

MIONRIALACHA CONDAE LOCH GARMAN

CO. WEXFORD BYE-LAWS

1. (A) In accordance with Riail 3.11 OG 2010 the County Convention shall elect the following:

Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Development Officer, Coaching Officer, Officer for Irish Language and Culture, Youth Officer and Public Relations Officer, who shall hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual Convention.

(B) The maximum period of office for any specific Officership shall be five years*.

The County Convention may also elect such other representatives of Clubs, District or other Committees, as it may from time to time decide. It shall further elect:-Two representatives on Provincial Council and one on Central Council, who shall hold office respectively for the term of the ensuing Provincial and Central Councils.

2. In accordance with Riail 3.19 OG 2010 The County Committee shall consist of The Officers, Central & Provincial Council Representatives (who shall be ex-officio members), a representative of each of the following committees, Co. Primary, Post-Primary Schools, Handball, County Referees' Administrator. The County Committee will also include the elected Chairpersons and Secretaries of the four adult District Committees (Enniscorthy, Gorey, New Ross & Wexford), the Chairperson and Secretary of Coiste na nOg, and one representative from each of the adult clubs in the county.

3. In accordance with Riail 3.22 OG 2010 the Co. Committee shall appoint the following subcommittees:

(i) Management Committee: It shall consist of The Officers, the Central & Provincial Council Representatives, the Coiste na nOg Chairperson and Secretary and one nominee of the County Chairperson.

(ii) County Competitions Control Committee: It shall consist of a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson (nominated by the County Chairperson), the County Secretary (without voting rights), the Assistant County Secretary, the County Referees' Administrator, and eight others.

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The County Committee shall delegate plenary powers to the County Competitions Control Committees.

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- (iii) County 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 one representative from each of the four Districts (not represented on the C.C.C.) who shall be appointed the County Committee on the nomination of their respective Districts. It shall consist of at least five members for any hearing. It shall adjudicate on all disciplinary matters where a hearing is requested relating to the Enforcement of Rules arising from games under the control and jurisdiction of Coiste Chontae Loch Garman C.L.G. and on reports arising from the County Competitions Control Committees. It shall hear appeals lodged by individuals or units against decisions of County and District Committees under the jurisdiction of Coiste Chontae Loch Garman C.L.G. The County Committee shall delegate plenary powers to the Hearings Committee.
- (iv) County Planning and Development Committee: It shall consist of the Development Officer, (who should be the Chairperson) the County Chairperson, the County Secretary, The Central Council Representative, and three others.
- (v) Coaching and Games Development Committee: It shall consist of the Coaching Officer, (who should be the Chairperson), the Youth Officer, a representative from each of the schools, Primary, Secondary, and Vocational, the County Chairperson of Coiste na nOg, a representative from the squads subcommittee, and two other representatives.
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- (vi) County Cultural Committee: It shall consist of the Officer for Irish Language and Culture, the Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer of the Scor subcommittee, a representative from Cumann na mBunscoil, and representative from Coiste na nOg and two other representatives. County Scor Workgroup: It shall consist of a Chairperson, the Officer Irish Language and Culture, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and four other persons.
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- (vii) County Public Relations/Marketing Committee: It shall consist of the County PRO, the Assistant County Secretary, and the PRO from each of the four Districts, the Sponsorship Chairperson, one of the Leinster Council Representatives, and one representative from each District.
- (viii) County Youth Committee: It shall consist of the Youth Officer, (who should be the chairperson) the Secretary and PRO of Coiste na nOg, a representative from each of the schools Primary, Secondary, and Vocational.
- (ix) County Referees' Administration Committee: It shall consist of a Chairperson, a Secretary and four others nominated by the County

Chairperson, the County Referees' Administrator, one of the Leinster Council Representatives and two referees' tutors.

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- (x) County Finance Committee: It shall consist of The County Chairperson, the County Secretary, the County Treasurer, other personnel.

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

- (xi) County Information Technology Committee: It shall consist of The County PRO, the Assistant County Secretary, and four others.

It shall implement procedures for the training and development of Information Technology requirements at county and club level as directed by the National I.T. Committee.

- (xii) County Panels Finance Committee: It shall consist of The County Chairperson, the County Secretary, the County Treasurer and representatives from Senior Hurling and Football panels.

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It shall (a) analyse expenditure budgets; (b) evaluate proposals from panels; (c) monitor team expenses; (d) ensure that decisions of Árd-Comhairle with regard to Players' Panels are implemented.

4. The Co. Committee shall appoint the following subcommittees whose functions and powers shall be as set out in these Bye-Laws :

- (i) District Committees : The County shall be divided into four Districts; Enniscorthy, Gorey, New Ross & Wexford. In each a District Committee shall be formed of a representative from each affiliated adult Club entered in the Co. Championship. Each District shall hold it's Annual General Meeting before the County Convention each year, when Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and PRO shall be elected. The max period of office for any specific officership shall be 5 years. These Officers shall hold office until 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. District Committee meetings shall be held as may be decided at the first meeting.

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

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

- The County Competitions Control Committee shall deal with objections and counter-objections arising from games under the control of the District . Committee.
- The County Competitions Control Committee shall investigate process matters relating to the enforcement of the Rules and Match Regulations for games under the control of the District Committee.

5. UNDER AGE STRUCTURES.

Subject to the overall control of the Co. Committee Coiste na nOg Loch Garman is the controlling authority of youth membership in County Wexford. It shall 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 and members to be elected at Coiste na nOg Annual General Meeting.

Coiste na nOg Loch Garman to be structured in the following way: -

Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, PRO, Youth Officer, Coaching Officer and one representative each from the Primary, Secondary, and Vocational schools and one representative each from the under age clubs in the county. One observer from each of the following: Ladies Football, Camogie, Rounders, Handball, and Scor.

Coiste na nOg Loch Garman Competitions Control Committee, will have the same responsibilities as the Committee at Bye-Law 3(ii) 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 representative from each District, appointed by Coiste Chontae Loch Garman C.L.G.

Appeals against its decisions shall be heard by the Co. Hearings Committee.

6. TRANSFERS AND GRADING

- (i) The County Committee shall appoint a Sub-committee to deal with matters pertaining to transfers and grading within the county. It shall consist of a Chairperson, nominated by the County Chairperson, the Assistant County Secretary, and one representative from each District.
- (ii) The closing date for all transfers within the county is the last day of January each year.
- (iii) The recommendations of the Transfers and Grading Committee are to be put before the County Committee for approval or rejection.
- (iv) The Parish Boundary as obtained on January 1st 1972 shall continue to be the accepted boundaries for GAA purposes in Wexford.
- (v) The closing date for all grading within the county is the last day of December each year.
- (vi) The County Committee shall deal with the recommendations on the grading of players and teams.
- (vii) The County Committee shall decide on the number of players per club that may be regraded.
- (viii) A maximum of eight players may be regraded.

(ix) All applications for regrading shall firstly be submitted to the District Committees for comment and transmission to the Transfers and Regrading Committee and on to the County Committee whose decisions shall be final.

7. The following Sub Committees to be formed and structured as follows:

(i) Youth Management Committee:

It shall consist of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, PRO, and Youth Officer, Coaching Officer.

It shall be responsible for the initiation and co-ordination of all Youth Activities within the County.

(ii) Youth Transfers and Grading Committee:

It shall consist of the Chairperson and Secretary of the Competitions Control Committee, the County Secretary, the County PRO, the Registrar and one officer from each District. This committee shall

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examine all transfer applications and decide on all issues grading and regrading of teams. Each District committee shall all applications first and recommend their findings to the Adult Committee. The decision of the Co. Committee shall be in accordance with the T.O.

8. County Sponsorship Committee :

It shall consist of a Chairperson nominated by the Co. Chairperson and four other members.

9. 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.

10. Each Club, when entering for championships shall name its representative on the District Committee who shall have power to appoint a proxy to act for him/her when unable to attend. Proxy will require signature of the representative on the notice convening the meeting. A Club failing to play in the first round of the Championship shall lose its representation on the County and other committees.

11. All notices convening meetings of the County Committee shall be dispatched seven days prior to the meeting. A special meeting of the County or District Committees can be called on the request, of the County Chairperson or the County Secretary or by five members.

12. All cups for County Championships and Leagues are to be returned to the Committee in charge, at least two months before finals, and clubs are responsible for any damage to cups while in their care.

13. The County Committee shall control the Senior, Intermediate, Junior, Junior B & C and U21 Premier Championships, County Junior D and U21 Roinn 1 semi finals and finals. Likewise for all Leagues and other competitions.

The District Committees will run the Junior D and U21 Roinn 1 competitions up to and including the District Finals.

14. Cumann Luthchleas Gael Loch Garman shall introduce a no smoking policy at grounds under its jurisdiction on match days, (in the interest of Health and Safety).

15. Captains of our County Teams shall be selected by the Team Management (not necessarily from the county champions). Note: Applicable from Year 2008.

16. All sideline flag posts be flexible or a minimum of 4ft high (safety issue).
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17. The Co. Treasurer shall lodge all gate receipts taken at a fixture under the control of a District Committee, immediately after the match to the credit of the County Committee Account at AIB, North Main Street, Wexford.

18. Decisions of Coiste na nOg Loch Garman in relation to Disciplinary Matters which do not arise from Competitions or Games may be appealed to The Management Committee of Wexford County Committee.

19. The County Coiste na nOg sub committee and all recommended sub committees of Coiste na nOg must be ratified by the Adult County Committee.

20. The Coiste na nOg Annual General Meeting is to be held prior to the County Committee's Annual Convention.

REGULATIONS.

Fixtures

1. Any fixture made by the County Competitions Control Committee or the District Competitions Control Committee cannot be altered except by two-third majority of the entire committee.

2. The Competitions Control Committees shall appoint referees for all championship and league games under their control.

3. All Semi-Finals and Finals, where possible, are to be played in enclosed pitches.

4. Each District shall fix Junior D and Roinn 1 U21 district championships.

5. The District Junior D Hurling and Football championships shall be completed by a date as outlined by the County Competitions Control Committee; otherwise the District Committee must nominate a team to represent their District in the County semi-finals.

6. (a) Relegation play-offs in the County championships are to run concurrently, where possible, with the championship games.
7. Status: In the championship a club's first team must play the first round before their second team plays its first round. This also applies to second and third teams and so on down the adult grades. A player, who plays with his club's first team in the first or subsequent rounds of the championship, cannot play for a team in the lower grades of the championships. The same will apply to second and third teams.
8. The District committees are empowered to impose fines on clubs for not having their teams properly attired for championship or league games.
9. That County Championship games in Senior, Intermediate and All Junior Hurling and Football, may be played mid week during May, June, July and August.
All Adult Championship games be played 7 days prior to Inter-County games.
10. All adult inter-county players (hurling and football) to be made available to their clubs for championship matches nine days prior to inter-county championship games.
11. Where possible and available, all under age finals be played in Wexford Park
12. N.B. Clubs are bound by these regulations throughout the championships.

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- (1) The County Secretary, on behalf of the County Committee, shall be responsible for the procuring of all footballs, hurling balls, tickets, and stationery required by the County Committee and its sub-committees.
- (2) All outstanding expenses due to clubs should be paid by January 31st of the year immediately following their appearance in the Co. Semi-Finals and Finals.
- (3) All items of County Committee expenses and revenue shall be itemised for inspection by all County Committee members for the May and November County Committee meetings.

Recommendation:

Children up to juvenile age are to be admitted free of charge to all games under the auspices of the Wexford County Committee.

Referees.

All clubs shall make available at least one referee to the County Committee. These referee's names should be supplied at or prior to the first District meetings. Failure to supply a referee shall incur a penalty of €60.

GENERAL REGULATIONS.

1. Any member of a committee failing to attend three meetings without a reasonable excuse shall cease to be a member, and his/her place shall be filled by co-option by the County Committee.
2. The name of the club shall be inscribed "as Gaeilge" on all championship medals.
3. The Leinster and Central Council representatives of Wexford County Committee shall give a report at each County Committee meeting.
4. The Leinster and Central Council representatives of Wexford County Committee shall have a detailed written report of activities of their respective Councils included in the Annual Report at County Convention.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS.

- (1) That any decisions made re the All County Leagues and County Championships are kept in place for a minimum of three years.
- (2) That adult championship matches cannot start without neutral umpires and linesmen.
- (3) Scor: Any club competing as County Champions at Leinster or All Ireland level shall receive financial assistance from the County Committee.
- (4) The County Committee shall be furnished with a report from the Leinster Convention and All Ireland Congress.

NOTE:

1. The passing of a byelaw needs only a simple majority, but the amendment or deletion of a byelaw requires a two third majority.
2. The passing, deletion, or amendment of a regulation requires a simple majority.