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WHERE WE ALL BELONG

AMENDMENT TO COUNTY BYELAWS:

1. INTRODUCE NEW BYELAW 4.1 TO READ AS FOLLOWS

County Development Competitions Control Committee: Coiste Cheannais na gComórtaisí Forbartha

- 4.1 It shall be responsible for all arrangements for and control of any matters arising from Games up to and including Minor grade (U18) under the jurisdiction of the County Committee, including disciplinary matters other than those functions reserved to the County Hearings Committee. It shall process and make recommendations to the County Committee on the Grading of Clubs.
- 4.2 It shall investigate and process matters relating to the Enforcement of Rules relating to games and competitions up to and including Minor grade (U18), including hearing Objections and Counter-Objections.
- 4.3 Membership
The membership of the Development Competitions Control Committee shall consist of a maximum of twelve named persons who shall be decided upon and appointed by the County Committee and shall include at least three members from East Down, at least three members from South Down, a representative of Primary Schools, a representative of Post Primary Schools and a representative from Coaching and Games Committee.
- 4.4 The County Games Manager shall act as an ex-officio (non-voting) Servicing Officer for the Committee.
- 4.5 All members of the Development Competitions Control Committee shall have voting rights except the County Games Manager.
- 4.6 The quorum for meetings of the Competitions Control Committee shall be three (3) members.

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2. REMOVE BYELAW 20

Divisional Committees.

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3. AMEND BYELAW 1.2 (COUNTY COMMITTEE) TO READ AS FOLLOWS

All the affairs of the Association within the County shall be governed and controlled by the County Committee in accordance with Rule 3.19 T.O. 2021 and these Bye-Laws. It shall consist of the following members.

- i) Officers - Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant-Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant-Treasurer, Planning and Training Officer, Coaching Officer, Officer for the Irish Language and Culture, Public Relations Officer, Hurling Officer and Children's Officer.
- ii) Central Council Representative.
- iii) Provincial Council Representatives (2).
- iv) **Chairperson of the Development Competitions Control Committee.**
- v) Named Representatives of the Clubs (one Representative per club).
- vi) A named Representative of each of the following Committees: County Handball, County Primary Schools, County Post-Primary Schools.
- vii) County Referees' Administrator.
- viii) County Safety and Facilities Officer.

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4. AMEND BYELAW 2.1 TO READ AS FOLLOWS

Membership

The County Management Committee shall consist of the following members:

Officers: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant-Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Planning and Training Officer, Coaching Officer, Officer for the Irish Language and Culture, Public Relations Officer, Hurling Officer, Central Council Representative, Provincial Council Representatives (2), **Chairperson of the Development Competitions Control Committee.**

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5. AMEND BYELAW 21.1(1) TO READ AS FOLLOWS

Any player wishing to transfer from one Club to another within the County shall make application between January 1st and March 31st inclusive.

Transfers outside of this window may be considered for approval if:

- i) The player has not taken part in any competitive match with a club for a period of twenty-four months, and
- (ii) Both clubs agree to the transfer.

Oirthear Bhéal Feirste

MOTIONS FOR GAA CONGRESS 2024:

6. AMEND RULE 7.5(e) TREORAÍ OIFIGIUIL:

(e) There shall be no Appeal:

(2) Outside the County, against a decision of a County Committee or, as appropriate in Rule, of one of its Sub-Committees with regard to:

- i) Transfers within a County,
- ii) Grading of Clubs and Players,
- iii) Arrangements for the date and venue of a Game (provided that required notice is given),
- iv) Appointments of Referees,
- v) The Administration and Control of County Teams, and
- vi) A decision of a County Hearings Committee in relation to Disciplinary Action initiated by the Executive Committee of a Club

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OTHER MOTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Referees:

7. Any club which does not have an active referee at adult level shall be liable for the match expenses incurred at all adult games under the auspices of Coiste Chontae an Dúin by that club (both home and away).

Ath Bhriain

8. Any club which does not have an active referee at juvenile level shall be liable for the match expenses at all juvenile games under the auspices of Coiste Chontae an Dúin by that club (both home and away).

Ath Bhriain

9. It shall be mandatory for all referees in Down who referee in-house senior/intermediate/junior club games/challenge games to inform Coiste Chontae an Dúin at the end of each month, reporting their previous month's activities (outside of regular fixtures already published on the Down GAA website). Coiste Chontae an Dúin should make this actively available on the website.

Caisleán Uidhilín

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF COMPETITION AND CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS (Referred to County Committee in 2024)

Substitutions for Underage Competitions:

All underage leagues to have unlimited substitutions.

Ceathrú Aodha Dhuibh

Admission Prices for Leagues:

Admission fee for all league matches to be increased from £4.00 to £5.00.

Ath Bhriain

Top 13/23 List:

A player who has played in either the Senior or Intermediate Championship should not be eligible to play in these competitions, even if they are outside the club's Top 13/23 list.

(REASON: These lists are open to unfair manipulation by club.)

Cluain Daimh

Premier Reserve League:

Reduce the requirements for a Top 13 list to a Top 10 list.

Remove the penalty for clubs unable to field.

(REASON: Top 13 is a serious burden on smaller clubs and will ensure more clubs are able to field on Saturdays.)

Droim gCath

REFERRED TO COISTE CHEANNAIS NA GCOMORTAISÍ

Senior Hurling Championship semi-finals to be played at neutral venues.

Liatroim

REFERRED TO COISTE OILIÚNA AGUS FORBAIRT NA GCLUICHÍ / COISTE CHONTAE

Where a club fields two or more teams at Developmental Level (ie U14 and below), there should be freedom of movement between those teams to give all players the opportunity of playing/ developing at the higher level. (REASON: It is wrong to 'brand' youngsters as being in the 'A' team, 'B' team or indeed 'C' team. Children can be stigmatised for the rest of their days as a 'B/C' team player and never have the chance to play in the top team. At U14 level, this is the first experience of competitive games. Having just moved from non-competitive U12 level it is vital that youngsters be introduced to this without a 'badge' placed on their ability. Afford every child an equal opportunity to develop into the best player he possibly can be.)

Cluain Daimh

Down GAA provide full coaching and games support to the new amalgamated Trinity High School in Downpatrick to support a strong Gaelic Games ethos in the new school.

Ard Ghlais

REFERRED TO COISTE NA REITEOIRÍ

Neutral Referees (i.e., from outside the County) to be appointed to Senior Hurling Championship semi-finals. (REASON: in the interests of fairness and equality to all teams involved)

Liatroim

Since official referees were removed from u11.5 fixtures, there has been a marked increase in negative behaviours on the field of play and from the sidelines. Ardglass GAC propose Down GAA provide official referees at all u11.5/12 games for the 2024 season.

Ard Ghlais

2023/2024 NOMINATIONS

CATHAOIRLEACH

- Seán Ó Duibheannaigh John Devaney Bredach

LEAS CATHAOIRLEACH

- Máirín Ó hUiginn Maureen O'Higgins Liatroim

CISTEOIR

- Diarmuid Ó Cathail Diarmuid Cahill An Ríocht

LEAS CISTEOIR

- Mícheál Ó Ruairc Michael O'Rourke An Ríocht

LEAS RÚNAÍ

- Rian Ó Ceallaigh Ryan Kelly Ard Ghlaís

OIFIGEACH FORBARTHA

- Pádraig Sabhaois Patrick Savage Tí Chonnachta

OIFIGEACH OILIUNA

- Pádraig Mac Mac Giolla Deacair Paddy Hardy Caisleán Uidhilín

OIFIGEACH IOMÁNAÍOCHTA

- Liam O Coinn Liam Quinn Bredach

OIFIGEACH GAEILGE AGUS CULTUIR

- Ciara Pickering Ciara Pickering Caisleán Uidhilín

OIFIGEACH CHAIDREAMH POIBLI

- Póilín Mhig Aoidh Paula Magee Droichead Mhaigh Eo

TEACHTA COMHAIRLE ULADH (2 to be elected)

- Sean O Ruainaidh Sean Rooney Droichead Mhaigh Eo
- Breandán Mac Giolla Phádraig Brendan Fitzpatrick Ath Bhriain
- Marcas Ó Dughail Mark Doyle Liatroim

TEACHTA ARD COMHAIRLE

- Conchúr Mac Uait Conor Watson Baile Mhic Uileagoid



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