

RIALACHÁIN

Coiste Chontae na Mí 2016

FOOTBALL COMPETITIONS

1. (a) All Football Championships, Feis Cup, Corn na Bóinne, Tailteann Cup and League Competitions shall be run annually by the Coiste Chontae and shall be governed by Meath Bye-Laws, Rules and Regulations.

2. There shall be **8** Championships at adult level in football - namely Senior, Intermediate, Junior "A", Junior "B", Junior "C", Junior "D", **Junior "E"** and Under 21. Twenty four Medals shall be provided for the winners of each championship.

3. (a) SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

From 2017

Shall be run on a combination of a League and knockout basis under Rule 6.20 T.O.

Where teams finish with equal points for qualification for concluding stages, the tie shall be decided as follows;

(i) Where three teams are involved - the outcome of the meetings of the three teams in their previous games in the competition. If three teams finish level on points for three places and one team has beaten the other two teams that team qualifies in first place and the other places are determined by the specified order. If there are two positions and one team has beaten the other two teams that team qualifies and the second place is determined by the specified order. If there is one position and one team has beaten the other two teams that team qualifies.

(ii) Where two teams are involved – the outcome of the meeting of the two teams in the previous game in the competition;

(iii) Scoring Difference;

(iv) Highest total scores for;

(v) A play-off.

If a preliminary quarter final, quarter final, semi-final, relegation semi-final or relegation final ends in a draw extra time shall be played.

(b) There shall be 16 teams in 4 divisions. Teams shall be seeded based on their finishing position in the preceding All County A League and the Championship draw shall proceed as follows:

There shall be 4 pots. The names of the top 4 seeded teams shall be placed in Pot 1; the next 4 in Pot 2 etc. One team from each pot shall be drawn for each division. Fixtures shall proceed as follows:

Round 1: A1 v A2; A3 v A4

Round 2: A1 v A3; A2 v A4

Round 3: A1 v A4; A2 v A3

The winners of each division shall qualify for a quarter final to be played at a venue nominated by the club concerned subject to such venue being deemed suitable by the CCC in accordance with criteria set out from time to time by the CCC. The second and third teams in each division shall qualify for a preliminary quarter final.

Preliminary quarter finals shall be drawn after the conclusion of Round 3 on an open draw basis save that teams which have qualified from the same division shall not be drawn against each other.

The winners of the preliminary quarter finals shall be drawn against the winners of each group in an open draw save that teams which played in the same division shall not be drawn against each other.

The bottom team in each division shall play in a relegation semi-final to be drawn by an open draw with the loser of each semi-final playing in a relegation final. The loser of the relegation final shall be relegated to the Intermediate grade.

4. (a) INTERMEDIATE, JUNIOR "A" & JUNIOR "B" FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP From 2017

Shall be run on a combination of a League and knockout basis under Rule 6.20 T.O.

Where teams finish with equal points for qualification for concluding stages, the tie shall be decided as follows;

(i) Where three teams are involved - the outcome of the meetings of the three teams in their previous games in the competition. If three teams finish level on points for three places and one team has beaten the other two teams that team qualifies in first place and the other places are determined by the specified order. If there are two positions and one team has beaten the other two teams that team qualifies and the second place is determined by the specified order. If there is one position and one team has beaten the other two teams that team qualifies.

(ii) Where two teams are involved – the outcome of the meeting of the two teams in the previous game in the competition;

(iii) Scoring Difference;

(iv) Highest total scores for;

(v) A play-off.

If a preliminary quarter final, quarter final, semi-final, relegation semi-final or relegation final ends in a draw extra time shall be played.

(b) There shall be 16 teams in 4 divisions. Teams shall be seeded based on their finishing position in the preceding All County A League and the Championship draw shall proceed as follows:

There shall be 4 pots. The names of the top 4 seeded teams shall be placed in Pot 1; the next 4 in Pot 2 etc. Any team which is not the first team of a club shall be placed in Pot 4 even if there are less than 4 teams in any other Pot. One team from each pot shall be drawn for each division. Fixtures shall proceed as follows:

Round 1: A1 v A2; A3 v A4

Round 2: A1 v A3; A2 v A4

Round 3: A1 v A4; A2 v A3

Where there are more than 2 teams in any division that are not the first team of a club the CCC shall arrange, where possible, that such teams shall be fixed to play each other in the first round notwithstanding the process set out above.

The winners of each division shall qualify for a quarter final to be played at a venue nominated by the club concerned subject to such venue being deemed suitable by the CCC in accordance with criteria set out from time to time by the CCC. The second and third teams in each division shall qualify for a preliminary quarter final.

Preliminary Quarter Finals shall be drawn after the conclusion of Round 3 on an open draw basis save that teams which have qualified from the same division shall not be drawn against each other.

The winners of the Preliminary quarter finals shall be drawn against the winners of each group in an open draw save that teams which played in the same division shall not be drawn against each other.

The bottom team in each division shall play in a relegation semi-final to be drawn by an open draw with the loser of each semi-final playing in a relegation final. The loser of the relegation final shall be relegated to the next lowest championship grade.

5. (a) JUNIOR "C" JUNIOR "D" AND JUNIOR "E" CHAMPIONSHIPS

From 2017

Shall be run on a league and knockout basis under Rule 6.20 T.O. with champions promoted.

Where teams finish with equal points for qualification for concluding stages, the tie shall be decided as follows;

(i) Where three teams are involved - the outcome of the meetings of the three teams in their previous games in the competition. If three teams finish level on points for three places and one team has beaten the other two teams that team qualifies in first place and the other places are determined by the specified order. If there are two positions and one team has beaten the other two teams that team qualifies and the second place is determined by the specified order. If there is one position and one team has beaten the other two teams that team qualifies.

(ii) Where two teams are involved – the outcome of the meeting of the two teams in the previous game in the competition;

(iii) Scoring Difference;

(iv) Highest total scores for;

(v) A play-off.

If a preliminary quarter final, quarter final, semi-final, relegation semi-final or relegation final ends in a draw extra time shall be played.

(b) There shall be 16 teams drawn in 4 divisions in an open draw. Fixtures shall proceed as follows:

Round 1: A1 v A2; A3 v A4

Round 2: A1 v A3; A2 v A4

Round 3: A1 v A4; A2 v A3

The winners of each division shall qualify for a quarter final to be played at a venue nominated by the club concerned subject to such venue being deemed suitable by the CCC in accordance with criteria set out from time to time by the CCC. The second and third teams in each division shall qualify for a preliminary quarter final.

Preliminary Quarter Finals shall be drawn after the conclusion of Round 3 on an open draw basis save that teams which have qualified from the same division shall not be drawn against each other.

The winners of the Preliminary quarter finals shall be drawn against the winners of each group in an open draw save that teams which played in the same division shall not be drawn against each other.

The bottom team in each division shall play in a relegation semi-final to be drawn by an open draw with the loser of each semi-final playing in a relegation final. The loser of the relegation final shall be relegated to the next lowest championship grade.

When designing the structure for the championship CCC shall make provision for 11 teams to be relegated to the Junior D Championship.

6. (a) Promotion/Relegation:

The winners of the IFC shall be promoted to the SFC

The winners of the JAFC shall be promoted to the IFC

The winners of the JBFC shall be promoted to the JAFC

The winners of the JCFC shall be promoted to the JBFC

The winners of the JDFC shall be promoted to the JCFC

The winners of the JEFC shall be promoted to the JDFC

The loser of the relegation final in the SFC shall be relegated to the IFC

The loser of the relegation final in the IFC shall be relegated to the JAFC

The loser of the relegation final in the JAFC shall be relegated to the JBFC

The loser of the relegation final in the JBFC shall be relegated to the JCFC

The loser of the relegation final in the JCFC shall be relegated to the JDFC

The loser of the relegation final in the JDFC shall be relegated to the JEFC

6. (b) That for 2016 only

Regulation 3(b) be amended as follows:

The bottom team in each group will be relegated to the IFC

Regulation 4(b) be amended as follows:

Relegation:

IFC – 5 teams to be relegated to JAFC

JAFC – 7 teams to be relegated to JBFC

JBFC – 9 teams to be relegated to JCFC

IFC – the bottom team in each group shall be relegated. The teams second from bottom in each group shall take part in a 3 way play off on a round robin basis with the bottom 2 teams from the play off being relegated.

Playoff shall proceed as follows:

Game 1: A5 v B5

Game 2: Loser of Game 1 v C5

Game 3: Winner of Game 1 v C5

In the event of Game 1 finishing level the following procedure shall apply -

Game 2: A5 v C5, Game 3: C5 v B5

J AFC – the bottom 2 teams in each group shall be relegated. The teams third from bottom in each group shall take part in a 3 way play off on a round robin basis with the bottom team being relegated .

Playoff shall proceed as follows:

Game 1: A4 v B4

Game 2: Loser of Game 1 v C4

Game 3: Winner of Game 1 v C4

In the event of Game 1 finishing level the following procedure shall apply -

Game 2: A4 v C4, Game 3: C4 v B4

J BFC – the bottom 3 teams in each group shall be relegated.

When designing the structure for the championship the CCC shall include a provision to identify the bottom 16 teams which will take part in the Junior E Championship in 2017.

7. When Championship games have reached the penultimate round, and different fixtures have a bearing on the final table standing, these fixtures should be played at the same time.

8. The winners of the Intermediate, Junior A, Junior B, Junior C, Junior D and Junior E Football Championships shall pass on to a higher grade automatically unless re-graded.

No team can be promoted or relegated to a higher/lower grade of Championship if that Club already has a team in that grade.

If a Club is relegated from any Championship Grade and has a team in the next lowest grade then that team in the lower grade is automatically re-graded.

Where the team which wins a championship is ineligible for promotion then the losing finalist is promoted in its place and where that team is ineligible for promotion the beaten semi-finalists will play off for promotion otherwise the CCC shall determine which team is promoted.

Where a team is automatically regraded as a result of this regulation then the loser of the relegation final in that grade is not relegated.

9. Under 21 Football Competitions shall be organised as follows:

(a) The Under-21 Football Championship (15-a-side)

(b) The Under-21 Football Competitions A, B and C (13-a-side)

(c) Subject to application from clubs and approval from C.C.C.C., independent teams,

(d) Such independent team shall not bear the name of an adult Club within the County. **(Rule 6.7 [2] T.O.).**

(e) Players involved in an independent team shall be drawn from a maximum of 3 adult clubs.

(f) Depending on the time restraints available the CCC can decide to run The U21 Football Championship and Competitions as a Knock out Competition, a League Competition or a knock out with a Back door Competition.

(g) EXTRA-TIME (if necessary) shall be played in all games in the Under-21 Football Championship and Competitions.

(h) That the draw for the U-21 Championship be included with the draw for the Championship, Feis Cup, Corn na Bóinne, Tailteann Cup and Brendan Davis Cup (where possible).

(i) That all clubs affiliated for U-21 football in the various grades shall make submissions to the CCCC before a date to be set each year by the CCCC.

1. In regard to their club performance at Minor level over the previous 3 years.
 2. The number of U-21 players who played on the first adult team in the current championship.
 3. The names of all U-21 players for the current year who are on County panels (U-17, Minor and U-21).
 4. The names of players who are ineligible to play from the previous year team.
 5. The above submissions are also requested from independent teams.
- This is to help the CCCC to grade the U-21 teams for the current year's competitions.

10. Clubs fielding teams in more than one championship shall be compelled to play in the highest grade at first.

11. Where a club has a number of teams playing in different championships and a team withdraws or is removed [under rule 6.23 (b) (i) or (ii)] from the league stages of their championship then all their teams in the lower championships shall be automatically removed from their respective championships.

12. Each team must bring a ball for Championship, League, Feis Cup, Corn na Bóinne, Tailteann Cup and Brendan Davis Cup matches. The Coiste Chontae shall supply same in championship finals. The ball shall be presented to the captain of the winning team.

Eight club officials shall be admitted to the sideline where their club team is engaged in Championship, League, Feis Cup, Corn na Bóinne, Tailteann Cup and Brendan Davis Cup matches.

FEIS CUP COMPETITION

13.

(a) Starting from 2017 a competition known as the Feis Cup shall be played annually using the following system:

a) Teams shall be placed in a single group and each team shall be drawn to play 2 games based on an open draw but a team shall not be drawn to play a team in Round 2 that it has played in Round 1.

b) Points shall be awarded as follows -

4 points for a win

2 points for a draw

1 point to a losing team where the losing margin is 3 points or less.

c) The top 4 teams shall qualify for the semi-finals.

d) Where teams finish level with equal points, the tie shall be decided as follows:

(i) Where three teams are involved – the outcome of the meetings of the three teams in their previous games in the competition. If three teams finish level on points for three places and one team has beaten the other two teams that team qualifies in first place and the other places are

determined by the specified order. If there are two positions and one team has beaten the other two teams that team qualifies and the second place is determined by the specified order. If there is one position and one team has beaten the other two teams that team qualifies.

(ii) Where two teams are involved – the outcome of the meeting of the two teams in the previous games in the competition;

(iii) Scoring Difference;

(iv) Highest total scores for;

(v) A play off.

(e) Twenty four medals shall be provided for the winners of the competition.

(f) The first two rounds of the Feis Cup shall be played at the home venue of the first team to be drawn of each pair of competing teams.

(g) A fee of €100 shall be charged to enter this competition.

(h) Should a Club give a Walk over in this Competition the game shall be awarded to the opposing team and a fine of €200 may be imposed on the team conceding the Walkover.

CORN NA BÓINNE

14.

(a) A competition known as Corn na Bóinne shall be played annually on the K.O. system.

(b) It shall be open to Intermediate teams whose first team plays at Intermediate level

(c) Teams must play without players involved with County Teams, except in the final.

(d) Extra time (if necessary) shall be played in all matches including Final.

(e) Twenty four medals shall be provided for the winners of the competition.

(f) The first two rounds of the competition shall be played at the home venue of the first team to be drawn of each pair of competing teams.

(g) A fee of €100 shall be charged to enter this competition.

(h) Should a Club give a Walk over in this Competition the game shall be awarded to the opposing team and a fine of €200 may be imposed on the team conceding the Walkover.

TAILTEANN CUP

15.

(a) A competition known as the Tailteann Cup shall be played annually on the K.O. system.

(b) It shall be open to Junior clubs whose first team plays at junior level.

(c) Teams must play without players involved with County Teams, except in the final.

(d) Extra time (if necessary) shall be played in **all** Tailteann Cup matches including Final.

(e) Twenty four medals shall be provided for the winners of the competition.

(f) The first two rounds of the Tailteann Cup shall be played at the home venue of the first team to be drawn of each pair of competing teams.

(g) A fee of €100 shall be charged to enter this competition.

(h) Should a Club give a Walk over in this Competition the game shall be awarded to the opposing team and a fine of €200 may be imposed on the team conceding the Walkover.

TOURNAMENTS/CHALLENGE MATCHES & VIDEO PERMITS

16.

(a) Permission for tournaments or challenge matches shall be considered on application from clubs only to the County Secretary. Applications for tournaments shall be made on appropriate application forms as provided by Comhairle Laighean and accompanied by a fee of €40.00 if inter-county matches and €20.00 if inter-club matches.

(b) Cheques should be made payable to Coiste na Mí.

(c) Such tournaments may not commence until ratification, on the blue copy of the application form, is received by the club.

(d) ALL applications for CHALLENGE MATCHES and VIDEO PERMITS must be submitted not later than **12 Noon - 2 Days (48 hours) before game.**

17. Tournaments must not interfere in any way with Coiste Chontae Fixtures and clubs must not include inter-county players on their teams in tournament matches on the thirteen days prior to inter-county championship matches.

RE-GRADING

18. Where a club has failed to fulfil all of its fixtures in any Championship in the current or preceding year the County Competitions Control Committee shall have the power to:

- i.** Recommend to An Coiste Chontae that the Club's affiliation application be refused.
- ii.** Recommend to An Coiste Chontae that it refuse to allow a club to enter a team in the Championship in which it failed to fulfil all of its fixtures.
- iii.** Recommend to An Coiste Chontae that it re-grade the team that failed to fulfil all of its fixtures.
- iv.** Each Club shall forward a list of their Top 8 to the Competitions Control Committee by a deadline date as requested by the Competitions Control Committee. These 8 players can only play 1st team Championship and except in exceptional circumstances cannot be re-graded at a later date in that calendar year. Should a player request to be regraded they must apply to County Control Committee to do so. While the County Control Committee can make a recommendation, the County Committee shall retain the right to make the final decision on an application. (Rule 6.19 T.O.).
Where a Club has a Third/ Fourth Championship team a second/third Top 8 must also be supplied. This 2nd/3rd list must not have played a higher grade of Championship in the previous year.

FIXTURES

19.

(a) The Secretary of C.C.C.C. shall notify club Secretaries of all adult hurling and football fixtures.

(b) C.C.C.C. shall meet regularly during the playing season.

(c) Official notice of all fixtures shall be in the form of a weekly fixtures list signed by the Secretary of C.C.C.C. and circulated to Club Secretaries.

(d) The C.C.C.C. shall have the right, where deemed necessary, to fix championship matches on week evenings.

(e) Between meetings of the CCC, the Chairperson and/or Secretary of Coiste na nÓg or Coiste Fé 18, in consultation with the Chairperson and/or Secretary of the Competitions Control Committee shall have the power to make such arrangements as are necessary to have Fixtures carried out. Where it is necessary to alter a Fixture the Secretary of the CCC shall notify the Clubs concerned.

(f) That where C.C.C.C. deem it necessary - All competitions in both Hurling and Football be played under lights and/or on synthetic pitch.

(g) A master fixture list shall be drawn up by the C.C.C.C. (or other approved committee/body) and distributed to all clubs before the 28th February each year. The master fixture list shall be drawn up for the complete A leagues, B Leagues, Feis Cup, Corn na Bóinne, Tailteann Cup and Brendan Davis Cup games in football and Div. 1 League, Div. 2 League, Div. 3 League and Subsidiary competitions other than Championships in Hurling. It shall also include Championship fixtures up to the 1st round of Meath Senior Football and Hurling involvement in the Leinster Championship. The master fixture list shall include the competition and round thereof without showing the individual matches, giving the actual date of the fixture, where possible. The master fixture list may be amended to accommodate exceptional circumstances and events not envisaged during the compilation of the master fixture list. The amended list shall be forwarded to Club Secretaries as soon as possible after compilation. The master fixture list shall be reviewed at the end of each year and lessons learned shall be incorporated into the master fixture list for the next year.

20. A complete draw shall be made at a Coiste Chontae meeting annually for Senior, Intermediate and Junior Championships and this draw shall be adhered to as far as possible. All other championship draws shall be made at subsequent Coiste Chontae meetings. A report on the "Progress of Competitions" shall be included on the agenda for all Coiste Chontae meetings.

21. Where a team's continuation in a championship may have a bearing (however remote) on the final result, failure to fulfil those fixtures will render the offending team liable to a fine of €200 for each unfilled fixture.

22. In the case of a play off, five clear days' notice in writing shall be given.

23. In all inter-county competitions, after first twenty one players named by selectors or coaches, the rest shall be available for club fixtures if required.

24. Club Championship matches involving members of County Panels other than Senior Panels may be fixed for the Sunday prior to or following an inter-county Championship fixture.

25. Where Clubs have one or two players who play hurling and football C.C.C.C. shall be permitted to fix games involving these clubs on the same weekend, though at different times.

26. It shall be incumbent on Clubs to notify the Secretary of C.C.C.C. of the names of dual players by end of January each year.

27. No club Championship fixtures involving any Meath Senior County players shall be arranged for the period commencing at midnight on Saturday, 1 week prior to Inter County Senior Championship matches.

28. When play offs are necessary to decide winners and runner-up in Division, also quarter final and semi-final places, teams must play extra time if necessary when fixed.

FINANCE

29. All accounts for payment shall be brought before Coiste Airgeadais and ordinarily no payment shall be made unless authorised by the Coiste. In exceptional circumstances the Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer may, however, pay accounts of an urgent nature, but all such accounts shall be brought before the next meeting of the Coiste for approval.

30. Expenses shall not be incurred, on behalf of the Coiste Chontae, by any person or Fo-Choiste, without the express sanction of Coiste Airgeadais.

31. Finalists in all grades of championships shall receive grants (to be decided by Coiste Bainistíochta).

32. (a) Gate receipts/vouchers must be returned to an Cisteoir within **five** days of fixture.

(b) Failure to comply with the above shall entail a fine of €50.00 per week for each week when the five day period expires and club grounds may not be considered for further championship games.

33. (a) Gate receipts at all play offs, quarter finals, semi-finals and finals shall go to the Coiste Chontae.

(b) Each club affiliated to Coiste na Mí C.L.G. must pay an annual administration contribution of €1000 toward the running of the office of Coiste na Mí

(c) That gross gate takings for which gate vouchers were issued, be itemised in the balance sheet for the County Convention as was the practice in previous years.

34. (a) Referees expenses shall be deducted from gross gates and be paid on the night and the remainder shall be divided as follows:

- 50% to An Coiste Chontae
- 25% to Development Fund and clearance of Interest Free Loans on Páirc Tailteann.
- 25% to Clubs in Charge of "Gates".
- This applies to all Championship Matches:
S.F.C., I.F.C., J.F. "A", J.F. "B", J.F. "C", U-21 (All grades),
Feis Cup, Corn na Bóinne, Tailteann Cup, Brendan Davis Cup competitions,
League Play Offs, S.H.C., I.H.C., J.H.C., J.H.C. II, U-21 H., Div. 1, 2 & 3 Hurling
League Finals.

(b) Clubs hosting games under floodlights on behalf of Coiste na Mí.

Referees expenses shall be deducted from gross gates and be paid on the night and the remainder shall be divided as follows:

- Club in charge of gate receive €100.00 (lights).
- Páirc Tailteann Fund 25%.
- Club in charge of “gates” 25%.
- Coiste Chontae €50%.

This applies to all Football and Hurling matches.

35. Referees' Expenses

SENIOR & INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP ONLY:

- Single Journey (**4** neutral umpires' names must be provided) **€50.00**
- Single Journey (with at least 2 neutral umpires) **€40.00**
- Single Journey (with no umpires) **€30.00**
- Second game at same venue an extra **€20.00**

JUNIOR & U-21 ONLY:

- Single Journey (with at least 2 neutral umpires) **€40.00**
- Single Journey (with no umpires) **€30.00**
- Second game at same venue an extra **€20.00**

LEAGUE/FEIS/CORN NA BOINNE/TAILTEANN/BRENDAN DAVIS CUP:

- Single Journey (with at least 2 neutral umpires) **€40.00**
- Single Journey (with no umpires) **€35.00**

ALL UNDERAGE:

- Single Journey (with at least 2 neutral umpires) **€30.00**
- Single Journey (with no umpires) **€25.00**

The above rates apply to adult and underage games only and must be strictly adhered to. Referees Expenses to be deducted from gross gate and paid by club to the referee on the day of the game.

GENERAL

36. All County Team Managers shall be appointed by the Coiste Contae on a majority decision in favour of the recommendation of Coiste Bainistí.

Nominations for the position of team manager shall be submitted by clubs, to Rúnaí Coiste Contae, prior to a date to be specified by Coiste Bainistí. Coiste Bainistí shall have the power to nominate other persons outside those nominated by clubs. Coiste Bainistí must establish a Fo Choiste to interview all nominated candidates. This Fo Choiste shall recommend a candidate to Coiste Bainistí which shall in turn may recommend this candidate to Coiste Contae for for ratification by a majority decision

Where there is only one person nominated by clubs for position of any county team manager and also a person nominated by Coiste Bainistí then the process of establishing a Fó Coiste must take place.

Coiste Contae shall also ratify on a proposal from Coiste Bainistí the length of term, up to a maximum three years, for each manager.

The successful candidate in each case shall nominate his/her selectors and members of his management team to Coiste Bainistí for recommendation to Coiste Contae for ratification. He shall also appoint the Captain and Vice - Captain of the relevant team. That all County Managers (F & H) from U-14 to Minor must be in line with the adult process which is open to nominations from clubs and interviews.

37.

(a) Minutes of the meetings of Coiste Bainistíochta shall be placed before the Coiste Chontae and be made available to all delegates. The Chairperson of Coiste Bainistíochta (i.e. Cathaoirleach Coiste na Mí) may declare certain matters of a sensitive nature to be confidential when placing the minutes of Coiste Bainistíochta Meetings before the Coiste Chontae.

(b) Coiste Bainistíochta shall meet regularly at least monthly between January and October.

38. Congress and Leinster Convention motions shall be discussed annually, at a special meeting of the Coiste Chontae and this meeting shall give a directive on how delegates attending Congress and Leinster Convention should vote.

39.

(a) All cups/trophies, other than those for Juvenile Competitions, must be returned to Rúnaí, Coiste Chontae before **15th May. Failure to do so will entail a fine of €130.**

(b) That the Management Committee, subsequent to the County Convention, appoint a member of the Management Committee to be responsible, until the next County Convention, for the management of all aspects relating to the maintenance, upkeep, storage and return of all cups and plaques.

(c) Official notice in writing shall be sent to affected Clubs and Award winners informing them a fortnight before due date reminding them to return cups won in previous year.

(d) The Management Committee of Coiste Na Mí shall set up a Sub-Committee to review all Trophies awarded to winners of all existing competitions under the auspices of Coiste na Mí. The task of the Committee in consultation with Clubs and Committees who have donated Cups, is to examine and to make recommendations regarding the cups that are awarded for Competitions. The Management Committee to receive their findings not later than 1st May 2013 and a review every 5 years from then on.

40. Each club must notify to Rúnaí, Coiste Chontae before 1st February annually the name of its Insurance Officer.

41. The results of all competitive matches must be notified on the day of the match, by the referee to the Secretary of the relevant organising committee of Coiste na Mí.

42. All applications from clubs to host Summer Camps must be submitted to Coiste Contae at least 1 month prior to the specified starting date for approval. Application should include a list of proposed events and personnel involved.

Clubs are not permitted to organise their own Summer Camp. Coaching and Games Development Committee will co-ordinate and supervise all club Summer Camps. All such Summer Camps must be organised in conjunction with the Coaching and Games Development Committee.

43. (a) All information provided for compilation of match programmes for County Finals must

FO-CHOISTÍ (SUBSIDIARY COMMITTEES)

AGMs

44.

(a) Regulations The Coiste in charge of the Fo-Choistí shall draw up suitable regulations. The only appeal shall be to the Coiste Chontae. If any Fo-Choiste is not functioning to the satisfaction of the Coiste Chontae, the Coiste Chontae may assume control of championships, etc. in the county.

(b) The deadline for acceptance of correspondence for consideration at all Sub-Committee and County Committee meetings shall be 24 hours prior to date of meeting. Correspondence received after this time will not be considered until the next meeting.

HURLING COMPETITIONS

45. There shall be five Championships in hurling at adult level - Senior, Intermediate, Junior, Junior 2 and Under 21.

46. (a) Senior Hurling Championship shall be run on a combination of a League and knockout basis under Rule 6.20 T.O. Two Divisions of six teams each. Three teams to qualify from the two groups. The top team in each Division shall qualify for the semi-finals. Teams in second and third place shall qualify for **quarter finals**.

The draw is as follows:

☒ A2 v B3

☒ Winners v B1

☒ B2 v A3

☒ Winners v A1

Where teams finish with equal points for qualification for concluding stages or for relegation the tie shall be decided as set out in Rule 6.20 T.O..

If a quarter Final, Semi Final, relegation match or play-off game ends in a draw, then extra time shall be played.

(b) Senior Hurling Relegation The bottom team in each Division play-off with the losing team to be relegated to the Intermediate grade. Same method applies to relegation as qualification.

(c) Intermediate Hurling Championships: shall be run on a combination of a league and knock out basis under Rule 6.20 T.O. Two groups of six teams A & B.

The top team in each Group shall qualify for the Semi Finals. Teams in second and third place shall qualify for quarter finals.

Draws as follows:

A2 v B3 Winners v B1

B2 v A3 Winners v A1

If a Quarter Final, Semi Final, Relegation match or play-off game ends in a draw, then extra time shall be played. Bottom team in each Group play off and losers relegated to Junior.

(d) The Junior Hurling Championship and the Junior 2 Hurling Championship shall be run on combination of a League and Knock out basis under Rule 6.20 T.O.

All teams entered into the JHC & J2HC shall be drawn in 2 Divisions.

All other teams entered shall be drawn and placed in alternative groups i.e. 1st out to Group A, 2ND out to Group B and so on until all teams are drawn.

All teams in each Group will play each other.

At the completion of the Rounds the Top 2 teams in Group A & B will contest the Semi Finals of the Junior Hurling Championship (A1 V B2 and B1 V A2). With the winners promoted to the Intermediate Hurling Championship 2016.

The teams in Group A & B who finish 3rd and 4th will contest the Semi Finals of the Junior 2 Hurling Championship (A3 V B4 and B3 V A4).

Where teams finish level on points for qualification rule 6.20 T.O. shall decide positions. If a play-off, Semi Final game ends in a draw then extra time shall be played.

From 2016 onwards the “6 seeded teams” shall be the team relegated from IHC the previous year, the beaten JHC Finalists from the previous year, the beaten Semi Finalists from the previous year and the Junior 2 Hurling Champions and Finalists from the previous year. The 1st three teams out are placed in Group A and the other 3 teams are placed in Group B.

Should a team win the Junior Hurling Championship and that Club already has an Intermediate Hurling Championship side then no promotion from JHC or relegation from IHC shall happen that year.

(f) BRENDAN DAVIS CUP

i) Brendan Davis Cup shall be played annually on the knock out system.

ii) It shall be open to senior and intermediate hurling clubs only.

iii) Teams must play without players involved with County Teams (Football or Hurling) except in final.

iv) Extra time if necessary shall be played in all matches including final.

v) Twenty four medals shall be provided for the Winners of the Competition.

vi) The County Competitions Control Committee shall have the power to play the first two rounds at home or neutral venue if necessary.

vii) An entry fee of €100 be charged.

viii) Should a Club give a Walk over in this Competition the game shall be awarded to the opposing team and a fine of €200 may be imposed on the team conceding the Walkover.

(g) An U21 Hurling Competition shall be organised as follows:

(i) An U21 Hurling Championship.

(ii) An U21 Hurling A Competition.

(iii) Subject to an application from Clubs and approval from the CCC, Independent Teams plus Club Teams may be permitted to participate in the U21 Hurling Competitions.

(iv) Such Independent teams shall not bear the name of an Adult Club in the County (Rule 6.7 (2) T.O.

(v) Players involved in Independent Teams shall be drawn from a maximum of 3 Adult Clubs.

vi) Depending on the time restraints available the CCC can decide to run The U21 Hurling Championship and Competitions as a Knock out Competition, a League Competition or a knock out with a Back door Competition.

(vii) Extra Time if necessary shall be played in all games in the U21 Hurling Competitions.

(viii) The Draw for the U21 Hurling Competitions shall be included with the Championship Draws (where possible).

(ix) All Clubs affiliated for U21 Hurling in the various grades shall make submissions to the CCC before a date set each year by the CCC.

1. In regard to their Club performance at Minor level over past 3 years.
2. The number of U21 players who lined on 1st Adult team in the current Championship.
3. The names of players for the current year who are on County Panels.
4. The names of players ineligible from the previous year.
5. These submissions are also required from Independent Teams.

47.

(a) The winners of the Intermediate, Junior Championships shall automatically pass on to the next highest grade the following year except in the event of a club already having a team in that grade.

(b) In the event of the above occurrence no relegation will take place from the next highest grade in that year.

48. Each team must bring a ball for championship league and Division 1 matches. Coiste Chontae will supply same for championship finals. Eight club officials shall be admitted to the sideline where their team is engaged in Championship, League matches.

49. Where a team's continuation in a championship may have a bearing, however remote, on the final result, failure to fulfil those fixtures will render the offending team liable to a fine of €200 for each unfulfilled fixture.

50. The Manager of the U-21 County Hurling Team may be appointed for an initial period of 2 years. An extension for a further approved period may be granted after satisfactory review is completed by the Hurling Promotion and Development Committee and ratified by the Coiste Chontae at a monthly meeting.

51. The Hurling Clubs shall nominate an individual for the position of Manager/Coach of U-21 County Hurling Teams. Nominees shall be interviewed by a Sub-Committee of the Coiste Chontae. This Sub-Committee will consist of Cathaoirleach, Rúnaí at least two other elected Officers of Choiste Chontae.

COISTE NA nÓG

52. The Coiste's Forum shall be held annually.

53. Applications (in writing) for re-grading and exemptions shall be considered at the first meeting to be held early in February or in exceptional cases outside of this time.

54. All Clubs shall be based on the local hurling (parent) Club area. Exemptions to play outside this area must be granted by the County Committee on the recommendation of CCCC. All exemptions must be signed by adult club Secretaries.

55.

(a) Grade A, B and C Competitions on a League basis at under-14, under-13 and under-12 levels shall be organised.

(b) A dedicated Coiste Fé 11 be established to help organise games and blitzes up U11 at both Football and Hurling. Meath Coaching and Games and Coiste na nÓg to have representation on this Coiste.

56. The Coiste shall appoint referees. In all other competitions the travelling team shall supply the referee, but in the case of play-offs, semi-finals and finals, the Coiste shall appoint the referee.

57. "Home" teams shall pay the referee's travelling expenses. In play-offs and semi-finals both teams shall pay equal amounts.

LEAGUES

ALL COUNTY FOOTBALL "A" LEAGUES

58. The All County A League shall be run in four divisions. Teams participating in the various divisions shall be graded by the C.C.C.C. who make recommendations to County Committee.

59. An entry fee of €100 per team shall be charged.

60. Clubs shall fulfil League Fixtures despite loss of (a) inter-county players; (b) dual players.

61. A minimum fine of €200 shall be imposed on clubs which withdraw from the All-County Football 'A' Leagues.

62. A team conceding one walkover in the Leagues shall have the points from that game awarded to the opposition. They shall be fined under Rule 6.36 T.O but they may continue to participate in the Competition.

63. A team conceding a second walkover shall be removed from the Leagues, shall have the points from the relevant game awarded to the opposition and shall be subject to a minimum fine of €200.

64.

(a) The top 2 teams in Divisions 2, 3 and 4 shall be promoted to the next highest division. The bottom 2 teams in Divisions 1, 2 and 3 shall be relegated to the next lowest divisions. The team placed third from the bottom of Division 1 shall play the third placed team in Division 2 with the winner playing in Division 1 in the following year and the loser playing in Division 2 in the following year. A similar promotion/relegation playoff shall take place in Divisions 2-3 and 3-4.

(b) Where Teams finish with equal points for Qualification for the Concluding Stages, or for Promotion or Relegation, the tie shall be decided by the following means and in the order specified as per Rule 6.20 T.O.

(c) Extra time must be played in the event of a draw in any league semi-final, league final promotion/relegation play off or any other play off.

65. The second and third placed teams in Division 1 shall qualify for a League semi-final with the winner playing the first placed team in the Division 1 League Final. League winners in the remaining divisions shall be determined by playing a final between the teams finishing first and second.

66. Prior to the commencement of the Leagues annually, each club must submit to the Rúnaí, County Competitions Control Committee, the name of at least one qualified referee who is a member of the club and who is available to referee League games. Failure to do so shall entail forfeiture of home advantage for ALL League games. Such games shall be played at the opposing team's grounds. In the event of the opposing team not having submitted the name of a qualified referee from their club, then the game will be played at a neutral venue.

67. The All County Football A League shall be comprised of one team per club.

ALL COUNTY FOOTBALL "B" LEAGUES

68. The All County B Leagues shall be structured with a minimum of five Divisions. Grading shall be the responsibility of the County Competitions Control Committee.

- Division 1 - 3 shall have a minimum of 10 teams but no more than 12 teams.
- Division 4 & lower shall include remaining teams as graded by CCCC.

Clubs that enter a 2nd B League team shall be placed into a Division of their own. This League to have the same Rules and Regulations as B Leagues Division 4 and lower on playing numbers.

In the B leagues where a club has a number of teams entered should their first, second or third team withdraw or be removed from their competition having giving two walkovers all teams in lower divisions must also be removed from their B league competition.

69. An entry fee of €100 per team shall be charged.

70.

(a) Clubs shall fulfil League Fixtures despite loss of (a) inter-county players; (b) dual players.

(b) In B leagues Division 3 and lower, if a club/team is unable to field 15 players on any given fixture, the match can be played with a minimum of 13 players.

71. A minimum fine of €200 shall be imposed on Clubs who withdraw from the All County Football B Leagues.

72. A team conceding one walkover in the Leagues shall have the points from that game awarded to the opposition. They may be fined under Rule 6.36 T.O. but they may continue to participate in the Competition.

73. A team giving a second walk over shall be stricken from the League and shall forfeit the match and points awarded to the opposition and be fined a minimum of €200.

74.

(a) A promotion and relegation system shall apply in all divisions on a two up two down basis. League positions will not affect status for Championship purposes.

(b) Where teams finish level with equal points, the tie shall be decided as follows:

(i) Where three teams are involved – the outcome of the meetings of the three teams in their previous games in the competition. If three teams finish level on points for three places and one team has beaten the other two teams that team qualifies in first place and the other places are determined by the specified order. If there are two positions and one team has beaten the other two teams that team qualifies and the second place is determined by the specified order. If there is one position and one team has beaten the other two teams that team qualifies.

(ii) Where two teams are involved – the outcome of the meeting of the two teams in the previous games in the competition;

(iii) Scoring Difference;

(iv) Highest total scores for;

(v) A play off.

(c) In all League play-off matches for promotion and relegation Extra Time (if necessary) shall be played.

(d) No team can be promoted or relegated in the B League if that Club already has a team in the Division they are to be promoted or relegated to. Rule 6.19 T.O. to govern this Regulation.

75. League winners in **all** divisions shall be determined by playing a final between the teams finishing first and second. Extra time must be played in the event of a draw at full time in **all** "B" League Finals.

76. Prior to the commencement of the Leagues annually, each club must submit to the Rúnaí, County Competitions Control Committee, the name of at least one qualified referee who is a member of the club and who is available to referee League games. Failure to do so shall entail forfeiture of home advantage for ALL League games. Such games shall be played at the opposing team's grounds. In the event of the opposing team not having submitted the name of a qualified referee from their club, then the game will be played at a neutral venue.

77. At a date directed by the C.C.C.C. prior to the commencement of the B leagues clubs must submit to the C.C.C.C. the list of players ineligible to play on the various B league teams. 15 for Divisions 1, 2, 3, and 10 for Division 4 and 5..

When the club plays its first Championship game the starting 15 in this game shall replace the list of 15 previously submitted for Division 1, 2 & 3 and from there on it is that starting 15 in the first Championship game, plus any of the Top 8 submitted for the Championship who, for whatever reason, were not part of the starting 15 for the first round, who are ineligible to play in the B League Divisions 1, 2, or 3.

In respect of the lower Divisions of the B Leagues, the list of 10 originally submitted as being ineligible for league duty shall be replaced by 10 of the starting 15 in the first round of the championship plus any of the Top 8 who did not play in the opening championship game. New list shall be submitted by the club to the C.C.C.C. after the first round of the championship and before the club's next game of the B League. The rules regarding clubs with more than one B league team shall be pro rata.

A Club whose second B League team plays in the B Leagues must name a second top 15 players that are ineligible to play in Reserve B League. These players shall be drawn from the 2nd Championship team.

For Clubs with two or more B League teams the following additional requirement shall apply. Any Substitutes used in the 1st Championship game shall be included on the Clubs second 15 for B League. The Club shall select the appropriate number of players from the starting 15 of the Clubs next level of Championship, including the Substitutes used in the highest level Championship to make up the list of 15 players who are ineligible to play with the Clubs second B League team. The same criteria shall apply to a Club with 3 or more B League teams.

PENALTY: A minimum fine of €200 shall be imposed on a club that fails to comply with the Rules for League eligibility as outlined in the preceding three paragraphs of this regulation. Resulting from objection or investigation the player or players who are deemed to be in breach of the rule shall be suspended for four weeks and the person deemed to be in charge of the team shall also be suspended for four weeks. The team shall also forfeit the points from any game won while fielding an ineligible player or players and such points will be awarded to the opposition in each relevant match.

ALL COUNTY HURLING LEAGUE

78. The All County Hurling League shall be run in Four Divisions.

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Division One

The competition shall consist of 1 Division of 8 teams.

Division Two

The competition shall consist of 1 Division of 8 teams.

Division Three

The competition shall consist of 1 Division of 8 teams.

Division Four

This Division shall consist of the remaining teams entered (Format of Division 4 to be organised by C.C.C.).

(a) From 2016 and onwards a promotion/relegation system of 1 up 1 down shall apply in all 4 Divisions. The competition shall be played on a single round basis (7 rounds) and a Clubs League position shall not affect their Championship status.

(b) The top 2 teams after the completion of the 7 rounds in each Division shall play in the All County Hurling League Final with the Winner promoted to the next highest Division unless that Club already has a team in that Division.

(c) The team that finishes bottom of the table after the completion of the 7 rounds shall be relegated unless that Club already has a team in the lower Division.

(d) Where Teams finish on equal points for Qualification for the Final or for Relegation Rule 6.20 T.O. shall apply.

(e) Division 4 be played at 13 aside including Playoffs and Finals.

A list of the first 15 players shall be submitted by each club to An Rúnaí, C.C.C. prior to the commencement of the Hurling Leagues. These players shall only be eligible to play with their top league team.

When the club plays its first Championship game the starting 15 players in this game must now be named and are now ineligible to play with the Clubs 2nd team in Hurling League. This will replace the list of 15 previously submitted. Players named on the first list and not on the Championship 15 shall become eligible to play on the lower league team.

Should a Club enter a third League team they must name a second 13 players that cannot play with the 3rd League team (28 players in total). The 2nd 13 must come from the starters in their 2nd Championship team and include any substitutes used by Club on 1st Championship team in Round 1 of 1st team Championship.

However, any player listed on the Club's top 8 who is not included in the Championship starting 15 is also ineligible to play on the lower league teams. New list shall be submitted by the club to the C.C.C. after the first round of the championship and before the club's next game of the League.

PENALTY: A minimum fine of €200 shall be imposed on a club that fails to comply with the above rule. The player or players who are deemed to be in breach of the rule shall be suspended for 4 weeks and the person deemed to be in charge of the team shall be suspended for 4 weeks. The team shall also forfeit the points from any game won while fielding an ineligible player and such points will be awarded to the opposition. This list is to be circulated to each team in the Division after ratification by C.C.C. Where a club is allowed to enter a second or third team the matches may be played on the same day or evening as the first team is fixed to play.

79. An entry fee of €100 per team shall be charged.

80. Clubs shall fulfil League fixtures despite the loss of inter-county players.

81. No postponements will be allowed in the League, except in the case of a death deemed to involve the Club and where the C.C.C.C. deems it necessary.

82. A minimum fine of €200 shall be imposed on clubs which withdraw from the All County Hurling Leagues.

83. A team conceding one walkover in the Leagues shall have the points from that game awarded to the opposition. They may be fined under Rule 6.36 T.O. but they may continue to participate in the Competition.

84. A team conceding a second walkover shall be removed from the League and the points awarded to the opposition and may be subject to a minimum fine of €200.

85. A Club's League position shall not affect their status for Championship purposes.

86. Each Club shall supply to Rúnai Coiste Contae before the commencement of Hurling League each year the name and GAA ID number of a Certified Referee who must be a Club Member who will be available to Referee Hurling Games in County Meath.

Failure to do so shall entail forfeiture of home advantage in ALL League games. Such games will be played at opposing Club's grounds. In the event of the opposing Club not having submitted the name of Club member with GAA ID number who is a Certified Referee, the game will be played at a neutral venue or at a venue suitable to the CCC An Mhí.

No team can be promoted or relegated in the Hurling League if that Club already has a team in the Division they are to be promoted or relegated to. Rule 6.19 T.O. to govern this Regulation.

87. Gates shall be collected at all League matches. Following deduction of referee's expenses, home Club retains balance.