

Coiste Chontae Dhún Na nGall C.L.G. Bye – Laws 2024 To be read in conjunction with An Treoraí Oifigiúil 2023.

(Approved by An Coiste Bainistíochta, on behalf of Ard Comhairle, 26 Eanáir 2024)

1 County Convention: (Rules 3.8 to 3.15 T.O. 2023) County Convention, convened in accordance with Rule 3.8 TO 2023, shall having firstly been duly nominated in accordance with Rule 3.11 TO 2023, shall elect/appoint the following Officers and Representatives in accordance with Rule 3.9 (a) TO 2023: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Coaching Officer, Hurling Officer, Officer for Irish Language and Culture and Public Relations Officer and shall appoint a Children’s Officer, Demographics Officer and a Planning and Training Officer, both recommended by the outgoing County Committee. It shall further elect two representatives on Provincial Council and One representative on Central Council. It shall elect Delegates to Annual Congress and Provincial Convention in accordance with Rule 3.10 TO 2023.

2 County Committee: It shall consist of the following officers elected/appointed at the Annual Convention: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Public Relations Officers, Oifigeach Gaeilge agus Cultúir, Coaching Officer, Planning and Training Officer, Demographics Officer, Childrens’ Officer, two Representatives to the Provincial Council, One Representative to Central Council, The County Referees’ Administrator (appointed in accordance with R. 3.17 (h), T. O. 2023), County Safety and Facilities Officer, One named Cumann na mBunscol Representative, Hurling Officer, One named An Choiste Iomána Representative, One named Post Primary Schools Committee Representative, One named Handball Committee Representative, One named delegate each from the three (3) Divisional Committees and two (2) named delegates from each of the affiliated Clubs in the County subject to Rule 3.16 (a) T.O. 2023. One (1) named Representative from Comortas Peil na Gaeltachta. It shall also include a named Integration Officer, appointed by the County Committee, with responsibility liaising with Ladies Football, Camogie, Handball and Rounders’ boards, and driving the Integration process within the county. All, except An Comortas Peil na Gaeltachta representative and the Integration Officer, shall have voting rights

In accordance with Rule 3.18 T.O. 2023 the County Committee shall appoint the following Sub-Committees, membership of which shall be set out in County Bye-Laws. All members of sub-committees shall be named

3.1 Coiste Bainistíochta: It shall consist of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-Treasurer, P .R.O., Children’s Officer, Coaching Officer, Planning and Training Officer, Oifigeach na Gaelige, Hurling officer, Two Ulster Council Representatives and the Central Council Representative.

3.2 Competition Controls Committee: It shall consist of the County Vice-Chairperson as its

Chairperson, the County Assistant Secretary as its Secretary, County Coaching Officer, Secretary of Coiste Na nÓg, County Assistant Treasurer, County PRO, One Ulster Council Representative , two (2) members (named) of An Choiste Iomána, one Fixtures Analyst and the County Referees Administrator (who shall be entitled to vote only on the appointment of Referees) and a named representative of each of the three (3) Divisional Committees.(who shall be entitled to vote only on matters pertaining to underage fixtures). In addition County Committee shall appoint three named members of County Committee, one each from Junior, Intermediate and Senior Clubs. A quorum for this committee shall be four (4)

3.3 Fixtures Analysts: Two Fixtures Analysts shall be appointed by the County Management Committee.

3.4 Hearings Committee: It shall consist of eight (8) named persons selected from the County Committee and/or other suitable personnel.

3.5. Safety and Facilities Committee... shall have six members including County Safety and Facilities Officer who shall be Chairperson, a Qualified Event Controller. The remaining members, nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee, should be suitably qualified in areas relevant to the terms of reference of the Committee as outlined in R. 3.18 (v) T.O. 2023.

3.6 Referees' Administration Committee: It shall consist of the County Referees' Administrator (as its Chairperson), a Referees' Appointments Secretary, a Referees' Advisor Officer; a Referees' Recruitment, Training and Mentoring Officer (Coiste Na nÓg), a Referees' Youth Academy Co-ordinator (for Club Blitzes and Go Games), an Adult Club Referees, Training, Development and Welfare Officer, a Hurling Referee Training and Development Officer and a Club Referees' Representative elected by the County Adult Referees, all appointed by the County Committee, also the Chairperson and Secretary of the County CCC . This committee may appoint workgroups within.

3.7 Coaching & Games Development Committee: It shall consist of the County Coaching Officer (as its Chairperson), the Games Development Manager /Administrator (as its Secretary), one member each from the three (3) Divisional Committees who are not members of the CCC of Coiste Na nÓg, one named representative from each of An Choiste Iomána, Cumann na mBunscol and the Post Primary Schools' Committee. This committee may appoint workgroups within.

3.8. Cultural Committee: It shall consist of Oifigeach na Gaeilge agus Cultúir (as its Chairperson) and 5 named members appointed by County Committee.

3.9 Public Relations/Marketing Committee: It shall consist of the County PRO (as its Chairperson), County Secretary, County Treasurer, a Commercial and Marketing Manager (appointed by the Coiste Bainistíochta), PRO of Coiste Na nÓg, the PRO's from the three (3) Divisional Committees, a PRO from An Choiste Iomána and 3 other nominated personnel, deemed qualified and appointed by County Committee. This committee may appoint workgroups within.

3.10 Youth Committee: It shall consist of a Cathaoirleach appointed from within the membership of An Coiste Bainistíochta, a Secretary, who shall be appointed by County Committee, County Assistant Treasurer as Treasurer the Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer of the three Divisional Committees, and one named Representative each from An Choiste Íomána, Cumann na mBunscol and the Post Primary Schools' Committee.

3.11. Finance Sub-Committee: It shall consist of the County Treasurer (as it's Chairperson), the Assistant County Treasurer and 5 named members deemed qualified and appointed by the County Committee.

3.12 I.T. Committee: It shall consist of the County I.T. Officer appointed by County Committee (as its Chairperson) County Secretary, County Administrator County PRO and 3 other nominated personnel, deemed qualified and appointed by County Committee.

3.13 County Teams' Management and Panels Sub-Committee: The membership of which shall be as outlined in the Charter for County Committee / Player relationships as approved by Ard Chomhairle from time to time. The functions of this Sub-Committee will be as outlined in Rule 3.18 (xiii) T.O. 2023.

3.14 County Health and Wellbeing Committee: Membership of the committee shall be 8 in number. Membership of the committee is to include some or all of the following: the County Health & Wellbeing Officer as Chairperson, the County Children's Officer, the County Social Initiative Coordinator, the County Inclusion Officer, and four (4) named club representatives

with expertise/professional experience in one of the following areas – health promotion, mental health, alcohol/drug abuse prevention, counselling, physical health and exercise, diet and nutrition. If such individuals are not successfully recruited from the clubs the committee should seek to recruit four (4) members from local statutory, voluntary, or community groups with appropriate experience/professional expertise in the above areas and who shall be Members of the Association.

3.15 Planning and Training Committee shall consist of five members, the Chairperson of which shall be the County Planning and Training Officer. All members shall, upon appointment, complete the necessary training as prescribed by The National Officer Development Committee and Club and County Planning Committee.

3.16 Audit and Risk Committee shall consist of no more than five named members including a Chairperson nominated by the Management Committee and approved by the Provincial Audit and Risk Committee and up to four members nominated by the Management Committee. The Treasurer shall not be a member.

3.17 Demographics Committee

It shall be responsible for monitoring the impact of population changes and advising the County on the formation of policies to deal with those changes. It shall liaise with the relevant committees within the Association and with relevant bodies outside the Association in carrying out its functions. It shall consist of at least five members to include the Demographics Officer, who shall act as Chairperson. All other members shall be suitably qualified in areas relevant to the Terms of Reference of the Committee.

4. In accordance with R. 3.17 (m), T.O. 2023 the County Committee shall appoint the following sub-committees whose powers and functions shall be as outlined in these ByLaws: All members of sub-committees shall be named

4.1 An Choiste Iomána: It shall consist of a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, PRO, one representative nominated by County Committee from within the membership of An Coiste Bainistíochta, and one (1) named delegate from each of the affiliated clubs promoting adult and/or underage hurling in the county. It shall be responsible for the implementation of the development of Hurling as set out in the Strategic Plan.

4.2 Child Awareness and Protection Committee: Its members shall consist of the County Children's Officer as Chairperson, a Secretary appointed by the County Committee, the County Development Officer, the Games Development Manager and the Child Awareness tutors. Its

functions & responsibilities shall be as outlined in Code 2.1

4.3 Coiste Na nÓg

The promotion of underage activities, up to and including Minor grade, shall be controlled by a Sub-Committee of the County Committee to be known as Coiste na nOg.

Coiste na nOg shall consist of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Two Assistant Secretaries, P.R.O., all of whom shall be appointed at the first meeting of the County Committee each year, following a nomination from the Management Committee. It shall also consist of the Assistant Treasurer of the County Committee, County Coaching officer, County Children's Officer, County Games Development Manager, Two (2) named members from each of the three (3) Divisional Committees, one of whom must be the Secretary of each Divisional Committee, One (1) named member of the Referees Administration Committee, Two (2) named members from An Coiste Iomána, One named representative from Cumann na mBunscol and One named representative from the Post Primary Schools Committee.

(a) It shall be responsible for all Under-Age Fixtures and shall prepare a Master Fixtures Plan for all Divisions to ensure a coordinated Games structure in the entire County.

(b) Through its Competitions Control Committee shall be the controlling and disciplinary body of all underage games within the County

(c) Have Divisional Committees as defined in Bye Law 4.4

4.3.1 Coiste Na nÓg Competitions Control Committee

Coiste Na nÓg shall have a Competitions Control Committee which shall be responsible for all arrangements, including the appointment of Referees, for and control of any matters arising from games under the control of Coiste Na nÓg within the County, including disciplinary matters, (other than those reserved to the County Hearings Committee). Where Hearing are prescribed and requested they shall be heard by the County Hearings Committee.

It shall consist of: The Vice-Chairperson of Coiste Na nÓg who shall act as Chairperson, One Assistant Secretary of Coiste Na nÓg as Secretary with responsibility for Fixtures, including arranging venues, and be fully trained in the use of Servasport, One Assistant Secretary of Coiste Na nÓg who shall act as Secretary with responsibility for Disciplinary matters arising from the staging of Games; PRO of the Coiste Na nÓg; Assistant Treasurer of the County Committee; Two (2) named members of each of the elected members of the three (3) Divisional

Committees, Two (2) named members of An Coiste Iomána, a named member of the Post Primary Schools Committee, a named member of the Referees' Administration Committee (who shall be entitled to vote only on the appointment of Referees). A quorum for this Committee shall be four (4)

4.4 Divisional Committees: There shall be three (3) Divisional Committees to be known respectively as the Northern, Southern and Inishowen Divisional Committees. Their functions and powers shall be as per Riall 3.17, 3.18 & 3.19 of the Official Guide, 2023. Membership of each Divisional Committee shall be Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, PRO, and one (1) named delegate per affiliated club within its jurisdiction. The above named officers to be elected at the AGM to be held before the end of November each year. The Secretary of each Divisional Committee shall represent the division on Coiste Na nÓg and the County Youth Committee. A separate representative of the elected Officers of each Divisional Committee shall also sit on Coiste Na nÓg and represent the division on Coiste Na nÓg Competitions Control Committee. All divisional fixtures shall be monitored by the Divisional Committee's Competitions Control Committee representative, and all match reports will go to the Secretary of Coiste Na nÓg Competitions Control Committee for any disciplinary matters. The overall fixtures shall be made by the Coiste Na nÓg Competitions Control Committee.

4.5 County Post-Primary Schools Committee: It shall consist of one (1) named representative of each Post Primary School in the county, one (1) named representative of Colaiste Inis Eoghain and any other amalgamation entered into Post Primary competitions, County Coaching Officer and Games Development Manager. A Chairperson, a Secretary and a Treasurer shall be elected from within this membership at an AGM before the end of November each year. Its functions shall include: a) To promote, develop and control Gaelic Games in Post-Primary Schools. b) To organise competitions, where appropriate and encourage as wide a participation in Gaelic Games as is feasible. c) It shall appoint a Competitions Control Committee to organise and make arrangements for all competitions under its jurisdiction. Membership of which shall be Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer elected at the AGM and four (4) other representatives from the Post Primary Schools Committee. A quorum for this committee shall be four (4).

4.6 Cumann na mBunscol : It shall consist of a Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, PRO and other Officers as required. The main aims and objectives of Cumann na mBunscol shall be: To promote, develop and control Gaelic Games in Primary Schools. To organise competitions, where appropriate, and encourage as wide a participation in Gaelic Games as is feasible. To promote and foster a positive attitude towards our national games among teachers, pupils, parents and all involved in the promotion of Gaelic Games in the primary education system To promote Gaelic Games in an atmosphere of fun and enjoyment. (a) It shall appoint a Competitions Control Committee to organise and make arrangements for all competitions under its jurisdiction. Membership of which shall be Chairperson, Secretary Treasurer PRO elected at the AGM and four (4) other representatives from the Primary Schools Committee. (b) A quorum for this committee shall be four (4).

4.7 Transfers: Transfers shall be in accordance with R. 6.1 to 6.6, T.O. 2023. a) All applications for inter club transfers within the County shall be made on official application form, no application shall be considered unless received before July 31st. b) A transfer shall not be granted unless the player satisfies the Competitions Control Committee that his new address is or has been his/her prime sole residence, for a period of three (3) months, within the club Catchment Area, as approved by the County Committee, of the club he/she wishes to join. Mobile phone bills shall not be accepted as evidence of address. 1. Exception: A player is entitled to transfer back to his/her first Club, without Proof of residence prior to July 31st.

4.8 Attachment to First Club: In accordance with Rule 6.3 T.O. 2023, a person shall only be

entitled to join a club within the confines of the Catchment Area of his permanent residence.

4.9 Grading of Clubs and Players: 1) All grading shall be effected in compliance with Codes 10.7 and 10.8. 2) The Adult Championship Grades shall be known as Senior (A, B & C), Intermediate (A&B), Junior (A &B), Under 21(A &B). 3) Applications for regarding by Clubs and Players must be made in writing to the County Secretary not later than 30th April each year. 4) In exceptional circumstances, clubs or players may request regrading after the April 30th deadline.