**Cumann Luthchleas Gael – Coiste Chontae Dhoire**

**County Derry G.A.A. Bye-Laws 2021**

**These Bye-Laws shall be read in conjunction *with the current Treoraí Oifigiúil.***

**(Approved by An Coiste Bainistíochta, on behalf of Ard Comhairle 26 Feabhra 2021)**

1. **COUNTY CONVENTION (Rules 3.10 to 3.17 T.O. 2020)**

1.1 County Convention, convened in accordance with Rule 3.10, shall elect / appoint Officers and Representatives in accordance with Rule 3.11 and Delegates in accordance with Rule 3.12 following nomination in accordance with Rule 3.13:

Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Coaching Officer, Officer for Irish Language and Culture, Public Relations Officer and shall appoint a Development Officer and a Children’s Officer recommended by the outgoing County Committee.

It shall further elect two representatives on Provincial Council and one representative on Central Council.

* 1. Before publication of Convention motions submitted in accordance with Rule 3.14 these shall be examined by the Management Committee. Motions considered out of order should be returned to the submitting Unit indicating reasons and affording opportunity to re-submit.
  2. A full-time Secretary appointed for a period in excess of one year shall not have voting rights and is not subject to re-election (Rule 3.11 (b) Exception (1)).
  3. The Children’s Officer is not subject to the maximum period of office of five years (Rule 3.11(b) Exception (2)).

1. **COUNTY COMMITTEE (Rules 3.18 to 3.19 T.O 2020)**

The County Committee shall consist of the Officers elected / appointed pursuant to Bye-Law 1, the two Provincial Council representatives and the One Central Council representative, (elected pursuant to Bye Law 1 above who shall be ex-officio members), the one representative from each adult Club (Chairperson or Secretary) (subject to Rule 3.18 (f)), the County Referees' Administrator, and one named representative of each of the following Committees: County Primary Schools Committee, County Post Primary Schools Committee.

1. In accordance with Rule 3.20 and subject to Rules 3.21 and 4.2 T.O. 2020 the County Committee shall appoint the following sub-committees whose powers and functions shall be as detailed therein. The membership of each shall be determined as follows: All members of sub-committees shall be named.
2. **Management Committee**: It shall consist of the Officers and representatives to Central and Provincial Council.
3. **Competitions Control Committee**: It shall consist of a Chairperson nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee, and 5 other named members of the County Committee and/or other suitable personnel together with the County Referees' Administrator (who shall vote only on the appointment of Referees) and a fixtures analyst. A non-voting County Committee employee may provide administrative support to this Committee.
4. **Fixtures Analysts** – As per Treorai Oifigiuil
5. **Hearings Committee:** It shall consist of a Chairperson and 8 other named members (one of whom shall act as Secretary), nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee.
6. **Planning, Physical Development and Safety Committee:** It shall consist of the County DevelopmentOfficer and 5 other named members (one of whom shall act as Secretary), nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee.
7. **Referees' Administration Committee:** It shall consist of the County Referees' Administrator and 3 other named members (one of whom shall act as Secretary)*,* nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the CountyCommittee.
8. **Coaching and Games Development Committee:** It shall consist of the County Coaching Officer, as Chairperson, Games Development Manager (who shall act as Secretary), and 3 other named members nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee.
9. **Cultural Committee:** It shall consist of the Officer for Irish Language & Culture and 5 other named members (one of whom shall act as Secretary), nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee.
10. **Public Relations/Marketing Committee:** It shall consist of the County Public Relations Officer and 4 other named members (one of whom shall act as Secretary*),* nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee.
11. **Youth Committee:** It shall consist of 6 named members nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee – one of whom shall act as Chairperson and one of whom shall act as Secretary.
12. **Finance Sub Committee:** It shall consist 6 named members nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee.
13. **Information Technology Committee:** It shall consist of the County Public Relations Officer and 4 other named members (one of whom shall act as Secretary), nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee.
14. **County Teams' Management & Panels' Committee:** The membership of the County Teams' Management and Panels' Committee shall be as outlined in the Charter for County Committee / Player Relationships and as approved by Árd Chomhairle from time to time and shall be nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee.
15. **Health and Wellbeing Committee:** It shall consist of the Children’s Officer and four other named members (one of whom shall act as Secretary), nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee.
16. In accordance with Rule 3.19(l) T.O. 2020 County Committees are empowered to form Divisional Sub-Committees and other Sub-Committees (e.g. Football, Hurling, Minor, and Youth Sub-Committees) whose functions and powers shall be defined in County Bye-Laws.

**(a) The Human Resources Committee:** It shall consist 5 named members nominated by the . Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee.

The Human Resources Committee shall be responsible for all personnel issues subject to

the overall authority of the County Committee.

**(b) The Club Derry Committee:** It shall consist of 12 named members nominated by the

Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee.

The Club Derry Committee shall be responsible for the orchestration of fund-raising

generally subject to the overall authority of the County Committee.

1. **Bye-Laws Committee:** It shall consist of 4 named members nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee.

The County Bye-Laws Committee will be responsible for reviewing the county bye-laws on a timely basis for consideration by the County Committee.

1. **Permanent Residence:**

Permanent Residence is defined in Rule 6.3 T.O. 2020.

1. **Catchment Area:**

For the purposes of these Bye-Laws the Catchment Area of a Club shall be as determined by the County Committee under Rule 6.3 T.O. 2020 (i.e. the Parish Boundaries within which the Club(s) are situated.

1. **Other Relevant Connection:**

Rule 6.3 T.O. 2020 sets out criteria considered to constitute “Other Relevant Connection” with a particular Club.

1. **Attachment to First Club:**

A person seeking to become a member of the Association shall be restricted to joining a Club

in the catchment area of his permanent residence.

1. **Transfers:**

Transfers within the County shall be dealt with in accordance with Rule 6.5(a) and 6.7 T.O. 2020. The player seeking the transfer must have permanent residence in the Catchment Area of the proposed new Club or Other Relevant Connection with the proposed new Club. A player wishing to transfer from one club to another within the County shall apply on or before 31st March for a transfer except in rare or unusual circumstances. Such circumstances will be at the discretion of the Competitions Control Committee.

1. **Grading of Clubs:**
2. The grading of clubs for championships for 2020 will be controlled by the County Committee Rule 6.20 T.O. 2020 subject to Rule 3.30 (j) T.O. 2020 based on the Competition Regulations proposed by the Competitions Control Committee.
3. The process of applying for regrading of a club will be delegated to the Competitions Control Committee (Rule 6.20 T.O. 2020)

* Use of official application form
* Application to the County Secretary
* Closing date for applications January 8th in any given year

1. The County Committee shall retain the right to make the final decision on the application for regrading a club (Rule 6.20 T.O. 2020)
2. **Grading of Players:**

In any given year all players subject to age restrictions set out in Rule 6.17 T.O. 2020 are eligible to play in the reserve championship except: (1) those who have played senior, intermediate or junior club championship in the current year. (2) those who have played senior inter-county national league or championship in the current year.

1. **Playing Restrictions:**

In the interests of the promotion of hurling, a player of an affiliated club not promoting hurling may play hurling only with an affiliated club which promotes hurling.

1. **General:**

The above Bye-Laws supersede all previous Bye-Laws and motions passed at County Convention. They shall be referred by number in all objections, appeals and such like documents wherein they are used.

**NOTE: These Bye-Laws shall be read in conjunction with An Treoraí Oifigiúil 2020 (G.A.A. Official Guide 2020).**