

Bye-Laws of Coiste Chill Dara 2020

As Approved at County Convention 11.12.2019 and also approved by Coiste

Bainistí To be Read in Conjunction with the Official Guide

1. The Annual Convention is convened in accordance with Rule 3.10. T.O 2019. In accordance with R. 3.11, T.O. 2019, the Co. Convention shall elect the following : Chairperson, Vice - Chairperson, Treasurer, Development Officer, Officer for Irish Language and Culture, Coaching Officer and Public Relations Officer, all of whom shall hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual Convention. It shall also elect two representatives on the Provincial Council, who shall hold office and one representative on the Central Council. It shall appoint a Children's Officer recommended by the outgoing Co. Committee.

2. In accordance with R. 3.18(a), Coiste Cho. Chill Dara shall consist of the Officers, Central & Provincial Council Representatives, one named representative of each affiliated adult Club taking part in official adult competitions, the Chairperson of Coiste Iomána Chill Dara, one representative from the Co. Handball Committee, one representative from Coiste na nÓg, one representative from the Post-Primary Schools' Committee, one representative from the Primary Schools' Committee and the Co. Referees Administrator (appointed in accordance with R. 3.20 (i), T.O. 2019). All, with the exception of the full time Co. Secretary, shall have voting rights. Rule 3.11 (b) (1)

3. In accordance with R. 3.21, T.O. 2019 the Co. Committee shall appoint the following Sub-Committees whose powers and functions shall be as outlined in R.3.21, T.O. 2019 and in these Bye-Laws.

(i) Management Committee:

It shall consist of the officers of the Co. Committee, (including the Co. Secretary, without voting rights), the Central and Leinster Council representatives, the Chairperson of the Hurling Committee and the Chairperson of Coiste na nÓg. The position of Treasurer is not subject to a maximum number of years in office as per rule 3.11 TO 2017. The Management Committee shall meet monthly on a designated date.

(ii) County Competitions Control Committee:

A County Competitions Control Committee shall be nominated annually by the County Chairman and appointed by the County Committee. It shall consist of ten members in total to include a representative from the Hurling Committee and Coiste na nÓg. With the exception of Grading of Clubs and Players the Competitions Control Committee is granted plenary powers and acts on behalf of the County Committee.

(iii) Fixture Planners:

Two fixture planners shall be appointed by the Management Committee.

(iv) County Hearings Committee:

A County Hearings Committee shall be nominated annually by the County Chairman and appointed by the County Committee. It shall consist of eight members. No member of the County Management Committee, the Co. Competitions Control Committee, the Co.

Coiste na nÓg C.C.C., the Co. Primary and Post-Primary Schools' C. C. C. or the Regional Underage C. C. C.'s may serve on the County Hearings Committee. It shall consist of at least four members for any hearing. Except where required to stand aside, as per Rule 7.3(v), the Chairman or Secretary of the Committee must be present. It shall hear appeals lodged by individuals and clubs against decisions of Divisional or other subcommittees formed under R. 3.20 T.O. 2019.

(v) Co. Planning and Physical Development Committee:

It shall be chaired by the Co. Development Officer and shall comprise of six people, the other five shall be nominated by the Co. Chairperson, and appointed by the County Committee, the Secretary is to be selected from these five.

(vi) Co. Referee's Administration Committee:

It shall consist of two people, nominated by the Co. Chairperson, and appointed by the County Committee, and the Referees' Administrator. The Chairperson to be selected from these three.

(vii) Coaching & Games Development Committee:

It shall consist of ten members: The County Coaching Officer as Chairperson, the County Games Development Manager as Secretary and eight members, nominated by the Co. Chairperson.

(viii) Co. Cultural Committee:

It shall be chaired by the Officer for Irish Language and Culture and shall comprise of five people, four of whom shall be nominated by the Co. Chairperson, and appointed by the County Committee. The secretary is to be selected from these four.

(ix) Co. Public Relations/Marketing Committee:

It shall be chaired by the Co. P.R.O. and shall comprise of eight people, seven of whom shall be nominated by the Co. Chairperson, and appointed by the County Committee. The Secretary is to be selected from these seven.

(x) Co. Youth Committee:

It shall be chaired by the Children's Officer and shall comprise of six people, five of whom shall be nominated by the Co. Chairperson, and appointed by the County Committee. The Secretary is to be selected from these five.

(xi) Co. Finance Committee:

It shall be chaired by the Co. Treasurer and shall comprise of six people, five of whom shall be nominated by the Co. Chairperson, and appointed by the County Committee. The Secretary is to be selected from these five.

(xii) Co. Information Technology Committee:

It shall be chaired by the Co. Development Officer and shall comprise of five people, four of whom shall be nominated by the Co. Chairperson, and appointed by the County Committee. The Secretary is to be selected from these four.

(xiii) County Teams Management and Panels Sub Committee:

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 Árd

Chomhairle from time to time. The functions of this Committee will be as outlined in Rule 3.20 (xiii), T.O. 2019.

(xiv) County Demographics / Planning Committee:

The Committee's role, working in conjunction with the Management Committee, will be to make recommendations to the County Board on the measures necessary to increase sustainable participation. The Committee's will carry out its work on a regional basis. The Chairperson of the new committee would be a non-elected member of the Kildare GAA Management Committee for a period of five years. The Committee should include people with expertise in areas such as:

- Coaching & Games
- Past players
- Provision of facilities
- Local area planning
- Lobbying
- Finance
- Administration
- Rules and Bye-Laws

(xv) Health and Wellbeing Committee:

It shall consist of a Chairperson and three other members all of whom shall be nominated by the County Chairperson, and appointed by the County Committee.

4. In accordance with R. 3.21, T.O. 2019 the Co. Committee shall form the following Sub- Committees whose powers and functions shall be as outlined in these Bye-Laws:

(i) County Hurling Committee:

It shall comprise of a Chairperson and seven other people all of who shall be nominated by The County Chairperson, and appointed by the County Committee. The Secretary shall be selected from the seven people. It shall be responsible for the development and promotion of adult hurling within the county. Matters of finance shall be dealt with by the Co. Committee.

(ii) Coiste na nÓg:

It shall consist of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Asst. Secretary, Treasurer, P.R.O., all of whom shall be nominated by the County Chairperson, and appointed by the County Committee. It shall also consist of one named delegate from each affiliated club taking part in official underage competitions. They will be responsible for the control of underage football and hurling within the county up to the Under 16 age group.

Appeals against decisions of this committee and requests for a Hearing where prescribed shall be heard by the Co. Hearings Committee.

The County Committee shall appoint a Coiste na nÓg C.C.C. which shall consist of the Coiste na nÓg Chairperson, Secretary and three members of the Committee.

(iii) Attachment to First Club:

Coiste na nOg shall compile, and annually update, a first club players register within the County. In all cases a player's first club shall be determined on the basis of the definition of First club. Rule 6.3 T.O. 2019. A player shall have an unfettered choice when joining his first club.

5. Post-Primary Schools Committee

It shall consist of a Chairperson, who will be an officer of the County Committee, a Secretary, a representative of each affiliated Post-Primary school, a representative of the Coaching and Games Development Committee and a representative of Coiste na nÓg. The function of the Committee shall be the promotion, development and control of Gaelic games in Post-Primary schools. It shall organise competitions where appropriate and encourage as wide a participation as possible in Gaelic games. The County Post-Primary Schools A.G.M. shall be held annually. Its officers shall be appointed in accordance with Rule 3.20 (m) T.O. 2019. It shall appoint an executive committee and forward motions to the provincial body. It shall also elect a representative to the provincial body. The Co. Committee shall appoint a Post-Primary school's C.C.C. that will consist of the chairman, secretary and three other members of the Post Primary schools Committee.

Appeals against decisions of this committee and requests for a Hearing where prescribed shall be heard by the Co. Hearings Committee.

6. Primary Schools Subcommittee:

It shall consist of a Chairperson, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Assistant-Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, P.R.O., Registrar, Development Officer, County Board Delegate and Officer for Irish Language and Culture. This Committee shall be responsible for the organising and control of Gaelic games at primary school level. The Co. Committee shall appoint a C.C.C. which shall consist of three members of the Primary Schools Sub Committee. The Primary Schools Committee will have its own Hearings committee, consisting of three named people who shall not be members of the primary schools executive or C.C.C.

7. Grading/Regrading:

Under Rule 6.19 T.O. 2019 the C. C. C. shall process applications and make recommendations to the Co. Committee, no later than the April County Board meeting. Applications for grading and/or regarding of clubs and players shall be with the County Secretary seven days prior to the appropriate meeting. They are then passed to CCC.

8. Transfers within the County:

(i) All inter-club transfers within County Kildare shall be dealt with in accordance with Rule 6.5 (a) T.

O. 2018. A player who wishes to transfer from one club to another must apply to the Secretary of County Committee on the form prescribed for this purpose. Applications must be submitted to the Co. Secretary no later than February 1st and applications received after this date shall not be considered in the current year. The CCC, in the first instance, shall make decisions on applications for transfers at least one week prior to the March County Committee Meeting.

(ii) The County Competitions Control Committee (C.C.C.), when adjudicating and reaching its determination on a Transfer Application in accordance with Rule 6.5 T.O. 2013, shall also give due consideration to Rules 6.1, 6.2, 6.3 and 6.4 T.O. 2013. It shall further consider the response of his current Club, and shall;

- Be cognisant of the role played by his current Club, in nurturing and developing the individual Player.
- Consider the potential impact on his current Club.
- Give special consideration to clubs that are affected by demographic decline
- Be cognisant of the imbalance in player membership that generally exists between urban and rural clubs

- Consider the potential impact on the promotion of the Association's aims in County Kildare.

(iii) To have a transfer request considered the applicant must qualify under at least one of the conditions outlined hereunder:

- The applicant and/or the applicant's permanent family residence is changed.
- The applicant is applying for a transfer to his First Club
- The applicant has other relevant connections (as defined in Rule 6.3 T.O. 2019) with the club to which he wishes to transfer.
- The applicant is applying for a transfer from a Senior Club to an Intermediate or Junior Club, or from an Intermediate Club to a Junior Club to play first team Football/Hurling, in circumstances where he does not have the opportunity to do so at his existing club.

The County Competitions Committee shall retain the right to consider extenuating circumstances in all transfer applications.

(iv) Permanent residence, in the context of this Bye-Law and Rule 6.3, T.O. 2019, shall mean residing at a fixed address for a minimum period of twenty four consecutive weeks, prior to the date of the Transfer application, and likely to reside at that fixed address for at least the ensuing year. The applicant must satisfy the CCC of such residency by provision of documentary evidence, as required. For a player, up to and including Minor level, residence shall be considered to be the permanent residence of his Family.

(v) Multiple transfers from a Club shall not be approved pending consideration by the CCC and the presentation of a report thereon to the County Committee.

9. Playing Restrictions (Club):

Rule 6.8 (c) shall only apply to 'Single' Clubs, where a player does not have the opportunity to compete in both codes. Rule 6.8 C will not apply to either 'Dual' Clubs or to 'Twin' Clubs.

Definitions:

A 'Single' Club means a stand-alone Hurling Club or Football Club.

A 'Dual' Club means a Club that caters for both codes, Hurling and Football.

A 'Twin' Club means two Clubs, i.e. a Hurling Club and a Football Club separately registered under the same name.

10. Club Kildare:

It shall consist of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, P.R.O. Membership Officer, and up to an additional ten Committee members, maximum of sixteen members in total, all of whom shall be elected at the Club Kildare AGM and shall be subject to appointment by the County Committee. It will be the main fundraising arm of Kildare County Board. All funds raised by Club Kildare shall be lodged to the account of Club Kildare and then transferred to the account of the County Committee who shall be responsible for the disbursements of the said funds.