

# Fo- Dlighte 2018

## COISTE CHONTAE na Mí

1. The Annual County Convention shall elect the following Officers of the County Committee: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Development Officer, Coaching Officer, Officer for Irish Language and Culture, Public Relations Officer, and shall appoint a Children's Officer recommended by the outgoing County Committee. A member shall not hold more than one of the above Officerships at any given time. The Officers elected/appointed shall hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual Convention.
2. Coiste Chontae shall consist of **a) The elected Officers:** Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Officer for Irish Language and Culture, P.R.O., Development Officer, Children's Officer, Coaching Officer Central Council Representative, two Provincial Council representatives [who shall be ex-officio members] **b) One named representative from each affiliated club** **c) Referees' Administrator** and one named representative each from the County Handball Committee and the Primary and Post Primary schools Committees.

In the event of the appointment of a full time secretary, he or she will be entitled to sit on all Committees, with the exception of the County Hearings Committee, but without voting rights.

3. **Treasurer:** As permitted by **Rule 3.11 (b) Exception (2) T.O. 2017** the County Treasurer is not subject to the maximum period of five years in office.
4. **County Sub-Committees:** Coiste Chontae shall appoint the following Sub-Committees whose powers and functions shall be as outlined ~~Rule 3.20 T.O. 2017~~ and in these Bye-Laws.
  - (i) **Coiste Bainistíochta (County Management Committee)** which shall consist of the officers of the Coiste Chontae and the Central and Provincial Council Representatives, Chairperson Hurling Development and Promotion Committee and Underage Committee Chairman.

- (ii) **County Competitions Control Committee** shall be designated as the sole County Competitions Control Committee for all Committees and Sub-Committees within the jurisdiction of Meath County Committee. It shall consist of a Chairperson, Secretary and 6 other named members including County Referee's Administrator who shall be entitled to vote only on matters relating to the appointment of referees.
- (iii) **County Hearings Committee** shall be designated as the sole Hearings Committee for all Committees and Sub-Committees within the jurisdiction of Meath County Committee. It shall consist of Chairperson and Secretary and 6 other named members.
- (iv) **Coiste Forbartha Pleanála Fisiciúil agus Slándála (County Physical, Planning Development and Safety Committee)** which shall consist of the Development Officer who shall chair the Coiste and four (4) other named members appointed by the Coiste Chontae on the recommendation of Coiste Bainistíochta.
- (v) **Coiste Oiliúna agus Forbartha na gCluichí (County Coaching & Games Development Committee)** which shall consist of the Coaching Officer who shall chair the Coiste the County Games Development Manager as Secretary, and four (4) other named members appointed by the Coiste Chontae on the recommendation of Coiste Bainistíochta.
- (vi) **Coiste Cultúra (County Cultural Committee)** which shall consist of the Officer for Irish Language and Culture who shall chair the Coiste and six (6) other named members appointed by the Coiste Chontae on the recommendation of Coiste Bainistíochta.
- (vii) **Coiste Margaíochta agus Caidrimh Poiblí (County Public Relations/Marketing Committee)** which shall consist of the P.R.O. who shall chair the Coiste and four (4) other named members appointed by the Coiste Chontae on the recommendation of Coiste Bainistíochta.
- (viii) **Coiste na nÓg (County Youth Committee)** which shall consist of Vice Chairperson of Coiste Chontae who shall chair the Coiste together with the Children's Officer, Chairperson and Secretary of Coiste Fé 18 and Chairperson and Secretary of Coiste na nÓg.
- (ix) **Coiste Riaracháin na Reiteoirí (County Referee's Administration Committee)** which shall consist of seven named members, including the County Referees' Administrator. These members shall be nominated by the Coiste Bainistíochta.
- (x) **Coiste Airgeadais (County Finance Committee)** which shall consist of the County Treasurer who shall chair the Coiste together with the Assistant Treasurer, Chairperson, Assistant Secretary, Central Council Delegate and two (2) other named members appointed by the Coiste Chontae on the recommendation of Coiste Bainistíochta.

- (xi) **Coiste Eolais Teicneolaíochta (Information Technology Committee)** which shall consist of five (5) named members appointed by the Coiste Chontae on the recommendation of Coiste Bainistíochta.
- (xii) **Coiste Bainistíochta na n-Imreoirí (County Team 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 Ard Chomhairle from time to time. The functions of this Committee will be as outlined in **Rule 3.20 (xiii) T.O. 2017.**
- (xiii) **Fixtures Analysts** County Management Committee shall appoint at least one Fixtures Analyst **Rule 3.20 (iii) T.O. 2017.**
- (xiv) **Sláinte agus Folláine (Health & Wellbeing Committee)** which shall consist of eight named (8) members appointed by the Coiste Chontae on the recommendation of Coiste Bainistíochta.

5. ***In accordance with Rule 3.19 T.O. 2017 the County Committee shall appoint the following Sub-Committees whose powers and functions shall be as outlined in these Bye-Laws.***

**Post Primary Schools Committee**

It shall organise Competitions, where appropriate, and encourage as wide a participation in Gaelic games as is feasible.

***It shall consist of:***

- (a) A representative of each affiliated Post Primary School.
- (b) A representative of the County Coaching & Games Development Committee.
- (c) A named representative of the Coiste na nÓg or its equivalent.
- (d) An Officer of the County Committee.

The Cathaoirleach of the Committee shall be nominated by the Cathaoirleach, Coiste Contae.

***The Committee shall nominate a representative to:***

- (a) County Committee
- (b) and nominate a member for appointment by the County Committee to the County Coaching & Games Development Committee

An Executive Committee shall also be formed with a pro-rata representative from both Colleges & Vocational Schools Selectors.

The Post Primary County Committee shall forward motions to the Provincial Comhairle and elect representatives to the Provincial Comhairle.

6. There shall be a Hurling Development and Promotion Committee consisting of one named representative from each affiliated club that participates in adult Hurling Championships together with the following: Chairperson and Secretary. All officers shall be appointed annually by Coiste Chontae as per **Rule 3.19 T.O. 2017**.

The Hurling Development and Promotion Committee shall (a) Liaise with Coiste Chontae (b) Advise Coiste Chontae in relation to all Hurling matters.

7. There shall be a Coiste na nÓg Committee consisting of one named representative from each affiliated club that participates in football and/or hurling competitions up to U-14 level, together with appointed officers appointed as per **Rule 3.19 T.O. 2017**.

Coiste na nÓg shall (a) Liaise with Coiste Chontae (b) Advise Coiste Chontae in relation to all U-14 football and hurling matters.

There shall be a Coiste Go Games Committee consisting of one named representative from each affiliated club that participates in football and/or hurling Go Games up to U-11 level, together with appointed officers selected as per **Rule 3.19 T.O. 2017**.

Coiste Go Games shall (a) Liaise with Coiste Chontae and Coiste na nÓg (b) Advise Coiste Chontae and Coiste na nÓg in relation to all Go Games football and hurling matters.

8. There shall be a Coiste Fe 18 Committee consisting of one named representative of each club participating in competitions from U-15 up to U-18 in football and/or hurling, together with Chairperson appointed as per **Rule 3.19 T.O. 2017**.

Coiste Fe 18 shall (a) Liaise with Coiste Chontae (b) Advise Coiste Chontae in relation to all U-18 football and hurling matters.

9. All transfers shall be referred to County Competitions Control Committee by the County Committee as per **Rule 6.5 (b) T.O. 2017**.

The County Competitions Control Committee shall process and decide on all applications for Transfers and Exemptions, signed and unsigned, within the county as per **Rule 6.5 T.O. 2017**.

All transfer requests signed and unsigned must be with the Rúnaí Coiste Chontae by 5.00 p.m. on **15<sup>th</sup> January** in any year.

A Player who has not played with a club for 48 weeks may apply for a transfer at Any time during a year provided the application for transfer, is in order, and presented to the County Competitions Control for its consideration.

10. (i) A player from an exclusively football Club may play hurling with a dual Club provided that a Coiste na Mí fully completed approval form is signed by the player and Secretary of both Clubs and processed by County Competitions Control Committee of Coiste na Mí for decision by the County Committee subject to approval by Central Council. In the event of the club Secretary not signing the approval form, the County Competitions Control Committee shall consider the application and make a decision.
- (ii) A player from an exclusively hurling club may play football with a dual club provided that a Coiste na Mí fully completed approval form is processed by County Competitions Control Committee of Coiste na Mí for decision by the County Committee subject to approval by Central Council.

Players from an exclusively football club may play hurling with an exclusively hurling club and vice versa provided that a Coiste na Mí fully completed approval form is signed by the player and processed by the County Competitions Control Committee for decision by the County Committee

11. That Clubs or independent teams not competing in the U17 Division 1 Football/Hurling Leagues may apply to amalgamate as an Independent team to contest the U17 Football/Hurling Championships subject to approval by the Coiste Fé 18 Grading Committee, ratification by Meath CCC and approval by the County Committee

Players from Clubs/Independent teams who get permission to amalgamate as above may also compete at a lower grade of U17 Championship with their registered Club. Players U17 Championship status will not be affected by playing Division 1 with their new amalgamated Independent team.

Coiste Fé 18 to organise the competitions to such arrangements.

12. Membership of Clubs shall be on a strict Parish basis except where otherwise provided for in these bye laws or in the Official Guide. No Club can play any boy/girl who lives outside the parish unless permission to play has been granted by County Committee. If a boy/girl is attending a school outside the Parish but returning home he can assist his Parish team.
- (a) A player who has not played with a Club or independent team within his own parish, who wishes to play with a neighbouring Club in an adjoining neighbouring parish, must get permission to play signed by the Secretaries of all adult Clubs in his own parish. The permission to play application will be processed by the CCCC for decision.

If granted it shall not be necessary to renew the permission annually.

- (b) Where applications for permission to play are not signed by club(s) in player(s) own Parish, the following process must apply:  
The player must make application for permission to play. The application will be processed by the CCCC for decision by the County Committee  
If granted, it shall not be necessary to renew the permission annually.

### **13. Grading of Clubs and Players**

Each Club shall forward a list of their Top 8 Players to the Competitions Control Committee by 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 the must apply to Competitions Control Committee to do so. The Competitions Control Committee shall make a decision on the application and notify the Player of their decision which may be appealed to the County Hearings Committee in accordance with Rule 6.20 Official Guide 2017. Where a Club has a Third/ Fourth Championship team a second/third Top 8 Players list must also be supplied to the Competitions Control Committee. The Players named on the 2nd/3rd list(s) must not have played a higher grade of Championship in the previous year.

### **14. Nominations and Motions for Annual Convention**

- (a) No later than two weeks before the date of the Annual Convention and following the receipt of Nominations and Motions from clubs the Management Committee shall, following examination and assessment of nominations and motions, issue to each club :-
- (i) A list of nominations for each position which excludes (i) those who are ineligible due to the five year rule, non-membership. invalid membership or any other legitimate reason and (ii) those who have not confirmed in writing, by email or by text to the Rúnaí, Coiste na Mi, following contact with them after nominations are received, that they are allowing their name to go forward at the Annual Convention. While nominees who have indicated their willingness to stand at the Convention can subsequently withdraw their name at the Convention, nevertheless any nominee who does not reply by the requisite date when originally contacted by An Rúnaí, Coiste na Mi after nominations are received will be deemed to have withdrawn and cannot stand at Convention for any position that he / she has not replied about.
- (ii) A list of motions, and bye-laws, or amendments to same, which are in order. All motions shall be included in their correct category i.e. as motions affecting An Treoir Oifigiúil or as Bye Laws / Regulations for Fo Dlichte agus Rialacháin Coiste na Mí.

- (c) When a motion, or bye-law, or amendment(s) to same, is received by Coiste na Mí by the closing date and is found to be out of order the Rúnaí, Coiste na Mi will contact the proposing club and advise them of same with a brief outline of the reason(s) why it is out of order. It will then be up to the relevant club to correct the motion and to re-submit it by a date given by An Rúnaí, Coiste na Mi such that he / she can issue all motions that are in order to clubs no later than two weeks before the Annual Convention. Only correction of motions will be allowed in this process – no new motions can be submitted.