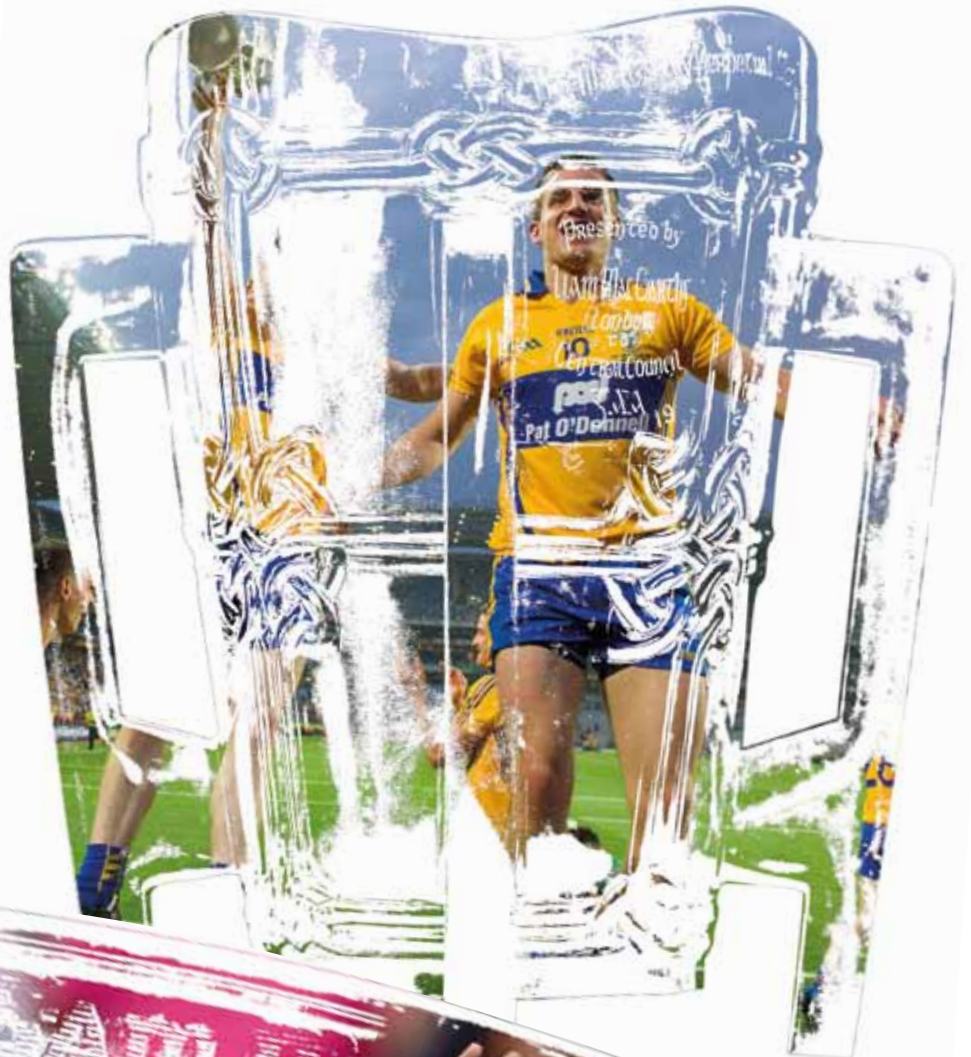


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Motions 1, 2 and 3 submitted by Central Council in accordance with Rule 3.41 (a) (iv) (6) T.O. 2013.

Motions 4, 5 and 6 submitted by Central Council in accordance with Rule 3.41 (a) (iv) (1) T.O. 2013.

Motion 7 submitted by Central Council in accordance with Rule 3.41 (a) (iv) (2) T.O. 2013.

Motions 8 to 39, inclusive, submitted by Central Council consequent upon a report of the Rules Advisory Committee in accordance with Rule 3.41 (a) (iv) (3) T.O. 2013.

Motions 40 to 57, inclusive, are motions carried at County Convention/submitted directly by a County Committee in accordance with Rule 3.41 (a) (i) & (ii) T.O. 2013.

Motions 58, 59 and 60 submitted by Standing Committee on Playing Rules in accordance with Rule 3.41 (a) (iv) (4) having received the approval of Central Council under Rule 3.56 T.O. 2013.

Motions 61, 62 and 63 submitted by the Provincial Councils in accordance with Rule 3.41 (a) (iii) T.O. 2013.

Motion No. 64 listed in accordance with Rule 3.44 (c) T.O. 2013



Inside Front Cover: Dublin fans celebrate after the game. GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship, Semi-Final, Dublin v Kerry, Croke Park, Dublin.
Inside Back Cover: Clare players, from left, Seadna Morey, Conor Ryan, Tony Kelly and John Conlon celebrate with the Liam MacCarthy Cup after the game. GAA Hurling All-Ireland Senior Championship Final Replay, Cork v Clare, Croke Park, Dublin.

- 1) **That Rule 6.11(b) (ii)** be amended as follows:

Replace the words in lines 2 and 3 “in the area governed by the North American County Board” with the words “in the area governed by either the North American County Board or the New York Board”. Replace the words in lines 14 and 15 “in the North American County Board Jurisdiction” with the words “In either the North American County Board or the New York Board Jurisdictions”.

The remainder of this Rule to remain unaltered.

Ard Chomhairle

- 2) **That Rule 6.27(B)** – All-Ireland Senior Hurling Championship; Tier 1 – Liam Mc Carthy Cup be amended as follows:-

- 1) Under **Counties Participating**

In the case of the Leinster Championship amend to read “In the Leinster Championship – Kilkenny, Galway, Dublin, Wexford and Offaly, unless defeated in a quarter- final by a team from the Provincial Qualifier Group.

- 2) Under **Promotion and Relegation**

“If a County in the Provincial Qualifier Group defeats an ‘automatically qualified County’ in a Leinster Quarter-Final, it shall be promoted to the ‘automatically qualified group’ and the County it defeats shall be relegated to the Provincial Qualifier Group for the following year’s Championship.

Relegation from the Provincial Qualifier Group shall be as follows:...”

(Remainder of this Section to remain unchanged)

Ard Chomhairle

- 3) **That Rule 3.8, Rules of Specification, Playing Rules, O.G., Part 2 2014** be amended as follows:

The opening sentence to read: “A public time-clock shall be used at Croke Park and in all Grounds used for the Provincial and All-Ireland Series Senior Football and Hurling Championship Games, the latter for the Sam Maguire and Liam McCarthy Cups.”

Remainder of the Rule to be unchanged.

Rules affected - Rule 1.2(vi), Official Guide (Part 2) 2014, Rules of Control.”

Ard Chomhairle

- 4) **A) Amend Rule 3.11(e)** by adding the words and “by secret ballot”.

- B) Delete Rule 3.16.**

Ard Chomhairle

- 5) **Amend Rule 6.8(c) – Playing Restrictions County and Province** by inserting, after the words “a Club” in second line, the words “or Divisional team”.

Ard Chomhairle

- 6) **Amend Rule 6.14(b) – Inter-County Intermediate Hurling** to read:

“Those who have played on own Club Senior Team in the preceding year’s County, Provincial or All Ireland Championship.

Exceptions:

- i) This does not apply to a County that is permitted by the Central Council to play its second best team.
- ii) A player who participated as a temporary substitute only, as provided for in Rule 1.5(b), Rules of Control, O.G. Part 2, in a Championship match and consequently did not lose his lower Championship status in accordance with Rule 6.18, is eligible to participate in an Inter County Intermediate Hurling Team.”

Ard Chomhairle

- 7) **Amend 7.11(b)** Appeals by deleting the words “subject to the right of all parties to any original Hearing before that County Committee to be present at the Hearing before the Central Appeals Committee.” – **Adopt a new Section (c)** to read:

“All parties to any original Hearing shall have the right to be present at the hearing of an Appeal.”

Current Sections (c) to (h) to be re-lettered accordingly.

Ard Chomhairle

- 8) **Amend Rule 1.6** to read:

“The Rules of the Association shall be **published** in Irish and in English.”

Rules Advisory Committee/A.C.

- 9) **A) Amend Rule 1.13(c)** to read:

Central Council shall have in place a Code of Best Practice in Youth Sport for the protection and safeguarding of children/young people under 18 years of age (including the disciplinary and other procedures to be applied in the event of the breach of that Code) and shall be entitled to amend or revoke any provision of the Code from time to time. That Code shall provide for the manner in which it is determined whether the procedures under the Code or the provisions of Rule 7 shall be invoked in any particular case.

B) Amend Rule 1.13(e) to read:

“The Code shall specify the disciplinary procedures to be applied for breaches of the Code.

This Rule shall give and constitute authority for carrying out of all functions and actions in accordance with the Code and Guidelines.”

Rules Advisory Committee/A.C.

10) Amend 1.17(f) by deleting the words at the end of the Section which currently reads:

“and with authorisation in each case being given by the Management Committee”.

Rules Advisory Committee/A.C.

11) Add to Rule 2.1 a new section (g) to read:

“Only a Full Member who has paid his annual Club subscription by the due date set by the Executive Committee of the Club, (which shall be prior to March 31st each year) shall be eligible to vote at, nominate for, or seek election to the Executive Committee at a following General Meeting of the Club.”

Rules Advisory Committee/A.C.

12) Amend 2.2 (d) by deleting the words “by April 1st”

Rules Advisory Committee/A.C.

13) Add to Rule 3.2(b) – Affiliation

“and shall confirm that it has adopted the appropriate form of the Official Club Constitution and Rules”.

Rules Advisory Committee/A.C.

14) Amend Rule 3.3 – Affiliation of a New Club to read:

“An Application for the affiliation of a New Club shall be made to the County Committee and shall be signed by at least fifteen playing members indicating their willingness to seek membership of the New Club having first complied with the relevant Rules on Membership and Transfers contained in the Official Guide, where applicable. Being satisfied that the aforementioned have been complied with, the County Committee may approve the application for affiliation subject to such terms and conditions as are deemed appropriate or may reject the application if, in the opinion of the County Committee, the approval of the affiliation would not be in the best interests of the promotion of football and/or hurling within the County.”

Rules Advisory Committee/A.C.

15) Amend Rule 3.5 – Club Constitution and Rules as follows:-

“The Official Club Constitution and Rules, approved by Congress and set out in Appendix 4 of this Official Guide, shall govern the affairs of all Clubs.

Each Club shall adopt the appropriate form of the Official Club Constitution and Rules.

Additions to and Amendments of a Club’s own Constitution and Rules may be made at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting, as prescribed in Rule 14.1 of the Official Club Constitution and Rules, provided that they do not conflict with the Official Club Constitution and Rules or the Official Guide and that they are submitted in writing to, and be approved by the County Management Committee.”

Rules Advisory Committee/A.C.

16) Amend Rule 3.18 in the second paragraph by changing the words “County Committee” to “Competitions Control Committee”.

Rules Advisory Committee/A.C.

17) Amend to Rule 3.20(c) in its final sentence to read:

The Charter for each County shall be forwarded to the Central Council by 31st January each year.

Rules Advisory Committee/A.C.

18) Delete Rule 3.20(d) Re-letter the following sections accordingly.

Rules Advisory Committee/A.C.

19) Amend Rule 3.20(m) by altering the paragraph which currently reads “The maximum period of office... shall be five years” to state:

“A member who has served five years in a specified Officership shall be ineligible to hold that Officership for the ensuing five years.”

Rules Advisory Committee/A.C.

20) A) Amend Rule 3.20(m) – Powers of the County Committee by altering the third sentence to read:

“Officers of other Sub-Committees referred to above shall be appointed without election by the County Committee (or a Divisional Committee where appropriate).

Remainder of this section of Rule to remain unchanged.”

B) Amend Rule 3.21 – Sub-Committees/Functions by adding a Section to read:

“The Officers and Members of the above Sub-Committees shall not in General Rule be subject to maximum terms of office but a County Bye-Law may prescribe a limitation(s) in terms of office.”

Rules Advisory Committee/A.C.

21) Amend the final paragraph of Rule 3.21 (xiii) to read:

This sub-committee must meet at least twice each year and otherwise as required. This sub-committee shall discharge its functions in the context of the Charter for County Committee/Player Relationships (Players' Charter), as approved by the 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 31st January each year.

Rules Advisory Committee/A.C.

22) Amend Rule 3.41(b) by the deletion of the words "within one week" in the last line.

Rules Advisory Committee/A.C.

23) A) Amend Rule 3.41(g) as follows:

i) Change "one month" to "four weeks" in two places.

ii) Insert the word "the" before "then existing Rules/Regulations".

B) Amend Rule 3.44(c) by changing "one month" to "four weeks" in its final sentence.

Rules Advisory Committee/A.C.

24) Add to Rule 3.44 – Powers and Functions (Central Council) as a new Section (q) (with current (q) becoming Section (r))

"It shall have the power to arrange for playing purposes the boundaries between Provinces."

Rules Advisory Committee/A.C.

25) Amend Rule 6.5(c) in its final sentence to read:

"If requested by any party involved, the Committee shall give the applicant and the two clubs concerned the opportunity of attending a convened hearing to outline their respective positions on the application".

Rules Advisory Committee/A.C.

26) A) Amend Rule 6.5(f) – Transfers within County to read:

"(f) An appeal against a decision on a Transfer may be made in writing by an aggrieved party to the County Hearings Committee. It shall be made within three working days of the receipt of notification of the decision and shall be signed by the applicant. Other formalities regarding submission of Appeal (e.g. provision of duplicate copy, fee) outlined in Rule 7.11(e) to (h), are not applicable in this case. The provisions of 7.11(n) shall apply.

B) Add to Rule 3.21(iv) – Hearings Committee, Section (b) –

"(See provisions outlined in Rule 6.5(f))".

Rule affected – Rule 7.11.

Rules Advisory Committee/A.C.

27) A) Amend Rule 6.6(a) by adding the following:

"An application for Transfer may be made 'online' in a pilot scheme approved by the Central Council.

(Note: Effective from January 1st 2015)"

B) Amend Rule 6.11 by adding the following as a Section (e)

"(e) Application for an Authorisation or Sanction may be made 'online' in a pilot scheme approved by the Central Council.

(Note: Effective from January 1st 2015)

Rules Advisory Committee/A.C.

28) Amend Rule 6.7 (B) Exception (3) (iv) by changing the words

"and obtains an Inter-County transfer from the County Committee of its Own Club" with "and obtains a Permit from the Central Council on the approval of the County Committee of his Own Club".

Rules Advisory Committee/A.C.

29) Amend Rule 6.7(B) Exception (4) by replacing "24 weeks" with "12 weeks".

Rules Advisory Committee/A.C.

30) Amend Rule 6.8(c) by inserting after the words "current year" in the second line:

"(not on the basis of an Authorisation, Sanction or Permit granted under Rules 6.11 or 6.7)".

Rules Advisory Committee/A.C.

31) Amend the "title" of "Rule 6.11 – Playing in USA/ Canada/Australasia" by adding the word "Europe" after Australasia.

Rules Advisory Committee/A.C.

32) A) Amend 6.31 Numbering of Players Jerseys by adding:

"A player shall not wear a jersey with a number over the maximum number specified. Where a replacement jersey is required for a player who is returning to the field of play following treatment for a 'Blood Injury', it shall bear his original number or be identified alphabetically – A, B, C, D, E etc."

B) Add to Rule 4 – Equipment – Rules of Specification, O.G. Part 2:

"4.1(iv) In Inter County Games, a player shall not wear a jersey with a number over the maximum number specified. Where a replacement jersey is required for a player who is returning to the field of play following treatment for a 'Blood Injury', it shall bear his original number or be identified alphabetically – A, B, C, D, E etc."

C) Add a new Section (d) to Rule 4 – Sideline Official, Rules of Control, O.G. Part 2 (with current Sections (d) and (e) being re-lettered accordingly).

“To assist the Referee in ensuring that no player shall wear a jersey with a number over the maximum number specified in Rule, and where a replacement jersey is required for a player who is returning to the field of play following treatment for a ‘Blood Injury’, that it shall bear his original number or be identified alphabetically – A, B, C, D, E etc.”

Rule affected – Rule 1.1(x) Powers of the Referee, Rules of Control, O.G. Part 2.

Rules Advisory Committee/A.C.

33) Amend Rule 6.40 – Appointment of Match Officials by deleting paragraph currently worded “Where a Referee is unable to act... appoint a substitute” and replacing it with:

“Where an appointed Referee is unable to act, the Secretary or other member of the Committee-in-Charge shall arrange to appoint a substitute.”

Remainder of Rule to be unchanged.

Rule affected – Rule 1.1(i), Rules of Control, O.G. Part 2.”

Rules Advisory Committee/A.C.

34) Amend Rule 6.43 in relation to “Exit August” and “Exit September” as follows:

“Exit August /All Ireland Semi-Finals; Commence Training December 8th.

Exit September (excluding All Ireland Semi-Finals); Commence Training December 29th.”

The rest of the Rule to remain unaltered.

Rules Advisory Committee/A.C.

35) A) Amend Rule 7.2(b) as follows:

Category 1 – Amend Penalty (ii) to read:

“(ii) Fixed Penalty on a second Repeat Infraction (i.e. a third ordering-off) – A One Match Suspension in the same Code and at the same Level, applicable to the next game in the Competition in which the third ordering-off occurred, even if that game occurs in the following year.

(Note: Exception to (ii) Remains).

Category II

In Penalty (ii) change “Match Ban” to “Match Suspension”.

Category III

Amend Penalty to read:

i) Minimum – A One Match Suspension in the same Code and at the same Level, applicable to the next game in the same Competition, even if that game occurs in the following year.

ii) Minimum on Repeat Infraction – A Two Match Suspension in the same Code and at the same Level, applicable to the next games in the Competition in which the Repeat Infraction occurred, even if one or both game(s) occur(s) in the following year.

Exceptions:

In cases arising from the National Leagues and Inter-County Senior Championships, the above Penalties shall be substituted by:

i) Minimum: A One Match Suspension in the same Code and at the same Level, applicable to the next game in the National League or Inter-County Senior Championship, even if that game occurs in the following year.

ii) Minimum on Repeat Infraction: A Two Match Suspension in the same Code and at the same Level, applicable to the next games in the National League or Inter-County Senior Championship, even if one or both game(s) occur(s) in the following year.

(Note: Words “All-Ireland” deleted in Exceptions in interest of consistency of wording in the Rule)

Category IV

Amend Penalty to read:

i) Minimum: A Two Match Suspension in the same Code and at the same Level, applicable to the next games in the same Competition, even if one or more game(s) occur(s) in the following year.

ii) Minimum on Repeat Infraction: A Three Match Suspension in the same Code and at the same Level, applicable to the next games in the same Competition in which the Repeat Infraction occurred, even if one or more game(s) occur(s) in the following year.

Exceptions:

In cases arising from the National Leagues and Inter-County Senior Championships, the above Penalties shall be substituted by:

i) Minimum: A Two Match Suspension in the same Code and at the same Level, applicable to the next game in the National League or Inter-County Senior Championship, even if one or both game(s) occur(s) in the following year.

ii) Minimum on Repeat Infraction: A Three Match Suspension in the same Code and at the same Level, applicable to the next games in the National League or Inter-County Senior Championship even if one or more of the game(s) occur(s) in the following year.

(Note: Words “All-Ireland” deleted in Exceptions in interest of consistency of wording in the Rule)

Include in Rule 7.2(b)

Alternative Penalty to non-applicable Match Suspensions

Where a Match Suspension arising from Rules 7.2 or 7.5(h) cannot be applied in full or in part on a player in the specified Competition, arising from such (non exhaustive) circumstances as:

- i)** A player exiting an Under-Age Grade
- ii)** A Promotion/Relegation Play-Off - having been completed or an inadequate number of games to be played.
- iii)** A Tournament - having been completed or inadequate number of games to be played
- iv)** A Challenge Game.

- a two weeks Suspension for each non-applicable one Match Suspension shall be proposed/imposed in the same Code and at the same Level.

In the case of a player exiting a Level (e.g. Second Level Schools, third Level Colleges), the Committee-in-Charge shall refer the case to the relevant Competitions Control Committee at County Committee, Provincial Council or Central Council levels for adjudication. A two weeks Suspension for each non-applicable one Match Suspension shall be proposed/imposed at Club level.

B) Amend Rule 7.5(b) – Gravity

by inserting the words “additional Match Suspension(s) or a longer term of Suspension” after the words “shall impose” in fourth line.

C) Amend Rule 7.5(h) Penalty to read:

Penalty – An additional One Match Suspension in the same Competition in the following year or as provided for in Rule 7.2(b) – Match Suspensions in Alternative Competitions

D) Amend Rule 7.5(m) to read:

- **“Juvenile Suspensions – Special Rule**
(m) Juvenile players participating in Under 16 or younger Grade Competitions shall be subject to penalties for Misconduct at Games Infractions on the same basis as under the General Rules above, except that the minimum Time Suspension imposed for a Rule 7.2(b) Category V or VI Infraction shall be one-half of that otherwise applicable.”
- Delete Rule 7.5(n). Re-letter Sections of Rule accordingly.

Rules Affected – Rules 7.2 and 7.5 in general.

That Congress further directs:

- 1)** The ‘Operative Date’ of these Rule changes shall be Four weeks from the Date of Congress.
- 2)** Infractions committed up to this ‘Operative Date’ shall be penalised in accordance with Rule provisions in Official

Guide 2013, even where a case is processed/finalised after this date.

- 3)** Where the new Rule introduces a new element of penalty, only infractions that occur on or after the ‘Operative Date’ shall be taken into account in the determination of the penalty to be proposed/imposed.

Rules Advisory Committee/A.C.

36) Amend Rule 7.3(x) by the last line to read:

“In addition to the foregoing, Youth Members may be accompanied by their parent(s) or guardian(s).”

Rules Advisory Committee/A.C.

37) Add to Rule 7.5(c)

A game or competition, the sole purpose of which is to determine qualification or relegation in respect of a following year’s Championship or League, shall not be deemed to be the “same Competition” as that of the current year’s Championship or League, as applicable, and shall not entail a ‘next game suspension’ arising from a current Championship or League game.”

Rules Advisory Committee/A.C.

38) Add a new Section (5) to Rule 7.11(a) to read:

“There shall be no Appeal against a decision of the Central Council or of any Unit in implementing such a decision”.

Rules Advisory Committee/A.C.

39) Amend Rule 11.11 Club Constitution and Rules to read:

“The end of the Club Financial year shall be October 31st.”

Rules Advisory Committee/A.C.

40) That Rule 3.21 Official Guide (Part I) 2013 be amended by the addition of the following new section:

- xv) Health & Safety Committee.** It shall have responsibility for ensuring high standards of health and safety at grounds within the county.

Carraig Éamonn, Longfort

41) Amended rule to read:

3.47(a) Management Committee

- A)** It shall consist of the President, the Director General (without voting rights), the President elect, if in office, the immediate Past President for the year after his term of office as President, the Chairmen of the Provincial Councils, the two Representatives of Congress elected by Congress, one Central Council member from each of the

four Provinces and **one Central Council member from international units**, elected by Central Council, and two Nominees of the President and Director General, who are members of the Association, subject to their approval by Central Council, and the Finance Director (without voting powers).

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42) Amend rule 6.11(vi) T O 2013

A player who has received a Sanction shall not be eligible to play again with his club in Ireland for the 30 days after the date of approval of this sanction in Croke Park or until September 1st (whichever is the earlier) but is eligible to play with his county (the remainder of rule to remain unchanged).

Uíbh Fhailf

43) That Rule 6.11 (b) (vi) T.O. 2013 be amended to read as follows:

From the date of approval of a sanction in Croke Park, a player shall not be eligible to play again with his Club in Ireland, but is eligible to play with his county, until the elimination of the Club in the Divisional Championship in which he has been sanctioned to play in the North American County Board area. This date shall be no later than September 1st. The North American County Board Club may choose to release the player from his sanction by submitting appropriate documentation to the North American County Board and the Director General.

The remainder of the Rule to remain unchanged.

NACB

44) That Rule 6.11 (b) (viii) T.O. 2013 be amended to read as follows:

The number of Sanctioned Players permitted for any Club in the North American County Board Area shall be as follows:

- A Club with one team – a maximum of ten; In Senior Hurling only a Club with one team – a maximum of twelve.
- A Club with a second team – a further eight, **restricted to the grade of the second team.**

In addition, a Club may also avail of the services of Players who have a valid current J1 Visa, as well as a separate J1 Sanction.

In the case of the Canadian Board Area, the maximum number of Sanctioned Players per club shall be ten.

In the case of New York, the maximum number of Sanctioned Players per team shall be six.

The remainder of the Rule to remain unchanged.

NACB

45) MOTIONS (in accordance with Rule 3.17 and 3.20 (I) T.O. 2013)

That **Riail 6.16 Age Grades Official Guide 2013** be amended to read as follows:

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

Adult: Be over 16 years

Under 21: Be Under 21 years and **Over 15 years.**

Minor (Under 18): Be Under 18 years and Over 14 years.

Under 16: Be Under 16 years and Over 12 years.

Under 14: Be Under 14 years and Over 10 years.

Under 12: Be Under 12 years and Over 9 years.

To be "Under" an age shall mean that the player shall celebrate the Upper Limit birthday (e.g. 21st. for Under 21 Grade) on the 1st. January of the Championship Year or on a later date.

To be "Over" an age shall mean that the player shall have celebrated the Lower Limit birthday (**e.g. 16th to participate in Senior Grades**) prior to the 1st. January of the Championship Year.

Adult shall include Senior, Intermediate and Junior Grades.

Remainder of Riail to remain unchanged.

Baile an Chaisleáin Sliabh Bladhma, Laois

46) Amend Rule 6.16 T.O. (Part 1) 2013 - Age Grades to read as follows;

Minor (Club): Be under 18 years and over 14 years and

Minor (Inter-County): Be under 18 years and over 16.

The remainder of the rule to remain unchanged.

Fánaithe an Maolig, Tiobráid Árann

47) Amend Rule 6.16 Official Guide (Part 1) Age Grades as follows: To be eligible for the Grades listed hereunder, a player shall meet the respective stated age criteria:

Adult: Be over 17 years.

Under-21: Be Under 21 years and Over 17 years.

Minor (**Under 17**): Be Under 17 years and Over 14 years.

Under 16: Be Under 16 years and Over 12 years.

Under 14: Be Under 14 years and Over 10 years.

Under 12: Be Under 12 years and Over 9 years.

To be "Under" an age shall mean that the player shall celebrate the Upper Limit birthday (e.g. 21st. for Under 21 Grade) on the 1st. January of the Championship Year or on a later date.

To be "Over" an age shall mean that the player shall have celebrated the Lower Limit birthday (e.g. 17th to participate in Senior/Under 21 Grades) prior to the 1st. January of the Championship Year.

Adult shall include Senior, Intermediate and Junior Grades.

Girls may participate only up to and including the Under 12 Grade.

Penalties:

For breach of Upper Age Limit:

i) Team Penalty:

On a Proven Objection – Award of Game to Opposing Team.

On an Inquiry by the Committee-in-Charge – Forfeiture of Game without Award to the Opposing Team.

ii) Player:

For breach in Under 16 or Younger Grades – 4 weeks Suspension.

For breach in Minor or Under 21 Grades – 24 weeks Suspension.

iii) Person(s)-in-Charge of the Team in which the breach is committed – 48 weeks Suspension.

iv) Chairperson and Secretary of a Club:

For breach in Minor or Under 21 Grades – 48 weeks Suspension.

For breach of Lower Age limit:

i) Team Penalty:

On a Proven Objection – Award of Game to Opposing Team.

On an Inquiry by the Committee-in-Charge – Forfeiture of Game without Award to the Opposing Team.

ii) Player:

For breach in any Grade – 2 weeks Suspension.

iii) Person(s)-in-Charge of the Team in which the breach is committed – 8 weeks Suspension.

Rules affected: Rule 2.3, 3.20 (m) & (o), 6.3, 6.7 (B); 6.21(a); 6.27(E); 6.27(F); 6.28(a); 6.34; 6.43; Appendix 3.

Coiste Chontae Mhuineacháin

48) Amend Rial 6.16 T.O 2013 to read – Age Grades:

To be eligible for the grades hereunder a player shall meet the respective stated age criteria. Adult: when a player has reached his 16th birthday. To be over-age shall mean that the player celebrated the lower limit birthday, e.g. 16th birthday to participate in Senior / Under 21 Grades (delete

prior to the 1st January of the Championship year). Rest of the rule to remain the same.

Other rules affected 6.12, 6.13, 6.14, 6.15

CLG Bhun an Phobail, Dún na nGall

49) That Rial 6.25 T.O. 2013 be deleted.

Mainister na Buille, Ros Comáin

50) That the section of Rule 6.27 (A) T.O. 2013 under the heading 'Venues' be amended to read as follows;

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.

Exceptions

i) Where two teams who have already met in a provincial championship of the current year are drawn to meet, the winner of the provincial championship game shall have home advantage.

ii) Except as provided for in Exception (i) above, if a county did not have home advantage in the First Round of the previous year's Qualifier Series, it shall have home advantage in the First Round of the current year's Qualifier Series.

iii) Except as provided for in Exception (i) above, if the two counties in a pairing did not have home advantage in the First Round of the previous year's Qualifier Series, a toss shall determine which county will have home advantage in the First Round of the current year's Qualifier Series.

The above arrangements shall be conditional on Home Grounds being deemed to meet the criteria set down by the National Infrastructure and Safety Committee and the Central Competitions Control Committee.

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

Burren, An Dún

51) Amend Rule 6.27 (B) 2014 – 2016

ALL IRELAND SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP 2014 – 2016

TIER 1 – LIAM MAC CARTHY CUP

Counties Participating

The following Counties shall be eligible to participate in this Championship:

- In Munster Championship – Cork, Tipperary, Waterford, Clare and Limerick.
- In Leinster Championship – Kilkenny, Galway, Dublin, Wexford and Offaly.

Provincial Qualifier Group –

In 2014, this shall consist of the following Counties: Laois, Antrim, Westmeath, Carlow and London. In 2015, the number of Counties in this Group shall be reduced to four and shall remain at four for later years.

The Central Competitions Committee shall review the list of counties to be included in the Provincial Group every three years after 2016. In the relevant years, the Central council shall approve the list for the following year's Championship at its meeting after September 30th.

Stages

i) Provincial Championships

Provincial Championships at Quarter final stage onwards shall be on a Knock-Out Format. A Round-Robin Format may not be used.

For the purposes of the Liam Mac Carthy Cup (Tier 1), the Provincial basis shall be:

a) Munster

b) Leinster, in which Galway and any other Qualified non Leinster County shall participate.

The Counties in the Provincial Qualifying Group shall each play the other Teams in the Group on a Round-Robin basis with finishing positions to be determined in accordance with Rule 6.20. The Games, based on a Draw, shall be played on a Home or Away basis. The top two Teams shall qualify for the Leinster Quarter Finals.

If either of these top two Teams should win their Quarter Finals the Team(s) they beat will be relegated to the Provincial Qualifying Group and the winning Team(s) go into the Leinster Championship Quarter Finals for the following year.

Counties that are not qualified to participate in the Liam Mac Carthy Cup, may not participate in the Munster or Leinster Championships.

An Ulster Championship shall be organised in which Antrim shall participate, but the Ulster Championship shall not lead to qualification for the Liam Mac Carthy Cup.

Rest of Rule to remain unchanged.

Ceatharlach

52) Amend Rule 6.27 (C) Treoraí Oifigiúil 2013 (to allow Fingal compete in the Nicky Rackard Cup) to read:-

C) All-Ireland Senior Hurling Championship (2014 - 2016)

Tier 3 - Nicky Rackard Cup

Counties Participating

Subject to Promotion and Relegation provided for in this Rule, the Counties eligible to participate in this Championship are: Roscommon, Sligo, Monaghan, Donegal, Tyrone, Louth and Fingal.

Format 2014 (for 7 Teams)

Preliminary Round

Two Teams shall be drawn from an Open Draw to play each other. The first Team drawn shall have Home Venue. The Winners shall qualify for Round 1. The Losers shall go to Qualifier Round 1.

Round 1

The Preliminary Round Winner and the five Teams that did not play in the Preliminary Round shall play in three Pairings (Three Games). An Open Draw shall determine the Pairings. If the Preliminary Round Winner had an Away game in that Round, it shall have a Home game in Round 1. The Winners of the three Games shall qualify for the Semi Finals. The Losers of the three Games shall go to Qualifier Round 1.

Qualifier Round 1

The Losers of the Preliminary Round and Round 1 shall play in two Pairings. Subject to the avoidance of a Repeat pairing, an Open Draw shall be made to determine the Pairings. Where the Pairings, based on the Draw, allow, a Team that an Away Game in Round 1 shall have a Home Game in Qualifier Round 1; otherwise the first Team drawn shall have Home Venue. The Winners shall qualify for Qualifier Round 2. The Losers shall play a Relegation Play-Off.

Qualifier Round 2

The two Qualifier Round 1 Winners shall play each other. If one of the Teams only had an Away Game in Qualifier Round 1, it shall have a Home Game in Qualifier Round 2; otherwise a Draw shall be made to determine Home Venue. The Winners shall qualify for the Semi Final.

Semi Finals

The three Round 1 Winners and the Qualifier Round 2 Winner shall contest the Semi Finals. Subject to the avoidance of a Repeat Pairing, a Draw shall be made to determine the Pairings.

Final

Format 2015 (for 8 teams)

The Format shall be as for Tier 2 - Christy Ring Cup above.

Promotion and Relegation

2014 - The two Qualifier Round 1 Losers shall Play-Off. The Losers of this Play-Off shall play the Tier 4 – 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.

2015 - The two Round 2B Losers shall Play-Off. The Losers of this Play-Off shall be relegated to Tier 4 Lory Meagher Cup for the following year. The winners 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.

2016 - The two Round 2B Losers shall Play-Off. The Losers of this 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.

Tier 4 2016 is affected.

Fine Ghallainn, Áth Cliath

- 53) That Riall 6.32 (a)** Team Party/Selections be amended to read as follows:

A County Team (Minor, U21, Junior, Intermediate and Senior) party shall consist of not more than 30 players and five officials of the County Committee.

Remainder of Rule to remain the same.

Rules Affected 4.10 & 4.12 Part 1 T.O. 2013

Carraig Dubh, Luimneach

- 54) To amend Rule 6.40** Official Guide (Part I) 2013 by adding the following clause to the existing rule:

"In respect of all senior Inter-county championship games and in respect of all Ireland series games at all other championship grades including club championships; the referee and linesmen shall be from outside the province(s) of the two counties or clubs contesting the game."

Rule Affected – 3.51 (b).

Teach Sratain, Chill Dara

- 55) That Rule 6.43** be amended as follows:

The commencement date for Collective Training of Inter County Under Age Teams shall, unless otherwise approved by Central Council, be as follows:

U21 Football – December 1st

Remainder of Rule unchanged.

Loch Garman

- 56) That Riall 11.11 of the Club Constitution** be amended to read as follows:

"The Club will define the End of The Financial year as ending on 31ú Deireadh Fómhair."

Scairbh na gCaorach, Co. Mhuineacháin

- 57) That the following new rule** be added to the TO:

All units of the Association shall be obliged to submit a copy of their accounts as agreed at the units AGM to their respective Coiste Chontae within 4 weeks of the financial year end of the unit.

Scairbh na gCaorach, Co. Mhuineacháin

- 58) Amend Rule 4.25 T.O. 2014, Part 2, Playing Rules of Hurling** to read:

"To advance the ball deliberately from the Place at which a free puck, **Penalty Puck** or sideline puck is to be **Struck from**".

Rules affected: Rule 2.2 and 2.3 Playing Rules of Hurling.

Standing Committee on Playing Rules/A.C.

- 59) Amend Rule 5.20 T.O. 2014, Part 2, Playing Rules of Hurling** to read:

"To behave in any way which is dangerous to an opponent, **including to deliberately pull on, take hold of a faceguard or any other part of an opponent's helmet**"

Delete Rule 5.8 T.O 2014, Part 2, Playing Rules of Hurling.

Standing Committee on Playing Rules/A.C.

- 60) A) Add to Rules 5, Aggressive Fouls**, Playing Rules of Hurling and Football by including as 5.34 (Hurling) and 5.29 (Football).

"To act by deed, word or gesture of a racist, sectarian or anti inclusion/diversity nature against an opponent. "

Penalty as after 5.33 (Hurling)/ 5.28 (Football) - Subsequent Rules to be renumbered accordingly.

- B) Amend Rule 7.2(b) Category IV** by adding:

"(ix) An act by deed, word or gesture of a racist, sectarian or anti inclusion/diversity nature.

Exceptions: add-

"A breach of (ix) shall be penalised under Rule 7.2(e).

- C) Amend Rule 7.2(e)** to read:

"Misconduct Considered to have Discredited the Association.

This shall include breaches of Rule 1.12 Official Guide Part 1, and Rules 5.34 (Hurling) and 5.29 (Football) Aggressive Fouls, Playing Rules, Official Guide Part 2.

Penalties: As in current Rule.

Delete reference to Penalty in Rule 1.12 (as an Ethos Rule should not show a Penalty) and reposition in Rule 7.2(e) as included above.

Standing Committee on Playing Rules/A.C.

61) That Rule 1.17 be amended by the addition of a new section (l), with Section (l) having two sub sections that read:

- i)** No brand name(s), distinctive marks of logo or other advertising material relating to alcohol companies, public houses, or off license 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 (g) 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.

Comhairle Chonnachta

62) Amend Rule 3.25(b) Provincial Convention to read:

“(b) One representative for every ten affiliated Clubs, or a fraction of ten over five, which took part in the previous year’s Championships, subject to a minimum of four delegates and a maximum of six delegates for a County.

In special circumstances, the Provincial Council may summon a Special Convention. Representation shall be as determined by the Provincial Council.”

Comhairle Laighean

63) That Rules 3.33 (i) and 3.33 (ix) be amended by the inclusion of the following additional sentence. “Provincial Councils may appoint a joint Management and Finance Committee if it so decides.”

Comhairle na Mumhan

64) Carried by Central Council at its meeting on 18th January 2014.

Amend Rule 5.3 – Vesting to read:

- a)** All property owned by units of the Association shall be vested in GCT and/or a number of Full Members, as Trustees who shall hold such property upon Trust, to use the same exclusively for the purpose of playing Gaelic Football, Hurling and Handball, and for such 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)** Property owned by a Club shall be vested in either
 - i)** five Trustees, three of whom shall be appointed for and on behalf of the 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
 - ii)** four Trustees, three of whom shall be appointed for and on behalf of the Club and GCT who shall be appointed for and on behalf of the relevant County Committee and Provincial Council, or;

iii) One trustee being GCT;

c) Property owned by a County Committee, or that owned by a combination of units under the control of a County Committee, shall be vested in either

- i)** three Trustees, one of whom shall be appointed for and on behalf of the County Committee, one of whom shall be appointed for and on behalf the the relevant Provincial Council, and one of whom shall be appointed for and on behalf of Central Council, or;
- ii)** two trustees, one of whom shall be appointed for and on behalf of the County Committee, and the other being GCT shall be appointed on behalf of the relevant Provincial Council and Central Council, or;

iii) One trustee being GCT;

d) Property owned by a Provincial Council shall be vested in either

- i)** three Trustees, two of whom shall be appointed for and on behalf of the Provincial Council, and one of whom shall be appointed for and on behalf of Central Council;
- ii)** three trustees, two of whom shall be appointed for and on behalf of the Provincial Council, and the other being GCT shall be appointed for on behalf of Central Council, or;

iii) GCT

e) Property owned by the Central Council shall be vested in GCT who shall be appointed for and on behalf of Central Council.

f) By way of acceptance of their appointment the Trustees of Real Property shall sign a Declaration of Trust, as approved by Central Council, which shall contain the provisions for appointment, removal and replacement of Trustees, as well as regulating the conduct of the Trustees in performing their duties and exercising their powers under the Trust.

g) 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 or duties.

Penalty:

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

Rules Affected –

Rules affected – Rules 3.44(e), 3.31, 3.6, 3.7; Appendix 1 Definitions; Club Constitution and Rules – 10.3, 10.4 and 10.5

Ard Chomhairle

Policy topics for discussion

1. Are our current organisational structures the best available to facilitate the achievement of the Association's objectives?
2. Should Congress 2015 consider a motion to limit participation in a Provincial Club championship to counties who have completed that championship by a date to be set by Central Council.
3. Congress is asked to consider the following proposal from Central Council:

That the GAA commences negotiations with An Cumann Camógaíochta and Cumann Peil Gael na mBan with a view to the establishment of structures that will facilitate the promotion and management of all Gaelic games within one organisation.





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