# An Chomhdháil Bhliantúil 2011 GAA Annual Congress

Na Rúin : Motions



#### **Notes on Motions**

- Motions 1 to 14 are submitted under Riail 3.43 (a) (iv) (3) in the name of Ard Chomhairle arising from a Report of the Rules Advisory Committee.
- Motions No. 26, 27 and 45 are submitted by Ard Chomhairle in accordance with Riail 3.43 (a) (iv) (5).
- Motions 21A, 45A and 47A were inadvertently omitted from 2010 Tuarascáil, Cuntais Airgid agus Rúin don Chomhdháil. These motions bring the total number of motions for consideration to 52.

# **OFFICIAL GUIDE PART 1**

(1) Amend Rule 1.6 to read:

"The Rules of the Association shall be printed in Irish and English".

#### **Ard Chomhairle**

(2) In Rule 3.11 – Elections – delete the final paragraph on Page 18, O.G. 2010 – "The County Convention may also elect ...... may from time to time decide".

Rules possibly affected: Rule 3.21 (a) O.G.

#### Ard Chomhairle

- (3) (1) Amend Rule 3.11 O.G. by inserting "Childrens' Officer" in place of "Youth Officer".
  - (2) Amend Rule 7.2 Club Constitution by insertion of "Childrens' Officer".

#### Ard Chomhairle

(4) Amend Rule 3.18 – Bye Laws, O.G. Part 1 2010 by inserting, as a second last paragraph, the following:

"It may, for the purposes of compliance with the General Rules and standardisation, and following consultation between its Bye-Laws Sub-Committee and the County Committee concerned, approve amendments to a proposed Bye-Law. Such a Bye-Law shall become operative immediately and without the necessity of it receiving further approval of a County or special County Convention".

#### Ard Chomhairle

(5) Amend Rules 3.31 – Council (Provincial Councils) and 3.46 (a) – Council (Central Council). O.G. Part 1 2010 by deleting the word "consecutive" as it relates to the five year terms of office of Representatives on the Councils.

#### Ard Chomhairle

(6) Amend Rule 3.50 (a) – Management Committee by adding at the end "and the Finance Director" (without voting rights)". Consequently delete the word "and" in the third last line.

#### **Ard Chomhairle**

# (7) Amend Rule 6.4 O.G. Part 1 2010 – Playing Restrictions (Clubs) by adding to Exception (2):

"A player who plays on an Independent Team shall be a registered member and player of his parent Club, and shall retain his membership of that Club during and at the conclusion of his playing participation with the Independent Team."

Rules Affected: Rules 2.2, 2.3, 6.2, 6.3 and 3.21 (c) (as it relates to the Definitions of Home Club) O.G. Part 1 2010.

#### **Ard Chomhairle**

# (8) Amend Rule 6.16 O.G. Part 1 2010 – Inter-County Intermediate Hurling by adding as Section (c):

"(c) Those who have played on the winning team in the preceding year's All-Ireland Intermediate Championship Final."

#### **Ard Chomhairle**

- (9) Amend Rule 6.38 National Leagues O.G. Part 1 2010 as follows:
  - Delete the word "Exception" between the two paragraphs.
  - Amend the second paragraph to read:
    - "The National Football and Hurling Leagues shall be constructed in order that they are completed, including Finals, over no more than eight weeks but not necessarily successive weekends".

Exceptions:

- Nine weeks allowed for Division 1 of both the National Football and Hurling Leagues.
- (2) Ten weeks allowed for Division 4 of the National Football League."

# (10) Amend Rule 7.1 – Disciplinary Jurisdiction, O.G. Part 1 2010 as follows:

- In (a) the opening two lines to read:
  - "Central Council, Provincial Councils, County Committees and Overseas Units shall have within their respective ..........."
- Add to (c):
  "including any penalty imposed by an Overseas Unit."

#### Ard Chomhairle

# (11) Amend Rule 7.11 – Appeals, O.G. Part 1 2010 by adding a new Section (c)

(with existing Sections (c) to (r) being re-lettered accordingly):

- "(c) Overseas Units (other than Britain) shall make provision for an appeals process within their internal structures. Only in exceptional circumstances determined by the Central Council Management Committee may an appeal against a decision of an Overseas Unit be made to the Central Hearings Committee."
- The opening line of Rule 7.11(a) shall state:
  "Subject to Rule 7.11(c) and (d) below a Member or Unit, ......"

#### **Ard Chomhairle**

# **OFFICIAL GUIDE PART 2**

- (12) (1) Amend Rule 4.1 Duties of Sideline Official, Rules of Control by adding
  - as a Section (e):

"(e) to monitor and report breaches of Match Regulations".

(2) Amend Rule 1.6 – Report of Referee, Rules of Control by adding prior to last sentence:

"Breaches of the Match Regulations, as reported by the Sideline Official".

Rule affected: Rule 4.1 – Duties of Sideline Official, Rules of Control.

#### **Ard Chomhairle**

(13) Amend Rule 4.2(i) (re Hurling Helmets), Rules of Specification, O.G Part 2 2010 by adding the words: "that meets with the standard set out in IS: 355 or other replacement standard as determined by the National Safety Authority of Ireland (NSAI)." Rules affected: Rules 1.2(v), Rules of Control, and 6.2 The Rules of Hurling, O.G. Part 2 2010.

# Ard Chomhairle

(14) (a) Adopt a New Rule (as 4.3, with existing Rules 4.3 to 4.5 inclusive being accordingly re-numbered) in Rules of Specification, O.G. Part 2 2010 as follows:

"In all Football Games and Practice Football Sessions, it is mandatory for all players to use a mouth guard."

(Note – Effective Dates of this Rule – For Grades up to and including Minor – January 1st 2012; For all players – January 1st 2013

**(b)** Adopt a New Rule (as 6.2 – Dissent, with existing Rules 6.2 to 6.5 being re-numbered accordingly) in the Rules of Football, O.G. Part 2 2010 as follows.

"6.2 to fail to comply with a Referee's instruction to use a mouth guard.

Penalty - Caution the offender; order off if he persists."

(Note - Effective dates of this Rule:

For grades up to and including Minor – January 1st 2012;

For all players – January 1st 2013).

Rules affected: Rule 1.2(v), Rules of Control, O.G. Part 2 2010.

#### Ard Chomhairle

# **OFFICIAL GUIDE PART 1**

(15) That Rule 1.13 (a),(b) of the Official Guide be amended to include:

"Penalty: As prescribed in 7.2(e)".

#### The Downs, Iar Mhí

(16) Aims and Ethos

Insert New Rule – Code of Ethics and Good Behaviour – False Allegation.

A false allegation made by a member of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, under the Association's Guidelines for Dealing with Abuse affecting the good name or character of another member, shall be deemed to have discredited the association.

"Penalty: As prescribed in Rule 7.2(e)"

(Insert new Rule numbered 1.15. All other rules to be re-numbered accordingly.)

#### Gaeil na hEirne, Fearmanach

(17) That the term Co. Committee be deleted and replaced by Co. Board.

Rules to refer: 3.10, 3.11, 3.19, 3.20, 3.21, 3.22. 3.23, 3.24, 3.28, 3.34, 3.39, 4.4, 4.5, 4.11 4.13, 4.14, 4.14, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3 (b), 6.3 (b), 6.4 (B1), 6.8, 6.21, 6.22, 6.26, 6.40 (c), 7.1, 7.11 (b) and (c) and anywhere else it arises in OFFICIAL GUIDE.

### Naomh Iosaif, Sr na Cathrach, An Clár

(18) (A) That in Rule 3.11(a), the words "Public Relations Officer" be deleted and be replaced by "Communications Officer".

Rules affected or possibly affected: Rules 3.19; 3.22(ix); 3.23; 3.27; 3.34(viii) T.O. 2010.

(B) That in Rule 3.27(a) the words "and P.R.O." be deleted and be replaced by "and Communications Officer".

Rules affected or possibly affected: Rules 3.31; 3.34(viii); 3.11(a); 3.22(ix); 3.23 T.O. 2010.

#### Corcaigh

(19) That the current Rule 3.11 (b) T.O. whereby voluntary GAA officers are obliged to step down after holding a position for five years be amended and the following wording added: "An Officer shall be entitled to seek a nomination and be elected to that same office after a further five year period has elapsed from the original stepping down date".

#### Ruan, An Clár

(20) Ag tagairt do Riail 3.11 (a) Treoraí Oifigiúil 2010 molaimid an t-athrú seo: "Oifigeach Cultúr/Gaeilge le Gaeilge cumarsáide/feidhmiú".

In relation to Riail 3.11(a) Treoraí Oifigiúil 2010 we propose the following change: "Officer for Irish Language and Culture with a proficiency in Irish".

# **Eochaill, Corcaigh**

(21) (A) That Rule 3.11 (a) of the Official Guide 2010 Part 1 be amended to read as follows:

Subject to the Exceptions hereunder:

(A) The Annual County Convention shall elect the following Officers of the County Committee, who shall hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual Convention: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, if desired; Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, if desired; Development Officer, Coaching Officer, Officer for Irish Language, Officer for Culture, Youth Officer, Public Relations Officer, and Hurling Officer, if desired.

(B) That Rule 3.22 (viii) of the Official Guide 2010 Part 1
 Cultural Committee be amended to read:

It shall be responsible for Scór and other Cultural Activities.

(C) That a new section be added to the Rule as follows with the existing sections (ix to xiii) be re numbered accordingly:

3:22 (ix) Irish Language Committee

It shall be responsible for the Irish Language.

#### Coill an Chlochair, Tír Eoghain

# (21 A)

Amend Rule 3.11 (a) O.G. Part 1 2010 by adding "Careers Officer, if desired".

### Gaillimh

(22) That Rule 3.19 (a) TO (2010) be amended to read as follows:

A County Committee shall consist of the Officers, the Central and Provincial Council Representatives (who shall be ex-officio members), other representatives of District Committees or Clubs as set out in the County Bye laws, the County Referees' Administrator and a representative of the following Committees: County Handball, County Primary Schools, County Post Primary Schools. A representative of the Ladies Gaelic Football County Committee and a representative of the Camogie County Committee may attend County Committee meetings in a non voting capacity.

Remainder of Rule unchanged.

#### An Bhoth, Muineachán

(23) That Rule 3.43(a) (iv) (3) of the Official Guide 2010 Part 1, be amended to read as follows:

Any Motions consequent upon a Central Council Sub-Committee Report, except Motions to alter part 2 of the Official guide that contains the Playing Rules.

Rules Affected – Rule 3.43(a)(4) and (d).

An Goirtín & Cill Dhreasa, Tír Eoghain/ Naomh Mhuire, Tiobráid Árann/Eire Óg, An Clár/ Naomh Ultan, Dún na nGall

(24) That Rule 3.43(a) (iv) (5) of the Official Guide 2010 Part 1, be amended to read as follows:

A maximum of three Motions other than those listed in the Categories listed above except Motions to alter part 2 of the Official guide that contains the Playing Rules.

Rules Affected - Rule 3.43(a)(4) and (d).

# An Goirtín & Cill Dhreasa, Tír Eoghain/ Cill Sioláin & Cill Chais, Tiobráid Árann/Eire Óg, An Clár/ Naomh Ultan, Dún na nGall

(25) Motion 3.43 (d)

The first sentence to be deleted and replaced by the following: "Motions to revise Playing Rules may be tabled only every three years".

# Naomh Iosaif, Sr na Cathrach, An Clár

(26) That a new Rule be enacted and be included in Chapter 3 (as Rule 3.56) as follows:

A Standing Committee, appointed by Central Council shall monitor the Playing Rules of Hurling and the Playing Rules of Football on an ongoing basis with regard to:

- (a) the Interpretations of the Rules and
- (b) the Implementation of the Rules.

The Standing Committee shall have the responsibility of bringing forward to the October Meeting of the Central Council each year, proposals for any amendments it considers necessary for the deliberation of Congress of the following year.

County Committees shall have the right to submit proposals to the Standing Committee but it is for the Standing Committee to decide what proposals or an amalgamation of proposals if they relate to the same Rule are submitted to Central Council for consideration.

In years not divisible by five, only Motions on the Playing Rules that have been proposed by the Standing Committee and approved by Central Council, may be included on the Congress Agenda.

In years divisible by five, Motions on the Playing Rules may be submitted as permitted in Rule 3.43.

Rule affected: Rule 3.43 O.G.

Existing Rules 3.56 – 3.60 inclusive be re-numbered accordingly.

(27) That the Penalty in Rule 5.1 – Use of Property be amended to read as follows:

"In the event of any Club, County Committee or Provincial Council acting contrary to this Rule, that body shall be subject to suspension or fine, as deemed appropriate".

Remainder of Rule to remain unchanged.

#### Ard Chomhairle

(28) That the special circumstances provided for in Riail 6.7 and its subsequent conditions in Treoiraí Oifigiúil 2010 (Eligibility for Weaker Hurling Counties) as stated below be deleted.

For Senior Inter-County Hurling Competitions, a player, subject to the conditions hereunder, shall be entitled to:

- (a) Declare for the County of birth of a parent; or
- (b) Play for the County of Residence, provided this County is a designated County as provided for in Condition (1) below, while continuing to be eligible to play with his Home Club.

The following Conditions shall apply:

- The County availing of this Rule is not participating in the All-Ireland Senior Hurling Championship (Liam McCarthy Cup) or Division 1 of the National League.
- (2) A County availing of this Rule may have a maximum of five such players sanctioned in any Championship Year.
- (3) The permission of a Player's Home County must be obtained.
- (4) A Player may avail of this Rule for only one County, and may not declare for a Home County for Football.
- (5) If a clash of Championship Fixtures arises between that of a Player's Home Club and that of the County availing of this Rule, the player shall play with his Home Club.
- (6) Permission to avail of this Rule shall be for one Championship Year at a time, and application must be made annually for renewal of permission.

The closing date for Applications each year shall be the 31st March.

John Mitchells, Warwickshire

**Ard Chomhairle** 

(29) That Rule 6.13 (b) be amended to read as follows:

- (a) A player intending to play on a longer term basis in the area governed by one of the following Boards – the New York Board, the Canadian Board or the Australasian Board – must obtain an Official Sanction in duplicate, signed by his Club Secretary, the County Secretary and the Director General (or other designated person).
- (b) A player intending to play on a longer term basis in the area governed by the North American County Board must obtain an Official Sanction or an Official J1 Sanction in duplicate, signed by his Club Secretary, the County Secretary and the Director General (or other designated person).

A player who has been included on an Inter-County Senior Championship list submitted to the Referee, in accordance with Rules of Specification 2.5 (ii) (a) for a game in the current year's Championship shall not be eligible to be accepted for Registration as a member of any Club in the North American County Board Jurisdiction.

**Exception**: A player who has been included on an Inter-County Senior Championship list submitted to the Referee, in accordance with Rules of Specification 2.5 (ii) (a), for a game in the current year's Championship, who holds a valid current J1 Visa or meets the eligibility requirements to obtain a J1 Visa, and who obtains an Official J1 Sanction in duplicate, signed by his Club Secretary, the County Secretary and the Director General (or other designated person), may be accepted for registration.

#### North American County Board

(30) That Rule 6.13 b (iii) of the Official Guide 2010 Part 1 be amended to read:

A Sanction shall not be granted after July 1st for players intending to play in Canada, or after July 20th for players intending to play in New York or North American County Board areas.

#### **Donegal GFC Boston**

(31) That Rule 6.13 ( c ) i of the Official Guide 2010 Part 1 be amended to read:

A player who remains permanently (beyond one playing season) in the North American County Board OR Canadian County Board Jurisdictions shall be eligible to obtain a transfer. Applications shall be lodged in Croke Park on or before **March 31st.** 

**Baltimore Bohemians, NACB** 

(32) Rule 6.18 Age Grades:

Delete Minor (U.18). Be under 18 years and over 14 years. Replace by the following:

"Minor U/19. Be under 19 years and over 14 years". Rules Affected: 3.21(a) and (c), 6.4, 6.28, 6.35, 6.44 O.G. Part 1; 3.5 and 3.6 Rules of Specification, O.G. Part 2.

#### Naomh Iosaif, Sr na Cathrach, An Clár

(33) That Rule 6.20 be amended to read:

A player is graded by his Championship status. Where the Championship is run on a league basis, a player that starts one higher grade championship game or comes on twice as a substitute in a higher grade championship game may not be subsequently regraded during that championship year, e.g., if a player starts once or comes on twice in a Senior Championship he is graded Senior for the remainder of that championship year and may not be subsequently regraded during that championship year. Participation in the Provincial and/or All-Ireland Club Championships, other than allowed in Rule 6.4 Exception 3, grades a player by the relevant status of that championship.

A player shall not thereafter play in a current year's Competition (Championship, Relegation Play-Off, League etc.) of a lower grade than that of his current Championship status.

### Gaill Tír, Port Láirge

(34) That Rule 6.22 (5) of the Official Guide 2010 be amended as follows:

# Change to part (a):

Add to end of present part (a) "One League point shall be deducted from that club for each un-played game."

#### Change to part (b):

Add to end of present part (b) "One League point shall be deducted from that club for each un-played game"

# Change to part (c):

Opening paragraph (c) to remain unchanged. Parts (i) to (vi) to be reordered and re-worded as follows:

- a play-off may be used only in the following circumstances:
  - If the possibility of play-off has been agreed before commencement of competition and time allows.
  - (2) If the teams involved are tied for a knock-out/ relegation spot. I.e. No play-off will be allowed where teams are tied for placings.

- (3) Extra Time must be played in all-play-off games where necessary.
- (4) Only game play-off game shall be played where possible.
- (5) i.e. if 3 teams finish level for two qualifying places, 1st place amongst the three teams shall be as in the order below and 2nd place will be decided by a play-off.
- (II) The club which has conceded the fewest amount of walk-overs and/or has had the fewest amount of games awarded against them.
- (III) Where two Teams only are involved the outcome of the meeting of the two Teams in the previous game in the Competition.
- Scoring Difference (subtracting the total Scores Against from total Scores For).
- (V) Highest Total Score For.
- (VI) Scoring Average (divide total Score Against into total Score For).
  - Exception (for parts iv, v & vi only) If the accumulated scores of a team, so involved, are affected by a disqualification, loss of game on a proven objection, retirement or walk over, the scores (For & Against) of this team shall be discounted from all teams score difference, scores For & Scoring Average.

A disqualification shall only affect further participation in the current Championship involved and not the following year's Championship or qualification for it. In the context of a disqualification, in any promotion or relegation process, a team shall retain the points it has won in a stage of the Championship run on a League basis.

Rule Affected: Rule 3.4 Rules of Specification.

#### Béal An Áth, Tiobráid Árann

(35) That Rule 6.22 (5) (c) of the Official Guide 2010 Part 1 be amended as follows:

"Where teams finish with equal points for Qualification for the Concluding Stages, or for Promotion or Relegation Counties may organise Play Offs. Should they decide not to do so, the following must apply: (i) Where two Teams only are involved – the outcome of the meeting of the two Teams in the previous game in the Competition. (ii) Scoring Difference (subtracting the total scores from total for) (iii) Highest total for". The remainder of the Rule to remain the same.

St Lomans, Iar Mhí

(36) That the following be added to Rule 6.26 of the Official Guide 2010 Part 1:

"The Provincial and All-Ireland club championships shall be completed prior to the commencement of the following year's National League competitions".

Rules affected: Rule 3.32, 3.33 & 3.51 O.G.

### CLG Roibéard Emmet, Aontroim

(37) That Rule 6.26 (ii) be amended to allow teams that win County Intermediate and Junior Championships be allowed to play in provincial club championships even if they have a team in the club at a higher grade by deleting Eligibility Rule (ii).

#### Muillte Ui Cheallachain, An Clár

(38) That the second last paragraph of Rule 6.28 (A)(1) of the Official Guide 2010 Part 1 be amended to read as follows:

Provincial Runners Up shall be allowed a thirteen day gap between their Provincial Final and their participation in the All-Ireland Qualifier Series.

Rule Affected: Rule 3.51 O.G.

#### Domhnach Maighean, Muineachán

- (39) The Rules affected by this motion are Rule 6.28 T.O. 2010 and Rule 6.29 T.O. 2010.
  - Rule 6.28 (A) to (G) T.O.2010 to remain unchanged.

That the words "All-Ireland Under-21 Football and Hurling Championship" be removed from Rule 6.28 (H) T.O. 2010 and replaced by the words" All-Ireland Under-21 Hurling Championship". Rule 6.28 (H) to now read as:

(H) Other All-Ireland Championships

The All-Ireland Junior Football Championships, and the All-Ireland Under-21 Hurling Championship shall be organised initially on a Provincial basis with the winners, going forward to the All-Ireland Series. The pairings for the All-Ireland Series shall be on a Rota System, initially determined by the Central Council.

Rule 6.28 (I) T.O.2010 to remain unchanged.

- That the following be inserted as Rule 6.28 (J):
- (J) All-Ireland U21 Football Championship
- i. Provincial Championships
  - These Championships shall be played on a knock out format. The winners of the Provincial Championships shall qualify for separate All-Ireland Championship Quarter-Finals.

 All-Ireland Qualifier Series
 Round 1. This round shall include all the counties that do not qualify for the Provincial Semi-Finals.

A preliminary game(s), which may be on an arranged basis, shall be played to reduce the number of teams to sixteen.

An open draw shall then be made to determine the eight pairings.

Round 2. Each of the eight teams defeated in the Provincial Semi-Finals shall play against one of the eight winners from round 1. A draw shall be made to determine the eight pairings.

Round 3. This round shall involve the eight winners of round 2. A draw shall be made to determine the four pairings.

Round 4. Each of the four teams defeated in the Provincial Finals shall play against one of the four winners of Round 3. A draw shall be made to determine the four pairings.

iii. All-Ireland Quarter-Finals

Each of the four Provincial Champions shall play one of the four winners from Round 4 of the qualifier. Subject to the respective Provincial Champions not meeting the defeated Finalists from their own Province in this Round, a draw shall be made to determine the pairings.

iv. All-Ireland Semi-Finals.

A Provincial Rota system initially determined by Central Council, shall apply. If a Provincial Championship winning team that defeats it shall take its place in the Semi-Final.

v. All-Ireland Final.

That the words "The Provincial Under-21 Football Championships shall be played in conjunction with the period of the National Football League." be removed from Rule 6.29 (a) T.O. 2010 and replaced by the words "The Provincial Under-21 Football Championships shall be completed by the end of April". Rule 6.29 (a) to now read as:

a) Senior Provincial Championships in the Provinces that have to send forward Teams to compete in the All-Ireland Championships shall begin no earlier than the third weekend in May and shall be decided during that month, June and July, unless deviation is allowed by the Central Council on the recommendation of the Central Competitions Control Committee. Minor Provincial Championships shall commence after the completion of All-Ireland Post Primary Schools Competitions in the respective code on the second weekend of April, and shall be decided during the months of April, May, June (as authorised by Central Council, based on Second Level Schools' examination dates) and July. In exceptional circumstances, Provincial Senior and Minor Finals may, by the sanction of the Central Competitions Control Committee, be played on the first Sunday in August. The Provincial Under-21 Football Championships shall be played completed by the end of April. Provinces shall send forward Teams to compete in All-Ireland Championships on the dates required by the Central Council.

#### Naomh Teagain, Cill Mhantáin

(40) Amend Rule 6.28 O.G. by including the following as Section(I) (with current Section (I) becoming Section (J)):

"All-Ireland Masters (over 40's) football and hurling Championships shall be organised by Central Council. The Central Competitions Controls Committee shall give permission to Counties to participate. The Competitions shall be played in two groups with a Quarter-Final, Semi-Final and Final."

#### **Burrishoole, Maigh Eo**

#### (41) The Mick Mackey Cup Minor Hurling Championship.

The Mick Mackey Cup shall be organized in addition to the All-Ireland Minor Hurling Championship.

#### Teams eligible to play:

In Munster; those 4 teams who play in the all Ireland Minor Hurling Championship who do not reach the Provincial Final in that province;

In Leinster; those 4 teams who reach the Semi-Finals and its penultimate game in the provincial All-Ireland Minor Hurling Championship proper and don't play in the Provincial Final in that province;

The Quarter-Final runners up in the all Ireland Minor Hurling Championship series; are eligible to play.

#### The structure of the competition shall be as follows:

The Mick Mackey All-Ireland Minor Hurling Championship shall be organised initially on a Provincial basis in Munster and Leinster. The Munster and Leinster winners shall go forward to the Semi-Finals in the all Ireland Mick Mackey series. The runners up in the minor All-Ireland Championship Quarter-Final shall go forward to the Semi-Finals of the All-Ireland Mick Mackey competition.

# Draw:

The winner in Munster Mick Mackey provincial competition may:

- 1 play the winner in Leinster Mick Mackey cup competition;
- 2 the runners up in the Quarter-Final All-Ireland minor hurling championship (i.e. teams from Ulster/Conaught provincial winners/runners up in the Leinster Provincial Final All-Ireland Hurling championship).

The winner in Leinster Mick Mackey provincial cup competition may:

- Play the winner in Leinster provincial Mick Mackey cup competition;
- The runners up in the Quarter-Final All-Ireland Minor hurling championship. (i.e. if teams is from Ulster/Connaught provincial winners/runners up Munster Provincial Final All-Ireland hurling championship).

Subject to avoidance of Repeat Pairings, where feasible, a Draw shall be made to determine the Pairings. The first Team drawn in each pairing shall have a Home Venue.

Finals are played at neutral venues.

Final to be played by the 1st Sunday in September.

That this rule be read in addition to rule 6.28 F Treoir Oifiguil 2010 and become 6.28 F.

(b). Existing Rule 6.28 F to become 6.28 F (A).

#### Ahane, Luimneach

(42) 2. That Rial 6.41 (Appointment Of Match Officials) of T.O. – Part 1 2010 be amended as follows:

The second last line to be removed "For Inter-County Senior Championship fixtures, the Committee responsible shall appoint neutral linesmen, and one of the linesmen shall be nominated in advance as the stand-by Referee" and replaced with:

"For Inter-County Senior Championship fixtures, the Committee responsible shall appoint neutral Linesmen & Umpires from alternative Counties other than that of the Referee in charge of the match. One of the linesmen shall be nominated in advance as the stand-by Referee."

Remainder of Rule to remain unchanged.

The Rule would now read:

6.41 - Appointment of match Officials

The Central Council, Provincial Council (subject to the provisions of Rules 3.34 (a)(ii) and 3.54 (b)) and County Committees shall have the absolute power to appoint the match officials for all Games under their respective Jurisdictions. The Council or Committee may delegate the appointment of Umpires and Linesmen to the Referee, except where otherwise provided for in this Rule.

The respective Referees' Administrator at County and Provincial levels shall be a member of the Committee responsible for the appointment of Referees at these levels. He shall not be entitled to discuss any other business or to vote on it, other than for the appointment of referees, where a Referee is unable to act, a substitute shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Committeein-Charge, or in the case of a Referee who is unable to contact the Secretary, the Referee may appoint a substitute.

For Inter-County Senior Championship fixtures, the Committee responsible shall appoint neutral Umpires and Linesmen from alternative Counties other than that of the Referee in charge of the match. One of the linesmen shall be nominated in advance as the stand-by Referee. It shall also appoint a Sideline Official for all Inter-County Senior games.

#### Contae An Lú

(43) That Rule 6.44 of the Official Guide Part 1 – Closed Months/Collective Training be amended to read as follows:

The month of November shall be closed for all games involving Inter-County teams and collective training for Inter-County panels.

Remainder of Rule to remain the same.

#### Cúl an tSudaire, Laois

(44) That Rule 6.44 of the Official Guide 2010 Part 1 be amended to allow for the following change:

The commencement date for collective training of Inter-County Minor Hurling and Football be brought forward to Feb 1st.

Amendment: "Minor Hurling and Football - February 1st".

Cill Sioláin & Cill Chais, Tiobráid Árann

#### (45) That Rule 7.2 – Infractions be amended as follows:

(1) In 7.2 (b):

After the Penalties outlined for Category II Infractions, insert the following:

Exceptions (on trial basis):

In cases arising from the 2012 Allianz Leagues and All-Ireland Senior Championships, the above Penalties shall be substituted by:

- Minimum: One Match Ban in the same Code and at the same Level, applicable to the next game – Allianz League or Senior Championship, even if that game occurs in 2013.
- (ii) Minimum on Repeat Infraction: Two Match Bans in the same Code and at the same Level, applicable to the next games – Allianz League or Senior Championship, even if one or both games occur in 2013.
- (2) In 7.2 (b)

After the Penalties outlined in Category III Infractions, insert the following:

#### Exceptions (on trial basis):

In cases arising from the 2012 Allianz Leagues and All-Ireland Senior Championships, the above Penalties shall be substituted by:

- Minimum: Two Match Bans in the same Code and at the same Level, applicable to the next game of the Allianz League or Senior Championship, even if that game occurs in 2013.
- Minimum on Repeat Infraction: Three Match Bans in the same Code and at the same Level, applicable to the next games – Allianz League or Senior Championship, even if one or both games occur in 2013.

Rule affected: Rules 5 in both Hurling and Football Playing Rules O.G. 2010.

# Ard Chomhairle

#### (45 A)

# That Rule 7.2(b) O.G., Part 1 – Infractions (Definition of "Repeat Infraction") be amended as follows:

#### Definition of "Repeat Infraction"

"Repeat Infraction" in the Section of Rule above means a **second** occurrence of any Misconduct by Players Infraction in the same Category within a 48-week period (or 96-week period in the case of a Category V Infraction) The Penalty for a Repeat Infraction may be applied only once within the appropriate stated period, and a subsequent occurrence of an Infraction in the same Category within the appropriate period shall be penalised as outlined in Penalty (i) under each Category."

Remainder of Definition to remain unchanged.

Rules affected: Rule 7.2, O.G. Part 1; Rules 5 in both Hurling and Football Playing Rules, O.G. Part 2

#### Ráth Mhór, Ciarraí

(46) That Paragraphs (d), (e) and (f) of Rule 7.3 Treoir Oifigiúil
 2010 be deleted and replaced by the revised paragraphs
 (d), (e) and (f) hereunder:

Rule 7.3

- (d) Disciplinary Action shall commence where:
  - a Referee's Report discloses an alleged Infraction;
  - 2. the Competition Control Committee, of it's own volition, decides, following a review of available evidence, that Disciplinary Action is appropriate arising from Competitions or Games in respect of an alleged Infraction not referred to in the Referee's Report, or alternatively where, and notwithstanding the fact that, an alleged Infraction is disclosed in the Referee's Report and adjudicated on by the Referee prior to the submission of his Report, that Disciplinary Action in respect of an alternative Infraction should be substituted being satisfied that it is more appropriate and warranted.

#### or

- 3. The Management Committee decides that Disciplinary Action is appropriate arising otherwise than from Competitions or Games.
- (e) The Competitions Control Committee may make a written request for Clarification from a Referee where there is ambiguity in his Report in relation to an Infraction which occurred and which has already been adjudicated on by the Referee but such request shall not be construed so as to extend to afford the Referee an opportunity to revise the category of any alleged Infraction already adjudicated on or otherwise amend his Report with the exception of clarifying the identified ambiguity.
- (f) Disciplinary Action alleging Misconduct at Games Infractions may only be commenced by the Competitions Control Committee where:

- 1. The Referee's Report discloses the alleged infraction; or
- 2. The Referee has failed to submit his report within a period of 10 days after the game concerned; or
- 3. The Competitions Control Committee has made a decision pursuant to Rule 7.3(d)(2).

Other Rules possibly affected: Rule 7.3(aa)(1)(vi), O.G., Part 1; Rule 1.1, Rules of Control, O.G., Part 2.

#### Sáirséil Liagáin, An Longfort

(47) The following is added to Rule 7.5 of the Official Guide Part 1, Suspensions – Interpretation of Terms:

"Team" shall mean the team's status at which the Suspension concerned was incurred e.g. Senior (including Intermediate & Junior), Under-21 or Minor age groups.

(The following Rules to be amended accordingly: Rule 7.2(b) Category I (ii); 7.2(b) Category II (i) & (ii); 7.2(b) Category III (i) & (ii); Rule 7.2(b) Category IV (i) & (ii); Rule 7.2(b) Category V(b) (i) & (ii); Rule 7.2 Definition of "Repeat Infraction"; Rule 7.2(c) Categories Ia, IIa, IIIa & IVa; Rule 7.5(h)(3) & (4).)

#### Naomh Cillian, Ard Mhacha

#### **OFFICIAL GUIDE PART 2**

#### (47 A)

Amend Rule 2.6 (f) (re. Players in Extra Time) Rules of Specification, O.G. Part 2 2010 to read as follows:

A Caution (Yellow Card) issued in Normal Time shall **not** carry over into Extra Time.

Rules Affected: Rule 1.2 (x), Rules of Control; Rule 7.2 (b), Category 1, O.G. Part 1.

Ráth Mhór, Ciarraí

(48) That Rule 3.5 of the Official Guide Part 2 be amended to read as follows:

"Unless the Management Committee of Central Council otherwise permits on a application by a Competitions Control Committee, extra time shall be obligatory in the following competitions: Inter-County Under-21 Championships (excluding All-Ireland Finals), Inter County Minor Championships (excluding the Provincial and All-Ireland Finals), Inter County Intermediate Hurling, Inter County Junior Football, the knock-out stages of the National Leagues, Inter Provincial Competitions, Oireachtas and other Inter County Tournaments, Inter Club Provincial and All-Ireland Championships (excluding the Provincial and All-Ireland Senior Finals), the Sigerson and Fitzgibbon Cups, and any other games in subsidiary competitions."

#### Liam Mellows Coolgreany, Loch Garman & An Urnaí, Cill Dara

#### **CLUB CONSTITUTION**

(49) Ag tagairt do Riail 7.2 (Bunreacht Club agus Rialacha) Treoraí Oifigiúil 2010

molaimid an t-athrú seo: "Oifigeach Cultúr/Gaeilge le Gaeilge cumarsáide/feidhmiú, chomh fada agus is féidir".

In relation to Riail 7.2 (Bunreacht Club agus Rialacha) Treoraí Oifigiúil 2010 we propose the following change: "Officer for Irish Language and Culture with a proficiency in Irish, as far as possible".

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