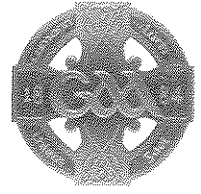


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Do: Gach Rúnaí Chontae

Use of GAA Property

A chara,

At a meeting of An Coiste Bainistí on 20ú Samhain last, I was asked to remind our counties of the provisions of Riail 5.1, (*Treoraí Oifigiúil, Cuid 1, 2009*) – the old “Rule 42” – in relation to the use of Association property for purposes other than the playing of Gaelic Games.

The Rule states:

5.1 Uses of Property

(a) All property including grounds, Club Houses, Halls, Dressing Rooms and Handball Alleys owned or controlled by units of the Association shall be used only for the purpose of or in connection with the playing of the Games controlled by the Association, and for such other purposes not in conflict with the Aims and Objects of the Association, that may be sanctioned from time to time by the Central Council.

(b) Grounds controlled by Association units shall not be used or permitted to be used, for Horse Racing, Greyhound Racing, or for Field Games others than those sanctioned by Central Council. (Note: Central Council shall have the power to authorize the use of Croke Park for games, other than those controlled by the Association, during a temporary period when Lansdowne Road Football Ground is closed for the proposed development.

Congress has approved that Rules 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 3.38, 5.1, 5.3, and 7.3(g) shall allow for this for a temporary period, at the end of which all these Rules stated shall revert to their pre-Congress 2005 position.)

Penalty:

In the event of any Club, County Committee, or Provincial Council acting contrary to this Rule, that body shall be subject to automatic suspension, which can be removed only by the County Committee or higher Council concerned.

It has come to our attention that a number of clubs have been approached by teams from other sporting codes seeking the use of GAA facilities. Our rules do not permit this and it is possible that there could be serious insurance implications if permission is given for activities on GAA property that are in contravention of our Rules.

I would ask you to carefully note the contents of this letter and to bring the matter to the attention of your constituent clubs. If there is any doubt as to the application of the rule or if any of your clubs require further information or clarification in the matter, I would ask that they contact Feargal Mc Gill (Operations Manager) on 01 8658693 or fergal.mcgill@gaa.ie.

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