



## Fo Dhlíthe 2023 – C.L.G. Coiste Contae na Mí



### Bye Laws 2023 - Meath GAA County Committee

(Approved by An Coiste Bainistíochta, on behalf of Ard Comhairle, 27 Eanáir 2023)

#### 1. Bye-Law 1

The Annual County Convention shall elect the following officers of the County Committee:

Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Coaching Officer, Officer for Irish Language and Culture, Public Relations Officer, One Central Council representative ((who shall be ex-officio), Two Provincial Council representatives (who shall be ex-officio) and shall appoint a Children's Officer and Planning and Training Officer recommended by the outgoing County Committee. A member shall not hold more than one of the above officer positions at any given time. The officers elected/appointed shall hold office until the conclusion of the next Meath Annual Convention.

That Bye-law 1, be amended to allow for the appointment of a fulltime secretary, subject to permission from Central Council, as per Rule 3.11(1) T.O. 2022.

#### 2. Bye-Law 2

The Meath G.A.A. County Committee (C.L.G. Coiste Contae na Mí) shall consist of:

- (a) The officers elected/appointed in Bye-law One
- (b) Hurling Development Chairperson
- (c) Minor Committee Chairperson
- (d) Football Development Committee Chairperson
- (e) County Competitions Control Committee Chairperson
- (f) One named representative from each affiliated Club



- (g) One named representative from the Meath Primary Schools' Committee
- (h) One named representative from the Meath Post-Primary Schools' Committee
- (i) One named representative from the Meath Handball Committee (where applicable)
- (j) County Referees' Administrator
- (k) Safety and Facilities Officer

In the event of the appointment of a full-time secretary, they will be entitled to sit on all Committees, except for the County Hearings Committee, but without voting rights. As per Rule 3.18(c) the number of voting members of the Meath County Committee shall be **82**.

### **3. Bye-Law 3**

As permitted by Rule 3.11 (b) Exception (2) T.O. 2022 the County Treasurer and County Children's Officer are not subject to the maximum period of five years in office.

### **4. Bye-Law 4**

County Sub-Committees: (These committees shall meet at least once every three months).

The Meath County Committee shall appoint the following Sub-Committees whose powers and functions shall be as outlined Rule 3.20 T.O. 2022 and in these Bye Laws: All members of sub-committees shall be named. A member who has served five years consecutively or cumulatively, as the Chairperson, Secretary, or other named position on a specific sub-committee, shall be ineligible to hold that named officership/position for the five-year period following immediately after serving the fifth year in that position.



A member without a defined officership/position who has served five years consecutively or cumulatively on a committee shall be ineligible to be on that specific sub-committee without a defined officership/position for the five-year period following immediately after serving the fifth year in that position.

- (i) Meath Management Committee (**Coiste Bainistíochta an Mhí**) which shall consist of the officers of the County Committee and the Central and Provincial Council Representatives, Meath Hurling Development Chairperson, Meath Minor Committee Chairperson, Safety and Facilities Officer, Planning and Training Officer, Football Development Committee Chairperson, and the County Competitions Control Committee Chairperson.
- (ii) Meath Competitions Control Committee (**Coiste Rialaithe Comórtas an Mhí**) shall be designated as the Competitions Control Committee for the Meath County Committee. It shall consist of a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, A fixtures Analyst, Referees' Administrator (who may only vote on the appointment of Referees') and a minimum of two other members appointed by the County Committee on the recommendation of the Meath Management Committee.

The following plenary powers and functions have been specifically delegated to the Meath CCC as per Rule 3.20 T.O. 2022:

1. Competition scheduling and arrangements for and control of all games under the jurisdiction of Meath GAA.
2. The appointments of referees and all match officials for all games under the jurisdiction of Meath GAA.



3. To allow Under 21/20, Minor or Younger Grade players of Clubs that are unable to field Under 21/20, Minor or Younger Grade teams to avail of a provision of Rule 6.8, Exception(1)(a) or (b).
  4. To allow the formation of Independent Teams to play in competitions as per Rules 3.19(n); 6.3; 6.8 T.O. 2022.
- (iii) Meath Fixtures Analysts (**Anailísithe Cluichí an Mhí**) At least one Fixtures Analyst shall be appointed by the County Committee on the recommendation of the Meath Management Committee.
- (iv) Meath Hearings Committee (**Coiste Éisteachtaí an Mhí**) shall be designated as the Hearings Committee for the Meath County Committee. It shall consist of a Chairperson, Secretary, and a minimum of three other members appointed by the County Committee on the recommendation of the Meath Management Committee. It shall have plenary powers.
- (v) Safety and Facilities Committee (**Coiste Sábháilteachta agus Saoráidí an Mhí**) which shall have six members including County Safety and Facilities Officer who shall be Chairperson, a Qualified Event Controller. The remaining members, nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee, should be suitably qualified in areas relevant to the terms of reference of the Committee as outlined in R. 3.20(v) T.O. 2022.
- (vi) Meath Referees' Administration Committee (**Coiste Riaracháin na Réiteoirí an Mhí**) which shall consist of the County Referees' Administrator who shall act as Chairperson and a minimum of four other members appointed by the County Committee on the recommendation of the Meath Management Committee.



- (vii) Meath Coaching and Games Development Committee (**Coiste Cóitseála agus Forbartha Cluichí an Mhí**) which shall consist of the Coaching Officer who shall act as the Chairperson, the Games Manager who shall act as the Secretary Football General Manager, Academy Head Coach, a named member of the Hurling Development Committee, and a named member of the Youth Planning Committee and a minimum of one other members appointed by the County Committee on the recommendation of the Meath Management Committee.
- (viii) Meath Cultural Committee (**Coiste Cultúrtha an Mhí**) which shall consist of the County Officer for Irish Language and Culture who shall act as the Chairperson and a minimum of four other members appointed by the County Committee on the recommendation of the Meath Management Committee.
- (ix) Meath Public Relations/Marketing Committee (**Coiste um Chaidreamh Poiblí/Margaíochta an Mhí**) which shall consist of the County PRO who shall act as the Chairperson and a minimum of four other members appointed by the County Committee on the recommendation of the Meath Management Committee.
- (x) Meath Youth Planning Committee (**Coiste Pleanála Óige an Mhí**) which shall consist of the County Vice-Chairperson who shall act as the Chairperson, County Children's Officer who shall act as the Secretary, two named representatives of the Meath County Competitions Control Committee, all named members of the Meath Minor Committee (Coiste Mionúir an Mhí), all named members of the Meath Youth Committee (Coiste na nÓg an Mhí), and all named members of the Meath Go Games Committee (Coiste Go Games an Mhí).
- (xi) Meath Finance Sub-Committee (**Fochoiste Airgeadais an Mhí**) which shall consist of the County Treasurer who shall act as the Chairperson, County Assistant Treasurer who shall



act as the Secretary, Central Council Representative, and a minimum of two other members appointed by the County Committee on the recommendation of the Meath Management Committee.

- (xii) Meath Information Technology Committee (**Coiste Teicneolaíochta Faisnéise**) shall consist of the County I.T. Officer who shall act as the Chairperson and a minimum of four other members appointed by the County Committee on the recommendation of the Meath Management Committee.
- (xiii) Meath Teams Management and Panels Sub-Committee (**Fochoiste Bainistíochta agus Phainéil na bhFoirne an Mhí**) Membership of this sub-committee shall be detailed in the Players'/Manager's Charter which shall be submitted to the Central Council by January 31st each year. Rule 3.20 T.O. 2022.
- (xiv) Meath Health and Well-Being Committee (**Coiste Sláinte agus Folláine**) which shall consist of a minimum of five members appointed by the County Committee on the recommendation of the Meath Management Committee.
- (xv) Planning and Training Committee (**Coiste Pleanála agus Oiliúna**) shall consist of five members, the Chairperson of which shall be the County Planning and Training Officer. All members shall, upon appointment, complete the necessary training as prescribed by The National Officer Development Committee and Club and County Planning Committee.
- (xvi) Audit and Risk Committee (**Coiste Iniúchta agus Riosca**) shall consist of no more than five named members including a Chairperson nominated by the Management Committee and approved by the Provincial Audit and Risk Committee and up to four members nominated by the Management Committee. The Treasurer shall not be a member.



In accordance with Rule 3.19 T.O. 2022 the County Committee shall appoint the following Sub-Committees whose powers and functions shall be as outlined in these Bye-Laws. (These committees shall meet at least once every three months).

## 5. Bye-Law 5

There shall be a Meath Post-Primary Schools' Committee (**Coiste Iarbhunscoileanna an Mhi**) which shall consist of a Chairperson, Secretary and a minimum of three other members appointed by the County Committee on the recommendation of the Meath Management Committee and one representative of each affiliated Post-Primary School in County Meath. The Meath Post-Primary Schools' Committee shall (a) Liaise with the County Committee (b) Advise the County Committee in relation to all Post-Primary GAA matters.

## 6. Bye-Law 6

(i) There shall be a Meath Hurling Development Committee (**Coiste na Mí forbairt na hIománaíochta**) consisting of one named representative from each affiliated club that participates in adult hurling championships together with appointed officers appointed as per Rule 3.19 T.O. 2022.

The Hurling Development-Committee shall (a) Liaise with the County Committee (b) Advise the County Committee in relation to all hurling matters.

(ii) There shall be a Meath Football Development Committee (**Coiste na Mí Forbairt na Peile**) with appointed officers appointed as per Rule 3.19 T.O. 2022.

The Football Development Committee shall (a) Liaise with the County Committee (b) Advise the County Committee in relation to all football matters.



## 7. Bye-Law 7

There shall be a Meath Youth Committee (**Coiste na nÓg an Mhí**) consisting of one named representative from each affiliated club that participates in football and/or hurling competitions at U-12, U-13, and U-14 level, together with appointed officers appointed as per Rule 3.19 T.O. 2022.

The Meath Youth Committee shall (a) Liaise with the County Committee (b) Advise the County Committee in relation to all U-12, U13, and U-14 football and hurling matters.

There shall be a Meath Go Games Committee (**Coiste Go Games an Mhí**) consisting of one named representative from each affiliated club that participates in football and/or hurling competitions at U-7, U-8, U-9, U-10, and U11 level, together with appointed officers appointed as per Rule 3.19 T.O. 2022.

The Go Games Committee shall (a) Liaise with the County Committee (b) Advise the County Committee in relation to all U-7, U-8, U-9, U-10, and U-11 football and hurling matters.

## 8. Bye-Law 8

There shall be a Meath Minor Committee (**Coiste Mionúir an Mhí**) consisting of one named representative from each affiliated club that participates in football and/or hurling competitions at U-15, U-16, and U-17 level, together with appointed officers appointed as per Rule 3.19 T.O. 2022.

The Meath Minor Committee shall (a) Liaise with the County Committee (b) Advise the County Committee in relation to all U-15, U-16, and U-17 football and hurling matters. All committees must meet at least once a quarter.





## 9. Bye-Law 9

- (a) The Meath County Committee shall delegate consideration of **transfers** to play applications to the Meath County Competitions Control Committee.
- (b) All transfers shall be referred to Meath County Competitions Control Committee by the Meath County Committee as per Rule 6.5 T.O. 2022.
- (c) The Meath County Competitions Control Committee will process all signed and unsigned transfer, applications per Rule 6.5 Official Guide and this Bye-Law.
- (d) All transfer applications must be presented by the applicant to their current club for approval prior to submitting the fully completed form to the Secretary of the Meath County Committee between 1st-31st January each year.
- (e) A player who has not played with a club for 48 weeks may submit one transfer application per year at any time during the year using the process outlined above.

## 10. Bye-Law 10

(a)

As per Rule 6.8 (c), The County Committee shall delegate consideration of **permission to play** and **approval** applications to the Meath County Competitions Control Committee.

- (i) A player from a GAA Club that participates only in Gaelic football competitions may request approval to play hurling with another GAA Club, provided that a fully completed **approval form** is signed by the player and the Secretary of both Clubs.
- (ii) A player from a GAA Club that participates only in hurling competitions may request approval to play Gaelic football with another GAA Club, provided that a



fully completed **approval form** is signed by the player and the Secretary of both Clubs.

(b)

(i) An **approval form** must be submitted to the Secretary of the Meath County Committee between 1st-31st January each year. The Meath County Competitions Control Committee will process approval applications per Rule 6.8 Official Guide and this Bye-Law. If granted it shall not be necessary to renew permission annually. An appeal against the decision of the Meath County Competitions Control Committee may be made in writing by the aggrieved party to the Meath County Hearings Committee within 3 days of receipt of the notification of the decision.

(c)

Players of a GAA Club without an affiliated Under 21/20, Minor, or younger age grade team, may apply to play with another GAA Club or **Independent Team** subject to Rule 6.8.

(i) This **application** must be submitted to the Secretary of the Meath County Committee. The Meath County Competitions Control Committee will process applications per Rule 6.8 Official Guide and this Bye-Law.

(ii) Applications will not be approved where competition grading is already completed.

(iii) If granted, permission will be for one-year only.



(iv) An appeal against the decision of the County Competitions Control Committee may be made in writing by the aggrieved party to the Meath County Hearings Committee within 3 days of receipt of the notification of the decision.

## **11. Bye-Law 11**

A person seeking to become a member of the Association shall be restricted to joining a club in the **Catchment area** of their permanent residence, except as outlined in these Bye-laws or the Official Guide.

The catchment area for each club is defined by the Meath County Committee as the area within the Roman Catholic Church parish boundaries as of January 1st 2000.

All previous and subsequent agreements made by the Leinster and Central Council shall not be altered by this Byelaw and shall take precedence.

Applications must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Meath County Committee to become a member of a club outside the Catchment area between 1st -31st January each year.

The County Competitions Control Committee may grant permission to become a member of a club outside the catchment area in:

(a) rare or exceptional circumstances after requesting submissions from all club(s) within the catchment area,

Or (b) where the application includes written approval from all club secretaries in the catchment area.



An appeal against the decision of the County Competitions Control Committee may be made in writing by the aggrieved party to the Meath County Hearings Committee within 3 days of receipt of the notification of the decision.

For the purposes of this Bye law:

(a) The Parish of Donore and Rosnaree plus that part of Ballsgrove Parish in Drogheda which is southwest of Matthew's Lane and Marley's Lane shall be recognised as one parish for G.A.A. purposes in Meath.

(b) The Parish of Laytown-Mornington, together with the part of St. Mary's Parish, Drogheda, which lies in county Meath, plus the area in St. Mary's Parish, Drogheda which was ceded by Louth County Committee C.L.G., to Meath County Committee C.L.G. as sanctioned in Leinster Council Agreement of 1979, shall be recognised as one Parish unit for G.A.A. purposes in Meath C.L.G., as and from Sunday 7th September 1986.

## 12. Bye-Law 12

### **Grading of Clubs and Players**

Clubs shall submit a list of top players to Meath CCCC by a date designated by the Meath CCC that determines championship eligibility, in line with the stipulation's set out below.

Clubs with a **senior** football team shall submit the names of top 15 players registered in the current year who are ineligible to play in the Premier Championship competitions for second teams.



Clubs with an **Intermediate** football team shall submit the names of top **12** players registered in the current year who are ineligible to play in the Premier Championship competitions for second teams.

Clubs with a **Junior** football team shall submit the names of top **10** players registered in the current year who are ineligible to play in the Premier Championship competitions for second teams.

That the top players list is superseded by the starting 15 in the opening first team football championship game in the relevant championship grade.

The lists should include the names of at least 10 players that played a part in the last first team championship game. The list should not include any players known to have emigrated or retired.

No player who has played any League or Championship game for the Meath Senior Football team for the current year or the previous two years will be eligible to play in the Premier Championship.

Where a club has a third/fourth premier football team, a second/third Top 10 player list shall also be supplied to the Meath CCC.

Clubs with multiple **hurling** teams shall forward a list of their Top 15 players who can only play hurling championship for their club's first team. Where a club has a third/fourth championship hurling team, a second/third Top **10** player list shall also be supplied to the CCC. Players on the second/third list shall not have played a higher grade of championship in the previous year.



Clubs/Players may make an application for regrading exceptions to the Meath CCCC for decision, and which may be appealed to the Meath Hearings committee in accordance with Rule 6.20 TO 2022.

These lists of players will be published online via the Meath GAA website and emailed to all club secretaries at least two weeks prior to competition(s) commencing.

### **13. Bye-Law 13**

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

(a)

No later than two weeks before the date of the Meath Annual Convention and following the receipt of Nominations and Motions from clubs; the Meath Management Committee shall, following examination and assessment of nominations and motions, issue them to each club.

(i) A list of nominations for each position (excluding those who are ineligible due to the five-year rule, non-membership. invalid membership, or any other legitimate reason, and those who have not confirmed in writing to the County Secretary) will be sent to Clubs, following confirmation with nominees that they are allowing their name to go forward at the Meath Annual Convention.

(ii) A list of motions, bye-laws, or amendments to same, and proposed regulation changes which are in order shall be included in their correct category i.e., as motions affecting the Official Guide, Bye-Laws, or Regulations.



(b)

When a motion, bye-law, or amendment(s) to same, or proposed regulation change are received by the Meath County Committee by the closing date and are found to be out of order, the County Secretary 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 resubmit it by a date given by the County Secretary. This is to allow the County Secretary to issue all motions that to clubs that are in order, no later than two weeks before the Meath Annual Convention. Only correction of motions will be allowed in this process – no new motions can be submitted.

#### **14. Bye-Law 14**

A club is entitled to appoint a **proxy** for its named representative on the County Committee, provided notice in writing is sent to the County Secretary by noon on the day of the County Committee meeting.

#### **15. Bye-Law 15**

In case a member **wilfully** obstructs or interferes with the business of the County Committee, they shall, on a motion proposed and seconded, and carried by the majority of the members present and under Rule 7.3(a) be dealt with by Management Committee at a disciplinary meeting called within 7 (seven) days of when the misdemeanour occurred.

#### **16. Bye-Law 16**

As per Rule 3.20 (i), any recommendation of the County Management Committee on a matter of **Finance** may not be upset save by a three-fifths majority of the members of the County Committee present, entitled to vote, and voting.