



FO-DHLITHE CLG LAOISE 2012

Bye-Laws of Coiste Chontae Laoise were approved by Coiste Bainistí on 10/02/12. C.L.G. Laoise shall have the following governing structure:

1. In accordance with Riall 3.11, T.O. 2011, the County Convention shall elect the following: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Development Officer, Public Relations Officer, Coaching Officer, Officer for Irish Language and Culture, Representatives (2) on Leinster Council and a representative on Central Council. It shall also elect representatives of Clubs and other Committees as detailed in Bye-Law No. 2.

It shall appoint a Children's Officer as recommended by the County Committee.

2. In accordance with Riall 3.19, T.O. 2011, the County Committee shall consist of the following: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Development Officer, Public Relations Officer, Coaching Officer, Officer for Irish Language and Culture, Children's Officer, Representatives on Leinster Council, Representative on Central Council, County Referees Administrator, Primary and Post-Primary Schools' Representatives, Handball Representative, Chairpersons of Coiste Iomána, Coiste Peil and a representative of each affiliated adult club. The Chairperson of Coiste na nÓg may attend meetings in a non-voting capacity. All members, with the exception of the Secretary and the Chairperson of Coiste na nÓg shall have voting rights.

3. In accordance with Riall 3.22, T.O. 2011, the following Sub Committees, whose powers and functions shall be as detailed in Riall 3.22, T.O. 2011 and as otherwise outlined in these Bye-Laws, shall be appointed by, and be subject to the County Committee:

- i. **Management Committee.** It shall consist of the following: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary (non-voting), Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Development Officer, Public Relations Officer, Coaching Officer, Officer for Irish Language and Culture, Representatives on Leinster Council, Representative on Central Council and Chairpersons of Coiste Iomána, Coiste Peil and Coiste na nOg

- It shall be responsible, subject to the control of the County Committee, for the management of the affairs of the Association, including finance, between meetings of the County Committee

- ii. **County Competitions Control Committee.** It shall consist of the following: County Chairperson, County Secretary (non voting), County Public Relations Officer and Chairpersons of Coiste Iomána, Coiste Peil and Coiste na nOg and three other suitable personnel as nominated by the County Chairperson, together with the County Referees Administrator, who shall be entitled to vote only on the appointment of referees. It shall have Plenary Powers conferred on it by the County Committee. Its functions shall be as follows:

- It shall organise and make arrangements for all Competitions or Championships grades as determined and within the jurisdiction of C.L.G. Laoise.
- It shall deal with objections and counter objections arising from the games programme within the jurisdiction of C.L.G. Laoise.



- It shall deal with Referees Reports and disciplinary matters arising from same, other than those functions reserved for the County Hearings Committee.
 - It shall investigate and process matters relating to the enforcement of the Rules and Regulations.
 - It shall process and make recommendations to County Committee on all grading of Clubs and regrading of Players from Minor to Senior grades within the jurisdiction of C.L.G. Laoise.
 - It shall appoint Referees and Match Officials as required for Competitions or Championships as determined and within the jurisdiction of C.L.G. Laoise.
 - Appeals against this Committee, other than those functions reserved for the County Hearings Committee, shall be heard by the Leinster Hearings Committee.
- iii. **County Hearings Committee.** It shall consist of the following: Chairperson, Secretary and five other suitable personnel appointed by the County Committee. No Member of the Management Committee, Competitions Control Committee, Coiste na nÓg or Post Primary Committee may serve as a member of the County Hearings Committee. The powers of the County Hearings Committee shall be plenary powers.
- It shall adjudicate on all Disciplinary Matters where a hearing is prescribed and requested, relating to the Enforcement of Rules arising from matters under the jurisdiction of the County Committee
- iv. **County Coaching and Games Development Committee.** It shall consist of : County Coaching Officer (who shall be its Chairperson), Games Development Manager (who shall be its Secretary), Games Development Administrators, one representative from Coiste Iomana, Coiste Peile, Coiste na nOg, Primary Schools and Post-Primary Schools, Handball Committee, Camogie, Ladies Football and four other personnel appointed by the County Committee.
- It shall be responsible for implementation of Coaching Programmes, Training and Monitoring of Coaching Personnel, the implementation of Games Development activities at Club and Schools levels and the implementation of Best Practice.
- v. **County Planning and Physical Development Committee.** It shall consist of: County Development Officer (who shall be its Chairperson) and five other members as appointed by the County Committee.
- It shall be responsible for Grounds and Physical Development, Club Development, Grounds Safety and Planning.
 - It shall also, in conjunction with the Provincial Council, be responsible for the training of Club Officers.
 - It shall be responsible for the implementation of the various strands of the County Strategic Plan.
- vi. **County Cultural Committee.** It shall consist of: County Officer for Irish Language and Culture (who shall be its Chairperson) and a Secretary who shall be nominated by the



County Chairperson and appointed by the County Committee. The rest of the committee shall be comprised of representatives (one per club) of the clubs, which compete in Scor competitions.

- It shall be responsible for the promotion of Irish language, Scór and other Cultural Activities.
- vii. **County Public Relations and Marketing Committee.** It shall consist of: County P.R.O. who shall act as Chairperson and five other suitable personnel nominated by the County Chairperson and appointed by the County Committee.
- It shall be responsible for Publicity, Marketing and Publications.
- viii. **County Referees Administration Committee.** It shall consist of: County Referees Administrator who shall act as Chairperson and five other members as appointed by the County Committee.
- It shall be responsible for the administration and development of refereeing in the County, including the recruitment, training, assessment and classification of referees.
- ix. **County Youth Committee.** (Coiste na nÓg). It shall consist of: Chairperson and Secretary plus four other suitable personnel nominated by the County Chairperson and appointed by the County Committee, along with the Games Manager and the Games Development Administrators. It shall make recommendations to CCC for arrangements for all Competitions and/or Championships of underage football and hurling below the Minor grade at Club and School levels as determined and within the jurisdiction of C.L.G. Laoise.
- It shall process and make recommendations to the County Committee on all grading of Clubs of underage football and hurling below the Minor grade as determined and within the jurisdiction of C.L.G. Laoise.
 - It shall be subject to the overall control of the County Committee and appeals against decisions of this Committee and requests for a Hearing shall be heard by the County Hearings Committee.
- x. **County Finance Committee.** It shall consist of: County Treasurer who shall act as Chairperson and eight other suitable personnel nominated by the County Chairperson and appointed by the County Committee.
- It shall have responsibility for all financial matters referred to it by the County Committee and / or the County Management Committee.
- xi. **County Information Technology Committee.** It shall consist of: Chairperson and five other suitable personnel who have I.T. skills nominated by the County Chairperson and appointed by the County Committee.
- It shall implement procedures for the training and development of Information Technology requirements at County and Club level as directed by the National I.T. Committee.
- xii. **County Teams Management and Panels Sub Committee:** The membership of the County Teams' Management and Panels' Committee shall be as outlined in the Charter for



County Committee / Player relationships as approved by Árd Chomhairle from time to time. The functions of this Committee will be as outlined in Rule 3.22 (xiii), T.O. 2011.

xiii. Fixtures Planners Committee: It shall consist of Two Fixtures Planners appointed by the Management Committee and five other suitable personnel nominated by the County Chairperson and appointed by the County Committee.

- They shall be responsible for planning, monitoring, analysing and reviewing the County Fixtures Programme.
- They shall work in conjunction with the CCC on the production of an ongoing three year Fixtures Plan and Schedule.

4. In accordance with Riail 3.21, T.O. 2011 the County Committee shall appoint the following subcommittees whose functions and powers shall be as detailed in these Bye-Laws

a) **County Hurling Committee.** (Coiste Iomana). It shall consist of: Chairperson, Secretary plus four other suitable personnel nominated by the County Chairperson and appointed by the County Committee

- It shall be responsible in conjunction with the Coaching and Games Development Committee, for the promotion and implementation of Hurling Games Development at Club and Schools level.
- It shall be responsible for servicing the necessary needs, other than financial, and liaising with respective Managements of County Hurling teams from Minor to Senior grades.

b) **County Football Committee.** (Coiste Peil). It shall consist of: Chairperson, Secretary plus four other suitable personnel nominated by the County Chairperson and appointed by the County Committee.

- It shall be responsible in conjunction with the Coaching and Games Development Committee, for the promotion and implementation of Football Games Development at Club and Schools level.
- It shall be responsible for servicing the necessary needs, other than financial, and liaising with respective Managements of County Football teams from Minor to Senior grades.

c) **Post-Primary Schools' Committee** : It shall consist of: Chairperson as nominated by the County Chairperson, one representative each from the Management Committee, County Coaching & Games Development Committee, Coiste na nÓg and a representative from each affiliated Post-Primary School.

- Its membership shall constitute its C. C. C.
- It shall be responsible in conjunction with the Coaching and Games Development Committee, for the promotion and implementation of Football Games Development at Post- Primary Schools level.



- Appeals against decisions of this Committee and requests for a Hearing shall be heard by the County Hearings Committee.

d. **Transfers Committee.** It shall consist of: Chairperson who shall be a County Committee Officer, and five other suitable personnel all of whom shall be nominated by the County Chairman and appointed by the County Committee.

- i. It shall process all applications for Transfer and Declarations within the county and make recommendations to the County Committee whose decisions shall be final. An aggrieved player shall have the right to a hearing at the meeting of the County Committee where the final decision is to be made.
- ii. A Club or Independent Teams Catchment Area shall be defined as within the Parish and within the County boundary. The County Committee may prepare guidelines or criteria annually with exceptions to this which would assist the Transfers' Committee in its deliberations. Such Guidelines/Criteria are as in appendix 1 attached to these Bye-Laws.
- iii. There shall be two distinct Club "designations" – Urban and Rural. This will allow the Transfers Committee to distinguish between Transfers / Declarations to and from - (i) Urban to Rural Clubs, (ii) Rural to Rural Clubs and (iii) Rural to Urban Clubs.
- iv. Portlaoise GAA Club will be designated an "Urban" Club and all other Clubs in Laois will be designated "Rural".
- v. Normally, 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 Catchment Area 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.
- vi. In the case of underage players their permanent address shall be taken to be the permanent address of their parents/guardians.
- vii. Requests for transfer shall not be considered unless submitted to the County Secretary before January 31st in any year. **Exception** : In the case of an Urban to Rural Transfer / Declaration, an application may be granted provided the player has not participated in Club Competition (including Go Games) in the year in which the Transfer / Declaration is sought.
- viii. Declarations for a player's Home Club shall be governed by the relevant rules in the current Official Guide.

5. In all cases, it is only the parent Club that can grant Membership of the Club and Association and initially it is their responsibility to register the player with the County Committee. The onus is on an Independent Team to register its players.

6. Subject to Riail 6.4, T.O. 2011 and in the interests of promoting Football and Hurling within the County, the Transfers Committee shall process and make recommendations to the County Committee on applications received on or before January 31st. in any year for permission for a player from an exclusively Football Club to play Hurling with a Dual Club or a player from an exclusively Hurling Club to play Football with a Dual Club.



An aggrieved player shall have the right to a hearing at the Co. Committee meeting at which the final decision is made.

APPENDIX 1 Guidelines or Criteria for Transfers' Committee:

1. Urban to Rural Transfer/ Applications for Permission to Play

- a) A player from a designated Urban Club may, at any time, seek Permission to Play for, or transfer to, any Rural Club without the necessity of meeting any of the criteria and / or exceptions usually associated with such Transfers/Permission to Play. The Transfers' Committee shall process all applications for Transfer and Permission to Play within the county and make recommendations to the County Committee whose decisions shall be final.

2. Rural to Rural Transfer/ Applications for Permission to Play

- a) Parentage Rule – A player may apply for Permission to Play or Transfer to a Club in the catchment area in which his Parent was a Player in Adult Competition or, in exceptional circumstances, a Member, who over a reasonable period of time, made a proven contribution to that Club.
- b) Primary School – A player may apply for Permission to Play or Transfer to a Club / Independent Team where he is presently attending or has attended Primary School. The Primary School rule will only be taken into consideration where the player has been attending this school or has attended for at least one full school year.
- c) Proximity to Club Base - A player may apply for Permission to Play or transfer to the Club / Independent Team based on proximity to Club Ground.

3. Rural to Urban Transfer / Applications for Permission to Play

- a) Parentage Rule – A player may apply for Permission to Play or Transfer to a Club +in the catchment area in which his Parent was a player in adult competition, or in exceptional circumstances, a Member who, over a reasonable period of time, has made a proven contribution to that Club.