

Definitions

Management

Add new Definition for Special Case to read:

Means: A special case is one, subjectively interpreted by the Association, which concerns a particular matter that is unique in nature and which is not governed by any other rule of the Association.

Passed 96%: 4%

Registrations

Management

Amend Rule 50 at (j) by removing 'Optional' to read:

(j) Referees (Present fee €15.00 to Central Council + €25.00 Injury Fund (optional) + €1 Development Fund + Club, County Board and Provincial Council)

Passed 89:4

Management

Add to Rule 50 at (k)

GAA All Stars: €2 to Central Council, €2 Provincial, €2 County Board, €2 Club

Passed 86:3

Tipperary

Amend Rule 50 to read:

The Club Registrar shall submit to the County, Provincial and Central Council Registrars on the official electronic system the Club's list of registered members. Each registration shall be accompanied by a Registration fee, Development Fund fee and a compulsory Injury Fund fee as determined by County Board, Provincial and Central Council.

(a) Under **12** membership (dates of birth must be included) (Present Fee €5.00 to Central Council + €5.00 Injury Fund + €1 Development Fund + Club, County Board and Provincial Council)

(b) Under **14** to Under 18 membership (dates of birth must be recorded) (Present Fee €15.00 to Central Council + €10.00 Injury Fund with optional €25.00 + €1 Development Fund + Club, County Board, Provincial Council)

Withdrawn

Voting Procedures

Management

Amend Rule 63 to read by deleting last paragraph:

Club or County Boards, Provincial or Central Councils shall have the power to appoint full time or part-time paid officials. They shall not have the right to vote except with their Home Club, provided they are not a paid official of that Club. They shall be subject to the terms and conditions laid down by the relevant Committee, Board or Council.

Each Committee, Board or Council shall be responsible for the payment of such officials.

Paid officials shall not be eligible to hold an elected position on Club, County Board, School or College Committees, Provincial or Central Councils or subcommittees thereof, other than his/her Home Club, provided they are not a paid official of that Club.

Passed 82:8

Injury Fund

Management

Add New Rule after Rule 66:

The Injury Fund shall only cover registered members in Official Matches or Official on-pitch Training. Proof of this may be requested by Central Council

Referred to next Central Council Meeting

Code of Ethics

Management

Add new rule after Rule 90 in relation to Adult Safeguarding:

(a) The Association shall safeguard and promote the interests and wellbeing of all Adults (Over 18 years of age) who are involved in its games and related activities.

(b) The Association shall take all practical steps to protect them from all discernible forms of abuse, from harm, discrimination or degrading treatment, and shall respect their rights, wishes and feelings.

(c) Central Council shall have in place a Code of Conduct/ Behaviour for the protection and safeguarding of Adults (including the disciplinary and other procedures to be applied in the event of the breach of the Code) and shall be entitled to amend or revoke any provision of the Code from time to time. The Code shall provide for the manner in which it is determined whether the

procedures under the Code or the provisions of Rule 7 and Code 16 shall be invoked in any particular case.

(d) The Code shall specify the disciplinary procedures to be applied for breaches of the Code. This Rule shall give and constitute authority for the carrying out of all functions and actions in accordance with the Code and Guidelines.

(e) Central Council shall have in place the Gaelic Games Guidance for Dealing with and Reporting Allegations or Concerns of Abuse. Allegations and complaints of abuse shall be dealt with exclusively in accordance with the provisions of these Guidelines and not under any other provision of these Rules or under the Club Constitution.

Passed 93:0 *Effective Immediately

Sponsorship

Management

Add to Rule 95 to read:

Club, School, College, Divisional Board, County Board and Provincial Committees shall have authority to negotiate sponsorship in accordance with the regulations drawn up from time to time by Central Council. The sponsorship must be approved by the relevant Committee, Board or Council.

The Association shall allow sponsorship of playing attire, trophies, competition tournaments, functions and other areas, provided such sponsorship is not in contravention of, and does not pose any threat to, the aims and objectives of the Association.

No brand name(s), distinctive marks of logo or other advertising material relating to alcohol companies, public house, or off licence premises shall be displayed on the player gear or any additional gear equipment belonging to or relating to teams catering exclusively for young people under 18 years of age.

Sponsorship of teams catering exclusively for young people under 18 years of age by alcohol companies is prohibited.

Passed 80:9

International

Munster

Add to Rule 104 to read:

A player wishing to transfer to a USGAA or Canada GAA club, from any jurisdiction outside the USGAA or Canada GAA control, must complete the Official Transfer Form of the Ladies Gaelic Football Association and submit this form to the Ladies Gaelic Football Association by 31st March of the current year.

A player wishing to play in the Middle East GAA, Asia GAA and Australasian GAA Boards either in a temporary or permanent basis must complete a transfer form and submit this form to the National LGFA office in Dublin.

The closing dates and other eligibility conditions shall be governed by the regulations of the relevant governing bodies of those GAA Boards.

Should a player wish to return to her previous club, home club or a new club she must seek a transfer, **and re-register with her club to ensure that her injury fund fee is included in order for her to play Ladies Gaelic Football.**

She continues to be eligible to play county football as outlined in Rules 182 and 183.

A player wishing to play in Britain requires a transfer if she has played club football elsewhere within the last 3 years.

Passed 86:3

Clubs

Management

Amend Rule 113 by adding to end of first paragraph to read:

The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held each year on or before 1st December.

Members shall receive at least 2 weeks' notice of the date and venue of the club AGM, together with nomination and motions papers. These papers must be returned to the Club Secretary at least 1 week before the Club AGM. **Members should receive a copy of the Agenda, List of Nominees and Motions at least 4 days prior to the AGM.**

Passed 96:3

Player Eligibility for Club, County and Province

Management

Amend Rule 127 (a) to read:

An Underage player may play for an exclusively Underage Club and a Club in Senior, Intermediate or Junior grade, with permission from the County Board **subject to approval under Rule 130**

Passed 99:0

Management

Amend Rule 128 (d) to read:

The **home** club of a sibling, in the case of an **under 12** player

Passed 88:9

Longford

Amend Rule 128 to include the following paragraph inserted before the paragraph beginning, 'Players taking part in Official Schools or Colleges Competition'

Where a player resides in a free area without a Ladies Gaelic Football Club, she may select a club of her choice as her initial home club. Once Chosen, this club is deemed her home club, and any future transfer requests will only be approved if the player now resides in the club catchment area (CCA) of the desired new club, or if the new club is in the CCA where her parents resided at the time of her birth.

Lost 22:74

Management

Add to Rule 129 to read:

Where a player resides in a CCA where there is a Ladies Gaelic Football Club, she must play with that Club, unless she is exempted as in Rules 128 and 131. **Where there is no club in a player's CCA she may play for any other club within the County. This club then becomes her first club.**

Passed 91:5

London

Amend Rule 136 to read:

When a player is transferred to a Club in another County **within the 32 Counties on the island of Ireland**, on or after 1st August in any year, she shall not be eligible to take part in the County,

Provincial and All-Ireland Club Championship of that year, unless she has played previously with the Club to which she has been transferred and subject to the provisions of Rule 130.

Passed 75:20

County Board

Donegal

Amend Rule 160 by adding Assistant Registrar at (h) to read:

The County Board should consist of:

- (a) Chairperson
- (b) Vice Chairperson
- (c) Secretary
- (d) Assistant Secretary
- (e) Treasurer
- (f) Assistant Treasurer
- (g) Registrar
- (h) Assistant Registrar**
- (i) PRO
- (j) Assistant PRO
- (k) Culture and Language Officer
- (l) Chairperson of County Development Committee (Appointed as per Rule 168)
- (m) Children's Officer (Appointed)
- (n) Officers of the Provincial and Central Councils from within the County
- (o) Delegates to Provincial and Central Councils
- (p) An elected representative of each Divisional Board
- (q) Chairperson of the County Fixtures Committee
- (r) Members of sub-committees of Provincial and Central Councils who have voting rights within their respective Councils and who are from within the County
- (s) Chairpersons of sub-committees of the County Board
- (t) Three delegates, who are registered members, from each affiliated Club, one of whom must be a current player.

Where a County has a Schools or Colleges Committee it shall be entitled to two voting delegates on the County Board.

The County Board shall hold office until the end of the next Annual Convention. It shall be subject to the authority of Provincial and Central Council

Lost 38:59

Management

Amend Rule 164 (h) to read:

County Boards must notify Provincial and Central Councils on the official grading form by the 1st March details of Clubs that are proposed to be downgraded and **that are eligible to participate in the Provincial and All-Ireland Adult Club Championships and the reasons why they should be downgraded.**

Counties who operate a promotion and relegation structure for **adult championships that qualify for the Provincial and All-Ireland club championships, must notify both Councils by the 31st January each year on the official form of the clubs who are relegated for the following season.**

The grading of clubs shall be subject to the approval of Central Council.

Passed 99:3

Management

Add to Rule 174 to read:

County Boards may allow players from three Junior clubs, or, one Junior and one Intermediate club to combine to form a Senior team, without losing their Junior or Intermediate status.

A combined team which wins the County Senior Championship shall be permitted to represent the County Board in the Provincial and All-Ireland Club Championship.

County Boards may allow two Junior clubs to combine to form an Intermediate team without losing their Junior status.

A combined team which wins the County Intermediate Championship shall be permitted to represent the County Board in the Provincial and All-Ireland Club Championship.

County Boards may allow players from two Junior clubs, who are unable to field on their own, to combine in order to field a team and play at Junior level subject to grading by the County Board.

Such a combined team which wins the County Junior Championship shall not be permitted to represent the County in the Provincial and All-Ireland Club Championships. The team that finishes runner-up in the Junior Championship final shall then represent the County in the Provincial and

All-Ireland Club Championship, provided they are not a combined team. Should two such combined teams qualify for the county final, the two losing semi-finalists shall play off to see who represents the County in the Provincial and All-Ireland championship.

Application to form a combined team must be made on an annual basis prior to the commencement of the competition or a date set earlier by County Board, whichever is the earliest.

The **Provincial Council and National Grading Committee** must be notified of this change **where the grade is eligible to represent the county in the Provincial and All-Ireland championships**

Passed 71:27

Central Council

Management

Amend Rule 235 to read:

Central Council or Congress shall appoint sub-committees as deemed necessary. The powers and functions of such sub-committees set up shall be defined by Central Council.

The National President shall be entitled to nominate a member for each sub committees of Central Council.

Provincial Presidents are not permitted to sit on sub committees of Central Council.

Passed 79:20 *Effective from 2026

Transfers

Management

Amend Rule 249 by deleting last paragraph to read:

A player who wishes to leave a club and play with another club must apply for **an inter-club** transfer, **irrespective of how long it is since they played their last game.**

Passed 89:5

Competitions

Galway

Add to Rule 265 at (m) to read:

Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta is recognised by LGFA and is therefore governed by its rules.

Passed 88:5

Management

Amend paragraph 5 of Rule 267 to read:

Uneven age grades between these are deemed as the age above e.g. **Player eligible for Under 13 is deemed as Under 14 age grade**, Player eligible for Under 15 is deemed as Under 16 age grade, **and Player eligible for Under 17 is deemed as Under 18 age grade.**

Passed 98:1

Meath

Amend Rule 268 to read:

The All-Ireland Senior, Intermediate and Junior Club Championships **semi-finals and the finals be completed in the following year and fully completed by February, in the year following their respective Provincial Senior, Intermediate and Junior Club Championships.**

Lost 18:78

Teams

Tyrone

Amend Rule 307 to read:

A team shall consist of 15 players and a panel of **up to 40 players**. Teams are allowed a maximum of 10 officials at Inter-County level and 7 officials at club, school and college level, one of whom must be a female liaison officer. Only the manager, and one other team mentor along with the medic are permitted on the side-line.

The County Female Liaison Officer shall not be involved in coaching or team selection. Team officials must be 18 years or older for County Teams and Adult Club Teams.

Lost 14:83

Tyrone

Amend Rule 311 to read:

Duplicate lists of players, giving full names, and in the case of Inter-County games, Clubs to which the players belong, must be given to the referee before the commencement of the game in all official games. The number on the player's jersey must correspond with that player's name.

Team lists must be generated through the Foireann system, with all the panel clearly indicated by number.

For competitions at 13-A-Side or under, the starting team must be clearly indicated by number.

Lost 20:81

Fouls

Fermanagh

Amend Rule 402 at paragraph two to read:

For any player, where the red card is issued in her last game of the competition, the player shall be subject to disciplinary action under CODA Rules. See Sanction table. **A walk-over shall constitute a game in a competition.**

Lost 22:76

CODA

Munster

Add (e) to CODA Rule 7.5:

The parties are entitled at a hearing to:

- (a) Be accompanied at the hearing, by either a member of the LGFA, a member of the public above 18 years of age or if the member is a minor, by a parent or guardian. A parent, guardian or children's officer may make a closing statement. The person accompanying is not permitted to contribute to the hearing. Legal representatives are specifically excluded
- (b) Call witnesses of fact. Such witnesses may only be present to give their evidence and which witnesses may be questioned by the Hearings Committee. Witnesses must be members of the LGFA.
- (c) Present evidence
- (d) Make submissions in writing or otherwise

(e) The parties / participants be given option for a hearing to have it heard in person if same is requested in writing, within 48 hours of receiving notice of hearing to the relevant CODA Officer.

Lost 41:52

Management

Amend Rule 7.12 to read:

In the case of Disciplinary Action, the CODA shall present the case against the Respondent.

In the case of a Disciplinary Report, the member or unit who submitted the Disciplinary Report, shall present the case against the Respondent.

In the case of a Complaint, the Complainant shall present the case against a Respondent.

In the case of an Objection, the Objector shall present the case.

Passed 90:3

Management

Add to CODA Rule 8.1 to read:

A decision of any Unit or Hearings Committee may be appealed to the Appeals Committee of the next Highest Unit by the affected parties. **The Next Highest Unit is as defined in Rule 1.2, under Appeals.** An appeal from a county shall be appealed to the Central Council Appeals Committee.

Passed 94:1

Dublin

To amend Schedule 1 of the Table of Sanctions by:

Including High Level of Offence as an available category for Verbal Abuse offence

Passed 85:15

Safeguarding

Management

Amend Code of Ethics in Definitions to be replaced with:

Child Safeguarding Policy: means the Association's Child Safeguarding Policy (Underage)

Amend all affected rules accordingly:

Definition of Bullying, Rule 22, Rule 89, Rule 90, Rule 2.3 (a) and Table of Sanctions

Passed 92:1