



# NA RÚIN - MOTIONS

## PLAYING RULES

1. Coiste Chontae Uibh Fháilí recommend that the Football and Hurling Playing Rules should remain as they were, prior to the introduction of the Experimental Rules in January 2005.  
*Coiste Chontae Uibh Fháilí*
2. **(Timekeeping). Rule 3, page 10 T.O. 2 - Time**  
That there be a count-down clock or an independent timekeeper take the place of a Referee for timekeeping at all Adult Championship Games.  
**Rule 1.1 T.O. 2 to be amended as follows:**  
**Powers of the Referee**  
The Referee's decision on any question of fact shall be final.  
(Delete in regard to time).  
**Rule 1.2 (v) on page 16 to be amended as follows: Duties of the Referee**  
To record playing time, and to extend time in each half for deliberate or incidental delay or to allow for a free - awarded before time had expired - to be taken. Should the defending team commit a further foul before the referee whistles for full-time, he shall further extend the time to permit an additional free to be taken, from which a score can be made, provided no other player of the side taking the free touches the ball. (Delete all of (v) above).  
  
**Rule 4.1 (d) on page 23 to be amended as follows: Duties of Sideline Official**  
To display by means of electronic or manual board the additional amount of time, if any, which will be played at the end of each half, as indicated by the Referee to the Linesman. (Delete all of (d) above)  
  
*Bealach Conglais, Cill Mhantáin.*
- 3 (a) That the following be added to Rule 1.1 (iii) Page 14 T.O.2. 2003 Rules of Control, Powers of Referee. Communication by means of the radio communication system shall, for the purpose of this rule, be acceptable as the sole means of such consultation.  
  
*Naomh Lómain, An Iarmhí*
- 3 (b). That the following be added to Rule 3.1 (v) page 22 T.O.2. 2003  
  
Communication by means of the radio communication system shall, for the purposes of this rule, be acceptable as the sole means of bringing such matters to the attention of the Referee.  
  
*An Iarmhí*
4. Amend Rule 1.2, (vii), (a), page 16 T.O. (2) 2003 (Rules of Control - Rule 1 - Control of Games Match Officials - Duties of the Referee) to read: "To caution a player who commits a cautionable foul/offence, by taking his name and showing him a yellow card".  
  
*Cumann an Clárach, Uibh Fháilí*
5. **(Runner).** The following Rule to be added to the Playing Rules:  
  
"A Runner (One person per team) to be permitted to enter the field of play after a score or after the ball goes wide, to deliver messages or make changes".  
He must leave the field of play immediately after delivering the message/making the change.  
  
(a) A team runner cannot be a listed playing squad member.  
(b) Shall wear a distinctive uniform as determined by the committee in charge.  
(c) Not have affixed any communication device.  
  
Amend Riail 1.4 page 18 T.O. to include in the exception;  
The Referee may give his permission to a Team Medical Official or one authorised official to enter the Field of Play to examine an injured player. He may also permit a runner to enter to make changes/deliver messages. Rules affected, possibly affected ; Riail 1.2(iv) Page 16 T.O. 2.  
  
*Béal Átha hAmhnais, Muigheo*
6. That Rule 1.5(a) Rules of Control, page 18 TO (2) 2003 be amended to read as follows:  
  
**1.5 Injuries**  
**(a) Injuries: General** - Play shall not be stopped in general for injury to a player, except in exceptional circumstances to enable a seriously injured player to be treated on the field of play or removed from the field of play. **In these circumstances only, play will resume with a free kick to the team in possession at the time of the injury, and from the point at which play was stopped. The team may not score directly from this free kick.** All other injuries shall be treated off the field of play.  
  
(Underlined words be inserted in the rule as outlined)



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7. That the section (b) of Rule 1.5 (Injuries) Rules of Control page 19 T.O. (2003) be re-titled (b) (i) and the following new section (b) (ii) be created after the existing Rule 1.5 (b) (3).

Rule 1.5 (b) (ii) If a player who has had to leave the field of play due to bleeding does not return to the field of play within 15 minutes, the substitution shall be deemed to be permanent, or at the beginning of the second half in the event of the time period expiring during the half-time interval.

Exception: Any temporary substitution on the field of play at the conclusion of normal time, in a game where extra time is being played as a result of scores being level at the end of normal time, shall be deemed to be permanent if remaining on the field at the commencement of extra time. This should be classified as a substitution in accordance with Rules of Specification 2.4 (i).

Rules affected or possibly affected: Rules of Specification 1.6, 2.4 (ii), 2.4 (iii). Rules of Control 1.1 (iv) 1.2 (iii), 1.6, 3.1 (iv), 4.1 (a), 4.1 (b), 4.1 (c) and T.O. Rule 109 (2003).

*Boireann, An Dún*

8. **Motion to amend Rule 4.2 (a) T.O. (Rules of Specification - Equipment)**

**1. Amend Rule 4.2 (a) page 24 T.O. (Rules of Specification - Equipment) to read:-**

In all hurling games and training sessions it shall be mandatory for all players up to and including Under 21 Grade to wear a helmet with a facial guard.

**Amend Rule 1.1 (viii) (c) page - T.O. (Rules of Control) to read:-**

A player refusing to wear a helmet with a facial guard in any hurling game up to and including U21 Grade.

Rules affected/quoted Riail 1.2(iii)

*Na Fianna, Áth Cliath*

9. That under Rule 5 - Aggressive Fouls in Treoraí Oifigiúil 2003 Part 2, commencing Page 41, the following be added as a new specified item, under sub-section 5.17. The remaining sub-section to be re-numbered accordingly.

**“To pull or take hold of a faceguard, or any other part, of an opponent’s helmet”**

The penalty for the above foul to be as specified in Treoraí Oifigiúil 2003 Part 3 Section 5 at the foot of page 42 in paragraph numbered (1) and (ii).

The remainder of the rule to be unchanged.

Rialacha affected or possibly affected: 9, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144 and 145, Treoraí Oifigiúil 2003 Part 1 Rules of Control, Rules 1, 2 and 3. Rule of Hurling : Rule 2, Set Play.

*Cúchullain Dún Laithí, Aontroim*

10. That Rule 5, Pages 41 - (Hurling) and 65 - (Football) - Playing Rules of Hurling and Football be amended to read as follows:

***Dangerous Play and Irresponsible Behaviour (Gross Misconduct). Both terms to be defined as follows in the section of the Playing Rules dealing with Definition) - new in italic***

*Dangerous Play i.e. where a player engages in foul play with intent or reckless disregard for the safety of others - replaces what was 5.4*

5.1 To strike a player (*whether team mate or opponent*) or *team* official with the head, arm, elbow, hand or knee - combination of 5.1 and 5.5 - and new material - see italic. (Attempting to strike moved to 5.17)

5.2 To kick, stamp on, *stand on, bite, gouge or spit at another player, (whether opponent or team mate), or a team official* - combination of 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.6 and *new material* - see italic. (Attempting any of the foregoing moved to 5.14)

**Irresponsible Behaviour (Gross Misconduct) i.e. where a player behaves in a manner that does not reflect positively on the Association - new**

5.3 *To provoke a brawl or free-for-all by inciting or taunting others - new*

5.4 *For a substitute to enter the field of play with a view to either intimidating an opponent or joining an altercation - new* (Existing 5.4 has been incorporated into the definition)

5.5 To threaten, strike or attempt to strike, *throw any object (including the ball) at a match official*- rewording of 5.5 new material in italic



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5.6 To refuse to carry out the instructions/directions of a match official - new

**Exceptions:** (a) where a player refuses to leave the field of play when ordered off (b) when a player rejoins the game after being ordered off (c) when a team or player(s) leave the field without the referee's permission or (d) refuse to continue playing, the referee shall give a three minute warning to the team captain, or the player(s) involved, and then, if the player(s) refuses to comply, terminate the game. (In the event of (d) any player willing to continue shall give his name to the referee) - combination of Rule 6.3 (a) and (b) and 6.4

5.7 To commit any of the fouls listed at 5.1 to 5.6 inclusive prior to the start of the game, at half time or after the game - rewording of 5.7 with new material in italic - taken from Rule 138 (2) (iii)

### PENALTIES:

1. **Order offender off and exclude from further participation in the game - where applicable - and report to the committee in charge - new section in italic**

2. **(a) where the subject of the foul is an opponent and/or the offence is committed during play, free kick from where the foul occurred, except as provided under the Exceptions of Rule 2.2 - new material in italic**

**(b) where the subject of the foul is a team mate recommence play by throwing in the ball where the offence or incident occurred, except as provided under the following Exceptions (v) of Rule 2.2 and Rule 5.6 - new material in italic**

**Rough Play and Improper Behaviour. Both terms to be defined as follows in the section of the Playing Rules dealing with definitions - new**

*Rough Play i.e. where a player displays inadequate regard for the safety of others - was 5.14*

5.8 To pull down an opponent - was 5.8

5.9 To trip an opponent with hand(s) or foot - was 5.9

5.10 To jump at an opponent - was 5.10

5.11 To block or attempt to block with the boot when an opponent is kicking the ball from the hand(s) - was 5.12

5.12 To prevent or attempt to prevent an opponent from lifting or kicking the ball off the ground by striking an opponent's hand, arm, foot or leg with the boot - was 5.13

5.14 To attempt to strike with the head, arm, elbow, hand or knee or attempt to kick, stamp, stand on, bite, gouge or spit in the direction of another player (whether team mate or opponent) or a team official - new clauses - see italic - combination of Rules 5.1, 5.2 and 5.5

5.15 To foul an opponent who has a clear goal scoring opportunity with deliberate intent (professional foul) - new

5.16 To body check an opponent who is attempting to gain possession or who is attempting to make a support run - new

5.17 To hold, push, wrestle with or pull an opponent's jersey away from the play - new

*Improper Behaviour i.e. where a player displays gross indifference for the spirit of the rules in which the game should be played - new*

5.18 To attempt to achieve an advantage by feigning a foul or an injury - was 5.15

5.19 To threaten a person - other than a match official - or use provocative language or gestures - combination of 5.5, 5.11 and 5.16 new text in italic

5.20 To confront, harass or remonstrate with a match official - new

5.21 To make accusations of bias or question the impartiality of a match official - was 6.1 i.e. challenge the authority of a match official - new section in italic

5.22 To throw, kick, strike any object - including the ball - at a person other than a match official - new

5.23 Third man into a melee - new



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## PENALTIES:

1. **Caution offender i.e. referee takes player's name and number and shows him a yellow card; order off for second cautionable foul**
  
2. (a) **Where the subject of the foul is an opponent or where a play has been stopped for a foul, free kick from where the foul occurred, except as provided under Exceptions of Rule 2.2**  
  
(b) **Where the subject of the foul is a team mate, throw the ball in where the foul occurred, except as provided under Exception (v) of Rule 2.2**
  
3. **A player will be ineligible for the next game in that competition when he receives:**
  - **two yellow cards in two games**
  - **one yellow card in three separate games**
  - **one yellow card in two games and two in another game**

*Unsporting Play/Unsporting Behaviour - both terms to be defined as follows in section of the Playing Rules dealing with definitions - new*

**Unsporting Play i.e. deliberate foul on opponent who is in possession or when contesting possession i.e. where the offending player makes no effort to play the ball - new**

- 5.24 (a) Using the hand(s) to push, hold or pull an opponent's jersey *who (a) is in possession or (b) when contesting possession with him* - was 5.17 - *new section in italic*
- 5.26 (a) To use the fist on or around the body of an opponent for the purposes of dispossessing him of the ball - was 5.18
- 5.27 (a) To charge an opponent *who is in possession* - in the back or to the front - combination of 5.19(a) and (b) (i)
- 5.28 To charge an opponent unless he is (i) playing the ball or (ii) both players *are within 5 metres of the ball* and are moving in its direction to play it - combination of what 5.19 (a) & (b) - *new text in italic*

- (b) To charge an opponent to assist a team mate *to win or maintain possession i.e. third man tackle -new section in italic* - was 5.19 (c)
- (c) To charge the goalkeeper *when in possession* in the small rectangle - *new section in italic* - was 5.19 (d)
- (d) For a player in possession of the ball to charge an opponent *or push him away with the hand i.e., hand off an opponent* - was 5.19 (e) - *new section in italic*

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- (i) Free kick from where foul occurred, except as - provided under Exception (v) of Rule 2.2  
*Unsporting Behaviour i.e. where a player behaves in a manner that is contrary to the spirit of fair play - new*
- 5.29 To show dissent with the referee's decision to award a free kick to the opposing team - was 6.1
- 5.30 To try and distract a player taking a free kick or sideline kick by jumping up and down, waving hands, *interfering with the goalposts/crossbar, elevating a team mate* or behave in any other manner considered by the referee to be aimed at distracting the player taking the kick - was 4.19 - *new section in italic*

**Exception: A player holding his hands upright shall not constitute a distraction**

- 5.31 To delay an opponent taking a free kick or side-line kick by hitting or kicking the ball away, not releasing the ball to the opposition or deliberately not moving back to allow a quick free to be taken - was 4.18

**PENALTY - FOR THE ABOVE FOULS - free kick 13m more advantageous than the place of the original kick - up to the opponents' 13m line**

- 5.32 To waste time by delaying own kick out or when taking a free kick or side-line kick awarded to one's own team - combination of what was 4.25 and 4.30
- 5.33 To advance the ball deliberately from the place at which a free kick or side-line kick is to be taken - was 4.24
- 5.34 To make a divot for the purpose of teeing up the ball for a free kick, sideline kick or kick out - was 4.23



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## **PENALTY - FOR THE ABOVE FOULS**

- (i) Cancel kick out, free kick or side-line kick**
- (ii) Throw in the ball where the foul occurred except as provided under Exception (v) of Rule 2.2**

*Cautionable Offence i.e. referee shall take player's name and number and shows him a yellow card for committing any of the fouls listed between 5.24 and 5.34 a second time; order player off for a further repetition or for other cautionable offence - extension of existing rule*

5.35 For a player to retaliate between the award of a free to his team and the free kick being taken - was 5.20

### **Penalty-**

- (i) Cancel free kick**
- (ii) Throw in the ball where the original foul occurred, except as provided under exception (v) of Rule 2.2**
- (iii) Apply any other relevant penalty of Rule 5**

5.36 For a player(s) from each team to foul simultaneously - was 5.21

### **Penalty-**

- (i) Throw in the ball where the fouls occurred, except as provided under Exception (v) of Rule 2.2**
- (ii) Apply any other relevant penalty of Rule 5**

5.37 *When an incident of foul play involving rule violating aggression or behaviour is drawn to the referee's attention by an umpire or linesman, the referee may apply the appropriate penalty as per Rule 5, and shall restart play as per Rule 2 - was 5.22 new text in italic*

5.38 *When there is an incident of foul play involving rule violating aggression or behaviour, the referee may allow play to continue if he considers it to be to the advantage of the offended team. Once the referee allows the play to continue, he may not subsequently award a free for that foul. He shall apply the relevant sanction i.e. caution or send player off as appropriate - was 5.23 new text in italic*

That the following definitions be incorporated into the Playing Rules:

### **DANGEROUS PLAY**

where a player engages in foul play with intent or reckless disregard for the safety of others

### **IRRESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOUR (GROSS MISCONDUCT)**

where a player behaves in a manner that does not reflect positively on the Association

### **ROUGH PLAY**

where a player displays inadequate regard for the safety of others

### **IMPROPER BEHAVIOUR**

where a player displays gross indifference for the spirit of the rules in which the game should be played

### **UNSPORTING PLAY**

deliberate foul on opponent who is in possession or when contesting possession i.e. where the offending player makes no effort to play the ball

### **UNSPORTING BEHAVIOUR**

where a player behaves in a manner that is contrary to the spirit of fair play

### **AWAY FROM THE PLAY**

Not in the immediate vicinity of where the ball is

### **BRAWL/FREE-FOR-ALL**

An incident where a group of players are quarrelling en masse

### **MELEE**

An incident where three or more players are grappling or otherwise confronting one another

### **SCOOP**

Place the hand(s) under the ball - when it is on the ground - and play it away to a team mate

### **BODY CHECK**

To run into an opponent who is attempting to gain possession or who is attempting to make a support run

### **GAMESMANSHIP**

To manipulate the Playing Rules in order to gain an unfair competitive advantage

### **PROFESSIONAL FOUL**

To foul an opponent who has a clear goal scoring with deliberate intent



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## IN POSSESSION

A player is in possession of the ball if, in the opinion of the referee, the player is holding the ball or is in the act of bouncing or toe tapping it or tossing it in order to play it away

## HURLING

***Dangerous Play and Irresponsible Behaviour (Gross Misconduct) - both terms to be defined as follows in the section of the Playing Rules dealing with Definitions - new in italic***

*Dangerous Play i.e. where a player engages in foul play with intent or reckless disregard for the safety of others - replaces what was 5.4*

5.1 To strike a player (*whether team mate or opponent*) or team official with a hurley, head, arm, elbow, hand or knee - combination of 5.1 and 5.5 - and new material - see italic. (Attempting to strike moved to 5.14)

5.2 To kick, stamp, or *stand on, bite, gouge or spit at another player, (whether opponent or team mate)*, or a team official - combination of 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.6 and new material - see italic. (Attempting any of the foregoing moved to 5.17)

5.3 *To use a hurley in an indiscriminate manner i.e. without due regard for another player's safety - new*

*Irresponsible Behaviour (Gross Misconduct) i.e. where a player behaves in a manner that does not reflect positively on the Association - new*

5.4 To provoke a brawl or free-for-all by *inciting or taunting others - new*

5.5 *For a substitute to enter the field of play with a view to either intimidating an opponent or joining an altercation - new*

5.6 To threaten, strike or attempt to strike, *throw any object (including the ball or a hurley) at a match official - rewording of 5.5 new material in italic*

5.7 *To refuse to carry out the instructions/directions of a match official - new*

**Exceptions:** (a) where a player refuses to leave the field of play when ordered off (b) when a player

rejoins the game after being ordered off (c) when a team or player(s) leave the field without the referee's permission or (d) refuse to continue playing, the referee shall give a three minute warning to the team captain, or the player(s) involved, and then, if the player(s) refuses to comply, terminate the game.

(In the event of (d) any player willing to continue shall give his name to the referee) - combination of Rule 6.3 (a) and (b) and 6.4

5.8 To commit any of the fouls listed at 5.1 to 5.7 inclusive prior to the start of the game, at half time or after the game - rewording of 5.7 with new material in italic - taken from rule 138 (2) (iii)

## PENALTIES:

3. **Order offender off and exclude from participation in the game - where applicable - and report to the committee in charge - new material in italic**

4. (a) **where the subject of the foul is an opponent and/or the offence is committed during play, free puck from where the foul occurred, except as provided under the Exceptions of Rule 2.2**

(b) **where the subject of the foul is a team mate recommence play by throwing in the ball where the offence or incident occurred, except as provided under Exception (v) of Rule 2.2 and Rule 5.7 - new material in italic**

***Rough Play and Irresponsible Behaviour - both terms to be defined as follows in the section of the Playing Rules dealing with definitions - new***

*Rough Play i.e. where a player displays inadequate regard for the safety of others - was 5.12 - new text in italic*

5.8 To pull down an opponent

5.9 To trip an opponent with hand(s), foot, or hurley

5.10 To jump at an opponent

5.11 *To "dig" opponents in the ribs with the hurley, elbow or fist or fist or to "tap" an opponent's*



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*elbow, arm or hand with the hurley as he solo runs - new*

5.12 To make a "pull" with the hurley from behind and around the body of an opponent that is not consistent with an attempt to play the ball

5.13 To "pull" with the hurley before the ball arrives - was 5.16

5.14 To attempt to strike with the hurley, head, arm, elbow, hand or knee or attempt to kick, *stamp, stand on, bite, gouge or spit in the direction of another player (whether team mate or opponent) or a team official - new clauses - see italic - and combination of Rules 5.1, 5.2, 5.5 and 5.15*

5.15 *To foul an opponent who has a clear goal scoring opportunity with deliberate intent (professional foul) - new*

5.16 *To body check an opponent who is attempting to gain possession or who is attempting to make a support run - new*

5.17 *To hold, push, wrestle with or pull an opponent's jersey away from the play - new*

*Improper Behaviour i.e. where a player displays gross indifference for the spirit of the rules in which the game should be played - new*

5.18 To attempt to achieve an advantage by feigning a foul or an injury - was 5.17

5.19 To threaten a person - *other than a match official - or use provocative language or gestures - combination of 5.5, 5.11 and 5.18 - new text in italic*

5.20 *To confront, harass or remonstrate with a match official - new*

5.21 *To make accusations of bias or question the impartiality of a match official - was 6.1 i.e. challenge the authority of a match official - new section in italic*

5.22 *To throw, kick, strike any object - including the ball or hurley - at a person other than a match official - combination of part of 4.8 (dropping the hurley continues as a technical offence) and 5.15 with new text in italic*

5.23 *Third man into a melee - new*

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*Unsporting Play i.e. deliberate foul on opponent who is in possession or when contesting possession i.e. where the offending player makes no effort to play the ball - new*

5.24 (a) Using the hurley or hands to push, hold or pull an opponent's jersey who is in possession or when contesting possession - was 5.19

(b) To hold opponent's hurley or pull it from his hands - was 5.19 (b)

5.25 (a) To charge an opponent who is in possession - in the back or to the front - combination of 5.20 (a) and (b) (i)

5.26 To charge an opponent unless he is (i) playing the ball (ii) both players are within 5 metres of the ball and are moving in its direction to play it - was 5.20 (b) *new text in italic*

(e) To charge an opponent to assist a team mate to win or maintain possession i.e. *third man tackle - new section in italic - was 5.20 (c)*

(f) To charge the goalkeeper when in possession in the small rectangle - *new section in italic - was 5.20(d)*



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(g) For a player in possession of the ball to charge an opponent or push him away with the hurley or hand i.e. *“hand off” an opponent* - was 5.20 - *new text in italic*

5.27 To use the hurley to obstruct an opponent - was 5.21

5.28 To strike an opponent's hurley unless both players are in the act of striking the ball - was 5.22

5.29 *To interfere with an opponent's helmet* - new

*Unsporting Behaviour i.e. where a player behaves in a manner that is contrary to the spirit of fair play* - new

5.30 To show dissent with the referee's decision to award a free puck to the opposing team - was 6.1

5.31 To try and distract a player taking a free puck or sideline puck by jumping up and down, waving hands/hurley *interfering with the goalposts/crossbar, elevating a team mate* or behaving in any other manner considered by the referee to be aimed at distracting the player taking the kick - was 4.19 - *new section in italic*

**Exception:** A player holding his hands or hurley upright shall not constitute *a distraction* - *new text in italic*

5.32 To delay an opponent taking a free puck or side-line puck by hitting or kicking the ball away, not releasing the ball to the opposition or deliberately not moving back to allow the puck to be taken - was 4.18

**PENALTY - FOR THE ABOVE FOULS - free puck 13m more advantageous than the place of the original puck - up to the opponents' 13m line**

5.33 To waste time by delaying own puck out or when taking a free puck or side-line puck awarded to one's own team - combination of what was 4.26 and 4.30

5.34 To advance the ball deliberately from the place at which a free kick or side-line kick is to be taken - was 4.24

**PENALTY - FOR THE ABOVE FOULS**  
**(iii) Cancel puck out, free puck or side-line puck**

**(iv) Throw in the ball where the foul occurred except as provided under Exception (v) of Rule 2.2**

**Cautionable Offence i.e. referee shall take player's name and number and shows him a yellow card for committing any of the fouls listed between 5.24 and 5.34 a second time; order player off for a further repetition or for other cautionable offence - extension of existing rule**

5.35 For a player to retaliate between the award of a free to his team and the free puck being taken - was 5.24

**Penalty-**

**(iv) Cancel free puck**

**(v) Throw in the ball where the original foul occurred, except as provided under exception (v) of Rule 2.2**

**(vi) Apply any other relevant penalty of Rule 5**

5.36 For a player(s) from each team to foul simultaneously - was 5.24

**Penalty-**

**(iii) Throw in the ball where the fouls occurred, except as provided under Exception (v) of Rule 2.2**

**(iv) Apply any other relevant penalty of Rule 5**

5.37 When an incident of foul play involving rule violating aggression or behaviour is drawn to the referee's attention by an umpire or linesmen, the referee may apply the appropriate penalty as per Rule 5, and shall restart play as per Rule 2 - was 5.25 *new text in italic*

5.38 When there is an incident of foul play involving rule violating aggression or behaviour, the referee may allow play to continue if he considers it to be to the advantage of the offended team. Once the referee allows the play to continue, he may not subsequently award a free of that foul. He shall apply the relevant sanction i.e. *caution or send player off as appropriate* - was 5.26 *new text in italic*

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<b>IRRESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOUR (GROSS MISCONDUCT)</b>	where a player behaves in a manner that does not reflect positively on the Association
<b>ROUGH PLAY</b>	where a player displays inadequate regard for the safety of others
<b>IMPROPER BEHAVIOUR</b>	where a player displays gross indifference for the spirit of the rules in which the game should be played
<b>UNSPORTING PLAY</b>	deliberate foul on opponent who is in possession or when contesting possession i.e. where the offending player makes no effort to play the ball
<b>UNSPORTING BEHAVIOUR</b>	where a player behaves in a manner that is contrary to the spirit of fair play
<b>AWAY FROM THE PLAY</b>	Not in the immediate vicinity of where the ball is
<b>BRAWL/FREE-FOR-ALL</b>	An incident where a group of players are quarrelling en masse
<b>MELEE</b>	An incident where three or more players are grappling or otherwise confronting one another
<b>BODY CHECK</b>	To run into an opponent who is attempting to gain possession or who is attempting to make a support run
<b>GAMESMANSHIP</b>	To manipulate the Playing Rules to gain an unfair competitive advantage
<b>PROFESSIONAL FOUL</b>	To foul an opponent who has a clear goal scoring opportunity with deliberate intent
<b>IN POSSESSION</b>	A player is in possession of the ball if, in the opinion of the referee, the player is holding the ball, solo running with the ball on his hurley or is in the act of tossing it (a) onto his hurley or (b) to play it away

*Comhairle Chonnachta*

11. That Riall 1.2 Playing Rules of Gaelic Football, page 49 be amended to read as follows:
- (a) The ball may be lifted up directly off the ground by hand while the player concerned is standing or running.
  - (b) The ball may be dribbled, pushed or patted along with hand or foot by a player prior to lifting it off the ground, provided such a player is upright and not sitting, kneeling or lying on the ground.
  - (c) A player, while sitting or on his knees, may strike the ball away from his body but shall otherwise not place a hand upon the ball.
  - (d) A player shall not scoop the ball from the ground to a team-mate.
  - (e) Other than the goalkeeper, within the small rectangle, players may not dive on the ball on the ground.

A free kick shall be awarded for breach of Riall 1.2 (c), (d) or (e). Riall 4.5 and definition of Lift, to be amended accordingly. Definition of Scoop i.e. placing the hands in behind or under the ball and lifting, it to be added to Playing Rules.

*Béal Átha hAmhnais, Muigheo.*

12. Amend Rule 1.2, Page 49, Part 2, T.O. 2003 to read :  
 “ When the ball is on the ground it may be played by any part of the body. It may be lifted off the ground.”  
 Delete paragraph 4.5, P. 59, Part 2, T.O. 2003 and Sections (i) . Exceptions of Rule 1.2, P. 49.  
 Sections (ii) & (iii) to become sections (i) & (ii) respectively.

*Naomh Iosef, Roscomán*

13. That Riall 1.4 (e) page 50 Playing Rules of Gaelic Football be amended to read as follows: “held in one hand and played away with the clenched fist of the other hand”.  
 Riall 1.5 Riall 4.2 and definition of Hand Pass and Toss to be amended accordingly.  
 Rule possibly affected: Riall 1.4 (e), page 50 T.O. 2.

*Béal Átha hAmhnais, Muigheo*

14. Official Guide Part 2 The Playing Rules of Gaelic Football  
 That rule 2.2 paragraph (v) T.O. 2, 2003, page 53 which states:  
 “All players except the player taking the free kick



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shall be at least 13m from where the kick is awarded” be amended to read :  
 “All opposing players shall be at least 13m from where the free kick is awarded”

That rule 4.11 (a) T.O. 2, 2003 page 60 which states:  
 “For a player awarded a free kick or a side-line kick to be less than 13m from the ball before it is kicked” be deleted.

Rule 4.15 T.O. 2, 2003 which states:  
 “When within own small rectangle to be less than 13m from the ball for opponents’ free kick” be retained.

Rule 4.17 T.O. 2 2003 which states:  
 “For an opposing player to be nearer than 13m to the ball before a free kick or side-line kick is taken” be retained.

*Cill Mhór, Roscomáin*

15. That Rule 2.7(a) and (b) **Playing Rules of Gaelic Football** page 55 TO (2), 2003 be amended to read as follows:

2.7 (a) When the ball is played over the end-line by the team attacking that end, play is restarted by a kick-out off a plastic tee, from within the small rectangle. The player taking the kick-out may kick the ball more than once before any other player touches it but may not take the ball into his hand(s). If the goalkeeper is not taking the kick-out, he shall stay in the small rectangle, and all other players except the player taking the kick-out shall be outside the 20m line until the ball has been kicked. The ball shall travel 13m before being played by another player of the defending team.

(b) After a score, the kick-out shall be taken from a plastic tee on the 20m line in front of the scoring space. All players, except the goalkeeper and the player taking the kick-out (if other than the goalkeeper), shall be outside the 20m line. All other players shall be 13m from the ball until it has been kicked.

(insert the underlined words in place of “the ground” in the existing rules)

That Rule 2.2 Duties of Umpires page 21 TO(2), 2003 be amended to read as follows:

### 2.2 Duties of Umpires

- (i) The umpires shall signal their decisions as follows:
- (a) A 45m free in football in football or a 65m free in hurling by raising an arm upright, and the pointing infield, at the place where the ball passed over the end-line.
  - (b) A wide by crossing both arms above the head.
  - (c) A score by raising a green flag for a goal or a white flag for a point, in front of the scoring space.
  - (d) A decision to disallow a score by crossing the flags at the front of the scoring space.
- (ii) The umpires shall bring to the notice of the referee, during a break in play, any instances of foul play in particular, rough or dangerous play, striking, hitting, or kicking, or unauthorised incursions onto the field of play **and non-use of the plastic tee for the kick-out** which have not been noticed by the referee.

(insert the underlined words at the point shown in the existing rule)

*Gaeil na hAilne, Liatroim*

16. “That the following be added to Rule 2.7 - Playing Rules of Gaelic Football - The player taking the kick out after the ball goes wide or a score shall have the option of using a tee”

*Comhdháil Chonnachta*

17. Rule 4.23, Page 63, (Part 2, T.O. 2003)  
 “Add: “Exception: *A player taking the kick-out after a score or a wide must use an artificial tee*”.

*Ail Finn, Roscomán*

18. Add the following new section to Rule 2.7, Page 55, (Part 2, T.O. 2003):  
 “(c) When play is restarted as described in sections (a) & (b) above, a player, making a clean catch between the two 45m lines, shall be awarded a mark with the option to play on. A mark will allow such a player a free kick from the hands from the point at which he executed the catch. All players, except the player taking the free kick, shall be at least 13m from the point where the mark is awarded”.

Amend Rule 1.2 (v) T.O. 2 2003 by adding “or a mark” after the word “free” in line 3.



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Amend Rule 1.2 (x) T.O. 2 2003 by adding the words "or a mark awarded" after the word "committed" in line 2.

Amend Rule 1.2 (xi) T.O. 2 2003 by adding the words "including a mark" at the end of line 1 after the word "kicks".

Amend Rule 1.10 T.O. 2 2003 by adding "awarded for a foul or a mark" to the end of the rule.

Amend Rule 2.2 T.O. 2 2003 by adding the following at the end of the Rule "A free kick is awarded at the point where a mark is awarded".

Amend Rule 2.5 T.O. 2 2003 by adding the following "where a mark is awarded the free kick shall be taken from the hands".

Amend Rule 4.11 (a) T.O. 2 2003 by adding the word "mark" after "a" in line 1.

Amend Rule 4.17 T.O. 2 2003 by adding the words "awarded for a foul or a mark" after the words free kick in line 2.

Amend Rule 4.18 and 4.19 T.O. 2 2003 by adding the words "This will also apply in respect of a free kick being awarded for a mark".

Rules that are or may be affected, 2.6; 4.21; 4.22; 4.24; 4.25; T.O. 2 2003.

*Cill Mór, Roscomáin*

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF OFFICIAL GUIDE

- 19. Amend Rule 16 Official Guide by adding the following sentence after the word "matches" - "Where Amhrán na bhFiann precedes a game, teams must stand to attention facing the flag in a respectful manner in their positions on the field. Penalty €500 for breach of Rule; Where one or more players of offending team transgress this rule". Rules affected/possibly affected: Rial 2, Rial 4.

*Abhóca, Cill Mhantáin*

### 20. (a) **County of Residence**

For intercounty Hurling players be allowed to declare for a county of residence while continuing to play with their home club in their county of origin, provided the county of residence is a qualifying county. A qualifying county will be one that has failed to win a premier level adult or underage All-Ireland in the previous 10 years or is uncompetitive due to small population or playing numbers.

Amend Rial 31 as follows:

Home Club

Add a new section (e) - the current section (e) to become section (f)

**(County of Residence).** For intercounty hurling, players be allowed to declare for a county of residence while continuing to play with their home club in their county of origin, provided the county of residence is listed as qualifying county by Ard-Chomhairle. A qualifying county will be one that has failed to win a premier level adult or underage All-Ireland in the previous 10 years or is uncompetitive due to small population or playing numbers.

(Rules affected or possibly affected: 34, 35, 37, 39, 125, 126 and 128 T.O. 2003).

*Naomh Moninne, An Lú*

### 20. (b) **County of Birth of Parent/Grandparent**

For inter-county hurling, players be allowed to declare for the county of birth of a parent/grandparent provided that the county is listed as a qualifying county. A qualifying county will be one that has failed to win a premier level adult or underage All-Ireland in the previous 10 years or is uncompetitive due to small population or playing numbers.

Amend Rial 31 as follows:

Home County:

Add as a new section (d)

**County of Birth of a Parent/Grandparent.** For inter-county hurling purposes only, a player may declare for a county of birth of a parent/grandparent provided that the county is listed as a qualifying county by Ard-Chomhairle. A qualifying county will be one that has failed to win a premier level adult or underage All-Ireland in the previous 10 years or is uncompetitive due to small population or playing numbers. Declarations made under this section must also receive the sanction of the County to which the player belongs.

(Rules affected or possibly affected 34, 35, 37, 39, 125, 126 and 128 T.O. 2003)

*Naomh Moninne, An Lú*



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21. That Rule 41, T.O. 2003 be amended to read:

- (a) A weekend Authorisation is required by any player intending to assist a club in a game under the jurisdiction of the New York Board. The Official Authorisation, in duplicate, requires the signature of the player's home club secretary, the county secretary and must be presented for signature by the Director General (or other designated person) in Croke Park before 4 p.m. on the Wednesday before the game.

An Authorisation is valid for one weekend only other than where there is a replay of the game for which the Authorisation was granted. The maximum number of authorised players to assist a club in any weekend shall be two in football and three in Hurling

- (b) (i) A player intending to play, on a longer term basis, in the area governed by either the New York Board, the North American County Board or the Canadian Board must obtain an Official Sanction, in duplicate, signed by his club secretary, the county secretary and the Director General (or other designated person). Such a Sanction shall entitle the player to play with a club in one of these areas from 1st March to the end of October in any one year. A Sanction shall not be granted after 20th July.
- (ii) A player who has received a Sanction shall not be eligible to play again with his club or county in Ireland for the 60 days after the date of approval of his Sanction in Croke Park.
- (iii) Other than in exceptional circumstances, to be defined by Central Council, a Sanctioned player who returns to Ireland may not subsequently return to resume playing in America or Canada in the same year.
- (iv) The maximum number of Sanctioned players permitted for any club in any one year shall be ten.
- (v) All Sanctioned players shall have the same status regardless of when they travel.
- (vi) A player who has received a sanction may

not, in the same year, transfer to a club in Britain, Europe or Australasia.

- (c) A player who remains in America or Canada shall require an Inter-County transfer to be eligible to play there in competitions of the following year(s).

**(PENALTY** for infringement of Riail 41, : 24 weeks' suspension).

Rules affected or possibly affected : Rules 32, 33, 34, 35, 37, 39 and 40.

Ard-Chomhairle.

22. *Coiste Nua Eabhrach proposes that Rule. 41 T.O., 2003 be altered to read :*

- (a) A weekend authorisation is required by any player wishing to assist a club in a game under the jurisdiction of the New York Board. The official authorisation, in duplicate, requires the signature of the player's home club secretary, the county secretary and must be presented for signature by the Director General (or other designated person) in Croke Park by 4 p.m. on the Wednesday before the game. An authorisation is valid for one weekend only other than where there is a replay of the game for which the authorisation was granted. The maximum number of authorised players to assist a club in any weekend shall be two in football and three in Hurling.
- (b) (i) A player intending to play in the areas governed by the New York Board, The North American Board or the Canadian Board on a longer term basis must obtain an official sanction, in duplicate, signed by his club secretary, the county secretary and the Director General (or other designated person). Such a sanction shall entitle the player to play with a club in one of these areas from 1st March to end of October in any one year. A sanction shall not be granted after 20th July.
- (ii) A player who has received a sanction shall not be eligible to play with his club in Ireland for the 60 days after the date of approval of his sanction.
- (iii) Other than in exceptional circumstances, to be decided by the Central Council, a sanctioned player who returns to Ireland



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may not subsequently return to resume playing in America or Canada in the same year.

- (iv) The maximum number of sanctioned players permitted for any club shall be eight.
- (v) All sanctioned players shall have the same status regardless of when they travel.
- (vi) A sanctioned player may play in only one overseas' jurisdiction in any given year.  
**(Penalty : as per Rule 33, T.O. 2003)**

- (c) In the case of a player moving permanently to the area under the jurisdiction of the New York, or North American, or Canadian Boards a transfer shall be necessary. A player shall be considered to have moved permanently after he has been a minimum of twelve weeks in the new jurisdiction.

### **PENALTY: 24 weeks' suspension.**

Rules affected or possibly affected: Rules 32, 33, 34, 35, 37, 39 and 40.

### Coiste Chontae Nua Eabhrach

## **RIAIL 42**

- 23. Amend Rule 42, Treoraí Oifigiúil 2003 Cuid 1 to read :

- (a) Central Council shall have the power to authorise the renting or leasing of Croke Park for events other than those controlled by the Association during a period when Lansdowne Road Football Grounds is closed for the proposed development.
- (b) All other property, including grounds, Club Houses, Halls, Dressing Rooms and Handball Alleys owned or controlled by the Association shall be used only for the purpose of, or in connection, with the playing of games controlled by the Association and for such other purposes not in conflict with the Aims and Objects of the Association, that may be sanctioned from time to time by Central Council.
- (c) Grounds controlled by Association units shall not be used or permitted to be used for Horse racing, Greyhound Racing or Field Games other than those sanctioned by the Central Council.

Amend Rule 3, Treoraí Oifigiúil 2003 by adding "or Central Council" after Congress in Line 5

Amend Rule 4 Treoraí Oifigiúil 2003 by adding a new section (d) "Decision by Central Council to rent or least Croke Park for events other than those controlled by the Association during a period when Lansdowne Road football ground is closed for proposed development shall not be construed as to impinge on this rule."

Amend Rule 5 Treoraí Oifigiúil 2003 Cuid 1 by adding the following "excepting Croke Park during a period when Lansdowne Road Football Ground is closed for proposed development."

Amend Rule 43, Treoraí Oifigiúil 2003 by adding the following section (d) "Nothing in this rule shall prevent Central Council from having the power to authorise the renting or leasing of Croke Park for events other than those controlled by the Association during a period when Lansdowne Road Football Ground is closed for proposed development"

Amend Rule 44 Treoraí Oifigiúil 2003 by adding the following "nothing in this rule shall prevent Central Council from having the power to authorise the renting or leasing of Croke Park for events other than those controlled by the Association during a period when Lansdowne Road Football Ground is closed for proposed development"

Amend Rule 74(e) Treoraí Oifigiúil 2003 by adding the following "by exception allow Central Council to authorise renting or leasing of Croke Park for events other than those controlled by the Association during a period when Lansdowne Road Football Ground is closed for proposed development."

Amend Rule 142 (a) Treoraí Oifigiúil 2003 by adding the following "this rule shall not apply to Central Council in authorising renting or leasing of Croke Park for events other than those controlled by the Association during a period when Lansdowne Road Football Ground is closed for proposed development"

### Coiste Chontae Shligigh

- 24(a) Riail 42 - Uses of Property

The above Riail 42 T.O. 200 be amended to read as follows:

- (a) Central Council shall have the power to sanction the use of Croke Park only in certain circumstances for Field Games other than those



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controlled by the Association, conditional upon such use, not taking precedence over Associations fixtures.

- (b) All other property including grounds club houses, halls dressing rooms and handball alleys, owned or controlled by the Association shall be used only for the purpose of, or in connection with the playing of games controlled by the Association, and for such other purposes not in conflict with the aims and objects of the Association that may be sanctioned from time to time by Central Council.
- (c) All other grounds controlled by the Association Units, shall not be used for Horse Racing, Greyhound Racing or Field Games other than those sanctioned by Central Council.

### **Rules 3, 4, 5, 43 and 44**

To be amended by the inclusion of the following paragraph in each rule:

“Nothing in this rule shall prevent Central Council from having the power to sanction the use of Croke Park only, in certain circumstances for Field Games other than those controlled by the Association conditional upon such use not taking precedence over Association Fixtures”

**Rules Affected.** Riail 74 (e) and Riail 142 (a) Exception 5

**Riail 44 (e)** “To determine Association policy in broad outline”.

**Riail 142 (A)** Exception 5 “The penalty described in Rule 44”.

### 24(b) **Rule 42 (A) (B) and (C)**

Be suspended for a period not exceeding three years to allow for Rugby and Soccer International games to be played in Croke Park on dates when Croke Park is NOT required for the Association use.

**Rules 3, 4, 5, 43, 44** to be amended as follows:-

Nothing in any of those rules prevent Central Council from having the power to sanction the use of Croke Park only in certain circumstances for Field Games other than those controlled by the Association conditional upon such use not taking precedence over Association fixtures.

### **Riail 44 (e):**

“To determine Association policy in broad outline”.

### **Riail 142 (a) Exception 5**

“The penalty described in Rule 44.

*Sráid na Cathrach, An Clár*

25. **(Riail 42).** That Rule 42 (a) Official Guide 2003 be retained as it is with the following amendment, after the words, “including grounds”, insert - “other than Croke Park for a temporary period as per Rule 42 (c) to be inserted.”

### **Rule 42 - New Rule 42 (c)**

That during the development work on Lansdowne Road Stadium that Árd Comhairle be given the power to consider on a match by match basis any request to allow games to be played in Croke Park other than games controlled by Cumann Lúthchleas Gael.

That when Lansdowne Road Stadium is officially reopened that Rule 42 (a) revert to its original format and that this Rule 42 (c) be deleted.

### **Rule 3 to be amended as follows:**

The Association shall promote and control the National games of Hurling, Gaelic Football, Handball and Rounders, and such other games, as may be sanctioned and approved by Annual Congress with the exception as proposed in New Rule 42 (c).

### **Rule 4 to be amended as follows: Add 4 - (d)**

- (a) The Association shall actively support the Irish Language, traditional Irish dancing, music, song, and other aspects of Irish culture. It shall foster an awareness and love of the national ideals in the people of Ireland, and assist in promoting a community spirit through its clubs.
- (b) The Association shall support the promotion of Camogie and Ladies Gaelic Football.
- (c) The Association shall support Irish Industry. All trophies and playing equipment shall be of Irish manufacture. Penalty for non-observance €200. Irish paper shall be used for all official documents and correspondence. Documents not complying shall be ruled out of order.
- (d) With the exception as proposed in New Rule 42C.

### **Rule 5 to be amended as follows: Dedication**

The Association and its resources shall be used for and dedicated solely to the above aims with the exception as proposed in New Rule 42 (c).



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### **Rule 43 to be amended as follows: Vesting**

- (a) All property owned by units of the Association shall be vested in five members of the Association, as Trustees, who shall hold such property upon trust to use the same exclusively for the purpose of playing Gaelic Football, Hurling and Handball, and for such other purposes as may from time to time be sanctioned by the Central Council with the exception as proposed in New Rule 42 (c).

### **Rule 44 to be amended as follows: Penalty**

In the event of any Club, County Committee, or Provincial Council acting contrary to Rules 42 or 43, that body shall be subject to automatic suspension, which can be removed only by the County Committee or higher Council concerned, with the exception as proposed in New Rule 42(c).

### **Rule 74 (e) to be amended as follows:**

#### **Functions**

- (e) To determine Association policy in broad outline with the exception as proposed in New Rule 42(c).

### **Rule 142 (a) to be amended as follows:**

#### **Procedures**

- (a) Exceptions - No. 5 - The penalty prescribed in Rule 44, with the exception as proposed in New Rule 42(c).

#### *Bealach Conglas, Cill Mhantáin*

26. That Rule 42, T.O. 2003 be temporarily amended as follows :

Add Section (a) : "Central Council shall have the power to authorise the renting or leasing of Croke Park in certain circumstances for events other than those controlled by the Association. Income accruing from such events shall be used solely for the promotion of Gaelic Games.

Section (b) : All other property, including grounds, Club Houses, Halls, Dressing Rooms and Handball Alleys, owned or controlled by the Association, shall be used only for the purpose of, or in connection with, the playing of games controlled by the Association and for such other purposes not in conflict with the aims and objectives of the Association that may be sanctioned from time to time by the Central Council.

Section (c) : Grounds controlled by Association units shall not be used or permitted to be used for Horse

Racing, Greyhound Racing or Field Games other than those sanctioned by the Central Council.

Sections (a) & (b) as amended shall, only apply for three years from the date they become operative and shall be considered again at Congress 2008."

Amend Rule 3, T.O. 2003 by adding "or "Central Council" after "Congress" in line 5.

Add new Section (c) : Nothing in this rule shall prevent Central Council from having the power to sanction the use of Croke Park, and Croke Park only, in certain circumstances for field games other than those controlled by the Association, conditional on such use not taking precedence over Association fixtures.

Amend Rule 4, T.O. 2003 by adding a new section (d) " Decisions, by Central Council, to rent or lease Croke Park in accordance with the terms of Rule 42, T.O. shall not be construed as to in any way impinge on this rule".

Amend Rule 5, T.O. 2003 to read " The Association and its resources shall be used for and dedicated to the above aims".

Amend Rule 43, T.O. 2003 by adding the following section (d): "Nothing in this rule shall prevent Central Council from having the power to sanction the use of Croke Park, and Croke Park only, in certain circumstances for field games other than those controlled by the Association, conditional on such use not taking precedence over Association fixtures".

Amend Rule 44 T.O. 2003 by adding the following new section: "Nothing in this rule shall prevent Central Council from having the power to sanction the use of Croke Park, and Croke Park only, in certain circumstances for field games other than those controlled by the Association, conditional on such use not taking precedence over Association fixtures".

Other rules affected or may be affected: Rule 74(e) : "To determine Association policy in broad outline". Rule 80(c) : "Motions to enact new or amend existing rules shall give the full text of the proposed addition or amendment, and also quote the number of any rules affected thereby". & 142(a) exception 5: "The penalty prescribed in Rule 44".



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Add the following to Rules 3, 4, 5, 43, 44..  
This Rule shall in all respects be subject to Rule 42.  
In the event of conflict Rule 42 shall prevail.

### Coiste Chontae Roscomáin

27. Proposal to amend Rule 42 T.O. 2003 to read:

“Property including grounds, club houses, halls, dressing rooms and handball alleys owned or controlled by units of the Association shall be used only for the purpose of or in connection with the playing of the games controlled by the Association, and for such other purposes not in conflict with the aims and objects of the Association, that may be sanctioned from time to time by Central Council. Central Council be empowered to make decisions as to the usage specifically of Croke Park as situations arise, circumstances develop or opportunities present themselves”.

Amend Riail 3 T.O. to read

“The Association shall promote and control the national games of hurling, Gaelic Football, handball and Rounders and such other games as may be sanctioned and approved by Central Council.”

Add to Rule 4 T.O. (New Section)

“4 (d): The Association may also allow other games to be played in Páirc an Chrócaigh subject to approval and sanction of Central Council.

Add to Rule 5. T.O. (as outlined by Central Council)  
The Association and its resources shall be used for and dedicated solely to the above aims as interpreted by Central Council.”

Amend Rule 43 (a) T.O.

Remove the word ‘exclusively’ line 5 and add to line 7 the word ‘games’ to read

“43 (a) All property owned by the units of the Association shall be vested in 5 members of the Association as trustees who shall hold such property upon trust to use the same for purpose of playing Gaelic Football, Hurling and Handball and for such other games and purposes as may from time to time be sanctioned by Central Council.”

Rule 44 Amend to include Central Council

Rules affected 74 (d) T.O. Rule 142 (a) exception 5.

### An Longfort

28. **(Riail 42).** Amend Rule 42, T.O. 2003 to read:-

#### **“Uses of property:**

- (a) Central Council shall have the power to sanction the use of Croke Park, and Croke Park only, in certain circumstances for field games other than those controlled by the Association, conditional upon such use not taking precedence over Association fixtures.
- (b) All other property, including grounds, club houses, halls, dressing rooms and handball alleys owned or controlled by the Association shall be used only for the purpose of, or in connection with, the playing of games controlled by the Association and for such other purposes not in conflict with the aims and objects of the Association, that may be sanctioned from time to time by Central Council.
- (c) All other grounds controlled by the Association units shall not be used or permitted to be used for horse racing, greyhound racing, or field games other than those sanctioned by the Central Council.”

The following rules also require to be amended in the following manner to give effect to the aforementioned amendment.

**(Riail 3).** Amend Rule 3 T.O. 2003 to read:-

#### **“National Games**

- (a) The Association shall promote and control the national games of hurling, gaelic football, handball and rounders, and such other games, as may be sanctioned and approved by annual Congress.
- (b) Nothing in this rule shall prevent Central Council from having the power to sanction the use of Croke Park, and Croke Park only in certain circumstances for field games other than those controlled by the Association, conditional upon such use not taking precedence over Association fixtures.”

**(Riail 4).** Amend Rule 4 T.O. 2003 to read:

#### **“Additional Aims.**

- (a) The Association shall actively support the Irish language, traditional Irish dancing, music, song



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and other aspects of Irish culture. It shall foster an awareness and love of the national ideals in the people of Ireland, and assist in promoting a community spirit through its clubs.

- (b) The Association shall support the promotion of Camogie and Ladies Gaelic Football.
- (c) The Association shall support Irish Industry. All trophies and playing equipment shall be of Irish manufacture. Penalty for non-observance €200.00. Irish paper shall be used for all official documents and correspondence. Documents not complying shall be ruled out of order.
- (d) Nothing in this rule shall prevent Central Council from having the power to sanction the use of Croke Park, and Croke Park only, in certain circumstances for field games other than those controlled by the Association, conditional upon such use not taking precedence over Association fixtures.”

**(Riail 5).** Amend Riail 5 T.O. 2003 to read.

### “Dedication.

- (a) The Association and its resources shall be used for and dedicated solely to the above aims.
- (b) Nothing in this rule shall prevent Central Council from having the power to sanction the use of Croke Park, and Croke Park only, in certain circumstances for field games other than those controlled by the Association, conditional upon such use not taking precedence over Association fixtures.”

**(Riail 43).** Amend Riail 43 T.O. 2003 to read.

### “Vesting.

- (a) All property owned by units of the Association shall be vested in five members of the Association, as Trustees, who shall hold such property upon trust to use the same exclusively for the purpose of playing Gaelic Football, Hurling and Handball, and for such other purposes as may from time to time be sanctioned by the Central Council.
- (b) The power of appointing the Trustees shall be vested in the persons (hereinafter called “the

Appointers”) who for the time being hold the offices of Chairman respectively of the Club, County Board and Provincial Council, and, if appropriate, the President of the Association. The Senior Appointer shall be the Chairman of the Appointers with a casting vote, and the appointers may at any time, in their absolute discretion, having consulted their respective Committees, by writing under the hands of the majority of them, remove any Trustee from such office.

- (c) The Trustees shall be subject to the terms and conditions contained in a form of Declaration of Trust, as approved from time to time by the Central Council, and every Trustee shall sign such Declaration of Trust. In relation to Club property three Trustees shall be appointed for and on behalf of the relevant Club, and one Trustee shall be appointed for and on behalf of the relevant

County Board, and one Trustee shall be appointed for and on behalf of the relevant Provincial Council.

- (d) Nothing in this rule shall prevent Central Council from having the power to sanction the use of Croke Park, and Croke Park only, in certain circumstances for field games other than those controlled by the Association, conditional upon such use not taking precedence over Association fixtures.”

**(Riail 44).** Amend Rule 44 T.O. 2003 to read:-

### “Penalty.

- (a) In the event of any Club, County Committee or Provincial Council acting contrary to rules 42 or 43, that body shall be subject to automatic suspension, which can be removed only by the County Committee or higher Council concerned.
- (b) Nothing in this rule shall prevent Central Council from having the power to sanction the use of Croke Park, and Croke Park only, in certain circumstances for field games other than those controlled by the Association, conditional upon such use not taking precedence over Association fixtures.”

Rules affected or may be affected, 74 ( c ), 74 ( e ), 142, 80 ( c ), 142 ( a ) exception 5.

*Reamor Aontaithe, An Cabhán*



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29. (a) That Rule 42, Page 27 T.O. be amended by the insertion of “*Excluding Páirc an Chrócaigh*” at the beginning of sub-section (a) before “*All property...*”, and sub-section (b) before “*Grounds controlled...*”.
- (b) Add new sub-section (c) to read “*Páirc an Chrócaigh shall not be used or permitted to be used for any purposes other than those in accordance with conditions and regulations laid down by and sanctioned by Central Council from time to time. Funds accruing from such usage shall be used in accordance with Rule 5, Page 5 T.O.*”

See Rules 3,4,5,43, 44, 74(e), 83, 142(a)(5).

Suggested amendments to these rules where considered necessary and appropriate without prejudice to the terms of Rule 79.

**Rule 3.** Add to existing Rule wording the following “*It shall further allow, in Páirc an Chrócaigh only, activities sanctioned by Central Council in accordance with Rule 42, sub-section (c).*”

**Rule 4.** Add to existing section (b) “*and allow for activities in accordance with Rule 42, sub-section (c).*”

**Rule 5.** Between the words “*resources*” and “*shall*” in line 1, insert the words “*inclusive of those accruing from Rule 42 sub-section (c).*”

**Rule 43.** Between the words “*purposes*” and “*as*” in line 8(a), insert the words “*inclusive of those activities sanctioned in accordance with Rule 42 sub-section (c).*”

**Rule 44.** Insert between the words “*43*” and “*that*” in line 3 “*excluding Rule 42 sub-section (c).*”

**Rule 74(e).** Add to existing sub-section “*with the exception of Rule 42 sub-section (c) which is a function of Central Council.*”

**Rule 83.** Add to first sentence in sub-section (c) the following words “*including sub-section (c) Rule 42.*” Remainder of section to remain as it is.

**Rule 142(a)(5).** Add to existing sentence “*with the exception of Rule 42 sub-section (c).*”

### OTHER RULES AMENDMENTS

30. Amend T.O. Rule 57 (2003)  
After sub section (h) page 35 insert new sub section (i). To appoint a County Safety Officer. Renumber the following current sub sections (i), (j) and (k) respectively to (j), (k) and (l). Remainder of Rule to remain unaltered.

*Cill Cleithe, An Dún*

31. **GRADINGS.** That a Gradings Task Force to include two representatives each from Cúige Chonnacht, Cúige Laighean, Cúige Mumhan and Cúige Uladh together with the Cathaoirleach and Runaí of Coiste Riaracháin na gCluichí be appointed to examine the Gradings of Clubs participating in the All Ireland Junior and Intermediate Club Championships. It shall report to Ard Chomhairle who have the authority under Rial 83 (e) to approve or reject its findings.

Amend Rule 69 T.O. 2003 by adding the following to section (a):

Each Province to monitor and approve or otherwise re-grading requests for Clubs in the Counties in their respective Provincial Intermediate and Junior Championships. Counties who propose to regrade more than one club to Junior or Intermediate grade in a given year require the prior approval of the respective Provincial Council. Rules affected R57 (b), Rule 124 and possibly 151 T.O. 2003.

*Comhairle Laighean*

32. Amend Rule 78, T.O. 2003 to read as follows :  
“A committee consisting of the President, President-elect, the immediate Past-President, the Vice-Chairmen of the Provincial Councils and the Director General shall, prior to Congress, examine motions submitted and decide whether they are in order. The committee may put a motion in order where there is a failure to quote the numbers of rules affected or where there are minor clerical errors. In the case of motions submitted by counties being not in order, counties shall be advised of the reason for a motion being out of order and, subject to a time-limit determined by Central Council, shall be afforded an opportunity to resubmit an appropriately corrected motion, for the consideration of the Motions Committee. The President shall have authority, at Congress, to rule a motion out of order”.
- Rule affected : Rule 80 (b).

*Coiste Chontae Chiarraí.*

*Cill Mór, Roscomán*



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33. That Riall 80 Treoraí Oifigiúil 2003 be amended as follows:

- (i) That in Section (g), a full stop be inserted after “or Special Congress” and the remainder of the section be deleted.
- (ii) That a new Section (h) be inserted as follows: **“That within the operative period stated in Section (g) above, Central Council shall ensure that the final text of any new or amended rules be circulated to County Secretaries in sufficient quantities for distribution to all club and other units within the Association. The format of An Treoraí Oifigiúil shall be such as to allow for immediate amendment. That any new or amended Rialacha be circulated to County Secretaries in accordance with Riall 94 Treoraí Oifigiúil 2003”.**

Subsequent sections to be re-numbered. The remainder of the rule to be unaffected.

Riall 9 Treoraí Oifigiúil 2003 be accordingly amended by inserting after the words “and in English”, on line 2 Page 5, **“in a loose-leaf format”**

Riall 94 (b) Treoraí Oifigiúil 2003 be accordingly amended by inserting a new sentence after the first sentence, which ends “the Association units”. The text of the new sentence to be, **“This also to include the final text of any new or amended rules and within the period specified in Riall 80 (g) Treoraí Oifigiúil 2003”.**

Other rules affected: All rules within Treoraí Oifigiúil Parts 1 and 2, 2003.

*Cumann Naomh Eoin Aontroim*

34. That Rule 83(b) (leathanach 55, TO 2003) be amended to read as follows: -  
“(b) It is the final authority to interpret the Rules. It may also give rulings and issue guidelines and directives to its units or members to assist with their compliance with Rule. Rulings, Directives or Guidelines issued under this rule shall remain in force until superseded by a subsequent decision of Central Council or by a successful motion to a future Congress.

(All other sections of Rule 83 to remain as they are at present.)

Rule affected: Rule 74 (c)

*Cluain Eo, Tír Eoghain*

35. That Riall 83, leathanach 55 T.O. (2003) (Part 1) be amended by the insertion of the following new section (g). Existing sections (g) and (h) to be listed as sections (h) and (i), respectively.

New section (g) to read:

The Central Council shall appoint an Audit Committee which shall include among its membership the two Trustees elected by Congress.

*Coiste Chontae Thiobraid Árann*

36. That Riall 86 (a), leathanach 57 T.O. (2003) (Part 1) be amended to read:

“It shall consist of the President, the Director General (without voting rights), the President elect, if in office, the Chairmen of the Provincial Councils, one Central Council member from each of the four Provinces, elected by Central Council, and two nominees of the President and Director General who are members of the Association, subject to their approval by Central Council.”

All other sections of Riall 86 to remain unaltered.

*Coiste Chontae Thír Eoghain*

37. **CHAMPIONSHIPS**

“That Congress accepts a roster of scheduling which allows for the playing of the round four and the Quarter-Finals of the All Ireland Senior Football Championship and the Quarter-Finals of the Senior Hurling Championship (Liam McCarthy Cup)”

Rules affected or possible affected;

69(a), 87(b), 97. 99, 101 (amended Congress 2004), 115, 116, 117, 118, 120, 123, 125, 126 Treoraí Oifigiúil 2003 Part 1 and 3.4, 3.5, 3.6 Page 11 T.O. 2003 Part 2 Rules of Specification.

The planned rostering is in line with the philosophy as outlined and passed at the 2004 Congress.

*An Dún*

38. **All-Ireland Club Junior/Intermediate**

That the Junior and Intermediate Club Champions from a county be eligible to participate in the All-Ireland Club Series.

Amend Riall 114 T.O. to read ;



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“Provincial and All Ireland Club Championships shall be organised in Senior, Intermediate and Junior Grades.

Divisional or Group teams teams winning a County Championship may not participate, and in such cases the County Committee shall nominate a club of appropriate Championship status to represent it. Otherwise All Junior and Intermediate champions representing clubs are eligible to compete irrespective if that club has fielded a team at a higher grade.”

Remainder of Rule to remain unaltered.

Rules affected, possibly affected Riall 124 T.O

*Clár Chlainne Mhuiris, Muigheo*

39. Riall 114, T.O. 2003 to be amended as follows: -

“114. Organisation (Provincial and All Ireland)

A Provincial and All Ireland Senior Club Championship shall be organised. Counties shall be represented by the team, which wins their respective Senior County Championship. In the event of a County or Provincial Championship not being completed, the respective Provincial or All Ireland Championship shall continue without a representative of the County or Province concerned.”

*Ros Fhionnghlaise, Laois*

40. Amend Riall 120 (a) T.O. to increase Senior Inter-County panels from twenty four up to thirty players be added to the exception.

New Rule to read;

“(a) A county team party shall consist of not more than twenty-four players and five officials of the County Committee

**Exception:** A Senior Inter-County team party shall not have more than thirty players.”

Rules affected Riall 99, 100, 101, 109 (c) T.O. Part 1 Riall 2.5 (ii) (a). T.O. Part 2.

*Béal Átha hAmhnais, Muigheo*

41. That the exception to Riall 120 (a) “A senior Inter-county team shall not have more than thirty players” removed at An Chomhdháil Bhliantúil; 2004 be re-instated. Rules affected 99, 100, 101, 109 (c) T.O. Part 1 Rule 2.5 (ii) T.O. Part 2.

*Ard Mhacha*

42. That Rule 124 of An Treoraí Oifigiúil be amended to read as follows:

### “(a) Inter-Club Intermediate

All players are eligible to participate in Inter-club Intermediate grade except:

- (a) Those who have played on a club senior team other than:
- (i) A Divisional or group team or
  - (ii) A college club team, as allowed in rule 32 (d) in the **first round** of the current year’s championship or, unless regraded, in the previous year’s Championship.
- (b) Those who are excluded from Intermediate status by County Bye-Law, consequent on their having played on the winning team in the previous year’s county senior or intermediate Championship final.

### (b) Inter-Club Junior

All players are eligible to participate in inter-club junior grade except:

- (a) Those who have played on a senior or intermediate team other than
- (i) A Divisional or group team or
  - (ii) A college club team, as allowed in Rule 32 (d) in the **first round** of the current year’s Championship or, unless regarded, in the previous year’s Championship.
- (b) Those who are excluded from Junior status by County Bye-Law, consequent on their having played on the winning team in the previous year’s county senior, intermediate or junior Championship final.

Penalty Player, 12 weeks suspension  
Team - Loss of game”

(In other words, that the underlined words be inserted at two points in the rule)

*Cumann Seán Uí Heislín, Liatroim*

43. “That the amendment to Riall 122/127, as determined by Rún 14 passed at the Special Congress in October 2002, and subsequently amended at Congress 2003 be further amended by adding the following to the present rule:-

### “Definitions.

- (a) To be eligible for the under 12 grade, a player must be over 10 years of age on 1 January and under 12 on 31 December of the Championship year.



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(b) To be eligible for the Under 14 grade, a player must be over 11 years of age on 1 January and under 14 on 31 December of the Championship year.

(c) To be eligible for the Under 16 grade, a player must be over 13 years of age on 1 January and under 16 on 31 December of the Championship year.

(d) To be eligible for the Under 18 (Minor) grade, a player must be over 15 years of age on 1 January and under 18 on 31 December of the Championship year.

(e) To be eligible for the Under 21 Grade, a player must be over 17 years of age on 1 January and Under 21 on 31 December of the Championship year.

(f) To be eligible for an Adult Grade a player must be over 17 years of age on 1 January of the Championship year.

- Add to Rial 123 (a) the words "Exception. Players under age as determined in Rial 127".
- Add to Rial 124 (a) a new Section (c) - "Those who are excluded from Intermediate status by Rial 127 (underage)".
- Add to Rial 124 (b) a new Section (c) - "Those who are excluded from Junior status by Rial 127 (underage)".

**Penalty.** Team. Loss of game and game awarded to opponents."

Rules affected or possibly affected : Rules 27, 32, 34, 58, 69, 83, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 134, 135, 141 and 142.

*An Iarmhí*

44. That Rule 131 of An Treoraí Oifigiúil be amended to read as follows:

**"Status**

In League competition a player is graded by his Championship status at the commencement, or first round, of the relevant League competition. A player who is eligible to play in a given grade at the first round of a League competition shall remain eligible for the duration of that competition.

Penalty Player - 12 weeks suspension  
Team - Loss of game."

Rule affected Rule 132.

*Cumann Seán Uí Heislin, Liatroim*

45. **That Rule 133 of the Official Guide of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael be deleted and replaced with the following:-**

- "(a) That the National Hurling and Football Leagues commence in October, with the Finals to be played on the 1st and 2nd weekend in May.
- (b) The regulations governing the competition, promotion, relegation, play-offs and all other matters pertaining to the Leagues, shall be decided by the Central Council, on the advice of the Games Administration Committee."

*C.L.G. Bhulf Tón, An Mhí*

46. Motion for proposed rule change governing Tournaments & Challenge Games under the jurisdiction of Cumann Luthchleas Gael.

"Amend Rule 134 T. O. 2003 as follows

Tournament Games

- a) All Tournament games shall be sanctioned by the appropriate authority, which will deal with any disciplinary matters arising.
- b) An Inter-County Tournament shall be limited to a maximum of four teams, Except as otherwise permitted by Provincial or Central Council. Sanction must be obtained from Provincial Council where teams are from one Province, and from Central Council if teams are from more than one Province.
- c) An Inter-Club Tournament shall be confined to a maximum of eight teams, and sanction must be obtained as follows:
- From County Committee where teams are from within one County.
  - From the County Committees involved where teams are from more than one County, and in such circumstances the sanction of the Provincial Council or Central Council as appropriate must be obtained.



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- d) All application for sanction of tournaments involving teams from outside the club's own County must come through and be recommended by the home County Committee.
- e) A fee of €40 for an Inter-County tournament and €20 for an Inter-Club shall be paid with the application.
- f) Counties or Clubs organising Tournament Games shall make application to the appropriate authority / authorities in such time as to have permission granted or otherwise ten days prior to the date of the commence date of the tournament. Application must be in writing or by e-mail.
- g) The following details shall be included within the application;
  - The venue;
  - The names of neutral referees and other match officials.
  - The Referees shall be on the current and recognised list of referees, from the County / Provincial / National as appropriate.
  - The referee's match reports shall be submitted to the appropriate authority within seven days of the Tournament' completion.
- h) The above rules apply to seven a side competitions with exception of the limit of eight teams. The number of teams for seven a side competition is at the discretion of the appropriate controlling committee or council.
- i) The above rules are applicable to Juvenile Tournaments involving players at under 14 age group or over.
 

Blitz competitions are recommended for players under fourteen years of age.
- j) Failure to comply with any of the above rules nullifies participation in the Insurance Scheme. Clubs and players participating will be liable for suspension under Rule 136.

## **Challenge Games**

- a) All challenge games shall be sanctioned by the appropriate authority, which will deal with any disciplinary matters arising.
- b) An Inter-County challenge game shall be sanctioned by Provincial /s or Central Council.

Sanction must be obtained from the Provincial Council where teams are from the one province, and from the two Provincial Councils and from Central Council where teams are from more than one Province.

- c) An Inter-Club challenge game shall be sanctioned by County Committee /s, Provincial Council /s or Central Council.
 

Sanction must be obtained from the County Committee where the teams are from the one County.

Sanctions must be obtained from the County Committees and from the Provincial Council where the teams are from two or more Counties.

Sanctions must be obtained from the County Committees, from the Provincial Councils and from Central Council where teams are from two or more provinces.
- d) Teams playing Challenge Games shall make application to the appropriate authority / authorities in such time as to have permission granted or otherwise five days prior to the date of the fixture. Application must be in writing or by e-mail.
- e) The following details shall be included within the application;
  - The venue;
  - The name of the neutral referee and at least two other match officials.
  - The Referee shall be on the current and recognised list of referees, from the County / Provincial / National list as appropriate.
  - The referee's match report shall be submitted to the appropriate authority within seven days of the fixture.
- f) The above rules are applicable to Juvenile Challenge games for players in the under fourteen age group or over.
 

Blitz type games are recommended for players under fourteen years of age.
- g) Failure to comply with any of the above rules nullifies participation in the Insurance Scheme. Players and clubs participating will be liable for suspension under Rule 136."

Rules affected or possibly affected: 57, 58, 59, 69, 70, 83, 87, 88, 103, 106, 135, 136, 137, 138, 140, 152 and 153.

*Comhairle Uladh*



**47. That Rule 137 of the Treoraí Oifigiúil (Official Guide 2003) be amended as follows :-**

- Paragraph 2 to be amended by adding 'in the Code i.e. Hurling or Gaelic Football in which the playing offence occurred' after 'in all Games (including Tournaments and Challenge Games)'.

**Amended Paragraph 2 to read as follows :-**

'The suspension of a member for a Category (B) playing offence, means a suspension from playing in all games (including Tournaments and Challenge Games ) in the Code i.e. Hurling or Gaelic Football in which the playing offence was committed and from acting as a Referee, Umpire, Linesman or Sideline Official'.

- Paragraph 3 to be amended as follows :- by adding 'in the Code i.e. Hurling or Gaelic Football' after 'from playing games (including Tournaments and Challenge Games) at the Level' and by re-ordering the wording of the remainder of the paragraph by bringing forward 'i.e. Inter-County, Club, Inter-Provincial, Third Level, Schools etc.,' after 'Level'

**Amended Paragraph 3 to read as follows :-**

'The suspension of a member for a Category (C) or (D) Playing Offence, means a suspension from playing in games (including Tournaments and Challenge Games) in the Code i.e. Hurling or Gaelic Football and at the Level i.e. Inter-County, Club, Inter-Provincial, Third Level, Schools etc. at which the suspension was incurred, and from acting as a Referee, Umpire, Linesman or Sideline Official'.

**That Rule 138 of the Treoraí Oifigiúil (Official Guide 2003) be amended as follows :-**

- Section (2) (i) to be amended by deleting 'or (B)' after 'Category (A)' and adding 'in both Hurling and Gaelic Football' after 'suspended'.

**Amended section to read as follows :-**

- (i) A player ordered off the field for a Category (A) offence shall stand suspended in both Hurling and Gaelic Football and shall not play again until his case has been dealt with by the Council or Committee responsible for determining his suspension.

- A new Section (2) (ii) to be added as follows :-
  - (i) A player ordered off the field for a Category (B) offence shall stand suspended in and shall not play again in the Code i.e. Hurling or Gaelic Football in which the sending off occurred until his case has been dealt with by the Council or Committee responsible for determining his suspension.
- Section (2) (ii) to be renumbered as (2) (iii) and amended as follows : - by adding 'in the Code i.e. Hurling or Gaelic Football' after 'minimum of four weeks', by re-ordering the wording of the remainder of the sentence by bringing forward 'i.e. Inter-County, Club, Inter-Provincial, Third Level, Schools etc.,' after 'Level' and by adding 'in the Code i.e. Hurling or Gaelic Football in which the offence was committed' after 'shall not play again' in the second paragraph.

***New section (iii) to read as follows :-***

- (ii) A player ordered off the field for a Category (C) offence shall stand suspended for the minimum of four weeks in the Code i.e. Hurling or Gaelic Football and at the Level i.e. Inter-County, Club, Inter-Provincial, Third Level, Schools etc. at which the offence is committed, but the player shall have the right to have his suspension reviewed by the Committee in Charge, on written representations, or by seeking, in writing, an oral hearing. The penalty shall include the next game in the Competition in which the suspension was incurred, even if the next game falls outside the suspension period.

A player ordered off for a Category (C) offence, for which more than the minimum 4 weeks suspension may be applicable, shall not play again in the Code i.e. Hurling or Gaelic Football in which the offence was committed until his case has been dealt with by the Council or Committee responsible for determining the duration of suspensions over and above the minimum term of 4 weeks.

- Section 2 (iii) to be renumbered as Section 2 (iv).
- The first of the two existing Section 2 (iv)s to be renumbered as Section 2 (v) and amended as follows :- by adding 'in the same Code i.e. Hurling or Gaelic Football and' after 'within 48 weeks' and by adding 'in that Code and' after 'for 2 weeks'.



## **Section 2 (v) to read as follows :-**

- (iii) A player ordered off the field for a Category (D) offence for a subsequent time within 48 weeks in the same Code i.e. Hurling or Gaelic Football and at the same Level i.e. Inter-County, Club, Inter-Provincial, Third Level, Schools etc., shall stand suspended for 2 weeks in that Code and at that Level.
- The second Section 2 (iv) to be renumbered as Section 2 (vi). (Note :- The current Rule 138 (2) has two section (iv)s which is obviously an error.)
- Section (4) to be amended as follows :- remove 'or (B)' from the second paragraph

insert a new paragraph (to be the third paragraph in the amended section (4)) as follows :- 'A player repeating any specific offence in Category (B) within a forty eight weeks period, shall be suspended in the Code i.e. Hurling or Gaelic Football in which the repeat offence occurred for not less than double the minimum applicable' and insert 'and in the Code i.e. Gaelic Football or Hurling in which the repeat offence occurred' after 'at that level' in the current third paragraph (to be the fourth paragraph in the amended section (4)).

## **Amended Section (4) to read as follows :-**

The above suspensions for Category (A), (B) and (C) offences are minimum penalties. The Committee in Charge shall have due regard for the gravity and repetition of offences in each case, and shall, where appropriate, impose a longer term of suspension.

A player repeating any specific offence in Category (A) within a forty eight weeks period, shall be suspended for not less than double the minimum applicable to that offence.

A player repeating any specific offence in Category (B) within a forty eight weeks period, shall be suspended in the Code i.e. Hurling or Gaelic Football in which the repeat offence occurred for not less than double the minimum applicable to that offence.

A player repeating any specific offence in Category (C) at the same level i.e. Inter-County, Club, Inter-Provincial, Third Level, Schools etc., within a forty eight weeks period, shall be suspended at that level and in the Code i.e. Hurling or Gaelic Football in which the repeat offence occurred for not less than double the minimum applicable to that offence.

This Section of Rule shall not apply to repeat Category (D) offences i.e. the maximum suspension for a Category (D) offence is two weeks.

- Section (7) (i) be amended to include 'applying, in the case of Category (A) offences to both Codes i.e. Hurling and Gaelic Football and, in the case of Category (B), (C) and (D) offences, only to the Code i.e. Hurling or Gaelic Football in which the offence was committed' after 'A term of suspension' and
  - (ii) 'for a Category (A) offence, and his last game played in the relevant Code i.e. Gaelic Football or Hurling in which the offence was committed for Category (B), (C) and (D) offences' after 'last game played'.

## **Amended Section (7) to read as follows :-**

A term of suspension, applying, in the case of Category (A) offences, to both Codes i.e. Hurling and Gaelic Football and, in the case of Category (B), (C) and (D) offences, only to the Code i.e. Hurling or Gaelic Football in which the offence was committed, shall commence :-

- (iii) In the case of a player - from the date of his last game played for a Category (A) offence, and his last game played in the relevant Code i.e. Gaelic Football or Hurling in which the offence was committed for Category (B), (C) and (D) offences, except as provided in (6) above
- (iv) In the case of other members - from the date of decision.

## **That Rule 141 of the Treoraí Oifigiúil (Official Guide 2003) be amended as follows :-**

- Section (b) to be amended to add two additional sentences after the first sentence as follows :-  
'Suspensions for Category (B), (C) and (D) offences shall apply only to the Code i.e. Hurling or Gaelic Football in which the offence was committed. Suspensions for Category (A) offences shall apply to both Codes i.e. Hurling and Gaelic Football.'

## **Amended Section (b) to read as follows :-**

'The following suspensions shall apply to Juvenile (Under 16) players ordered off in Under 16 or younger age-group games. Suspensions for Category (B), (C) and (D) offences shall apply only to the Code i.e. Hurling or Gaelic Football in which the offence was committed. Suspensions for



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Category (A) offences shall apply to both Codes i.e. Hurling and Gaelic Football.'

(b) (i), (ii) and (iii) to remain as at present.

*Dún Samhna C.L.G., An Mhí*

48. Riail 138. That Riail 138 (2) be amended as follows:

"A player ordered off the field of play for a Category (C) Offence shall stand suspended for a minimum of four weeks at the level, and in the code (i.e.) Hurling, Gaelic Football, Handball and Rounders) at which the offence is committed i.e. Intercounty, Club, Inter-Provincial, Third Level, Schools etc. but the player shall have the right to have his suspension reviewed by the Committee in Charge, on written representation, or by seeking, in writing an oral hearing. The penalty shall include the next game in the Competition in which the suspension was incurred, even if the next game falls outside the suspension period.

A player ordered off the field for a Category (C) Offence, for which more than the minimum four weeks suspension may be applicable, shall not play again until his case has been dealt with by the Council or Committee responsible for determining the duration of the suspension over and above the minimum four weeks."

No change to remainder of Rule 138 (2)  
Rules affected or possibly affected 137, 141, 142, 143, 144.

*Coill Cam, An Iarmhí*

49. Amend Rule 138 T.O. 2003, Part 1 (as amended at Congress 2004) as follows:-

**(A)** Alter Section (2) (iii) to read:-

" A Player who is shown a second Yellow Card for a Category D Offence, shall be ordered off the field for ten minutes of Playing Time, or for the remainder of the Game if there is less than ten minutes remaining to be played. If the penalty is not completed in ordinary time, it shall carry over into Extra Time, where played.

The Referee, providing for incidental or deliberate delays for which he is adding on time under Rule 3.2 Rules of Specification, shall determine when the penalty has been completed, and a penalised Player may resume playing only with the expressed permission of the Referee.

In this process, the Referee may be assisted by another Match Official (Linesman or Fourth Official).

If a Player, having served a ten minute Playing Time penalty, subsequently commits a further cautionable foul, he shall be ordered off for the remainder of the Game, which shall include Extra Time, where played".

**(B)** It is further proposed to delete existing Rule 138(2) (iv) (relating to a Category (D) Offence for a subsequent time within 48 weeks) - in effect proposing to legislate that yellow card offences, in any circumstances, do not involve a Suspension.

Remainder of Rule 138 to be unchanged, except as provided for in Rules Affected/Possibly Affected in list below.

### **Rules Affected or Possibly Affected:-**

Rules 137, 138(1), 138 (4), 141, 142, 143, and 144 T.O. 2003, Part 1.

Rules of Control - Rules 1.2(vii), 1.6, 2, 3, and 4 T.O. 2003, Part 2.

Rules of Specification - Rule 3.2, T.O. 2003, Part 2.

Rules of Hurling - Rules 4.32, 4.33, 5.8, 5.9, 5.10, 5.11, 5.12, 5.13, 5.14, 5.15, 5.16, 5.17, 5.18, 5.19, 5.20, 5.21, 5.22, 5.23, 5.24 and 6.1, 6.2, 6.3 T.O. 2003, Part 2, as amended following decisions of Congress 2004.

Rules of Football - Rules 4.34, 4.35, 5.8, 5.9, 5.10, 5.11, 5.12, 5.13, 5.14, 5.15, 5.16, 5.17, 5.18, 5.19, 5.20, 5.21 and 6.1, 6.2, T.O. 2003, Part 2, as amended following decisions of Congress 2004.

*Coiste Chontae Chorcaí*

### 50 **Division of Responsibilities of G.A.C.**

Further to the decisions taken at Congress 2004, and the Report of the Games Administration Committee Review Task Force, Ard-Chomhairle proposes to Congress that the responsibilities of G.A.C. be divided into two separate Committees as follows:-

#### **(1) The Central Games Administration Committee**

- (a) It shall consist of a Chairperson appointed by the Management Committee, the Secretary of each Provincial Council, and one person from each of the four



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Provinces appointed by the Management Committee. The Committee shall have a three year Term of Office.

- (b) It shall be responsible for all arrangements, excluding appointment of Referees and control of Games, under the jurisdiction of the Central Council, and any matters, other than disciplinary, arising from same. Match Regulations shall be prepared by the Central Games' Administration Committee for submission for the approval of the Management Committee and Central Council.

### (2) **Central Disciplinary Committee**

- (a) It shall consist of a Chairperson appointed by the Management Committee, one member from each of the four Provinces appointed by the Management Committee, and one member appointed by the Central Council on the recommendation of the Management Committee. Members shall have a three year Term of Office.
- (b) It shall be responsible for all Disciplinary Matters, including misconduct and breaches of Match Regulations, arising from games under the jurisdiction of the Central Council and from the Provincial Inter County Senior Championship Games.

The Motion Proposes:-

- (A) Delete Rule 87 and replace with (1) and (2) as outlined above, **effective from Congress 2006.**
- (B) As an interim measure, for one year only (until Congress 2006), that Rule 87 be amended as proposed only in relation to the **Functions of the Committees**, as outlined in (1) and (2) above, but with the **Constitution of the Committees** being as follows:-

#### (a) **Central Games Administration Committee**

As constituted currently in Rule 87, with any appropriate changes following Congress 2005.

#### (b) **Central Disciplinary Committee**

To consist of a Chairperson and four other members appointed by Ard-Chomhairle on the recommendation of An Coiste Bainistí (all for one year only); and four other members, one from each Province, appointed by the Management Committee (the latter four members have a three year term of office).

Rules affected – Rules 70, 83, 86, 87, 89, 140 and 151 T.O. 2003.

*Ard Chomhairle*

### 51. **Rule Book Task Force**

- (A) That Congress adopt the Interim Report and Recommendations of the Rule Book Task Force to:-
  - (a) Establish a Central Appeals Committee
  - (b) To provide in Rule for an Arbitration System under a Disputes Resolution Code, based on the Proposals hereunder outlined.
  - (c) That the Rule Book Task Force in its Review of the Disciplinary Rules, be authorised by Congress to include a Review of the Disciplinary Rules related to the Playing Rules, and to present any proposals for change of these Rules to either a Special Congress in 2005 or Congress 2006.
  - (d) That Congress authorise Central Council to keep updated, as is required in the future, the Anti Doping Code, in accordance with amendments, agreed by the Association with the Irish Sports Council.
- (B) That a **New Rule** be enacted as follows:-
  - “Central Appeals Committee**
    - (a) It shall consist of a Chairperson appointed by the Management Committee, four members - one from each Province - appointed by the Management Committee, and four members - one from each Province - appointed by the Central Council on the recommendation of the Management Committee. Members shall have a three year Term of Office.
    - (b) It shall hear all Appeals made at Central Level.
    - (c) Its decisions shall be final and binding, subject only to a case being referred to Arbitration under the Disputes Resolution Code provided for in these Rules.

**This New Rule to be fully effective from Congress 2006.**

Consistent with the proposals on the Central Games Administration Committee and Central Disciplinary Committee, as an interim measure for one year only (until Congress 2006), the New Rule shall be effective only in its proposed Functions and Powers,



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but with the Constitution of the Committee being as follows:-

The immediate Past President as Chairperson, the immediate Past Chairman of each of the four Provincial Councils, and four members - one from each Province – appointed by the Management Committee, the latter four members to have a three year Term of Office

Rules affected 70, 80, 83, 86, 87, 89 and 151 O.G. 2003

**(C)** For the purposes of adopting an Arbitration System under a Disputes Resolution Code, that Rule 6 O.G. be amended and by a **New Rule – Arbitration** be enacted, as outlined below.

That **Rule 6** (as amended at Special Congress 2004) be amended by replacement of the existing Rule with the following:-

## “6. Units/Jurisdiction

The Association is a democratic organisation comprising of the following units:-

- (a) Clubs
- (b) County Committees
- (c) Provincial Councils
- (d) Central Council
- (e) Annual Congress

Members of the Association shall, by virtue of their membership, be subject of the jurisdiction of the Association’s Rules, Bye-Laws and Regulations, which shall govern the relationship between the various units, between members, and between members and units.

Members and units shall be bound to resolve any and all disputes that arise, within the framework of the existing procedures, the appeals system, and the Dispute Resolution provisions as set out in these Rules.

Members shall not resort to Court Proceedings in disregard of these Procedures, the Appeals System and the Dispute Resolution provisions”.

That the following **New Rule** be enacted: -

## Arbitration

- (i) In the event of any dispute or difference between any member or unit of the Association with any other member or unit of the Association, as to the legality of any decision made or procedure used by any unit of the Association in pursuance of the Rules and Bye-Laws of the Association, which cannot be settled by amicable means within the Rules of the Association, such dispute may be referred by either party to Arbitration under the Disputes Resolution Code annexed to these Rules, as initially approved by Congress and from time to time amended by the Disputes Resolution Authority with the approval of Central Council.
- (ii) Such Dispute Resolution shall be conducted in accordance with that Code and the Arbitration Acts 1954 and 1980 or any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof. The Rules of the Association and the Laws of Ireland shall govern such Dispute Resolution.
- (iii) No member or unit of the Association may issue proceedings relating to any such Dispute in any Court of Law in any jurisdiction.
- (iv) No member or unit of the Association shall refer such Dispute to Dispute Resolution until all other avenues of Appeal under the Rules of the Association have been exhausted”.

## **(D) Disputes Resolution Code**

That the following Disputes Resolution Code be adopted by Congress for inclusion as an Appendix in the Official Guide:-

## DISPUTES RESOLUTION CODE

### 1 The Disputes Resolution Authority and Jurisdiction

- 1.1 An Authority known as The Disputes Resolution Authority shall be established. It shall be independent of the Association and be bound only by the Provisions of this Code. It shall consist of a Secretary, who shall be appointed for a term of three years by Congress on the nomination of Central Council. If a vacancy occurs between Congresses, it shall be filled by the Central Council, and the appointment shall be ratified at the following Congress. The Secretary shall have power to appoint Deputies and/or Assistants.



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The Secretary shall maintain a Panel of not fewer than 30 persons, made up of not fewer than 15 persons who have qualified as solicitors or barristers or arbitrators (*Group 1*), and not fewer than 15 persons without such qualification, who, by virtue of their experience and expertise in the affairs of the Association, are properly qualified to resolve disputes relating to the Rules of the Association (*Group 2*).

The Secretary's selection of the Panel shall be ratified on an annual basis by Central Council.

No serving Officer at County, Provincial or National level shall be eligible for the panel.

1.2 The Disputes Resolution Authority shall be indemnified in respect of all costs, expenses and liabilities by the Association and shall lay an account of its business before Central Council (or its appointed subcommittee) on an annual basis. The Disputes Resolution Authority shall not be liable for anything done or omitted in the discharge or purported discharge of its functions unless the act or omission is shown to have been in bad faith.

1.3 The Rules of the Gaelic Athletic Association (including Bye-Laws, Regulations, and interpretations of Rules by Central Council applicable to the decision, the subject matter of the dispute (the Rules) and the Laws of Ireland shall govern and be applied to any issue between disputing parties. The Tribunal (as defined in Section 5) shall make such enquiries, seek such opinions and evidence, and make such orders as it considers fit, subject to this Code and to Law.

1.4 In all matters in which the Secretary of the Disputes Resolution Authority has a function under this Code, he/she may appoint a deputy to act in his/her place where, for reasons of practicality, he/she is not in a position to act. Such Deputy shall have all the powers and functions of the Secretary when acting with his/her authority.

## 2 Request for Dispute Resolution

2.1 Any party to a dispute governed by this Code who seeks a determination ("the Claimant") must submit to the Secretary of The Disputes Resolution Authority a written request for

dispute resolution proceedings ("the Claim") containing the following details:

- (a) the names and addresses of all parties to the dispute and their dates of birth if under the age of eighteen;
- (b) a brief statement describing the nature and circumstances of the dispute, and specifying the remedy claimed;
- (c) copies of any rules, regulations, bye-laws, rulings or legal authority relevant to the claim;
- (d) a statement of any matters on which the parties have already agreed in relation to the conduct of the dispute resolution proceedings, or proposals (if any) in relation to such conduct;
- (e) Confirmation that all avenues of appeal under the Official Guide have been exhausted; and
- (f) A statement that the contents of the Claim are true and accurate.

A prescribed form is set out at the end of this Code, and the Secretary may publish updated prescribed forms for Claims under this Rule.

2.2 The Claim shall be notified to the Secretary of The Disputes Resolution Authority as soon as possible after all available appeals within the Rules have been completed, and in any event within 7 days of the last decision, and no Claim shall be entertained after that date, unless the Secretary is satisfied that there is good reason for extending the time.

2.3 The Claim shall be accompanied by a deposit in the amount of €500 towards the expenses of The Disputes Resolution Authority, which amount shall be reviewed by the Secretary on an annual basis and notified to Central Council in the audited accounts. At the end of any Dispute Resolution proceedings, the total expenses of The Disputes Resolution Authority in the proceedings shall be calculated and the Tribunal (as defined in Section 5) may direct that the expenses be paid by such party or parties as it deems appropriate, and for this purpose may require that any successful



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Claimant be reimbursed in respect of the deposit by any unsuccessful parties.

- 2.4 The Claimant must serve a copy of the Claim together with copies of any documents supplied to the Secretary on the other party or parties (“the Respondent”) and shall confirm in writing to the Secretary when submitting the claim that such documents have been duly served. The date of receipt by the Secretary of the claim shall be the date the dispute resolution proceedings commenced (“the Commencement Date”).

### 3 Response by Respondent

Within 7 days, or such extended, or in cases of special urgency, reduced, time limit as the Secretary of The Disputes Resolution Authority may impose and notify to the Respondent, of the Commencement Date, the Respondent may send to the Secretary a response (“the Reply”) containing the following details:

- (a) a response by way of admission or denial of each statement in the Claim;
- (b) a brief statement of the nature and circumstances of any applicable counterclaim being made;
- (c) comment in response to any statements contained in the Claim on matters relating to the conduct of the dispute resolution proceedings;
- (d) confirmation that all avenues of appeal under the Official Guide have been exhausted; and
- (e) a statement that the contents of the Reply are true and accurate.

and shall confirm in writing to the Secretary that a copy of the Reply together with copies of any documents supplied to the Secretary have been duly served on the Claimant, and on any other Respondants. A prescribed form is set out at the end of this Code and the Secretary may publish updated forms for Replies under this [Rule](#).

### 4. Mediation

- 4.1 The Disputes Resolution Authority shall encourage mediation and negotiations where practical, and shall, if requested and otherwise

at the Secretary’s discretion, notify the parties of the names and contact details of persons willing and able to assist in the amicable resolution of disputes within the Rules of the Association.

- 4.2 Mediation and negotiation shall be without prejudice to the dispute resolution proceedings and may take place and continue at any time during the dispute resolution proceedings.

### 5 The Tribunal

- 5.1 Subject to Section 5.4 below, any dispute submitted to The Disputes Resolution Authority shall be decided by a Tribunal (“the Tribunal”) of three persons selected from The Disputes Resolution Authority’s Panel, at least one of whom shall be selected from Group 1 and at least one of whom shall be selected from Group 2 of the Panel.

- 5.2 Every person conducting dispute resolution proceedings under this Code must be independent and impartial, and must never act as advocate for any party.

- 5.3 The Secretary of The Disputes Resolution Authority shall provisionally select the Tribunal from The Disputes Resolution Authority’s Panel and shall notify the parties of the names of the Tribunal members as soon as practicable after they have been selected. The Tribunal shall be so constituted, unless the Secretary receives an objection from one or more parties to any person provisionally selected within three days of notification (or such shorter period as may be set in the event that the hearing is set for an earlier date), and is satisfied that such person has a genuine conflict of interest.

- 5.4 If all parties to the dispute agree that the Tribunal shall consist of only one person nominated by them from The Disputes Resolution Authority’s Panel, they must notify the Secretary accordingly, and the Secretary, provided that he/she is satisfied that the nominated person is independent of the parties to the dispute, shall appoint that one person, and that one person shall constitute a valid Tribunal.



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- 5.5 If any member of the Tribunal refuses, or in the opinion of the Secretary becomes unable or unfit to act, the Secretary of The Disputes Resolution Authority shall appoint another person to the Tribunal in his place.
- 5.6 The Tribunal members shall select one of their number to act as Chairperson, and in default of agreement, the Secretary shall select the Chairperson.
- 5.7 The Tribunal may decide on its own jurisdiction, including any objections with respect to the existence or validity of the particular referral to arbitration in accordance with the Official Guide. For that purpose, this Code shall be treated as an agreement independent of the other terms of the Rules of the Association.

acknowledged to the sender thereof, and in proving such service, it shall be sufficient to prove that delivery was made or that the envelope containing the communication was properly addressed and posted as a prepaid letter, or that the email or facsimile transmission was properly addressed, despatched and acknowledged as the case may be.

- 6.5 In cases of special urgency, the Secretary, the Tribunal and (provided that permission from the Secretary has been obtained) the parties may use telephone or such other methods as are necessary in order to give notice.
- 6.6 The Tribunal may deem communications to be adequate notwithstanding a failure of compliance with this Section 6, if the same were sufficiently effective.

### 6 Communications

- 6.1 The parties shall not communicate with the Tribunal except through the Secretary of The Disputes Resolution Authority, unless so directed by the Secretary.
- 6.2 The Secretary may communicate with any party directly to confirm receipt of Documents, and may send copies of any Documents to them.
- 6.3 Correspondence from one party to the Secretary of the Disputes Resolution Authority shall be accompanied by three extra copies, and a further copy of such correspondence must be sent by that party to every other party to the dispute.
- 6.4 All communications shall be either hand delivered or sent by post, email or facsimile transmission to the parties at the addresses set out for each in the Claim, or at such address as any party may have previously notified The Disputes Resolution Authority, the Tribunal and the other parties. Any such communication shall be deemed to be served:
- if hand delivered, at the time of delivery,
  - if posted, at the expiration of 48 hours after the envelope containing the same shall have been put in the post, and
  - if sent by email or facsimile transmission, at the expiration of 12 hours after receipt of the same has been automatically

### 7 Conduct of the Proceedings

- 7.1 The Tribunal shall conduct the dispute resolution proceedings in such manner as it considers fit and may follow any arbitral procedure agreed by the parties if it is in the Tribunal's opinion reasonably practicable so to do.
- 7.2 The Tribunal or its Chairperson may hold a preliminary meeting with the parties at which the parties may be given directions as to time limits and procedures, including timetables in respect of steps to be taken.
- 7.3 If directed to do so by the Tribunal, the parties shall make written submissions to the Tribunal giving further details of their Claim and Reply.
- 7.4 In cases of special urgency, the Tribunal (or, if the Tribunal has not yet been constituted, the Secretary of The Disputes Resolution Authority) may, on the application of either party, direct that a hearing be held on a specific date and that any time limits set out in this Code be varied, as so directed.
- 7.5 Each party must submit to the Secretary within such time as the Tribunal shall direct, copies of every document on which that party will rely, unless that document has previously been submitted to the Secretary. Copies shall also be sent by that party to all other parties to the proceedings.



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- 7.6 The Tribunal may proceed with the dispute resolution procedures and make its decision even if the Respondent has failed to serve a Reply.
- 7.7 If any party deliberately or recklessly misleads the Secretary or the Tribunal as to any facts relevant to the dispute or referral, the Tribunal may dismiss their Claim or strike out their Reply and make punitive awards as to costs.

### 8. Interim Rulings

- 8.1 A Claimant may apply to the Tribunal for interim temporary remedies where necessary in order to preserve the *status quo ante* pending the Hearing. If any claim for any interim remedy is being made, then subject to Section 7.4, it must be set out on the Claim.
- 8.2 Subject to Section 8.3, such applications shall be heard on a day and at a place and time suitable to the Tribunal, with at least 3 days' notice to the Respondent(s). The Tribunal shall have the same powers as a Court of Law in legal proceedings alleging a breach of contract.
- 8.3 In cases of special urgency, the Tribunal (or, if the Tribunal has not yet been constituted, the Secretary of The Disputes Resolution Authority) may (i) shorten the time required for notice or (ii) dispense with notice, and grant such temporary interim remedy as is appropriate, if the Claimant shows that it has been impossible or impracticable to meet the notice requirements.
- 8.4 No interim remedy shall be granted in the event that the Tribunal or the Secretary of the Disputes Resolution Authority, as the case may be, finds that the Claimant has unreasonably delayed in bringing the application for temporary interim remedy.
- 8.5 If an interim order is made and at the Hearing it is subsequently found that such interim order was inappropriate, the Tribunal may affix the Claimant with liability for any loss or damage thereby incurred by the Respondent(s), unless one or more exceptional countervailing factors are found to exist by the Tribunal.

- 8.6 All parties shall comply with the interim orders of the Tribunal, in default of which the Claim or the Reply (as the case may be) may be struck out without consideration of the substantive Claim.

### 9 Hearings

- 9.1 The Tribunal shall fix the date, time and place of any hearings in the dispute resolution proceedings and shall give the parties as much notice as practicable of same. All such hearings shall be in private.
- 9.2 For the avoidance of doubt, the Tribunal may direct that the parties should make written submissions and that no evidence will be given orally.
- 9.3 Where the proceedings involve a matter of exceptional importance to the Association, the Tribunal in its absolute discretion may invite submissions from Central Council or any other appropriate party regarding the consequences for members and units of the Association other than those party to the dispute of any decision it might make.

### 10 Witnesses

- 10.1 The parties must notify the Tribunal and other parties as soon as practicable and within any time limits set by the Tribunal of the identity of any witnesses they wish to call, and, if the Tribunal requires it, each party shall disclose the subject matter and content of the evidence on which each such witness shall be relying and how that evidence relates to the points at issue.
- 10.2 The Tribunal may question a witness at any stage, and shall supervise the questioning of a witness by the parties.

### 11 Decisions

- 11.1 If in the opinion of the majority of the Tribunal, one member of the Tribunal has refused or failed to comply with this Code or any applicable law relating to the making of the decision and/or award, having been given a reasonable opportunity to do so, the other members may remove him/her, and the remaining members shall proceed in his/her absence.



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11.2 The Tribunal shall decide on any issue by majority. The final decision shall be in writing and shall be dated and signed by each member of the Tribunal, and shall be accompanied by the reasons on which it is based.

11.3 The Tribunal may direct any party to the dispute resolution proceedings to take, or abstain from taking, any steps, within the Rules of the Association and with due regard to the rights of third parties, including, but not limited to, the re-hearing of any disciplinary or other decision-making process, with or without directions as to the proper procedures to be applied.

11.4 In the event of a decision or procedure being quashed, and with agreement of both parties, the Tribunal may conduct a full hearing as if it were an appellate body of last resort under the Rules of the Association, with power to fully conduct the procedure which has been quashed. No decision made by the Tribunal in this context shall be susceptible to appeal or review by any body.

11.5 In the event that the parties in dispute agree a resolution of the dispute at any stage in the referral prior to the delivery of the decision,

the Tribunal, if satisfied that such proposed resolution is within the Rules of the Association and does not occasion any breach of contract or other act whereby any third party is prejudiced, may ratify the resolution, in which case it shall have the same force as if it were a decision of the Tribunal.

11.6 The Chairman of the Tribunal shall arrange for the decision to be delivered to the Secretary of the Disputes Resolution Authority, and the Secretary shall notify the parties and the Director General of the Gaelic Athletic Association accordingly.

## 12 General Rules

12.1 If notwithstanding the fact that any provision or requirement of this Code has not been complied with, a party proceeds with dispute resolution proceedings without promptly stating its objection, that party shall have waived its right to object.

12.2 Save in respect of decisions made prior to the constitution of a Tribunal and the election of its Chairperson, any decision of the Secretary of the Disputes Resolution Authority may be appealed to the Tribunal.



**Form 1: Request for Arbitration  
(The Claim)**

Name: (of Person/Committee/Council/Other Body): \_\_\_\_\_ (The Claimant)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (if under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of parent/legal

Fax No. \_\_\_\_\_ guardian (if under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Person(s)/Committee(s)/Council(s)/Other Body (Bodies) against whom Claim is made:  
\_\_\_\_\_ (The Respondent(s))

Names and addresses of any further persons/committees/bodies concerned or affected:  
(1) \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_  
*(use additional sheet for any further names)*

Brief statement of the facts upon which the claim is based *(use additional sheet if required)*:  
1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List the Rules of the Association or laws or entitlements of which it is claimed the Respondent(s) is/are in breach *(use additional sheet if required)*:  
1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



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## Form 1: Request for Arbitration (The Claim) *continued*

Brief statement explaining why the Respondent(s) are in breach of the rules/laws/entitlements (*use additional sheet if required*):

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List what remedy or remedies is/are claimed (*use additional sheet if required*):

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

List any Interim Temporary Remedies sought

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

Have any matters been agreed in relation to the dispute? If yes, please specify.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Does the Claimant have any proposals for the carrying out of the hearing (e.g. whether an urgent hearing is necessary, what location is suitable etc.)? If yes, please specify.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you require copies of any documents in the possession or power of the Respondent(s) or any other parties concerned? Yes\* / No\* (*\*delete as appropriate*) If 'Yes', list the documents or categories of documents sought (*use additional sheet if required*):

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

I/We hereby confirm that I have exhausted all avenues of appeal under the Official Guide.

I/We hereby certify that the facts stated above are true and I acknowledge that if any of these facts is proved to be false, my/our Claim may be dismissed immediately without further consideration:

Signed (in Irish): \_\_\_\_\_ (Claimant)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Attach:

1. A copy of any Rules of the Association relevant to the Claim
2. Deposit Fee of €500.



**Form 2: Response to Request for Arbitration  
(The Reply)**

Name: (of Person/Committee/Council/Other Body): \_\_\_\_\_(The Respondent)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. (1) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. (2) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax No. \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Names and addresses of any further persons/committees/bodies concerned:

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

*(use additional sheet for any further names)*

Does the Respondent confirm or deny the facts stated in the Claim? If denied, please explain why *(use additional sheet if required)*:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

State whether Respondent is agreeable to all or part of the remedy claimed, including any Interim Temporary Remedy claimed:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



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## Form 2: Response to Request for Arbitration (The Reply) *continued*

Have any matters been agreed in relation to the dispute? If yes, please specify.

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Does the Respondent have any proposals for the carrying out of the hearing? If yes, please specify.

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Do you require copies of any documents in the possession or power of the Claimant(s) or any other parties concerned?

Yes\*/No\* (*\*delete as appropriate*)

If 'Yes', list the documents or categories of documents sought (*use additional sheet if required*):

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby acknowledge / deny that the Claimant has exhausted all avenues of appeal under the Rules of the Association.

I hereby certify that the facts stated above are true and I acknowledge that if any of these facts is proved to be false, my response to the Claim may be struck out immediately without further consideration:

Signed(in Irish): \_\_\_\_\_ (Respondent)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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Rules Affected by Proposals in (C) & (D) on page 135:

**Rule 74 O.G.** to be amended by the addition of the following after Clause (e):-

**(f)** To appoint the Secretary of the Disputes Resolution Authority on the nomination of the Central Council, or in the event of a vacancy occurring between Congresses, to ratify at the following Congress any such appointment made by the Central Council.

**Rule 83(d) O.G.** to be amended by the deletion of the second sentence.

**Rule 83 O.G.** to be amended by the insertion after Clause (g) of the following:-

**(h)** It shall nominate the Secretary of the Disputes Resolution Authority for appointment by Congress.  
If a vacancy occurs between Congresses, it shall fill the vacancy, and the appointment shall be submitted for ratification by the following Congress.

It shall ratify the Panel selected by the said Secretary in accordance with the Disputes Resolution Code.”  
The later Clauses of this Rule to be appropriately re-lettered.

**Rule 151(g) O.G.**, as existing, to be deleted, and the following Sections to be re-lettered.

**(E)** That in its Review of Disciplinary Rules, the Rule Book Task Force be authorised by Congress to include a Review of the Disciplinary Rules related to the Playing Rules and to present any proposals for change of these Rules to either a Special Congress in 2005 or Congress 2006.

**Rule affected** - Rule 80(d) O.G.

**(F)** That Congress authorise Central Council to keep updated, as required in the future, the Anti Doping Code, in accordance with amendments agreed by the Association with the Irish Sports Council.

**Rules Affected** - Rules 15 and 80 and Appendix 3 – Anti Doping Code O.G.

*Ard Chomhairle*