

Cumann Lúthchleas Gael - Coiste Chontae Thír Eoghain

County Tyrone Bye-Laws - 2012

County Committee

1. The governing body of the Association in Tyrone shall be the Tyrone County Committee (Coiste Chontae Thír Eoghain).
2. (a) In accordance with Rule 3.11, T.O. 2011 the annual County Convention shall elect the following:
Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Development Officer, Coaching Officer, Officer for Irish Language & Culture, Hurling Officer and PRO. It shall also elect a representative on Central Council and two representatives on the Ulster Council. It shall also appoint a Children's Officer as recommended by the outgoing Co. Committee

(b) In accordance with Rule 3.11 (b) (2), T.O. 2011 the County Treasurer will not be subject to the maximum period of office of five years.
3. The County Committee shall consist of the following :
 - (a) Officers: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Development Officer, Coaching Officer, Officer for Irish Language & Culture, Hurling Officer, PRO and Children's Officer
 - (b) Central Council Representative
 - (c) Ulster Council Representatives (2)
 - (d) Representatives of Clubs (1 person to be nominated from each Adult Club, on nomination form issued for County Convention)
 - (e) County Referees' Administrator
 - (f) County Handball Representative
 - (g) County Primary Schools Representative
 - (h) County Post-Primary Schools Representative

All members, except the fulltime Secretary, shall have full voting rights.

Chairpersons of sub-committees, who are not members of the County Committee, may attend meetings of the County Committee, in that capacity only and without voting rights, to present progress reports on the work of their Subcommittees as required by Rule 3.23 (i) and (ii), T.O. 2011.

The following persons may also attend meetings of the County Committee, but shall not have voting rights:

- (j) the Honorary President of the Tyrone County Committee
- (k) the Chairperson of the Tyrone Ladies Football County Committee
- (l) the Chairperson of the Tyrone Camogie County Committee

Appointed Sub-Committees

The County Committee shall appoint the following subcommittees whose responsibilities shall be as set out in Riail 3.22, T.O. 2011 and as otherwise outlined in these Bye-Laws.

4.1 Management Committee (14 Members)

To consist of the following Officers and Representatives elected at the County Convention: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Development Officer, Coaching Officer, Officer for Irish Language and Culture, Hurling Officer, Public Relations Officer, two Provincial Council Representatives, and the Central Council Representative.

The County Secretary shall also be a member of the County Management Committee.

4.2 Competitions Control Committee (12 Members)

To consist of a Chairman (who will be the Vice-Chairman of the County Committee), a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary, an Adult Fixtures Secretary, two Youth Fixtures' Secretaries, a Hurling Fixtures' Secretary (the Hurling Officer), a Disciplinary Secretary, an Assistant Secretary for Adult Referees' notifications an Assistant Secretary for Youth Referees' notifications, the County Referees' Administrator who shall be entitled to vote only on the appointment of referees, and one other member.

Plenary powers shall be delegated to the Competitions Control Committee except in matters relating to Transfers, and Grading of clubs and players within the county (Rule 6.8 & Rule 7.11(d), T.O. 2011). These are matters for the Co. Committee.

The CCC may convene a meeting with two representatives of each affiliated Club as it deems necessary to discuss fixtures and / or discipline but any change to competitions, or regulations relating to fixtures, can only be made annually at a meeting of the County Committee.

The CCC must present, for approval, to the monthly meetings of the Management Committee (April to October inclusive) its programme of Senior, Intermediate and Junior Championship fixtures, including proposed venues and times.

4.3 Hearings Committee (8 members)

To consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, a Secretary, and five other members.

4.4 Planning and Physical Development Committee (5 Members)

To consist of a Chairman (the Development Officer), a Secretary and three members.

4.5 Coaching & Games Development Committee (7 Members)

To consist of a Chairman (the Coaching Officer), a Secretary (the County Games Development Manager and five members.

The membership of this sub-committee to include a representative of (a) the Primary Schools' Committee, (b) the Post-Primary Schools' Committee, (c) the Referees' Administration Committee, and, (d) two other members.

4.6 Cultural Committee (6 Members)

To consist of a Chairman (the Officer for Irish Language and Culture), a Secretary and four members.

4.7 PR / Marketing Committee (6 Members)

To consist of a Chairman, a Secretary and four members; the PRO to be included in the membership of this sub-committee.

4.8 Youth Committee (6 Members)

To consist of a Chairman, a Secretary and four members.

4.9 Referees Administration Committee (7 Members)

To consist of a Chairman (the Referees' Administrator), a Secretary a representative of the Coaching Committee and four members.

4.10 Finance Committee (8 Members)

To consist of a Chairman (the County Treasurer), a Secretary (the Assistant County Treasurer), the Development Officer and five additional members.

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

4.11 Information Technology Committee (4 Members)

To consist of a Chairman, a Secretary and two additional members.

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

4.12 County Teams' Management and Panels' Committee (7 Members)

The membership of the County Teams' Management and Panels' Committee 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 Committee will be as outlined in Rule 3.22 (xiii), T.O. 2011.

4.13 Fixtures Planners : Two Fixtures Planners appointed in accordance with R. 3.22 (iii), T.O. 2011 .

In accordance with R. 3.21, T.O. 2011 the Co. Committee shall appoint the following subcommittees whose functions and powers shall be as outlined in these Bye-Laws:

4.14 Hurling Development Workgroup (9 Members)

To consist of a Chairman (the Hurling Officer), a Secretary (the Vice-Chairman of the County Committee, the Coaching Officer and one representative of each Hurling Club within the County. The Coaching & Games Development Manager shall be a member of this Committee. It shall be responsible for the development of hurling at Club and Schools' levels within the county.

4.15 Health and Well-being Workgroup (5 Members)

To consist of a Chairman (the County ASAP Officer), a Secretary and three other members. It shall be responsible for the development of policies on Alcohol & Substance Awareness within the county, and shall bring forward and develop Road Safety initiatives for the benefit of Clubs.

4.16 Integration Workgroup (5 Members)

To consist of a Chairman, a Secretary and three other members including representatives of Handball, Ladies Football and Camogie.

It shall be responsible for all integration matters referred to it by the County Committee and / or the County Management Committee.

4.17 Strategic Implementation Workgroup (6 Members)

To consist of the County Chairman, the County Secretary, the Central Council representative and three other members

It shall be responsible for overseeing the implementation of the County Strategic Plan and the elements of the Provincial and National Strategic Plans that relate to the county.

- 5.1 With the exception of the County Competitions Control Committee and the County Hearings Committee the County Chairman and Secretary are ex-officio members of all subcommittees.
- 5.2 Any Appeal against a decision of the County Committee or County Management Committee or County Competitions Control Committee or County Hearings Committee shall be to the Ulster Hearings Committee.
6. Nominations for conventions within the County shall be automatically withdrawn at the convention unless the nominee indicates that he / she is standing for election.
7. County Committee meetings shall be held on alternate months from January to November commencing at a time and on a night to be agreed upon by County Committee members. A special meeting of the County Committee may be convened on any other date at the request of the County Chairman and the County Secretary. A special meeting must be convened at the written request of fifteen members.

Clubs

8. Subject to section (a) below, Clubs will be required to pay Affiliation and all other Outstanding Fees to the County Committee not later than 1st March.
 - (a) Clubs will have the option of paying the Public Liability and Property Insurance elements of their Fees on an easy payment plan over a period of months to be determined by the County Committee.
9. Each Club shall submit to the County Secretary a Statement of Financial Accounts and Balance Sheet, together with a Report of the Club's Annual General Meeting on or before the March meeting of the County Committee, or on demand at any other time.

Penalty: £100 fine, if not received by 31st March and, £100 fine for each subsequent month.
10. Each Club with a Licensed Social Centre must furnish fully audited Accounts to the County Secretary before the November meeting of the County Committee. Failure to do so will result in affiliation for the incoming season being withheld until such accounts are submitted.
11. Any sub-committee of the County Committee which has responsibility for the enforcement of disciplinary rules and / or competition regulations will not impose a fine of more than £300 for any infringement or accumulation of infringements arising from any one game.

Transfers

12. (a) Players seeking to transfer from one club to another within the county shall apply to the County Secretary, on the Official Transfer Form, on or before the 1st March in any year. Requests to play with a Club in another parish, and any other movement between Clubs within the county shall be subject to the same 1st March deadline.
 - (b) The Transfer Form shall provide the full postal address, the email address, and the membership ID of the applicant. It shall also have the signature of the person seeking the transfer, the signature of the Secretary of the club which he wishes to join and the signature of the Secretary of the club he wishes to leave.
 - (c) The Competitions Control Committee (CCC) shall process and make recommendations to the County Committee on all applications for transfer within the jurisdiction of Coiste Thír Eoghain. The CCC shall communicate its recommendations, together with the reasons for arriving at its conclusions, to the applicant/s and club/s concerned at least seven days before

the County Committee meeting at which a decision to grant or not grant the transfer request is to be made.

(d) The club which the player is leaving will be given seven days in which to comment on any aspect of the player's request for transfer. Any such comments that are made will be considered by the CCC before making its recommendation to the County Committee.

(e) Where a transfer applicant or a club is not satisfied with the recommendation/s from the CCC he / it may seek a hearing at the County Committee meeting where the final adjudication on the transfer request is to be made. Request/s for such a hearing shall be granted. A player shall attend such hearing personally and only in exceptional circumstances, be accompanied. In the case of an underage player he may be accompanied by his parent/s or guardian/s.

(f) Any member of the CCC involved in preparing a recommendation to the County Committee may not vote when the final decision on the transfer request(s) is / are being made.

(g) The Catchment Area for a club shall normally be a Parish but where exceptional circumstances exist, the CCC shall consider applications, in person, from a player seeking permission to play with a club in another parish. The Club where the player is currently registered shall have the right to be heard. The procedure for making a decision on such an application shall be the same as for ordinary transfers.

(h) Permanent residence, in the context of this Bye-law and Rule 6.8 (b), T.O. 2011, shall mean residing at a fixed address for a minimum period of eight weeks prior to the date of the transfer application. Residence in a Club Catchment Area for the purpose of attending a Primary School, a Post-Primary School or a Third Level Educational Institution, shall not qualify as a permanent residence for the purposes of this Bye-law. For a player, up to and including Minor level, residence shall be considered to be the permanent residence of his family.

(i) A transfer may be granted to a player to play with a Club in the area in which he works. A transfer on the grounds of work is valid only as long as the player continues to work in the club's Catchment Area, but he may complete playing in any competition which he legally commenced.

Tournaments

- 13.** Permission for Tournaments, G.A.A. Weeks and other such Functions shall be obtained from the County Committee before commencement. Their running shall be governed by the General Rules in the Official Guide, and other such regulations as the County Committee shall make and issue. Permission will not be granted for a Tournament unless it has been registered with the Players' Injury Scheme.
- 14.** The above Bye-Laws shall supersede all previous Bye-Laws and motions passed at County Convention. They shall be referred to by number in all objections, appeals and such like documents wherein they are used. Motions for their amendment or deletion shall quote the number of the Bye-Law to be amended or deleted, and if passed by the required majority at a County Convention, shall become operative when sanctioned by Management Committee, on behalf of Central Council.