administrative Unit shall be vested in the Corporate Trustee.

5.5 Method of selection and appointment of Trustees to Real Property (new)

(a) Club

- (i) The Executive Committee may determine whether the Corporate Trustee or other persons shall be appointed as Trustees for and on behalf of the Club for the purposes of Rule 5.4(b)(i)(a) and 5.4(b)(i)(b) and who those persons shall be.
- (ii) A certificate signed by the Secretary of the Club shall, in favour of any person relying on same, be conclusive evidence of the determination of the Executive Committee and the identity of the Trustees.

(b) Administrative Units

- (i) Where a Trustee is to be appointed for and on behalf of an Administrative Unit, the person to be so appointed shall be determined by the relevant Administrative Unit.
- (ii) A certificate signed by the Secretary of the relevant Administrative Unit shall, in favour of any person relying on same, be conclusive evidence of the determination of the relevant Administrative Unit and the identity of the Trustees.

5.6 Acceptance of Appointment – Declaration of Trust (new)

As required by Central Council, all Trustees of Real Property shall execute a Declaration of Trust as approved by Central Council. The terms of the Declaration of Trust approved by Central Council may be amended or replaced as determined by Central Council from time to time.

5.7 Removal of Trustees of Real Property (new)

- (a) Where the trustee is a personal trustee, a Trustee shall hold office until his/her retirement or death unless replaced in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.
- (b) In the case of a Club or a County Committee, the majority of the Relevant Officers, may at any time, in their absolute discretion by notice in writing remove any existing Trustee or Trustees (other than the Corporate Trustee) from his/her office as Trustee or Trustees.
- (c) In the case of a Provincial Council the President of the Association may at any time, in his absolute discretion, by notice in writing remove any existing

Trustee (other than the Corporate Trustee) from his/her office as Trustee.

- (d) In the case of a Club, the chairperson of the Relevant Officers shall be the chairperson of the Provincial Council concerned and in the case of the County Committee the chairperson of the Relevant Officers shall be the President of the Association.
- (e) In the event of the equality of votes, the chairperson of the Relevant Officers shall have a casting vote.
- (f) As and from the date of such removal, the Trustee or Trustees, so removed shall cease to hold office as Trustee or Trustees of the property.
- (g) In the case of removal of any such Trustee or Trustees, other than in respect of Real Property held by a Provincial Council, the chairperson of the Relevant Officers, and in the case of a Provincial Council, the President of the Association for the time being is irrevocably appointed to be his/ her of their lawful attorney and in his/her or their name and on his/her or their behalf to transfer his/her of their right title interest in and to the said lands and premises or any part thereof to any other person or person or corporation and to execute all deeds and documents and do all such things on his/her or their behalf necessary for that purpose.

5.8 Power of Trustees (new)

(a) Club

- (i) The Trustees of a Club shall have, subject to the restrictions and limitations hereinafter contained, the Statutory Powers and to the extent that they are not comprised within the Statutory Powers, the powers set out in Rule 5.2.
- (ii) Those powers are subject to the following restrictions and limitations:-
 - a. Before exercising any of those powers, other than a Permitted Power, the Trustees shall obtain the prior consent in writing of the Central Council and the directive of the Club.
- (iii) The power to reinvest contained in Section 20(2)(b) of the 2009 Act shall not apply.
- (iv) Without impacting on the restrictions and limitations as set out above, the Trustees shall:-

- a. account to and hold the proceeds of sale or leasing for and on behalf of the Club;
 - b. account to the Club for those proceeds; and
 - c. subject to such directives as may be given to them by the club, pay and discharge the proceeds to the Club.
- (v) The Trustees of the Real Property shall exercise their powers and perform their duties from time to time as directed by the Club and in accordance with this Chapter.
- (vi) The directive of a Club shall be given by a resolution of the full members of the Club, passed by a majority of the members present, entitled to vote and voting at a duly convened General Meeting and when so passed shall be binding upon all members of the Club.
- (vii) A Certificate signed by the Secretary shall, in favour of any person relying on same, be conclusive evidence that a Directive, complying in all respect with the provisions of this Rule, was duly given to the Trustees.
- (viii) Without impacting on the restrictions and limitations as set out above, the Trustees of the Personal Property shall invest and use such property in accordance with the directive of the Executive Committee, of which an entry in the minute book shall be conclusive evidence.
- a. the prior consent in writing of the Central Council; and
 - b. in the case of Real Property of a County Committee, the prior consent, in writing, of that County Committee; and
 - c. in the case of a Real Property of a Provincial Council, the prior consent in writing of that Provincial Council.
- b. The power to reinvest contained in Section 20(2)(b) of the 2009 Act shall not apply.
- c. Without impacting on the restrictions and limitations as set out above, the Trustees of an Administrative Unit shall:-
- a. account to and hold the proceeds of sale, licensing or leasing for and on behalf of relevant Administrative Unit
 - b. account to the relevant Administrative Unit for those proceeds; and
 - c. subject to such directives as may be given to them by the relevant Administrative Unit, pay and discharge the proceeds to the relevant Administrative Unit.

(b) Administrative Units

- (i) Trustees of the Association, Trustees of Central Council, Trustees of a Provincial Council, and Trustees of a County Committee shall have, subject to the restrictions and limitations hereinafter contained, the Statutory Powers and to the extent that they are not comprised within the Statutory Powers, the powers set out in Rule 5.2 of the Official Guide.
- (ii) The foregoing powers are subject to the following restrictions and limitations:-
- a. Before exercising any of those powers, other than a Permitted Power, the Trustees shall obtain:-
- (ix) The Trustees of the Real Property shall exercise their powers and perform their duties from time to time as directed by the relevant Administrative Unit and in accordance with this Chapter.
- (x) The directive of an Administrative Unit shall be given by a resolution of the full members of the relevant Administrative Unit, passed by a majority of the members present, entitled to vote and voting at a duly convened General Meeting and when so passed shall be binding upon all members of the Administrative Unit.
- (xi) A Certificate signed by the Secretary of the relevant Administrative Unit shall, in favour of any person relying on same, be conclusive evidence that a Directive, complying in all respect with the provisions of this Rule, was duly given to the Trustees.

- (xii) Without impacting on the restrictions and limitations as set out above, the Trustees of the Personal Property shall invest and use such property in accordance with the directive of the relevant Administrative Unit, of which an entry in the minute book shall be conclusive evidence.

(c) **Consent of Central Council**

- (i) Central Council may from time to time adopt or vary procedures for the consideration of applications in connection with and the giving of consent for the purposes of this Chapter and any matters incidental thereto. Those procedures may include the delegation of some or all of those functions to a committee, officer or employee of the Association.
- (ii) In giving its consent under clause (i) hereof, such consent may be issued subject to such particular or general conditions as Central Council (in its sole discretion) requires.

5.9 **Proceedings of Trustees (new)**

- (a) Where the Corporate Trustee is a Trustee, but not the sole Trustee, the chairperson of Trustees shall be such person as is nominated by resolution of the board of the Corporate Trustee to act as its representative at meetings of Trustees. Such a nomination may be for meetings generally of Trustees, for meetings of specific Trustees or for one or more specified meetings. One or more persons may be nominated to act as substitutes or alternates.
- (b) Where the Corporate Trustee is not a Trustee:-
 - (i) in the case of a Club, or County Committee, the chairperson shall be the Trustee nominated by the relevant Provincial Council; or in his/her absence, the Trustee thereof for the time being nominated by the relevant County Committee; and
 - (ii) in the case of a Provincial Council, the chairperson shall be the Trustee nominated by Central Council, or in his/her absence, one of the other trustees as agreed between them.

- (c) The chairperson of the Trustees shall be entitled to a casting vote in the event of a tie.
- (d) Trustee meetings shall be duly summoned by the chairperson and at least five days notice of the time and place of such meeting shall be given and every notice of a meeting shall state the place, day and hour of the meeting.
- (e) Every question of fact at any such meeting shall be decided by a majority vote of the Trustees present and voting at such meetings.
- (f) Save where the Corporate Trustee is the sole Trustee, the quorum for a meeting of Trustees shall be two, one of whom shall be the Corporate Trustee.

5.10 **Dealings with Third Parties (new)**

- (a) No purchaser, mortgagee or other person or entity dealing with the Association or a Unit shall be concerned to enquire whether the powers of the Association or the Unit exercised or purported to be exercised by its trustees have been validly exercised.
- (b) Any instrument executed by a Trustee, acting on behalf of the Association or a Unit, when entering into such contracts shall state that he is the Trustee acting on behalf of the Association or the relevant Unit, under the powers contained in this Chapter.
- (c) Where the consent or directive of a Unit or officer of the Association is required, a certificate signed by the secretary for the time being of that Unit, by the Director General or by any other person authorised by the Director General in that behalf shall in favour of any person relying on same, be conclusive evidence and binding in respect of any third party, that the required consent or directive, complying in all respects with the provisions of this rule, was duly given.

5.11 **Indemnity (this was formerly Rule 5.3 (g) and its content is unchanged)**

Each unit and the Association shall indemnify and save harmless a Trustee in respect of any loss or out of pocket expenses bona fide incurred by him in or about the execution of his powers and duties.

5.12 **Penalty (this was formerly the final clause of Rule 5.3 and its content is unchanged)**

A Unit failing and refusing to comply with the provisions of this Chapter shall be suspended until compliance is agreed and, subject to reasonable time allowed, effected.

5.13 **Exclusion (this was formerly Rule 5.4 and its content is unchanged)**

Bookmaking shall not be permitted within Association property. A member breaching or aiding the breach of this Rule shall be suspended for 24 weeks.

5.14 **Interpretation (new)**

In this chapter, the following terms shall have the following meanings:-

“Administrative Units” means a Unit other than a Club.

“Corporate Trustee” means Iontaobhas Corparáideach Chumann Lúthchleas Gael Cuideachta Faoi Theorainn Ráthaíochta.

“Intellectual Property”¹ means all intellectual property rights of any and every sort, including without limitation patents, trade marks design rights, copyright and related rights, internet designations (including domain names) for the full term of such rights and including any extension to or renewal of the terms of such rights and all rights or forms of protection of a similar nature or having similar effect to any of these which may exist anywhere in the world.

“Permitted Power” means each of the following:-

- The power to grant [or receive] a lease for a term of less than five years;
- The power to enter into a hiring agreement;
- Any of the powers set out in Rules 5.2(b),(e),(f) of the Official Guide exercised in the ordinary course of activity of the Association or the Relevant Unit.
- Any other power (from time to time prescribed as a Permitted Power for the purposes of this Chapter) by the Management Committee of Central Council

subject to such conditions or limitations as may be specified by the Management Committee of Central Council .

“Personal Property” means the property of a moveable nature, comprising all playing or sporting equipment, as well as all stock in trade and money and Intellectual Property or other assets not classified as fixtures or fittings on Real Property.

“Real Property” means property of an immoveable nature, comprising any playing pitches, grounds or buildings, whether of leasehold or freehold tenure, with all fixtures or fittings attached thereto and used therewith, including (until otherwise directed by the relevant Unit, the proceeds of sale of such property).

“Relevant Officers” means:-

- in relation to a Club, the chairperson of the relevant Club, the chairperson of the relevant County Committee and the chairperson of the relevant Provincial Council; and
- in the relation to a County Committee the chairperson of the relevant Provincial Council and the President of the Association; and
- in relation to Provincial Council, the President of the Association.

“Statutory Powers” means the powers contained in Part 4 of the 2009 Act.

“Trustee(s)” means the Trustees of a Unit or Units as appointed from time to time in accordance with this Chapter.

“the 2009 Act” means The Land and Conveyancing Law Reform Act 2009.

1. This term is now included in the definition of personal property.





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