

# **CUMANN LÚTHCHLEAS GAEL**

## **COISTE CHONTAE CHILL** **CHAINNIGH**

### **BYE- LAWS 2024**

(Approved at Kilkenny GAA Convention 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023)

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# **CHOISTE CHONTAE CHILL CHAINNAIGH CLG BYE-LAWS 2024**

## **CONSTITUTION**

**(Approved by An Coiste Bainistíochta, on behalf of Ard Comhairle, 26 Eanáir 2024)**

The County Committee shall be called Coiste Chontae Cill Chainnigh Cumann Lúthchleas Gael. (Kilkenny County Committee GAA)

In accordance with Rule 3.9 T. O 2023

Subject to the Exceptions hereunder:

(a) The Annual County Convention shall elect the following Officers of the County Committee: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, if desired; Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, if desired; Coaching Officer, Officer for Irish Language and Culture, Public Relations Officer, and shall appoint a Planning and Training Officer, Demographics Officer and a Children's Officer recommended by the outgoing County Committee.

A member shall not hold more than one of the above Officerships at any given time. The Officers elected/appointed shall hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual Convention.

### **Exceptions**

The office of Treasurer, subject to Annual Election, is not subject to a limitation in years of service (Rule 3.11, (b) Exception 2 Official Guide 2023).

The office of Children's Officer, subject to Annual Election, is not subject to a limitation in years of service (Rule 3.11, (b) Exception 2 Official Guide 2023).

It shall further elect: Two representatives on Leinster Council and one representative on Central Council, who shall hold office respectively for the term of the ensuing Leinster and Central Councils.

County Convention shall elect or authorise selection and/or election of:

- (a) Delegates to attend Annual Congress, who shall include the Chairperson and County Secretary, when available.
- (b) Delegates to attend the Provincial Convention.

**Kilkenny GAA County Committee** shall be composed of the following who shall have voting rights:

- Chairperson.
- Vice-Chairperson.
- Secretary.
- Treasurer
- Public Relations Officer.
- One Central Council Representative.
- Two Leinster Council Representatives
- Planning & Training Officer.
- Demographics Officer
- Coaching Officer.
- Chairperson of Coaching and Games Committee
- Children's Officer.
- Officer for Irish Language and Culture.
- Outgoing County Chairperson for one year after stepping down from the position.
  
- One named representative from each affiliated adult club competing in the current championships at Junior, Intermediate or Senior Grades.
- The Chairperson of the Junior Board Sub Committee
- The Secretary of the Junior Board –Sub-Committee.
- The Chairperson of Coiste na nÓg Sub-Committee.
- The Secretary of Coiste na nÓg Sub-Committee
- One named representative from Cumann na mBunscoileanna.

- One named representative from the Kilkenny County Handball Committee.
- One named representative from the Kilkenny Post Primary Schools Committee.
- County Referee's Administrator.
- County Safety & Facilities Officer
- Football Officer
- Secretary of the CCC
- IT Officer

In accordance with Rule 3.18, T.O. 2023 the County Committee at its first meeting after County Convention shall appoint the following Sub-Committees membership of which shall be as set out in these Byelaws. All members of sub-committees shall be named. Where the designated number of County Committee members to any sub-committee cannot be filled at the first meeting of the County Board that they will be filled at the subsequent meeting by suitably qualified nominees of the County Management Committee.

That all members of the County Board Sub-committees be members of the GAA.

All of our Sub-Committees must meet at least three times a year.

### **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:**

It shall consist of:

- Chairperson of Kilkenny County Committee.
- Vice-Chairperson of Kilkenny County Committee.
- Secretary of Kilkenny County Committee.
- Treasurer of Kilkenny County Committee.
- Central Council Representative.
- Two Leinster Council Representatives.
- County Committee P.R.O.
- Chairperson of Coaching and Games Committee
- Children's Officer
- Four representatives from the County Committee shall be elected by ballot at the first meeting following County Convention.
- Outgoing County Chairperson for one year after stepping down from the position.
- The chairperson may from time to time select personnel (who shall be Members of the Association) with expertise in specific areas if required (without voting rights) for appointment by the County Committee. These selected personnel shall only attend and advise when their areas of expertise is being discussed.

### **COMPETITIONS CONTROL COMMITTEE:**

It shall consist of:

- Chairperson who shall be the Vice-Chairperson of Coiste Chontae Chill Chainnigh.
- Secretary nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee
- Chairperson of Kilkenny County Committee.
- Secretary of Kilkenny County Committee.
- One representative from the Junior Committee.
- Football Officer
- One representative from Coiste na nÓg.
- County Referee's Administrator (who shall vote only on the appointment of referees)
- One Fixtures' Analyst
- Four representatives from the County Committee shall be elected by ballot at the first meeting following County Convention

### **FIXTURES ANALYSTS:**

Two Fixtures Analysts shall be appointed by the Management Committee who shall act in accordance with R 3.18 (iii) of T.O. 2023.

### **COUNTY HEARINGS COMMITTEE:**

This committee will be appointed by the County Committee. It will consist of at least 9 members who do not all have to be members of the County Committee and must not be current members of the Management and Competitions Control Committees.

### **COUNTY SAFETY & FACILITIES COMMITTEE:**

It shall have six members including the County Safety and Facilities Officer who shall be Chairperson and also include a Qualified Event Controller. The remaining members, nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee should be suitably qualified in the areas relevant to the terms of reference of the Committee as outlined in R 3.18 (v) T.O. 2023.

### **COUNTY COACHING AND GAMES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:**

The members of this Committee will be the following:

- The Chairperson who shall be nominated by Management and ratified by County Committee.
- The Chairperson of Kilkenny County Committee.
- The Secretary of Kilkenny County Committee.
- Vice Chairperson of Kilkenny County Committee.
- County Coaching Officer
- The County Games Development Manager (who shall be secretary of this Committee).

The Management of Kilkenny County Committee with the approval of the County Committee shall nominate up to 7 named individuals, non-County Committee members, to the Coaching and Games Development Committee each year and these shall be subject to appointment by the County Committee.

### **COUNTY CULTURAL COMMITTEE:**

The members of this Committee will be the following:

- Chairperson who will be officer for Irish Language and Culture.
- The Chairperson of Kilkenny County Committee.
- The Secretary of Kilkenny County Committee.
- Four Representatives from County Committee who shall be elected by ballot at the first meeting of the County Committee following County Convention.

#### **\*OPTIONAL –**

The Chairperson of Kilkenny County Committee with the approval of the County Committee shall nominate two individuals with appropriate expertise each year and these shall be subject to appointment by the County Committee.

### **COUNTY PUBLIC RELATIONS/MARKETING & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:**

The members of this Committee will be the following:

- The Chairperson (County Committee PRO).
- The Chairperson of Kilkenny County Committee.
- The Secretary of Kilkenny County Committee.
- PRO Junior Board.
- PRO Coiste na nÓg
- The Vice-Chairperson of Kilkenny County Committee.
- The County IT Officer.
- Two representatives from the County Committee who shall be elected by ballot at the first meeting following County Convention.

#### **\*OPTIONAL –**

The Chairperson of Kilkenny County Committee shall with the approval of the County Committee nominate four individuals each year and these will be subject to appointment by the County Committee.

### **COUNTY YOUTH COMMITTEE:**

The members of this Committee will be the following:

- The Chairperson – County Children's Officer.
- The Chairperson of Kilkenny County Committee.
- The Secretary of Kilkenny County Committee.
- The Vice Chairperson of Kilkenny County Committee.
- The representative on the County Committee from the following:
  - Cumann na mBunscoileanna.
  - Coiste na nÓg Sub- Committee
  - Kilkenny Handball Committee.

- One representative from the Post-Primary Schools.
- Two representatives from the County Committee who shall be elected by ballot at the first meeting following County Convention.

### **COUNTY REFEREES ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE:**

The nine members of this committee shall be the following:

- The Chairperson – County Referees Administrator.
- The Chairperson of Kilkenny County Committee.
- The Secretary of Kilkenny County Committee.
- Two County Tutors (trained).
- Four other members who shall be nominated by County Chairperson for appointment by County Committee.

### **COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

The County Finance Committee shall be a Sub-Committee incorporated in the County Management Committee to deal specifically with financial matters.

This Sub-Committee shall consist of the following:

- Chairperson of the County Committee.
- Vice Chairperson of the County Committee.
- Secretary of the County Committee.
- Treasurer of the County Committee.
- The Chairperson of Kilkenny County Committee with the approval of the County Committee shall nominate up to three individuals with appropriate expertise each year and these shall be subject to appointment by the County Committee.

A recommendation of the County Management Committee on a matter of finance may not be upset save by a two thirds majority of the members of the County Committee present, entitled to vote and voting.

### **COUNTY TEAMS MANAGEMENT AND PANELS SUBCOMMITTEE:**

Membership of which shall be in accordance with the Charter of the Co. Committee R. 3.18 (xiv), T.O. 2023.

### **HEALTH AND WELLBEING COMMITTEE:**

This Committee will comprise of the following:

- Chairperson of the County Committee
- Secretary of the County Committee
- Six members, with relevant expertise, nominated by the Chairperson for appointment by the County Committee.

### **PLANNING AND TRAINING COMMITTEE**

It shall consist of five members, the Chairperson of which shall be the County Planning and 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.

### **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 by the Management Committee. The Treasurer shall not be a member.

### **Demographics Committee**

This committee will incorporate Club Cill Chainnigh and will be chaired by the Demographics Officer. It will consist of at least 5 other members including the Planning and Training Officer and the Safety & Facilities Officer

### **TRANSFERS AND REGRADING:**

1. Applications for Transfers shall be made to the Rúnáí of the County Board on the official form as approved by the County Committee before *January 31<sup>st</sup>* and shall be processed in accordance with Rial 6.4 T.O 2023.

2. The C.C.C. shall process and make decisions on all applications for Transfer.
3. Transfers within the county shall be granted only in the event of a player moving to a new place of Permanent Residence which is within the Parish of the club to which he wishes to transfer. In such cases the onus of proof of new permanent residence shall be on the applicant for transfer. For the purposes of these Bye-Laws the CCC in assessing the question considers his permanent residence to have been for at least the previous twenty four consecutive weeks and is likely to remain so for at least the ensuing 12 months.
4. A player seeking to transfer from one club within the County to another club within the County may submit supporting documentation, together with his completed transfer application form. The CCC will assess the application based on all the information before it.
5. In considering the authenticity of a claim to permanent residence in a specific area the CCC may require the submission by the player of documentary proof of such permanent residence in the form of Utility Bills, Historic Bank Statements, local property tax documentation, correspondence from the Office of the Revenue Commissioners, extract from the current Register of Electors etc.
6. For a player under eighteen years of age, residence shall be deemed to be that of the 'permanent residence' of his family. In the event of the parent(s)/Court Appointed Legal Guardian(s) of a player under eighteen years of age not living at the same address, the matter of permanent residence shall be determined by the CCC based on the information available to them.

All requests for Regrading shall be made on the appropriate form and submitted to An Rúnaí, County Committee no later than **January 31<sup>st</sup>** each year.

**Football:**

All requests for Regrading shall be made on appropriate form and submitted to An Rúnaí, County Committee no later than January 10<sup>th</sup> each year.

All requests seeking permission to play with another club shall be made on the appropriate form and submitted to An Rúnaí, County Committee no later than January 10<sup>th</sup> each year. Final decision of which club a player plays for rests with the County Board.

**Grading:**

(i) The County CCC Committee shall decide on all applications for re-grading of players.

(ii) A Club may only apply to have players regraded by one level, other than where a club has been relegated from a championship in the previous year.

(iii) A player's status is determined by the last championship match he played in.

(iv) Playing in a Relegation Final does not affect a player's status.

(v) That a maximum of three players who played on the winning team in the previous year's Senior, Intermediate & Junior Championship County Finals may apply for regrading.

**DIVISIONAL COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES AND CLUBS:**

**In accordance with Rule 3.19 T.O.2023 the County Committee shall appoint the following Sub – Committees:**

**Junior Committee:**

The Junior Committee officers shall be the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, **Assistant Secretary**, Treasurer and PRO appointed by the County Committee and shall consist of one representative from each affiliated adult club competing in the current championships.

The Junior Committee shall be entrusted with the running of the Junior A, B, C, D, **E, F** Championships and Under 19 and Under 21 Hurling Championships – The Competitions Control Committee of County Committee will have full control over both these committees (the Junior and Bord na nÓg Committees) and reserves the right to run the Senior, Intermediate and Junior Hurling Championships in the County.

Summary reports from the Junior Committee, Coiste na nÓg, and Cumann na mBunscoileanna, including Disciplinary Reports, shall be submitted by the relevant committee Runaí after each meeting to the Secretary

County Committee for the information of County Committee within five days of the meeting.

The Junior Committee, Coiste na nÓg, Cumann na mBunscoileanna, Post Primary Committee and Handball Board, are each obliged to elect a Competitions Control Committee with the same functions within the Committee's jurisdiction, as those of the Competitions Control Committee at County Level. Appeals and requests for a Hearing from Junior Committee and other Committees shall be heard by the County Hearings Committee.

**Coiste na nOg Committee:**

The Coiste na nÓg Sub Committee shall consist of two representatives from each affiliated club competing in its current championships. The officers of Coiste na nÓg – Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, PRO & Registrar - shall be appointed by the County Committee.

**Post Primary Schools Committee:**

The county Post Primary Schools Committee shall be a sub-committee of the County Committee and membership must include a representative of each affiliated post primary school, a representative of the County Coaching & Games Development Committee, a representative of Coiste na nÓg. The Cathaoirleach of the committee shall be appointed by the Cathaoirleach of Coiste Chontae of the day and is subject to the time limit of the term of office. The Committee shall elect officers as required plus a representative to the County Committee, Leinster Post Primary Schools Committee and the County Coaching & Games Development Committee.

**SAFEGUARDING AND GARDA VETTING**

That all personnel, excluding doctors and physios working with the Development Squads, must be members of the GAA and have current Coaching, Safeguarding and Garda Vetting before being appointed.

**COUNTY BOUNDARIES:**

The Kilkenny County Boundary at present (January 25<sup>th</sup> 2016) used for G.A.A. purposes shall continue to be recognised despite any future changes in the Local Government administrative boundary or unless otherwise determined by Provincial or Central Council.

**ATTACHMENT TO FIRST CLUB – RULE 6.3 T.O. 2023:**

A person seeking to become a Member of the Association shall be restricted to joining the Club in the catchment area of his permanent residence as determined by the County Committee at their meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup> 2016 (Parish Rule applying).

**PARENT RULE:**

Children living in Kilkenny City Parishes who do not make the panel (1<sup>st</sup> 25 players) for the O'Loughlin Gaels, Dicksboro or James Stephens number one team at Under 15 or 17 age groups may seek permission from the CCC to declare for their father's or mother's home club. On completion of the under seventeen grade the players shall then have the option to remain with their adopted club. Permission to be sought from the CCC committee before the 15<sup>th</sup> of February and adjudicated on by the County Board at the March meeting.

**December 2023.**