

CUMANN LÚTHCHLEAS GAEL

COISTE CHONTAE CHILL
CHAINNIGH

BYE- LAWS 2025

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To be read in conjunction with the GAA Official Guides and Codes 2025

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Section 1: Constitution

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

1.2 In accordance with Rule 3.9 Official Guide and 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, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Communications Officer, Coaching Officer, Officer for Irish Language and Culture,
and shall appoint a Planning and Training Officer, Demographics Officer, a Health and Well Being 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

1. The office of Treasurer, subject to Annual Election, is not subject to a limitation in years of service (Rule 3.9 (b) Exception 2 Official Guide).
2. The office of Children's Officer, subject to Annual Appointment, is not subject to a limitation in years of service (Rule 3.9 (b) Exception 2 Official Guide).

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.

The 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.

Section 2: Officers

2 **Kilkenny GAA County Committee** shall be comprised of the following who shall all have voting rights:

- Chairperson.
- Vice-Chairperson.
- Secretary.
- Assistant Secretary
- Treasurer
- Assistant Treasurer
- Coaching Officer
- Officer for Irish Language and Culture
- Communications Officer
- Planning & Training Officer
- Demographics Officer
- Health & Well Being Officer
- Children's Officer
- One Central Council Representative.
- Two Leinster Council Representatives
- County Referee's Administrator.
- County Safety & Facilities Officer
- Digital Communications Lead
- Chairperson of Coaching and Games Committee
- 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.
- Football Officer
- Secretary of the CCC
- IT Officer
- Event Controller

Section 3: Sub Committees

- 3** In accordance with Rule 3.18 Official Guide, the County Committee at its first meeting after the County Convention shall appoint the Sub-Committees listed below, membership of which shall be as set out in these Byelaws.

- All members of the 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.
- Except where otherwise stated all members of the County Board Sub-committees shall be members of the GAA.
- All Sub-Committees must meet at least three times a year.

(i) 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 Communications Officer
- 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 the 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 are being discussed.

(ii) 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.

The Committee shall be responsible for all arrangements, including the appointment of Referees, for and control of any matters arising from adult Games under the jurisdiction of the County Committee at Senior, Intermediate and Premier Junior grade including disciplinary matters other than those functions reserved to the County Hearings Committee.

It shall have Plenary Powers delegated to it by the County Committee.

(iii) FIXTURES ANALYSTS:

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

(iv) 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 or Competitions Control Committees.

(v) 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) Official Guide.

(vi) 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 Central Council, the relevant Provincial Council or any of their sub-committees.

(vii) 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.

(viii) COUNTY COACHING AND GAMES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

The members of this Committee will be the following:

- The Chairperson 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 Head of Games (who shall be secretary of this Committee).
- A representative of Post-Primary Schools 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.

(ix) 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 the 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.

(x) COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS/MARKETING & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:

The members of this Committee will be the following:

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

***OPTIONAL –**

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

(xi) 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.

(xii) 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.
- Assistant Treasurer
- 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 third majority of the members of the County Committee present, entitled to vote and voting.

(xiii) COUNTY TEAMS MANAGEMENT AND PANELS SUBCOMMITTEE:

Membership of which shall be in accordance with the Charter of the Co. Committee R. 3.18 (xiv) Official Guide.

(xiv) 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.

(xv) 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

(xvi) HEALTH AND WELLBEING COMMITTEE:

This Committee will comprise of the following:

- Health & Well Being Officer
- Chairperson of the County Committee
- Secretary of the County Committee
- Six members, with relevant expertise, are nominated by the Chairperson for appointment by the County Committee.

Section 4: Transfers & Regrading

4.1 **TRANSFERS AND REGRADING:**

- a. Applications for Transfers shall be made to the Rúnaí of the County Board on the official form as approved by the County Committee before **January 31st** and shall be processed in accordance with Rial 6.4 Official Guide.
- b. The C.C.C. shall process and make decisions on all applications for Transfer.
- c. 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 too. In such cases the onus of proof of new permanent residence shall be on the applicant for transfer. For the purposes of these Byelaws, 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.
- d. 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.
- e. 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.
- f. 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.

4.2 Player Re-Gradings

- (i) The County CCC Committee shall decide on all applications for re-grading of players, including under 21 where clubs are fielding more than one under 21 team
- (ii) A Club may only apply to have players re-graded 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 re-grading.

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

Player Regrading Process

A player who is re-graded by one level may subsequently be re-graded by a further level on application to the County CCC within 14 days of a regrading application being approved by the County Committee. Such a further application will only be accepted if the player has not played in a higher championship grade in that championship year.

The County CCC shall issue a questionnaire not less than 14 days prior to the final date for applications for re-grading in which playing record in the previous year of each re-grading application along with any special reason for the application shall be entered. Each club will also submit a list of eligible players for each grade who are not being re-graded.

In the event of an appeal, only information which has already been submitted to the CCC will be taken into account.

Following the County CCC's decision on Player Re-grading applications, players may be afforded a hearing with the Adult CCC. If after this review, Players are still unhappy with the decision they will have the opportunity to make an Appeal to the County Hearings Committee.

4.3 Team Gradings

- (i) No club may have more than one team at each grade in Kilkenny's senior, intermediate and junior championships.
- (ii) An adult club that wins any grade of championship shall have that team promoted to the next highest level for the following year. An adult club that loses a relegation final (as outlined in Championship regulations) shall have that team relegated to the next lowest level for the following year.
- (iii) **Under 21 Championship**
 - a. Requests for grading of teams at Under 21 level shall be accepted by the Junior CCC at a date set by the Junior CCC. No other request for grading shall be accepted. The Junior CCC shall make a recommendation in relation to any such applications to the County Committee.
 - b. Following the Junior CCC's decision on grading applications, clubs will be afforded the opportunity of a hearing with the Junior CCC. If after this review, Clubs are still unhappy with the decision they will have the opportunity to make an Appeal to the Adult CCC
- (iv) **Junior A to F**

Grading of teams in the Junior A to F Championships will be determined by Promotion and Relegation as set out in No 2 above. Applications for additional teams and changes as a result of withdrawal of teams will be dealt with by Junior CCC.

4.4 Coiste na nÓg

- (i) Requests for grading of teams at Coiste na nÓg level shall be accepted by Coiste na nÓg CCC by a date set by Coiste na nÓg CCC. No other request for grading shall be accepted.

All relevant information shall be supplied by the requesting club at this stage.

Following Coiste na nÓg CCC decision, clubs will be afforded the opportunity of a review with Coiste na nÓg CCC. If after this review clubs are still unhappy with the decision they will have the opportunity to make an Appeal to the adult CCC. No new or additional information other than that supplied at request or review stage may be considered in that appeal.
- (ii) Clubs will be given the opportunity to have an initial review of the decision with Coiste na nÓg CCC on the grading recommendation. If no agreement is reached, Clubs will then have the right to appeal at the next level which in this case will be to Kilkenny Adult CCC. The County Committee retains the right to make the final decision on an application for grading by a Club.

4.5 Football

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

The final decision of which club a player plays for rests with the County Board.

Section 5: Sub-Committees

In accordance with Rule 3.17 (m) Official Guide, the County Committee shall appoint the Sub – Committees listed below:

- All members of the 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.
- Except where otherwise stated all members of the County Board Sub-committees shall be members of the GAA.

5.1 Junior Committee:

- (i) The Junior Committee shall consist of the following: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer and Communications Officer appointed by the County Committee and shall have one named representative from each affiliated adult club competing in the Junior A, B, C, D, E & F Championships.
- (ii) The Junior Committee shall be entrusted with the running of the Junior A, B, C, D, E, F Championships and Under 21 Hurling Championships.
- (iii) The Junior Committee shall maintain a Competitions Control Committee consisting of a Chairperson, Secretary and 3 others nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee.
- (iv) The Junior CCC shall be responsible for all arrangements, including the appointment of Referees for, and control of any matters arising from Games under the jurisdiction of the County Committee at Junior (A to F) and U21 grades including disciplinary matters other than those functions reserved to the County Hearings Committee.
- (v) Hearings where prescribed and requested shall be heard by the County Hearings Committee.
- (vi) It shall have Plenary Powers delegated to it by the County Committee.

- (i) The Coiste na nÓg Sub-Committee shall consist of the ~~officers of the committee~~ following: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Communications Officer & Registrar, a representative of the County Coaching & Games Development Committee and the County Children's Officer. Each affiliated club competing in a current championship shall have one delegate to attend meetings and the annual forum.
- (ii) Upon completion of his term, the outgoing Chairperson will remain on the sub-committee for an additional twelve months to ensure a smooth transition.
- (iii) Coiste na nÓg shall have delegate meetings at least bimonthly.
- (iv) The Coiste will hold an Annual Forum no later than the 3rd Thursday of November.
- (v) All decisions are subject to County Board ratification.
- (vi) Coiste na nÓg shall be entrusted with the running of championships at Under 14 to Under 18 age grades.
- (vii) The Coiste na nÓg Committee shall maintain a Competitions Control Committee consisting of a Chairperson, Secretary and 3 others nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee.
- (viii) The Coiste na nÓg CCC shall be responsible for all arrangements, including the appointment of Referees for, and control of any matters arising from Games under its jurisdiction at under 14 to Under 18 grades inclusive including disciplinary matters other than those functions reserved to the County Hearings Committee.
- (ix) Hearings where prescribed and requested shall be heard by the County Hearings Committee.
- (x) It shall have Plenary Powers delegated to it by the County Committee.

5.2 Post Primary Schools Committee:

- (i) The membership of the Post Primary Schools Committee shall 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.

- 6 The Post Primary Schools Committee shall maintain a Competitions Control Committee consisting of a Chairperson, Secretary and 3 others nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee.
- (ii) The Post Primary Schools CCC shall be responsible for all arrangements, including the appointment of Referees for, and control of any matters arising from Games under the jurisdiction of the committee, including disciplinary matters other than those functions reserved to the County Hearings Committee.

- (iii) Hearings where prescribed and requested shall be heard by the County Hearings Committee.
- (iv) It shall have Plenary Powers delegated to it by the County Committee.

5.4 Other Matters

- a. Summary reports from the Junior Committee and Coiste na nÓg, including Disciplinary Reports shall be submitted by the relevant committee Rúnaí after each meeting to the Secretary, County Committee for the information of the County Committee within five days of the meeting.

Section 6: Safeguarding & Garda Vetting

6.1 SAFEGUARDING AND GARDA VETTING

All Personnel working in a role of responsibility where U18 year old players are eligible to play must comply fully with Mandatory safeguarding regulations set by the GAA before being appointed to the role.

Section 7: County Boundaries

7.1 COUNTY BOUNDARIES:

The Kilkenny County Boundary at present (January 25th 2016) used for GAA. 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.

7.2 ATTACHMENT TO FIRST CLUB – RULE 6.3 Official Guide:

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 25th, 2016 (Parish Rule applying).

7.3 PARENT RULE:

Children living in Kilkenny City Parishes who do not make the panel (1st 25 players) for the O'Loughlin Gaels, Dicksboro or James Stephens' number one team in the Under 16 or 18 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 15th of February and adjudicated on by the County Board at the March meeting.