

Na Rúin (Motions for 2022 Co. Convention)

Proposed amendments to Tipperary Co Bye Law

1. That the following positions be added to the County Committee (Highlighted)
 - (i) In accordance with Rule 3. 18, T.O. 2021, the **County Committee** shall consist of Chairperson, Secretary(Non-Voting), Vice-Chairperson, Senior Administrator (Non-Voting), Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Planning and Training Officer, Coaching Officer, Officer for the Irish Language and Culture, Public Relations Officer, The Children's Officer, County Referee's Administrator, **Planning and Training Officer** County Safety and Facilities Officer, Two Representatives on the Provincial Council and One Representative on the Central Council, The Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer of the four Divisional Committees, one named Primary Schools Committee, one named County Handball Committee, one named County Post-Primary Schools Committee Representative, one named County Coiste na n-Óg Representative, and one named Representative from each Affiliated Club. (Subject to Rule 3.18(F), T.O. 2021
(Co Bye Laws Review Committee)

2. That the following position to be added to the County Management Committee (Highlighted)

County Management Committee:

 - (ii) It shall consist of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary (Non-Voting), Treasurer and Public Relations Officer of the County Committee, Chairperson of each Divisional Committee, Chairperson of the County Football Committee, Planning and Training Officer, **County Safety and Facilities Officer**, Chairperson of the County Coaching and Games Development Committee, Provincial and central Council Representatives, Chairperson of County Coiste na n-Og Plus two other members of the county Committee elected at its first meeting after County Convention.
(Co Bye Laws Review Committee)

3. The changes be made to Bye Law 7 Playing Eligibility/Transfers/Gradings
 7. **Playing Eligibility/Transfers/Gradings**
 - 7.1. **Player Eligibility:**

A person first becoming a member of the Association shall be restricted to becoming a member of the club in the Catchment Area of his Permanent Residence (as defined herein) or where the player has other relevant connections as defined below in 7.1 (v).
 - (iii) For the purposes of this Byelaw, the Boundaries of the Catchment Area in Tipperary, as defined by County Committee, shall be the Roman Catholic Parish area (subject to County Boundaries) as per Rule 6.3 T.O.2021.
 - (iv) For the purpose of this Byelaw, any proposed transfer applicant shall have permanent residence in the Catchment Area of the proposed new club. Permanent Residence (for first members and those seeking transfers) shall be defined as: the address at which a person:
 - a. has normally resided for a minimum of 120 days: and
 - b. is likely to continue residing for at least a further 12 months; and
 - c. if aged eighteen or over, is registered for statutory purposes; or if aged under eighteen, whose parents or guardians normally reside and are registered for statutory purposes.
 - (v) A person will not be deemed to have Permanent Residence in a Catchment Area where that person resides there for any of the following reasons:
 - a. For attending a Primary School.
 - b. For attending a Post Primary School;
 - c. For attending a Further or Higher Education College; or
 - d. For the purpose of undertaking part time temporary work.
 - (vi) Documentary proof of the address at which a person is registered for statutory purposes or whose parents or guardians are registered for statutory purposes, as applicable, is limited to the following documents:
 - a. Utility bill;
 - b. Car or home insurance policy;
 - c. Document issued by a government department;
 - d. Bank or Credit Union statement;
 - e. Copy of a Tax Credit Certificate; or
 - f. Statement of Liability from Revenue.
 - (vii) Other Relevant Connections in the Context of Eligibility to Play for First Club: For the purposes of these Bye-Laws, a member seeking registration to a First Club shall be considered to have a relevant connection with a particular Club if:
 - (i) The Member's parents were, at the time of the member's birth, permanently resident in the present Catchment Area of that Club; or
 - (ii) That Club was the First Club of either of his parents.

7.1.1

Further to 7.1 above, if no such club exists within the catchment area of that player's residence, a player may, with the permission of the County Competitions Control Committee ("**County C.C.C.**") play with the nearest Club to his place of permanent residence, or in exceptional circumstances, as directed by the County C.C.C.

7.2

Transfer Application Considerations: - As the GAA is community centred, based on the allegiance of its members to their local Club, the object of which is to promote the Association's aims at local level, the transfer rules in An Treoraí Oifigiúil and these Bye-Laws reflect that ethos.

A player is considered to always owe allegiance and loyalty to the Club he first legally participated with in Club competition. Transfers shall be dealt with in accordance with Rules 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, 3.20 (ii) and 3.20 (iv) T.O.2021 and in accordance with these Byelaws, including this Bye Law 7.

7.2.1

The County C.C.C. shall be responsible in the first instance, for making decisions on applications for transfers within the County as per Rule 6.5 T.O.2021. The County Hearings Committee shall adjudicate on appeals that may arise from decisions of the County C.C.C. on applications for transfers.

The County C.C.C., when adjudicating on a transfer application in accordance with Rule 6.5 T.O. 2021, shall give due consideration also to Rules 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, & 6.4 T.O. 2021, this Bye Law 7 and shall also give serious consideration to the following in reaching their determination: -

- i. The relevant rules of the Association applicable to a transfer request
- ii. The relevant sections of these Bye Laws relating to the catchment area definition as defined in 7.1 above and the allegiance of the player to his first club as enunciated in 7.2 above.
- iii. the response of his current Club to the proposed transfer
- iv. be cognisant of the role played by his current Club in nurturing and developing the player
- v. consider the potential impact of the transfer of the player on his current Club.
- vi. consider the potential impact of the transfer request on the promotion of the Association's aims
- vii. consider the case put forward by the individual seeking the transfer
- viii. give special consideration to clubs that are affected by demographic decline
- ix. be cognisant of the imbalance in player membership that generally exists between urban and rural clubs.

7.2.2**MULTIPLE TRANSFERS & TRANSFER UTILISATION**

Multiple transfers (either in an individual year or over a cumulative period of 5 consecutive years) from a Club shall not be approved pending consideration by County Management Committee and the presentation of a report thereon to the County C.C.C. on the impact this would have on the club having regard to the criteria outlined in 7.2.1 above.

Utilisation of the Transfer process to circumvent (intentionally or otherwise) a disciplinary process which has been initiated by a club against one of its members shall not be entertained by the County C.C.C.. It is considered that there are appropriate supports and processes within the GAA code which can be utilised to address any disciplinary issue as per the objective enunciated in Rule 3.1 T.O

No transfer shall be granted unless it is properly before the meeting.

7.2.3.

Annually, the opening date for the receipt of transfer applications, at all ages, shall be the 1st of January and the closing date shall be 5.30pm on the 3rd of Friday in January and in accordance with Rule 6.5 T.O 2021 except in the case where the player seeking a transfer has not played in the previous calendar year such a player may apply for a transfer at any times during the year.

7.2.4.

An application shall be submitted and accepted only on the official inter club transfer form as currently approved by County C.C.C. The application shall be completed in the prescribed manner as indicated on the form and in accordance with An Treoraí Oifigiúil and this Bye-Law 7. In the case of underage players (up to and including u17 grade) an application for transfer shall also be accompanied by an authorisation signed by the player's parent(s)/guardian(s).

An application must be accompanied by two or more of the documents listed at 7.1(1)(iv) of these Bye Laws, which must be dated at least 120 days prior to the date of the application. The application must also comply with the other requirements set out at 7.1 of these Bye Laws. The County C.C.C reserves, in its absolute discretion, the right to waive any of the requirements set out in this 7.2.4 in exceptional circumstances.

Any data contained in the documents considered to be of a personal nature by the member may be redacted without interfering with the evidence supporting the claim.

7.2.5.

The Secretary of the County C.C.C. (Adult / Juvenile as appropriate) shall forward the transfer application to the applicant's Club, which Club shall be required to respond in writing within ten (10) days of the date of receipt, indicating their position on the application.

A Club failing to so reply in writing, within ten (10) days will be deemed to have consented to the relevant Application.

The County C.C.C. shall then notify the relevant clubs of the current status of the transfer application. Within three (3) days of this notification, if requested by any party involved, the committee shall give the applicant and the two Clubs concerned the opportunity of attending a convened hearing to outline their respective positions / observations on the application.

7.2.6.

The County C.C.C. shall make its decision in accordance with the relevant T.O. Rules 2021 and the County's Transfer Bye-Laws and any discretion available to it shall be exercised having regard to the submissions of the transfer applicant and his existing Club.

7.2.7**Exceptions to Transfer Eligibility Criteria**

- (i) Subject to Rule 6.8 (B) (C) T.O. and County Committee approval, a player or players may play hurling with one club and football with another club (and vice a versa), within the county. The players from a named club can only play with one other named club within the county. This only applies where clubs play one code only. Application must be made to the County C.C.C by the 10th of January of the year of the competition and must be signed by both participating clubs. Applications must be made annually. Where two clubs enter an arrangement of this nature. (1) the two clubs must be adjoining parishes. (2) players from the clubs involved may play for one club only in hurling and football.
- a. Subject to Rule 6.8 (D) Exceptions (1)(a)(b). Players whose own club does not field a U/21/20 Minor or younger grade team within the county in a particular code may play for another club within the county in that code subject to the following guidelines.
- The application must be to the nearest possible club geographically.
 - A Maximum of four players per club is recommended and anything more will be considered a group team.
 - A personnel letter of application from the player (or Parent/Guardian if under 18 years old) must be sent to the County. C.C.C Secretary, accompanied by a letter of acceptance from the secretary of the benefiting club.
 - The closing date for application will be midnight, January 10th of the championship year.

(G) Gradings of clubs and players

Players are graded by their championship status as per rule 6.19. T.O. 2021 with the following to be added:

- (i) Clubs with junior teams who have higher graded teams will name 18 players that would constitute their number one team. The 18 players named, must have played on their number one team the previous year.
- (ii) Clubs with junior teams will name 18 players, plus 18 more players that would constitute their number one and number two team if they have two teams' above junior level. The 18 plus 18 players names must have played on their number one, and, or their number two teams the previous year.
- (iii) Players named on the list of 18 cannot revert to playing junior championship if they have not played in the higher-grade championship during the year, with the following exception.
- (iv) If one of the players listed on the 18 does not play on the named or first team, he can apply to the Co. CCC to be regraded. The CCC will draw up regulations governing these applications. Only one application per team will be accepted.

Clubs that win County Championships at adult level, must move to the next highest level in the following year. Teams that already have a team at the next highest level are exempt from this rule. Gradings at all other levels to be decided by County Competitions Control Committee as per Rule 6.20 T.O 2021. A Club shall have the right to object to the regrading of a player.

(Co Bye Laws Review Committee)

Age Grades

4. "That Rule 6.17 -Games & Competitions -Age Grades -Official Guide – Part 1 (page 87/88) be amended to read as follows:

Club**Adult**

A player shall have celebrated his 17th birthday prior to January 1st of the Championship Year.

Under - Age Grades

A county shall determine its internal Under-Age Grades for competition purposes within the parameter of Under 21 down to Under 11, subject to the stipulation that competitions at Under 14, Under 16 and Under 18 must take place within each County together with one further underage competition above the Under 18 grade.

The rest of the Rule to remain unchanged."

MAIN CHANGE – “**subject to Central Council Policy**” – is removed, and stipulation that competitions must take place at U14, U16 and U18 level.

For counties of larger populations, there is the provision to provide additional competitions at U15 and U17 if required within this rule change.

(Clonoulty Rossmore, Cappawhite, Eire Óg Anacarthy & Golden Kilfeacle)

5. We propose that Tipperary GAA revert to Under 18 (for minor) and Under 21; in place of Under 17 and Under 20; for Divisional and County Championships.

(Cashel King Cormacs GAA Club)

Gradings

6. Players on official named county senior or U20 panels in hurling or football cannot be named as part of a club's 18-man panel to be submitted before a county league campaign or divisional league or divisional championship.

(St Marys, Clonmel)

7. Where a club has entered two or more teams into a county league or divisional league or divisional championship in hurling or football it must submit an 18-player list before commencement. A player named on this panel as well as any player not named who plays for a higher graded team cannot revert to a lower graded team for the duration of the league

(St Marys, Clonmel)

General Motions

8. We propose that all knockout stages of the Premier Intermediate Hurling Championship should be played in Semple Stadium.

(Cashel King Cormacs GAA Club)

9. In the event of Cashel King Cormacs Motion 1 not being workable we propose that all stages of the Premier Intermediate Hurling Championship should be played in Neutral Divisional Grounds, where a perimeter fence is in place.

(Cashel King Cormacs GAA Club)

10. The motion is for the County board to examine and review the Parish Rule, as we feel it is no longer fit for purpose in its present format due to the decline of the rural playing population. This is as a result of smaller family sizes and one-off housing planning permission restrictions. If this trend continues in our county and indeed country wide, rural clubs will be unable to field teams and in particular juvenile teams.

(Loughmore Castleiney)

11. The term for a Club delegate to represent the Club on the County Board will be for a maximum of five years.

(Upperchurch-Drombane GAA Club)

Motions for Congress

12. That a player who only makes 1 substitute appearance in a Divisional championship is still eligible to play for the team at the next lower grade in the club in Divisional & County championship.

Note - The club must apply to the county ccc to have the player regraded and the maximum number of players allowed to be regraded is 2 players per team per year.

(Kiladangan)

13. Drug Testing for players: That the current drug testing process for Inter-County Players be extended to apply to Adult Club players at an appropriate scale.

(Drom & Inch)

14. In the event of a draw game after extra time, the penalty shoot-out tiebreaker will be replaced by an additional period of extra-time with the winner being the first team to 2 or more points. Teams to change sides after every subsequent 5 minutes of play.

(Burgess)

15. Amendment to 6.21.5 c) to e) of official Guide as follows (deletions in ~~red~~; additions in blue):
- (c) Except where provided for otherwise in these Rules, in County Bye-Law or in Competition Regulation, when Teams finish with equal points for Qualification for the Concluding Stages, or for Promotion or Relegation, the tie shall be decided by the following means and in the order specified:
- ~~(i) Where two Teams only are involved—the outcome of the meeting of the two Teams in the previous game in the Competition;~~
 - ~~(ii) Scoring Difference (subtracting the total Scores Against from total Scores For);~~
 - ~~(iii) Highest Total Score For;~~
 - ~~(iv) A Play-Off.~~
 - (i) a subgroup of the league group is formed (i.e. “mini-group”) which only takes into account games played between the teams involved in the tiebreaker (disregarding other matches results)
 - (ii) the team(s) who finishes with the most points in the “mini-group” advance(s)
 - (ii) Should (i) not resolve the tie, the team(s) with the best Score Difference (subtracting the total Scores Against from total Scores For) in the “mini-group” advance(s)
 - (iii) Should (ii) not resolve the tie, the team(s) with the “Highest Total Score For” in the “mini-group” advance(s)
 - (iv) Should (iii) not resolve the tie, the team(s) with the best Scoring Difference between ALL teams in the group advance(s)
 - (v) Should (iv) not resolve the tie, the team(s) with the “Highest Total Score For” advance(s)
 - (vi) Should (v) not resolve the tie, a Play-Off between the tied teams is required.

Exceptions to (c):

Except where provided for otherwise in County Bye-Law or Competition Regulation, Regulations (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v) and (iii) above shall not apply to Under 17 16 or younger age grade competitions.

In situations where 4 or more teams are tied AND steps (i), (ii) and (iii) still result in a tie, the “non-tied” teams from the calculation are eliminated and steps (i), (ii) and (iii) are repeated involving only the relevant teams - before moving to step (iv), (v) and (vi).

In situations where one of the deadlocked teams had previously given a walkover, they are automatically removed from the tie-breaker, regardless of the results of their other games in the group. If ALL teams in the tie-breaker had previously given walk-overs, this clause is neutralised.

- ~~(d) In the event that two teams or more finish with equal points, but have been affected by a disqualification, loss of game on a proven objection, retirement or walk over, the tie shall be decided by the following means: (i) Score Difference from the games in which only the teams involved, (teams tied on points), have played each other. (subtracting the total Scores Against from total Scores For) (ii) Highest Total Score For, in which only the teams involved, have played each other, and have finished equal in (i) (iii) A Play-Off~~
- ~~(e)~~ (d) A Disqualification shall only affect further participation in the current Championship involved and not the following year’s Championship or Qualification for it. In the context of a Disqualification, in any Promotion or Relegation Process, a Team shall retain the points it has won in a Stage of the Championship run on a League Basis *(Burgess)*

16. PROPOSED AT NENAGH EIRE ÓG CLUB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATED APRIL 20TH, 2022.

In order to definitively eliminate ball throwing from the sport of hurling, Nenagh Eire 6g

GAA Club put forward a motion to Tipperary County GAA Board Convention, to be voted on in Congress, for the introduction of an addition Technical Foul - Rule 4.2(c).

The wording of rule 4.2(c) will state that it is a foul: to either hand-pass the ball or palm the ball directly from the same hand that is holding the ball" *(Nenagh Eire Óg)*