

## **CUMANN LUTHCLEAS GAEL LOCH GARMAN BYE-LAWS 2021**

**(Approved at a meeting of An Coiste Bainistíochta 15ú Eanáir 2021)**

**These Bye-Laws shall be read in conjunction *with the current Treoraí Oifigiúil.***

### **1. COUNTY CONVENTION (Rules 3.10 to 3.17 T.O. 2020)**

1.1 County Convention, convened in accordance with Rule 3.10, shall elect/appoint Officers and Representatives in accordance with Rule 3.11 and Delegates in accordance with Rule 3.12 following nomination in accordance with Rule 3.13:

Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Coaching Officer, Officer for Irish Language and Culture, Public Relations Officer and shall appoint a Children's Officer and Development Officer recommended by the outgoing County Committee.

It shall further elect two representatives on Provincial Council and one representative on Central Council.

1.2 Before publication of Convention motions submitted in accordance with Rule 3.14 these shall be examined by the Management Committee. Motions considered out of order shall be returned to the submitting Unit indicating reasons and affording opportunity to re-submit.

1.3 A full-time Secretary appointed for a period in excess of one year shall not have voting rights and is not subject to re-election ( Rule 3.11 (b), Exception (1)

1.4 In accordance with T.O. Rule 3.11 (b) Exception 2 - The position of Wexford GAA Treasurer is not subject to the maximum period of office of five years.

### **2. COUNTY COMMITTEE (Rules 3.18 to 3.19 T.O 2020)**

The County Committee shall consist of the Officers elected/appointed pursuant to Bye-Law 1, the Two Provincial Council representatives, and the One Central Council representative, (elected pursuant to Bye Law 1 above who shall be ex-officio members), a named representative of each of the following committees, County Primary Schools, County Post - Primary Schools , County Handball Committee and the County Referees Administrator. The County Committee will also include the elected Chairpersons and Secretaries of the four adult Divisional Committees (Enniscorthy, Gorey, New Ross & Wexford), the Chairperson and Secretary of Coiste na nÓg Loch Garman and one named representative from each affiliated club of the County

**3.** In accordance with Rule 3.20 and subject to Rules 3.21 and 4.2 T.O. 2020 the County Committee shall appoint the following sub-committees whose powers and functions shall be as detailed therein and in these Bye-Laws where appropriate. The membership of each shall be determined as follows: *All members of sub-committees shall be named.*

**(a) Management Committee:** It shall consist of the Officers and representatives to Central and Provincial Council, Chairperson and Secretary Coiste na nÓg Loch Garman and one nominee of the County Chairperson.

Its powers, functions and responsibilities shall be as set out in Rule 3.20 (i) T.O 2020

**(b) Competitions Control Committee:** It shall consist of a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson (nominated by the County Chairperson) the Assistant County Secretary, the County Referees Administrator (who shall be entitled to vote only on the appointment of referees), either the Chairman or Secretary of Coiste na nÓg Loch Garman CCC and a named representative of each of the 4 Divisional District Committees plus eight other named members.

Its powers, functions and responsibilities shall be as set out in Rule 3.20 (ii )T.O 2020. except as those defined below in Sections 1 and 2.

The Competitions Control Committee shall be structured and operate as 2 separate sub-committees as follows:

### **Section 1**

#### **Competition Control Committee - Fixtures**

It shall consist of a Chairperson and a Secretary (nominated by the County Chairperson from the appointed Competition Control Committee), A fixtures Analyst the County Referees Administrator (who shall be entitled to vote only on the appointment of referees), either the Chairman or Secretary of Coiste na nÓg Loch Garman CCC and a named representative of each of the 4 Divisional District Committees.

It shall be responsible for all arrangements, including the appointment of Referees and control of any matters arising from Games under the jurisdiction of the County Committee.

It shall process and make recommendations to the County Committee on the Grading of Clubs.

It shall investigate and process matters relating to the Enforcement of Rules, including hearing Objections and Counter-Objections.

### **Section 2**

#### **Competition Control Committee - Discipline**

It shall consist of a Chairperson and a Secretary (nominated by the County Chairperson from the appointed Competition Control Committee) and 4 other members.

It shall be responsible for all Disciplinary matters other than those functions reserved to the County Hearings Committee.

The members of both committees shall be constituted from those members as appointed to the Competition Control Committee.

Quorum for these committees shall be as set out in accordance with Rule 4.2 T.O. 2020

A County Committee may delegate other plenary powers to its Competitions Control Committee and in such cases Appeals may be made only to the Provincial Council.

**(c) Fixtures Analysts** – In accordance with Rule 3.20 (iii) T.O 2020 two fixtures Analysts shall be appointed by the County Management Committee.

Their responsibilities are as set out in Rule.

**(d) Hearings Committee:** There shall be a Hearings Committee which shall consist of a Chairperson and Secretary, appointed by Coiste Chontae Loch Garman C.L.G. with a total of nine named members. It shall consist of at least three members for any hearing.

Its functions shall be in accordance with Rule 3.20 (iv) T.O 2020

**(e) Planning, Physical Development and Safety Committee:** It shall consist of the County Development Officer and of 5 other named members (one of whom shall act as Rúnai), nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee.

Its functions shall be in accordance with Rule 3.20 (v) T.O 2020

**(f) Referees' Administration Committee:** It shall consist of the County Referees' Administrator and 5 other named members (one of whom shall act as Rúnai), nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee.

Its functions shall be in accordance with Rule 3.20 (vi) T.O 2020

**(g) Coaching and Games Development Committee:** It shall consist of the County Coaching Officer, as Chairperson, Games Development Manager (who shall act as Rúnai), and a named representative from each of the following committees Primary Schools, Post Primary Schools & Vocational Schools, Chairperson Coiste na nÓg Loch Garman, a named representative from the County Squads Sub - Committee and 2 others nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee. It shall consist of 9 members in total.

Its functions shall be in accordance with Rule 3.20 (vii) T.O 2020

**(h) Cultural Committee:** It shall consist of the Officer for Irish Language & Culture and 5 other named members (one of whom shall act as Rúnai), nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee.

Its functions shall be in accordance with Rule 3.20 (viii) T.O 2020.

**(i) County Public Relations/Marketing & IT Committee :** It shall consist of the County Public Relations Officer, Coiste na nÓg PRO,IT Officer and six others named members (one of whom shall act as Rúnaí), nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee. It shall consist of 9 members.

Its functions shall be in accordance with Rule 3.20 (ix and xii ) T.O 2020

**(j) County Youth Committee/ Coiste na nÓg:** It shall consist of the following members Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary ,Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, P.R.O., County Children's Officer and County Coaching Officer. This committee shall oversee the running of the affairs of Coiste na nÓg Loch Garman.

Its functions shall be in accordance with Rule 3.20 (x) T.O 2020

**(k) Finance Sub Committee:** It shall consist of the County Chairperson, County Secretary, County Treasurer, a representative from the County Board Auditors and 3 others nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee. It shall consist of 7 members.

It shall have responsibility for all financial matters referred to it by the County Committee and/or the County Management Committee.

The committee shall report regularly to the County Management Committee and to meetings of the County Committee.

Its functions shall be in accordance with Rule 3.20 (xi) T.O 2020

**(l) County Teams' Management & Panels' Committee:** The membership of the County Teams' Management and Panels' Committee shall be as outlined in the Charter for County Committee / Player Relationships and as approved by Árd Chomhairle from time to time and shall be nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee.

The functions of this Committee shall be as outlined in Rule 3.20 (xiii) T.O 2020

**(m) Health and Wellbeing Committee:** It shall consist of the Children's Officer, and two other named members.

The functions of this committee shall be as outlined in Rule 3.21(xiv) T.O 2020

**4. In accordance with Rule. 3.19 (l) T.O. 2020** the Co. Committee shall/may appoint the following subcommittee whose functions and powers shall be as set out in these Bye-Laws:

(i) **Divisional Sub - Committees:** The County shall be divided into four Divisions; Enniscorthy, Gorey, New Ross & Wexford. In each a Divisional Sub- Committee shall be formed of a representative from each affiliated Club entered in the Co. Championship.

Each Divisional Committee shall hold its Annual General Meeting before the County Convention each year, when Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and PRO shall be elected.

These Officers shall hold office until the conclusion of the AGM of the following year.

Those entitled to vote at the AGM shall be the members of the outgoing committee and one representative from each Club, which legally competed in the current year's Championships. Divisional Committee meetings shall be held as may be decided at the first meeting.

(ii) Each Divisional Committee will form a Competitions Control Committees consisting of five named members.

- It shall be responsible for all arrangements including the appointment of referees and for control of games under the jurisdiction of the Divisional Committee. Disciplinary matters other than those reserved for the County Hearings Committee shall be dealt with by the Divisional Competitions Control Committee.

- The Divisional Competitions Control Committee shall deal with objections and counter objections arising from games under the control of the Divisional Committee.

- The Divisional Competitions Control Committee shall investigate and process matters relating to the enforcement of the Rules and Match Regulations for games under the control of the Divisional Committee.

Requests for Hearings and/or Appeals against decisions of the Divisional Competitions Control Committee shall be dealt with by the County Hearings Committee

## **5. Fundraising Control Committee:**

It shall consist of a Chairperson nominated by the Co. Chairperson and 14 other nominated members appointed by the County Committee

It shall be responsible, subject to the overall jurisdiction of the County Committee for the organising/overseeing of all fundraising activities for County Committee.

## **6. County Squads Committee**

It shall consist of a Chairperson nominated by the Co. Chairperson and one representative each from the County Committee, the Coiste na nÓg County Committee, the County Coaching Committee plus four other persons appointed by the Co. Committee.

It shall be responsible for the organising of all Squad Mentors and oversee the organising of all squad activities.

## **7. Football Advisory Committee**

It shall consist of a Chairman, Secretary and 5 other members.

It shall be responsible for the promotion and developments of all football activities in the county subject to the overall jurisdiction of the County Committee.

## **8 Hurling Advisory Committee**

It shall consist of a Chairman, Secretary and 5 other named members.

It shall be responsible for the promotion and developments of all hurling activities in the county subject to the overall jurisdiction of the County Committee.

## **9 Coiste na nÓg Loch Garman**

It shall, subject to the overall jurisdiction of the County Committee be responsible for all activities and all competitions up to and including minor level. It shall be responsible for the organisation of skills competitions for hurling and football and shall promote the Irish language and culture in all its activities.

Officers to be appointed by the County Committee.

Coiste na nÓg Loch Garman to be structured in the following way: - Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, PRO, Registrar, Children's Officer, Coaching Officer and one representative each from the Primary, Secondary, and Vocational schools and one representative each from the underage clubs in the county.

One observer from each of the following: Ladies Football, Camogie, Rounders, Handball, and Scór (Scór na nOg).

**Coiste na nÓg Loch Garman Competitions Control Committee** will have the same responsibilities as the Committee at Bye-Law 3 (b) above. It shall consist of a Chairperson and Secretary to be nominated by the Chairperson of Coiste Chontae Loch Garman, and it shall also consist of a named representative from each Division, appointed by Coiste Chontae Loch Garman C.L.G.

Recommendations regarding Grading from Coiste na nOg CCC shall be ratified by the County CCC Committee.

Hearings where prescribed and requested against its decisions shall be heard by the Co. Hearings Committee.

## **10 Other Relevant Connection - For the purposes of Rule 6.3 T.O 2020**

A member shall be considered to have an Other Relevant connection with a club:

1 With the club in the catchment area where he/she attended or is attending a rural National School

**or**

2 With a club in the catchment area where his/her parents were permanently resident at the time of his/her birth.

### **11. Inter-County Transfers (Transfer into Wexford from outside the County)**

Pursuant to Riail 6.6 (d) T.O. 2020 which states that a Player who applies for an Inter-County transfers must satisfy the requirements of the new County's Bye-Laws as regards the club he joins, a Player availing of such a transfer must be in permanent residence within a clubs Parish Boundary and, proof of Permanent Residence must be provided to the Wexford GAA office for review by the CCCC, subject to the following exceptions:

1. there is an Other Relevant Connection as outlined in Bye Law No 10 as above
2. the Player is subject to Riail 6.6 (i) T.O. 2020

The Parish Boundary as obtained on January 1st 1972 and as determined by the County Committee under Rule 6.3 T.O 2020 shall continue to be the accepted catchment area for the purposes of transfers in Wexford.

Players transferring into a club in Wexford Town from outside the county shall transfer to the appropriate club subject to the exceptions listed with regard to Wexford Town transfers in Bye Law No 12 as below

### **12. Transfers within the County** shall be in accordance with Riail.6.5, T.O. 2020

A member who wishes to leave one Club to join another club within the County must apply to the County Committee for a transfer before 5pm on the last Friday in January each year (submit a current Application Form to be obtained from the GAA Office or Wexford GAA website).

Applications from players up to and including minor grade must have the consent of parents/guardian.

- I. The Parish Boundary as obtained on January 1st 1972 and as determined by the County Committee under Rule 6.3 T.O 2020 shall continue to be the accepted catchment area for the purposes of transfers in Wexford.

#### Exceptions

Teams shall not be composed of players from more than one parish, with the exception of Our Lady's Island who can select players from the adjoining parish of Ballymore. Applicable up to and including Under 21 grade only.

However Rule 6.3 T.O 2020 will apply.

II. The closing date for all transfers within the county shall be 5.00pm on the last Friday in January.

### **Wexford Town Inter- Club Transfers**

1. The Parish Boundary as obtained on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1972 and as determined by the County Committee under Rule 6.3 T.O 2020 shall continue to be the accepted catchment area for the purposes of transfers in Wexford.

2. Subject to the Exceptions below, or unless otherwise exempted by the CCC a player, including underage and adult, must continue as a member of the Wexford Town Club of which he was a member on the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019. This bye law to remain in force until 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022.

#### **Exceptions:**

(i) A member of a club in Wexford town whose permanent Residence is currently outside Wexford town may transfer to the club in whose Catchment area he/she permanently lives.

(ii) A member of a club in Wexford town who satisfies the CCC that his permanent Residence has changed to the catchment of a club outside Wexford town may be granted a transfer.

(iii) A member of a club in Wexford town who wishes to return to his first Club may be granted a transfer. First Club defined as per Riail 6.4 (d) An Treoraí Oifigiúil 2020 : When a player first legally participates in Club Competition with a club ( including a Club within an Independent Team) at Under 12 Grade or over ( including Go Games) organised by the County Committee or one of its Sub Committees, that Club becomes his first club.

(iv) An adult who did not play for any club in Wexford town club for 1 calendar year may make an application , and be considered for a Transfer - for Wexford town only.

(v) A Youth Member ( i.e. a player who participates in a Club Competition at Under 11 Grade ( including Go Games ) up to and including Minor Grade) who did not play for any club in Wexford town for 1 calendar year may make an application and be considered for a Transfer - for Wexford town only.

(vi) In special circumstances, including situations brought about by domestic or family matters, health related situations or where extenuating matters arise, a transfer application to which neither club involved objects will be subject to assessment by an Arbitrator prior to submission to the CCC for final decision. Similarly a club may refer a transfer application to the arbitrator for assessment where they feel extenuating circumstances may apply.

The Arbitrator shall be nominated by the Wexford Town Clubs for the period of the byelaw and ratified by the County Committee.



The decision of the Arbitrator on whether to refer a transfer application to the CCC shall be final and accepted in good faith by all clubs in Wexford Town.

(vii) Where a transfer is granted under (iii), (iv),(v) or (vi) above the transferred player must remain with that club for a period of no less than 3 calendar years.

(viii) In circumstances where a club cannot field a team at Under 13,15 or 17 the Arbitrator , as specified in (vi) above may make arrangements, subject to CCC approval, to facilitate the players concerned within their own age groups. Such arrangements may include transfer/ temporary transfer for a specified period

(ix) An Adult member whose club does not field a team or is unable to field a team will be a free to apply for and be granted a transfer to another club within Wexford Town.

(x) All transfer applications made under paragraphs (i) to (vi) inclusive and ,(viii) or (ix) above shall be submitted in accordance with transfer regulations prior 5.00pm on the last Friday in January of the applicable year

### **13. Attachment to First Club. Riail 6.4 T.O 2020**

A person first becomes a member of the Association by joining a club within the county of his permanent residence subject to the following limited choices:

1. The club within the catchment area ( The Parish Boundary as obtained on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1972 and as determined by the County Committee under Riail 6.3 T.O 2020 ) where he permanently resides.

2 The club with which he/she has an Other relevant connection under Bye Law No 10.

### **14 Grading of Clubs and Players**

Grading of clubs and players shall be dealt with in accordance with Rule 6.20 T.O 2020

( i ) The closing date for club applications for Grading shall be 5pm on the last Friday in January each year.

(ii) The status of a player will be determined in the first or subsequent rounds by playing in a championship grade in either the league or knockout stages of a championship.

In cases where a club fields 3 or more teams at championship level in a code, a player may only participate and play at one grade below the level in which he participated the previous year in that code.

e.g. A player who plays Senior hurling championship in 2020 and his club field teams at Senior, Intermediate 'A', Junior & Junior B in 2021 the player is only eligible to play for the Senior or Intermediate 'A' teams in 2021 and is ineligible to play for the Junior and Junior B teams in 2021.

#### Exception

An 18-year-old player (first year out of Under 17 Grade) will have free grading in the adult championship until the quarter finals.

This exception permits the player to play only one championship game per week-end only. Coming on as a substitute constitutes as a game, so if the player comes on for any short time in a game, that is his only game time for that 7-day period. However, he may only partake in one grade of championship in each code in a seven-day period (Friday morning to the following Thursday night.) If the player plays up a grade one weekend, they will be permitted to return to a lower grade the following weekend.

A player availing of this rule who plays for a club's first team may not play, at any stage, with a club's third team for the remainder of the championship year pursuant to Riail 6.20 T.O 2020.

A player availing of this rule who plays for a club's second team may not play, at any stage, with a club's fourth team for the remainder of the championship year pursuant to Riail 6.20 T.O 2020.

Team sheets will be checked, and any breach of rule will result in disciplinary action.

#### Penalty

On a proven Objection, Award of Game to Opposing team.

On an inquiry by the Committee-In-Charge – Forfeiture of Game without Award of Game to Opposing Team, or Fine, depending on the circumstances.

The second team which the 18-year-old fields on is the one to be penalised in the case of the exception.

### **15 Playing Restrictions - Riail 6.8 T.O 2020**

A player from a Club that does not have a hurling/football team as his age or adult level, may apply to the County Committee for permission to play hurling/football, in that grade, with an alternative club in the County.

Permission will only be granted for 1 year playing season.

The CCC shall process such applications (which must be submitted no later than 1<sup>st</sup> March in any year) and make a decision on the application.

A Player aggrieved by the decision of the CCC will have the right to a hearing at the Co. Hearings Committee meeting whose decision shall be final.

An underage player may be accompanied and assisted in making his case at such a hearing

**Restrictions:**

A Players application must initially be to a neighbouring club. However in the event of the neighbouring club/clubs not being in a position to accommodate such a request the option shall be open to him for application to another club within the county.

All players must then revert back to their original Club once playing season is over.

The host Club may only accept a maximum of **2** players in any grade/code for that year. A County Committee may make alternative arrangements in the interests of the promotion of Hurling /Football, provided that the arrangements have been approved by Central Council.

The host Club may only accept a maximum of **2** players in any grade/code for that year.

**16** Currently, any players not listed in a county team's match day panel of 26 are to be automatically released back to their clubs for any official club fixtures on that weekend or subsequent weekends.

**17** All players involved with county panels shall be made available to play official club fixtures and attend club training in April and that no county panel training shall take place within two days of any official club fixtures in April.

**18** In both Hurling and Football the following structures shall apply :

- Under 17 Grade to be structured on a divisional basis with Premier, Roinn 1 and Roinn 2 Divisions
- Under 15 Grade to be structured on a divisional basis with Premier , Roinn 1 and Roinn 2 Divisions.
- Under 13 Grade to be structured on a divisional basis with 5 Divisions.