



# CLG LOCH GARMAN BYE-LAWS 2023

(Approved by An Coiste Bainistíochta, on behalf of Ard Comhairle, 21 Aibreán 2023)

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

## **1 COUNTY CONVENTION (Rialacha 3.10 to 3.17 T.O. 2022)**

- 1.1** County Convention, convene in accordance with Rial 3.10, shall elect/appoint Officers and Representatives in accordance with Rial 3.11 and Delegates in accordance with Rial 3.12 following nomination in accordance with Rial 3.13:

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

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

- 1.2** Before publication of Convention motions submitted in accordance with Rial 3.14, these submissions shall be examined by the Management Committee. Motions considered out of order shall be returned to the submitting Unit indicating reasons why and affording them the opportunity to re-submit.
- 1.3** In accordance with Rial 3.11 (b) Exception (2) - the position of Wexford GAA Treasurer is not subject to the maximum period of office of five years.

## **2 COUNTY COMMITTEE (Rialacha 3.18 to 3.19 T.O. 2022)**

The County Committee shall consist of the Officers elected/appointed pursuant to Bye-Law 1, the Two Provincial Council representatives and the One Central Council representative, (elected pursuant to Bye Law 1 above who shall be ex-officio members), the County Referees Administrator, the County Safety & Facilities Officer, the CEO/Operations Manager (without voting rights) and a named representative of each of the following committees, County Primary Schools, County Post - Primary Schools, County Handball Committee. The County Committee will also include the elected Chairpersons and Secretaries of the four adult Divisional Committees (Enniscorthy, Gorey, New Ross and Wexford), the Chairperson and Secretary of Coiste na nÓg Loch Garman and one named representative from each affiliated club of the County.

- 3** In accordance with Rial 3.20 and subject to Rialacha 3.21 and 4.2 T.O. 2022, the County Committee shall appoint the following sub-committees whose powers and functions shall be

as detailed therein and in these Bye-Laws where appropriate. All members of sub-committees shall be named. The membership of each shall be determined as follows:

- (a) Management Committee:** It shall consist of the Officers and representatives to Central and Provincial Council, Chairperson and Secretary Coiste na nÓg Loch Garman, the County Safety & Facilities Officer, the CEO/Operations Manager (without voting rights) and one nominee of the County Chairperson.

Its powers, functions and responsibilities shall be as set out in Riail 3.20 (i) T.O. 2022.

- (b) Competitions Control Committee:** It shall consist of a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson (nominated by the County Chairperson), the Assistant County Secretary, the County Referees Administrator (who shall be entitled to vote only on the appointment of referees), either the Chairperson or Secretary of Coiste na nÓg Loch Garman CCC or a named representative of Coiste na nÓg Loch Garman and a named representative of each of the four Divisional District Committees plus eight other named members.

Its powers, functions and responsibilities shall be as set out in Riail 3.20 (ii) T.O. 2022 except set out below in Sections 1 and 2.

The Competitions Control Committee shall be structured and operate as two separate sub-committees as follows:

### **Section 1**

#### **Competition Control Committee – Fixtures**

It shall consist of a Chairperson and a Secretary (nominated by the County Chairperson from the appointed Competition Control Committee), a Fixtures Analyst, the County Referees Administrator (who shall be entitled to vote only on the appointment of referees), either the Chairperson or Secretary of Coiste na nÓg Loch Garman CCC and a named representative of each of the four Divisional District Committees.

It shall be responsible for all arrangements, including the appointment of Referees and control of any matters arising from Games under the jurisdiction of the County Committee.

It shall process and make recommendations to the County Committee on the Grading of Clubs.

It shall investigate and process matters relating to the Enforcement of Rialacha, including hearing Objections and Counter-Objections.

### **Section 2**

#### **Competition Control Committee – Discipline**

It shall consist of a Chairperson and a Secretary (nominated by the County Chairperson from the appointed Competition Control Committee) and four other members.



It shall be responsible for all Disciplinary matters other than those functions reserved to the County Hearings Committee.

The members of both committees shall be constituted from those members as appointed to the Competition Control Committee.

Quorum for these committees shall be as set out in accordance with Riail 4.2 T.O. 2022.

The County Committee may delegate other plenary powers to its Competitions Control Committee and, in such cases, Appeals may be made only to the Provincial Council.

- (c) Fixtures Analysts:** In accordance with Riail 3.20 (iii) T.O. 2022, up to two Fixtures Analysts shall be appointed on the nomination of the Management Committee.

Their responsibilities are as set out in Riail 3.20 (iii) T.O. 2022.

- (d) Hearings Committee:** There shall be a Hearings Committee which shall consist of a Chairperson and Secretary, appointed by the County Committee, with a total of nine named members. It shall consist of at least three members for any hearing.

Its functions shall be in accordance with Riail 3.20 (iv) T.O. 2022.

- (e) Safety and Facilities Committee:** It shall have six members including the County Safety & Facilities Officer who shall be Chairperson, a Qualified Event Controller. The remaining members, nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee, should be suitably qualified in areas relevant to the terms of reference of the Committee as outlined in Riail 3.20 (v) T.O. 2022.

Its functions shall be in accordance with Riail 3.20 (v) T.O. 2022.

- (f) Referees' Administration Committee:** It shall consist of the County Referees' Administrator and five other named members (one of whom shall act as Rúnaí), nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee.

Its functions shall be in accordance with Riail 3.20 (vii) T.O. 2022.

- (g) Coaching and Games Development Committee:** It shall consist of the County Coaching Officer, as Chairperson, Games Development Manager (who shall act as Rúnaí), and a named representative from each of the following committees Primary Schools, Post Primary Schools & Vocational Schools, Chairperson Coiste na nÓg Loch Garman, a named representative from the County Squads Sub-Committee and two others nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee. It shall consist of nine members in total.

Its functions shall be in accordance with Riail 3.20 (viii) T.O. 2022.



- (h) Cultural Committee:** It shall consist of the Officer for Irish Language & Culture and five other named members (one of whom shall act as Rúnaí), nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee.

Its functions shall be in accordance with Riail 3.20 (ix) T.O. 2022.

- (i) County Public Relations/Marketing & IT Committee :** It shall consist of the County Public Relations Officer, PRO Coiste na nÓg Loch Garman, IT Officer and six others named members (one of whom shall act as Rúnaí), nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee. It shall consist of nine members.

Its functions shall be in accordance with Riail 3.20 (x and xiii ) T.O. 2022.

- (j) County Youth Committee/ Coiste na nÓg:** It shall consist of the following members:

Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, PRO, County Children's Officer and County Coaching Officer. This committee shall oversee the running of the affairs of Coiste na nÓg Loch Garman.

Its functions shall be in accordance with Riail 3.20 (xi) T.O. 2022 and Bye-Law 9.

- (k) Finance Sub Committee:** It shall consist of the County Chairperson, County Secretary, County Treasurer and four others nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee. It shall consist of seven members.

It shall have responsibility for all financial matters referred to it by the County Committee and/or the County Management Committee.

The committee shall report regularly to the County Management Committee and to meetings of the County Committee.

Its functions shall be in accordance with Riail 3.20 (xii) T.O. 2022.

- (l) County Teams' Management & Panels' Committee:** The membership of the County Teams' Management and Panels' Committee shall be as outlined in the Charter for County Committee / Player Relationships and as approved by Árd Chomhairle from time to time and shall be nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee.

The functions of this Committee shall be as outlined in Riail 3.20 (xiv) T.O. 2022.

- (m) Health and Wellbeing Committee:** It shall consist of the Children's Officer, and two other named members.

The functions of this committee shall be as outlined in Riail 3.20(xvi) T.O. 2022.



**(n) Planning and Training Committee:** It shall consist of five members, the Chairperson of which shall be the County Planning & Training Officer. All members shall, upon appointment, complete the necessary training as prescribed by The National Officer Development Committee and Club and County Planning Committee.

The functions of this committee shall be as outlined in Riail 3.20(vi) T.O. 2022.

**(o) Audit and Risk Committee:** It shall consist of no more than five named members including a Chairperson nominated by the Management Committee and approved by the Provincial Audit and Risk Committee and up to four members nominated by the Management Committee. The Treasurer shall not be a member.

The functions of this committee shall be as outlined in Riail 3.20(xv) T.O. 2022.

- 4** In accordance with Riail. 3.19 (I) T.O. 2022 the County Committee shall/may appoint the following subcommittees whose functions and powers shall be as set out in these Bye-Laws:

**(i) Divisional Sub-Committees:** The County shall be divided into four Divisions: Enniscorthy, Gorey, New Ross and Wexford. In each a Divisional Sub-Committee shall be formed of a representative from each affiliated Club entered in the County Championship.

Each Divisional Committee shall hold its Annual General Meeting before the County Convention each year, when Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and PRO shall be elected.

These Officers shall hold office until the conclusion of the AGM of the following year.

Those entitled to vote at the AGM shall be the members of the outgoing committee and one representative from each Club, which legally competed in the current year's Championships. Divisional Committee meetings shall be held as may be decided at the first meeting.

**(ii)** Each Divisional Committee will form a Competitions Control Committees consisting of five named members.

It shall be responsible for all arrangements including the appointment of referees and for control of games under the jurisdiction of the Divisional Committee. Disciplinary matters other than those reserved for the County Hearings Committee shall be dealt with by the Divisional Competitions Control Committee.

The Divisional Competitions Control Committee shall deal with objections and counter objections arising from games under the control of the Divisional Committee.

The Divisional Competitions Control Committee shall investigate and process matters relating to the enforcement of the Rialacha and Match Regulations for games under the control of the Divisional Committee.



Requests for Hearings and/or Appeals against decisions of the Divisional Competitions Control Committee shall be dealt with by the County Hearings Committee

## **5 Fundraising Control Committee**

It shall consist of a Chairperson nominated by the County Chairperson and 14 other nominated members appointed by the County Committee.

It shall be responsible, subject to the overall jurisdiction of the County Committee for the organising/overseeing of all fundraising activities for County Committee.

## **6 County Squads Committee**

It shall consist of a Chairperson nominated by the County Chairperson and one representative each from the County Committee, Coiste na nÓg, the County Coaching Committee plus four other persons appointed by the County Committee.

It shall be responsible for the organising of all Squad Mentors and oversee the organising of all squad activities.

## **7 Football Advisory Committee**

It shall consist of a Chairperson, Secretary and 5 other members.

It shall be responsible for the promotion and developments of all football activities in the county subject to the overall jurisdiction of the County Committee.

## **8 Hurling Advisory Committee**

It shall consist of a Chairperson, Secretary and 5 other named members.

It shall be responsible for the promotion and developments of all hurling activities in the county subject to the overall jurisdiction of the County Committee.

## **9 Coiste na nÓg Loch Garman**

It shall, subject to the overall jurisdiction of the County Committee be responsible for all activities and all competitions up to and including minor level. It shall be responsible for the organisation of skills competitions for hurling and football and shall promote the Irish language and culture in all its activities.

Officers to be appointed by the County Committee.



Coiste na nÓg Loch Garman to be structured in the following way: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, PRO, Registrar, Children's Officer, Coaching Officer and one representative each from the Primary, Secondary, and Vocational schools and one representative each from the underage clubs in the county.

One observer from each of the following: Ladies Football, Camogie, Rounders, Handball, and Scór (Scór na nOg).

**Coiste na nÓg Loch Garman Competitions Control Committee** will have the same responsibilities as the Committee at Bye-Law 3 (b) above. It shall consist of a Chairperson and Secretary to be nominated by the County Chairperson, and it shall also consist of a named representative from each Division, appointed by the County Committee.

Recommendations regarding Grading from Coiste na nOg CCC shall be ratified by the County CCC Committee.

Hearings where prescribed and requested against its decisions shall be heard by the Co. Hearings Committee.

#### **10 Other Relevant Connection - For the purposes of Riail 6.3 T.O. 2021**

A member shall be considered to have an Other Relevant connection with a club:

(1) With the club in the catchment area where he/she attended or is attending a rural National School

**or**

(2) With a club in the catchment area where his/her parents were permanently resident at the time of his/her birth.

#### **11 Inter-County Transfers (Transfer into Wexford from outside the County)**

Pursuant to Riail 6.6 (d) T.O. 2022 which states that a Player who applies for an Inter-County transfers must satisfy the requirements of the new County's Bye-Laws as regards the club he joins, a Player availing of such a transfer must be in permanent residence within a clubs Parish Boundary and, proof of Permanent Residence must be provided to the Wexford GAA office for review by the CCCC, subject to the following exceptions:

1. there is an Other Relevant Connection as outlined in Bye-Law 10;or
2. the Player is subject to Riail 6.6 (i) T.O. 2022.

The Parish Boundary as obtained on 1 January 1972 and as determined by the County Committee under Riail 6.3 T.O. 2022 shall continue to be the accepted catchment area for the purposes of transfers in Wexford.



Players transferring into a club in Wexford Town from outside the county shall transfer to the appropriate club subject to the exceptions listed with regard to Wexford Town transfers in Bye Law 12.

**12 Transfers within the County** shall be in accordance with Riail 6.5 T.O. 2022

A member who wishes to leave one Club to join another club within the County must apply to the County Committee for a transfer before 5pm on the last Friday in January each year (submit a current Application Form to be obtained from the GAA Office or Wexford GAA website).

Applications from players up to and including minor grade must have the consent of parents/guardian.

The Parish Boundary as obtained on 1 January 1972 and as determined by the County Committee under Riail 6.3 T.O. 2022 shall continue to be the accepted catchment area for the purposes of transfers in Wexford.

Exceptions

Teams shall not be composed of players from more than one parish, with the exception of Our Lady's Island who can select players from the adjoining parish of Ballymore. Applicable up to and including Under 21 grades only.

Otherwise, Riail 6.3 T.O. 2022 will apply.

The closing date for all transfers within the county shall be 5.00pm on the last Friday in January.

**Wexford Town Inter-Club Transfers**

1. The Parish Boundary as obtained on 1 January 1972 and as determined by the County Committee under Riail 6.3 T.O. 2022 shall continue to be the accepted catchment area for the purposes of transfers in Wexford.
2. Subject to the Exceptions below, or unless otherwise exempted by the CCC a player, including underage and adult, must continue as a member of the Wexford Town Club of which he was a member on the 1 November 2022. This bye law to remain in force until 1 November 2025.

Exceptions:

- (i) A member of a club in Wexford town whose permanent Residence is currently outside Wexford town may transfer to the club in whose Catchment area he/she permanently lives.





- (ii) A member of a club in Wexford town who satisfies the CCC that his permanent Residence has changed to the catchment of a club outside Wexford town may be granted a transfer.
- (iii) A member of a club in Wexford town who wishes to return to his first Club may be granted a transfer. First Club defined as per Riail 6.4 (d) T.O. 2022: When a player first legally participates in Club Competition with a club (including a Club within an Independent Team) at Under 12 Grade or over (including Go Games) organised by the County Committee or one of its Sub Committees, that Club becomes his first club.
- (iv) An adult who did not play for any club in Wexford town club for 1 calendar year may make an application, and be considered for a Transfer - for Wexford town only.
- (v) A Youth Member (i.e. a player who participates in a Club Competition at Under 11 Grade (including Go Games) up to and including Minor Grade) who did not play for any club in Wexford town for 1 calendar year may make an application and be considered for a Transfer - for Wexford town only.
- (vi) In special circumstances, including situations brought about by domestic or family matters, health related situations or where extenuating matters arise, a transfer application to which neither club involved objects will be subject to assessment by an Arbitrator prior to submission to the CCC for final decision. Similarly, a club may refer a transfer application to the arbitrator for assessment where they feel extenuating circumstances may apply.

The Arbitrator shall be nominated by the Wexford Town Clubs for the period of the byelaw and ratified by the County Committee.

The decision of the Arbitrator on whether to refer a transfer application to the CCC shall be final and accepted in good faith by all clubs in Wexford Town.

- (vii) Where a transfer is granted under (iii), (iv),(v) or (vi) above the transferred player must remain with that club for a period of no less than 3 calendar years.
- (viii) In circumstances where a club cannot field a team at Under 13,15 or 17 the Arbitrator, as specified in (vi) above may make arrangements, subject to CCC approval, to facilitate the players concerned within their own age groups. Such arrangements may include transfer/ temporary transfer for a specified period
- (ix) An Adult member whose club does not field a team or is unable to field a team will be a free to apply for and be granted a transfer to another club within Wexford Town.
- (x) All transfer applications made under paragraphs (i) to (vi) inclusive and, (viii) or (ix) above shall be submitted in accordance with transfer regulations prior 5.00pm on the last Friday in January of the applicable year.



### **13 Attachment to First Club. Riail 6.4 T.O. 2022**

A person first becomes a member of the Association by joining a club within the county of his permanent residence subject to the following limited choices:

1. The club within the catchment area (The Parish Boundary as obtained on 1 January 1972 and as determined by the County Committee under Riail 6.3 T.O. 2022) where he permanently resides.
2. The club with which he/she has an Other relevant connection under Bye Law 10.

### **14 Grading of Clubs and Players**

Grading of clubs and players shall be dealt with in accordance with Rialacha 6.19 T.O. 2022 and 6.20 T.O. 2022.

The Competitions Control Committee – Fixtures shall have responsibility for dealing with applications for Regradings subject to County Committee retaining the right to make the final decision on an application for Regradings by a Club and any players aggrieved on their application for Regrading having the right of appeal to the Hearings Committee as set out in Riail 6.20 T.O. 2022.

- (i) The closing date for Club applications for Grading shall be 5pm on the last Friday in January each year.
- (ii) The closing date for player applications for Gradings shall be set by the CCC – Fixtures for a date that is no later than 31 May each year.
- (iii) A player is graded by their final Championship Status from the prior year. If a player's team was relegated from any championship under the Competition Regulations approved by County Committee, their Championship Status will be that of the next lower Championship grade for the following year. Clubs may apply in a format set and agreed by CCC – Fixtures for any and all players to be regraded to the next lower Championship grade in which their Club competes. Thereafter, a player is graded by their Championship Status as set out in Riail 6.19 T.O. 2022.

e.g. A player who played Senior Championship in 2022 and their club fields teams at Senior, Intermediate A, Junior and Junior B in 2023, the player's Championship Status is Senior. The player's Club may apply to regrade this player to Intermediate A in 2023. Therefore, the player is eligible to play in either the Senior Championship or the Intermediate A Championship in 2023. If the player plays Senior Championship at any stage, they are no longer eligible to play in the Intermediate A Championship.



## **15 Playing Restrictions - Riail 6.8 T.O. 2022**

A player from a Club that does not have a hurling/football team as his age or adult level, may apply to the County Committee for permission to play hurling/football, in that grade, with an alternative club in the County.

Permission will only be granted for **1** year playing season.

The CCC shall process such applications (which must be submitted no later than 1 March in any year) and make a decision on the application.

A Player aggrieved by the decision of the CCC will have the right to a hearing at the Co. Hearings Committee meeting whose decision shall be final. An underage player may be accompanied and assisted in making his case at such a hearing.

### Restrictions

A Players application must initially be to a neighbouring club. However, in the event of the neighbouring club/clubs not being in a position to accommodate such a request the option shall be open to him for application to another club within the county.

All players must then revert back to their original Club once playing season is over.

The host Club may only accept a maximum of **2** players in any grade/code for that year. A County Committee may make alternative arrangements in the interests of the promotion of Hurling /Football.

- 16** Currently, any players not listed in a county team's match day panel of 26 are to be automatically released back to their clubs for any official club fixtures on that weekend or subsequent weekends.

## **17 CLUB AGE GRADES**

### **Adult**

A Player shall have celebrated their 18th birthday prior to January 1st of the Championship Year.

### **Under Age Grades**

In both hurling and football, league-based championships shall be organised for the following age grades:

#### Under 18:

To be structured on a divisional basis with at least Premier, Roinn 1 and Roinn 2 Divisions.

#### Under 16:

To be structured on a divisional basis with at least Premier, Roinn 1 and Roinn 2 Divisions.

#### Under 14:

To be structured on a divisional basis with at least five divisions, Roinn 1 to Roinn 5.



Under 12:

To be structured on a divisional basis with at least five divisions, Roinn 1 to Roinn 5.

