

An Cumann Camógaíochta



An Treoraí Oifigiúil

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DEFINITION OF TERMS

- ❖ **Annual Congress** - The supreme governing body of the Association.
- ❖ **Ardchomhairle** - The supreme governing body for the Association between congresses.
- ❖ **Club** - the basic Unit of the Association. Units within the 3rd Level Education sector are regarded as Clubs.
- ❖ **Competition** - League or Championships officially sanctioned by County, Provincial, National Education Councils, International Boards or Ardchomhairle. Underage blitzes and indoor Camogie activities are not considered competitions
- ❖ **Core executive committee members** – a term used to describe the following officer positions on an Executive Committee, Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, PRO, Children’s Officer, Development Officer and Delegates to the higher Unit.
- ❖ **County Board** - The central committee in a county to which all clubs must affiliate. It is responsible for the administration and development of Camogie within its county.
- ❖ **Developmentally appropriate** – in accordance with the Camogie Association Player Pathway.
- ❖ **Executive Committee** - The committee responsible for the day to management and administration of camogie within its unit.
- ❖ **Ex-officio Members** - persons who, by virtue of office, are entitled to attend and contribute at meetings but who do not have voting rights.
- ❖ **Home Club** - The club with which a player first legally participates in club competition, either league or championship, organised by the County Board or one of its sub-committees is designated as a player’s home club.
- ❖ **Match Official** - The term “Match Official” can be used to describe the following persons- a referee, an umpire or a linesperson.
- ❖ **National Education Council** - refers to the national governing bodies for Camogie in post-primary schools (Comhairle Chamógaíochta na nIarláimh) and in the third level education sector (Chomhairle Chamógaíochta um Ard-Oideachas).
- ❖ **Officer** - A term used to describe the following officer positions on an Executive Committee: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, PRO, Children’s Officer, Development Officer and Delegates to the higher Unit.
- ❖ **Official** - The term “Official” shall refer to appointees such as team managers/mentors/trainers and coaches.
- ❖ **Official Correspondence** - notification of fixtures, notices of meetings, circulation of minutes of meetings, objections /appeals, circulation of disciplinary findings, bye-laws for ratification, request for special meetings, request for investigations, declaration Forms (CC3), transfer forms (CC4), referee’s reports (CC5) and sponsorship approval form (CC7), nominations and papers for AGMs, Annual Conventions at all levels, nominations and papers for Annual Congress.
- ❖ **Provincial Council** - The provincial committee to which all county boards in a province must affiliate. It is responsible for the administration and development of Camogie within its province.
- ❖ **Small Sided Games** – for under 8 these are seven a side; for under 10 these are nine a side; for under 12 these are eleven a side
- ❖ **Sub-Committee(s)** - a committee operating to specific terms of reference under the Executive Committee of a particular Unit or Ardchomhairle.
- ❖ **Subsidiary Committee** - a committee who has jurisdiction for games development and administration at particular levels e.g. a Division within a county i.e. a Divisional Board or for a particular group a Minor Board or an Underage Board.
- ❖ **Unit** - a term used to describe a Club; a County Board; a Provincial Council, an Education Council and an International /Board

ALL QUESTIONS AS TO THE INTERPRETATION OF THE RULES IN THIS OFFICIAL GUIDE WILL BE REFERRED TO ARDCHOMHAIRLE WHOSE DECISION WILL BE FINAL.

SECTION A: Title, Objectives and Values of the Association

1. Title

The name of the Association will be “An Cumann Camógaíochta” (“The Camogie Association”) herein after known as “The Association”.

2. Objectives and Values of the Association

- 2.1. The Association is the national organisation which administers, legislates and promotes the game of Camogie. The resources of the Association will be utilised for this purpose, together, with other activities sanctioned and approved by Ardchomhairle and Annual Congress.
- 2.2. The objectives of the Association are to:
- a. promote, develop and manage Camogie in Ireland and internationally;
 - b. promote the active participation of women in sport;
 - c. work in partnership with the wider Gaelic games family;
 - d. foster an awareness of the richness of our national culture, including the Irish language.
 - e. support Irish industries;
 - f. create a safe environment for our members and supporters;
 - g. promote community development and community spirit.
- 2.3. The core values guiding the Association are:
- a. inclusiveness;
 - b. voluntarism;
 - c. equality in accordance with relevant equality legislation and fair play
 - d. anti-racism and anti-sectarianism;
 - e. openness, accountability and professionalism;
 - f. respect and welfare towards our members;
- 2.4. The Association is a voluntary and democratic body. This Rule does not prohibit the payment of salaries to employees of the Association.
- 2.5. The Association is non-party political. No member will seek to identify the Association with any political movement, nor will party political questions be raised or discussed at any meeting of the Association.
- 2.6. The records created and received by the Association, its members and administrators are the property of the Association. These records shall be transferred to a recognised GAA archive in accordance with such directions as may be given by Ardchomhairle.

SECTION B: Structure of the Association and Membership

3. Basic Structure of the Association

- 3.1. The Club, comprised of its members, is the basic Unit of the Association. Each Club is represented at County Board. Each County Board is represented at Provincial Council. Each Provincial Council is represented on Ardchomhairle. Annual Congress is the Association's supreme governing body. Ardchomhairle is the supreme governing body of the Association from Congress to Congress. Each Unit and Ardchomhairle is subject to the rules in the Official Guide.
- 3.2. There are two National Education Councils. Comhairle Chamógaíochta um Ard-Oideachas (CCAO the Higher Education Camogie Council) administers Camogie within third level education. Comhairle Chamógaíochta na nIarbhunscoileanna (the Post-Primary Camogie Council) administers Camogie within post-primary education. Each Council is subject to the rules in the Official Guide. Both Councils must affiliate to Ardchomhairle and are under the jurisdiction of Ardchomhairle. Camogie within the primary school sector is administered by Cumann na mBunscol.
- 3.3. Internationally, camogie is administered by International Camogie Boards. Where there is no independent Camogie Board the Camogie Association recognises GAA Boards as an appropriate structure for the administration of Camogie internationally. Such Boards and Committees must affiliate to Ardchomhairle and they and their subsidiary Units, are subject to the rules in the Official Guide.
- 3.4. Each Unit under Ardchomhairle must have an Executive Committee to run its affairs. The members of the Executive Committee are elected at the Unit's Annual General Meeting or Convention. The Executive Committee at club, county and provincial levels must be comprised of the following core Officers: Cathaoirleach (Chairperson), Leas-Cathaoirleach (Vice-Chairperson), Rúnaí (Secretary), Cisteoir (Treasurer), Cláraitheoir (Registrar), Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí (P.R.O.), Oifigeach na bPáistí (Children's Officer), Oifigeach Forbartha (Development Officer) and Delegate(s) to the higher Unit. The Children's Officer must be appointed by the Executive Committee. All Officers must be members of the Association and are entitled to vote at meetings by virtue of that office.
- 3.5. An Executive Committee may have additional members as provided for in the Unit bye-laws. These additional members must be members of the Association and are entitled to vote at Executive Committee meetings only.
- 3.6. An elected officer must only serve on the same Executive Committee in the same officer capacity for no more than five consecutive years. The Uachtarán of the Association, the Cathaoirleach of Provincial Council and Ardchomhairle members elected by Annual Congress are all exceptions to this as each will serve one term of three years.
- 3.7. An elected officer must only serve a maximum of ten consecutive years on the same Executive Committee at county and provincial level in any officer capacity.
- 3.8. The powers and duties of the Executive Committee will include the day to day management and administration of Camogie within the Unit as well as any additional powers as defined in the relevant Unit bye-laws. The duties of Officers will be outlined by the Association in the Association's administrative procedures.
- 3.9. Should an Officer vacancy arise on the Executive Committee, it must be filled on the basis of:
 - a. nominations by affiliated Units or membersand

- b. ballot vote of eligible Units and members.

In the case of the Uachtarán of the Association the position must be filled in accordance with Rule 11.4.

4. Membership

- 4.1. Membership of the Association can only be granted by a Club or through a National Education Council. Membership is open to all persons who subscribe to the aims and objectives of the Association. The club with which a player first legally participates in club competition either league or championship, organised by the County Board or one of its sub-committees is designated as a player's home club. A Club reserves the right to refuse membership to any person. The decision to refuse membership must comply with relevant equality legislation.
- 4.2. Persons wishing to become members (playing/non-playing) of the Association will pay to the Club, an annual membership fee. The fee will be decided at the Annual General Meeting. On payment of a membership fee, the person will be registered as a member of the Association and will have a right to vote, subject to Rule 5.3, at meetings and at the Annual General Meeting or Convention of the Unit concerned.

SECTION C: Administrative Structures, their Powers and Duties

5. The Club

- 5.1. No Club will be named after a living person.
- 5.2. A Club must have at least twelve playing members before it may affiliate to the Association. Application for affiliation must be made on Form CC1 to the relevant County Board. On acceptance of initial affiliation by the County Board, the Club will be provided with a copy of the Official Guide from the County Board. Each affiliated Club and each member of each affiliated Club will be bound by the rules of the Association.
- 5.3. Each Club will be comprised of the registered members of the Club. All members aged 16 years or over will have the right to vote at general meetings including the AGM.
- 5.4. By 1st March each year, each Club must affiliate to the County Board by providing the Board with:
- a. a list of its registered members (Form CC1);
 - b. the required affiliation fee;
 - c. club colours; and
 - d. proof of insurance.
- 5.5. The registration list will only be accepted if correctly completed and submitted electronically on Form CC1. Form CC1 will give the names of members in Irish and English. This does not apply in the case of names who have no Irish or English form. Alterations and additions to the initial list must be submitted electronically on a newly completed CC1 form. All lists must have the Club Secretary's name printed on it in English or Irish.
- 5.6. No two Clubs in the same County will have similar colour details. The Club whose colours have been longest affiliated will be entitled to retain these colours. In the event of a clash of colours by clubs in competition within the County, the longest established club will retain their colours
- 5.7. Only those Clubs who have affiliated to the County Board may take part in any competition.
- 5.8. Each Club is answerable for the conduct of its members and known partisans and/or supporters.
- 5.9. In Counties where County Boards do not exist, Clubs will affiliate to the Provincial Council who will decide in which competitions such Clubs are eligible to participate. Where no Provincial Council exists, Clubs will affiliate to Ardchomhairle.
- 5.10. Each club is required to:
- a. comply with the Camogie Association's Code of Behaviour for All Persons Working with Young People and its Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport;
 - b. promote best practice in player welfare;
 - c. adhere to good governance standards as outlined in Section D of the Official Guide; and
 - d. liaise and co-operate with other organisations within the Gaelic games family and other relevant bodies.
- 5.11. A decision to disband a Club may only be taken at a meeting specially convened for that purpose. Such meeting must be convened in accordance with Rule 16.1 Two members of the County Board Executive Committee, who

must not be members of the Club seeking to disband, will be requested to attend the special meeting. A motion to disband a Club will be carried only if supported by 75% of those present, entitled to vote, and voting. Should a Club disband, any assets remaining after the satisfaction of debts and liabilities will not be distributed among the members, such property will be transferred to the County Board. A decision to disband must be communicated in writing within seven days to the County Board.

6. County Boards

- 6.1. On the establishment of three Clubs within a County, a County Board will be formed.
- 6.2. Each County Board will be comprised of the Executive Committee and two voting delegates from each affiliated Club, who must be a registered member of that Club.
 - 6.2.1. In addition each County Board will have one voting delegate each from Cumann na mBunscol and Comhairle Chamógaíochta na nIarbhunscoileanna both of whom must be members of the Association, and where applicable, one voting delegate of each Subsidiary Committee. In addition to voting delegates only core executive committee members will have the right to vote (Ref Rule 3.4 and 3.5). The Uachtarán or his/her nominee from Ardchomhairle is an ex-officio member of County Boards.
- 6.3. Executive Committee Officers, as defined in Rule 3.4 cannot be represented by proxies at meetings of the County Board.
- 6.4. Each County Board is required to:
 - a. control Club affiliations;
 - b. control County competitions;
 - c. make bye-laws, as appropriate, which will not be at variance with the Rules of the Association. Such bye-laws must in the first instance be approved at the Annual Convention and then ratified by Ardchomhairle;
 - d. submit motions, as appropriate, to Provincial Convention or Annual Congress, as applicable. Such motions must in the first instance be approved at Annual Convention;
 - e. determine the manner of selecting teams to represent the County in Inter-County competition;
 - f. delegate authority and establish terms of reference for all Sub-Committees and subsidiary committees as appropriate;
 - g. raise finances, to control, administer and utilise the funds and property of the Association as set out in Rule 2.1;
 - h. appoint a Transfers, Hearings and Disciplinary Sub-Committee to hear and adjudicate on transfers, objections and to independently investigate irregularities and have autonomy to suspend, fine or disqualify Clubs or individuals for breaches of the Rules of the Association or any bye-laws made thereunder in accordance with the Disciplinary Code. The committee will act in accordance with the procedures agreed and issued by Ardchomhairle. County Boards only have the power to expel clubs or individuals for breaches of the rules. Ref Rule 7.4.h.

- i. appoint a Development Sub-Committee to promote Camogie in the County chaired by the County Board Development Officer;
 - j. appoint any other Sub-Committees as required;
 - k. comply with the Camogie Association's Code of Behaviour for Working with Young People and its Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport;
 - l. promote best practice in player welfare;
 - m. adhere to good governance standards as outlined in Section D of the Official Guide and its relevant Codes of Practice;
 - n. liaise and co-operate with other organisations within the Gaelic games family and other relevant bodies.
- 6.5. By 1st April each year, each County Board will affiliate to the Provincial Council by providing the Council with:
- a. an electronic list(s) of registered members within the County (Form CC1). The County Secretary's printed signature must accompany each list;
 - b. the required percentage of Club affiliation fees; and
 - c. details of County colours.
- 6.6. Only those County Boards which have complied with Rule 6.5 may participate in Inter-County competition.
- 6.7. Each County Board will ensure that the authorised expenses of Executive Committee members, match officials and others acting on its behalf, are paid.
- 6.8. Each County Board will be answerable for the conduct of its members, known partisans and supporters.
- 6.9. In all matters, the County Board will be subject to the Provincial Council and Ardchomhairle.
- 6.10. Where a Provincial Council does not exist, a County Board will affiliate direct to Ardchomhairle who will decide in which competitions such Counties are eligible to participate. In the case of County Boards abroad, the manner of their participation in Inter-County competition will be decided by Ardchomhairle.

7. Provincial Councils

- 7.1. On the establishment of three County Boards within a Province, a Provincial Council will be formed.
- 7.2. Each Provincial Council will be comprised of the Executive Committee, the delegate to Ardchomhairle and two voting delegates of each affiliated County Board within the Province.
- 7.2.1. In addition each Provincial Council will have one voting delegate from the relevant Provincial Council of Chomhairle Chamógaíochta na nIarbhunscoileanna, one voting delegate of Chomhairle Chamógaíochta um Ard-Oideachas and Cumann na mBunscol all of whom must be members of the Association. In addition to voting delegates only core executive committee members will have the right to vote (Ref Rule 3.4 and 3.5). The Uachtarán or his/her nominee from Ardchomhairle is an ex-officio member of Provincial Councils.
- 7.3. Executive Committee members, as defined in Rule 3.4, cannot be represented by proxies at meetings of Provincial Council. A County representative may, with the prior approval of the County Board, be represented by a proxy.
- 7.4. Each Provincial Council is, within its own Province, required to:

- a. control County affiliations;
- b. organise and control Provincial and/or inter-county/inter-club competitions;
- c. control Camogie, in a County where no County Board exists or where a County Board has ceased to exist;
- d. make bye-laws, as appropriate, which will not be at variance with the Rules of the Association. Such bye-laws must in the first instance be approved at Annual Convention and then ratified by Ardchomhairle;
- e. submit motions, as appropriate, to Annual Congress. Such motions must in the first instance be approved at Annual Convention;
- f. determine the manner of selecting teams to represent the Province in Inter-Provincial competition;
- g. raise finances, to control, administer and utilise the funds and property of the Association as set out in Rule 2.1;
- h. appoint a Transfer, Hearings, Appeals and Disciplinary Sub-Committee to hear and adjudicate on transfers, objections and appeals and independently investigate irregularities and to hear and decide on appeals arising from decisions by County Board Transfers, Hearings and Disciplinary Sub-Committees. This committee will have autonomy to suspend, fine, disqualify Counties, Clubs or individuals for breaches of the Rules of the Association or any bye-laws made thereunder in accordance with the Disciplinary Code. The committee will act in accordance with the procedures agreed and issued by Ardchomhairle. Provincial Councils only have the power to expel clubs or individuals for breaches of the rules. For Further Appeal Reference Rule 10.8.
- i. appoint a Development Sub-Committee to promote Camogie in the Province which must be chaired by the Provincial Council Development officer;
- j. appoint any other Sub-Committees as required;
- k. delegate authority to Sub-Committees as appropriate. All Sub-Committees will be required to work to specific terms of reference.
- l. comply with the Camogie Association's Code of Behaviour for Working with Young People and its Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport;
- m. promote best practice in player welfare;
- n. adhere to good governance standards as outlined in Section D of the Official Guide and the Association's relevant Codes of Practice; and
- O. liaise and co-operate with other organisations within the Gaelic games family and other relevant bodies.

7.5. By 30th April each year, each Provincial Council will submit to Ardchomhairle-

- a. an electronic list(s) of registered Club members within each County affiliated to the Province;
- b. the required percentage of Club affiliation fees; and
- c. details of County colours.

- 7.6. Each Provincial Council will ensure that authorised expenses of Executive Committee members, match officials and others acting on its behalf are paid.
- 7.7. In all matters, the Provincial Council will be subject to Ardchomhairle.

8. National Education Councils

8.1. National Education Councils are required to:

- a. control competitions under its auspices;
- b. make bye-laws, as appropriate, which will not be at variance with the Rules of the Association. Such bye-laws must in the first instance be approved at Annual Convention and then ratified by Ardchomhairle;
- c. submit motions, as appropriate, to Annual Congress. Such motions must in the first instance be approved at Annual Convention;
- d. appoint a Hearings, Appeals and Disciplinary Sub-Committee to hear and adjudicate on objections and independently investigate irregularities, and who have autonomy to suspend, fine post-primary schools, third level Clubs or individuals for breaches of the Rules of the Association or any bye-laws made thereunder in accordance with the Disciplinary Code. The committee will act in accordance with the procedures agreed and issued by Ardchomhairle. National Education Councils only have the power to expel clubs or individuals for breaches of the rules. For Further Appeal Reference Rule 10.8
- e. appoint an Appeals Committee, where relevant, to hear and decide on appeals arising from decisions by Provincial College Council(s) Hearings and Disciplinary Sub-Committees;
- f. appoint a Development Sub-Committee to promote Camogie within the Education sector chaired by the National Education Council Development Officer;
- g. appoint any other Sub-Committees as required;
- h. to delegate authority to Sub-Committees as appropriate. All Sub-Committees will be required to work to specific terms of reference.
- i. comply with the Camogie Association's Code of Behaviour for Working with Young People and its Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport;
- j. promote best practice in player welfare;
- k. adhere to good governance standards as set out in Section D of the Official Guide and the Association's relevant Codes of Practice; and
- l. liaise and co-operate with other organisations within the Gaelic games family and other relevant bodies.

8.2. Within fourteen days of its Annual Convention, each National Education Council Secretary will forward to the Ard Stiúthóir:

- a. a copy of the Secretary's Report;
- b. a copy of the Treasurer's Statement of Accounts; and
- c. the members of the Executive Committee and their contact details.

- 8.3. By 30th April each year, each National Education Council must submit to Ardchomhairle the required affiliation fee which will be decided by Annual Congress.
- 8.4. Each National Education Council will be responsible for the authorised expenses of Executive Committee members, match officials and others acting on its behalf.
- 8.5. In all matters, each National Education Council will be subject to Ardchomhairle.

9. International Boards

- 9.1. On the establishment of three or more clubs abroad an International Camogie Board may be formed subject to the approval of Ardchomhairle. Where there is no independent Camogie Board the Camogie Association recognises GAA Boards as an appropriate structure for the administration of Camogie internationally.
- 9.2. Each International Camogie Board is required to:
 - a. control competitions under its auspices;
 - b. make bye-laws, as appropriate, which will not be at variance with the Rules of the Association. Such bye-laws must in the first instance be approved at Annual Convention and then ratified by Ardchomhairle;
 - c. submit motions, as appropriate, to Annual Congress. Such motions must in the first instance be approved at Annual Convention;
 - d. to appoint a Transfers, Hearings and Disciplinary Sub-Committee to hear and adjudicate on transfers, objections and independently investigate irregularities, and who have autonomy to suspend, fine or disqualify Clubs or individuals for breaches of the Rules of the Association or any bye-laws made thereunder in accordance with the Disciplinary Code. The committee will act in accordance with the procedures agreed and issued by Ardchomhairle. International Camogie Boards only have the power to expel clubs or individuals for breaches of the rules. For appeals refer to Rule 10.8;
 - e. appoint a Development Sub-Committee to promote Camogie; chaired by the Board's Development Officer;
 - f. appoint any other Sub-Committees as required;
 - g. delegate authority to Sub-Committees as appropriate. All Sub-Committees will be required to work to specific terms of reference.
 - h. comply with the Camogie Association's Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport;
 - i. promote best practice in player welfare;
 - j. adhere to good governance standards as outlined in Section D of the Official Guide and the Association's relevant Codes of Practice; and
 - k. liaise and co-operate with other organisations within the Gaelic games family and other relevant bodies.
- 9.3. By 30th April each year, each International Board will submit to Ardchomhairle the required affiliation fee which will be decided by Annual Congress.
- 9.4. Each International Board will be responsible for the authorised expenses of Executive Committee members, match officials and others acting on its behalf.

9.5. In all matters, the International Board will be subject to Ardchomhairle.

10. Ardchomhairle

10.1. Between each Annual Congress, Ardchomhairle is the supreme governing body of the Association.

10.2. Ardchomhairle is comprised of:

- a. An tUachtarán;
- b. An tUachtarán Tofa in the year following her/his election;
- c. The Ardstiúrthoir. The Ard Stiúrthóir is an ex-officio member of Ardchomhairle and will report to Ardchomhairle and provide any information requested by Ardchomhairle;
- d. The Cathaoirligh of the Provincial Councils who are Leas-Uachtaráin of the Association;
- e. One delegate from each Provincial Council;
- f. Two trustees who shall be appointed by Ardchomhairle for a period of four years;
- g. Three members elected by Congress for a three year term as follows:
 - coaching and games development representative: a member with demonstrated Coaching & Games Development expertise, nominated by at least one County Board, Provincial Council, International Board or National Education Council, who will also serve on the National Coaching and Games Development Sub-Committee;
 - PR and communications representative: a member with demonstrated communications and marketing expertise, nominated by at least one County Board, Provincial Council, International Board or National Education Council who will serve on the National Communications and marketing Sub-Committee.
 - Treasurer: a member with demonstrated financial expertise, nominated by at least one County Board, Provincial Council, International Board or National Education Council, who will serve on the National Resource Management Sub-Committee.

10.3. Ardchomhairle will elect a secretary for a three year term from within its existing membership.

10.4. Each member of Ardchomhairle has the right to vote with the exception of the Ard Stiúrthóir, who is a non-voting member of Ardchomhairle.

10.5. Cathaoirligh of the Provincial Councils may not be represented by proxy at Ardchomhairle meetings.

10.6. The powers of Ardchomhairle include:

- a. leading on policy and strategic direction of the Association;
- b. the management of the affairs of the Association;
- c. applying the Rules as set out in this Official Guide. Ardchomhairle can rule on special cases, even where no particular Rule of the Association relates to those cases. A record of such rulings will be maintained by the

- Ardstiúrthóir. Such rulings will be conveyed to Councils and County Boards. Where the subject matter warrants, Ardchomhairle will submit such ruling as a motion for ratification at the next Congress;
- d. reviewing reports on the management accounts of the Association and all Sub-Committees;
 - e. approval, rejection or amendment of recommendations from all Sub-Committees;
 - f. submission of motions, where appropriate, to Annual Congress;
 - g. ratification of bye-laws as submitted by County Boards, Provincial Councils, National Education Councils and International Boards provided always that they are in accordance with the Official Guide;
 - h. formulation, adoption, amendment, or revoking of National Codes, policies and procedures for the carrying out of the objectives and purposes of the Association and for the administration of the Association and the observance of Members;
 - i. ratification of the appointment of central level staff of the Association;
 - j. enter into any contract for the lease, purchase and disposal of property;
 - k. when a new Uachtarán assumes office, Ardchomhairle appoint the following Standing Sub-Committees:
 - Resource Management Sub-Committee;
 - Coaching and Games Development Sub-Committee;
 - Referees' Committee;
 - Competitions Management Committee;
 - Communications & Marketing Sub-Committee;
 - Player Welfare Sub-Committee;
 - Child Welfare and Protection Committee;
 - National Transfers, Hearings & Disciplinary Committee;
 - National Final Appeals Committee;
 - Clemency Committee; and any other Sub-Committees as required.
 - l. open bank accounts in the name of the Association. Transactions in these accounts must be administered in accordance with approved financial procedures;
 - m. appointment of an individual or individuals to act as patrons of the Association;
 - n. borrowing money and to mortgage or charge its undertaking and property or any part thereof in accordance with approved financial procedures;
 - o. controlling All-Ireland competitions;
 - p. controlling Camogie in a Province where no Provincial Council exists or where a Provincial Council has ceased to exist;
 - q. accepting affiliations/membership fees from Clubs where a County Board or a Provincial Council does not exist;

- r. compliance with the Camogie Association's Code of Behaviour for Working with Young People and its Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport;
 - s. promotion of best practice in player welfare;
 - t. adherence to good governance standards as outlined in Section D of the Official Guide and the Association's relevant Codes of Practice; and
 - u. liaison and co-operation with other organisations within the Gaelic games family and other relevant bodies.
- 10.7. On taking up office, the incoming Uachtarán will nominate to Ardchomhairle all members of Standing Sub-Committees for its ratification. Ardchomhairle Standing Sub-Committees will be required to work to specific terms of reference. The terms of reference of the Sub-Committees will be approved by Ardchomhairle and posted on the official Camogie web-site. Sub-Committees will not assume the powers, rights and authority which is vested in Ardchomhairle, with the exception of the National Transfers, Hearings & Disciplinary Sub-Committee and the National Final Appeals Sub-Committee.
- 10.8. The National Transfers, Hearings and Disciplinary Committee will hear and adjudicate on objections and appeals and independently investigate irregularities, and will have autonomy to suspend, fine or disqualify Units or individuals for breaches of the Rules of the Association or any bye-laws made thereunder in accordance with the Disciplinary Code. The committee will act in accordance with the procedures agreed and issued by Ardchomhairle. It will be the final appeal on decisions from Provincial Councils Transfers, Hearings and Disciplinary Committees. Ardchomhairle has the power to expel clubs or individuals for breaches of the rules.
- 10.9. The National Final Appeals Committee will only hear and decide on disciplinary cases first heard by the National Transfers, Hearings and Disciplinary Committee under Rule 10.8.
- 10.10. The Clemency Committee will hear appeals from members/units only in the event of a period of suspension being of more than twelve months duration and after the adjudication of the National Final Appeals Committee.

11. An tUachtarán

- 11.1. A candidate for the position of an tUachtarán must be nominated by County Board or/and Provincial Council or/and National Education Council or/and International Board.
- 11.2. An tUachtarán will be elected by secret ballot at Congress one year prior to the commencement of his/her term of office. For that year she/he will serve as Uachtarán Tofa and three consecutive years as Uachtarán.
- 11.3. The outgoing Uachtarán will not be eligible for immediate re-election.
- 11.4. In the case of death or permanent incapacity of the Uachtarán, Ardchomhairle has the authority to appoint from among the Vice-Presidents an acting Uachtarán, who will perform the duties of the Presidency until the next Annual Congress.
- 11.5. An tUachtarán's role includes-
- a. leadership of the organisation;
 - b. chairperson of Annual Congress, Ardchomhairle and the Resource Management Committee;
 - c. taking the lead responsibility in representing the Association at national level;

- d. acting as the primary spokesperson for the Association in public communications from the Association at central level;
- e. with the Ard Stiúrthóir, ensuring that the Association works to the best standards of corporate governance; and
- f. with the Ard Stiúrthóir, ensuring that Ardchomhairle and its Committees comply with their agreed terms of reference.

12. Annual Congress

- 12.1. Annual Congress is the supreme governing body of the Association and as such it will be required to:
- a. Consider and approve an Annual Report from the Ard Stiúrthóir, Sub-Committees set up under Rule 10.6.k. and from subsidiary units (Provincial Councils, National Education Councils & International Boards & Committees);
 - b. Consider audited accounts of Ardchomhairle and Provincial Councils for the preceding year ending on 31st December. Sanction for failure to submit these audited accounts is withdrawal of voting rights for the subsidiary unit concerned at Annual Congress. (Ref Rule 22.2)
 - c. Elect an tUachtarán in accordance with Rule 11;
 - d. Elect by secret ballot three members of Ardchomhairle listed in Rule 10.2 g. who will serve a three year term on Ardchomhairle;
 - e. Consider motions and enact, amend or rescind rules; and
 - f. Determine Association policy in broad outline.
- 12.2. The Annual Congress will be held on the last weekend of March each year, except where that coincides with Easter weekend. Each Congress will fix the date and venue for the next Congress.
- 12.3. The Annual Congress will be comprised of the following members:
- a. The outgoing members of Ardchomhairle;
 - b. One Provincial Council delegate;
 - c. Delegates, all of whom must be aged 16 years of over, from affiliated Units on the following basis;
 - Counties:
 - 3 - 14 Clubs - two delegates;
 - 15- 30 Clubs - four delegates;
 - 31 or more Clubs - six delegates;
 - Cumann na mBunscol - two delegates;
 - Comhairle Chamógaíochta um Ard-Oideachas - two delegates;
 - Comhairle Chamógaíochta na nIarbhunscoileanna - two delegates;
 - International Boards: Each of these which affiliate as a Unit to Ardchomhairle - two delegates.

Each of the foregoing, with the exception of appointed staff of the Association will have the right to vote.

12.4 Powers of Annual Congress Motions Committee

The Committee will comprise of the Uachtarán, the immediate two Past Presidents, the Ard Stiúrthóir and two other members nominated by Ardchomhairle. The Committee will approve motions as submitted by County Boards, Provincial Councils, National Education Councils and International Boards for submission to Annual Congress. The Committee may put a motion in order where there is a failure to quote the numbers of the Rules affected or where there are minor clerical errors. In the case of a motion submitted by a County Board, Provincial Council, National Education Council and International Board not being in order, the relevant Units will be advised in writing of the reason(s) for a motion being not in order, and subject to a time-limit determined by Ardchomhairle, will be afforded an opportunity to resubmit an appropriately corrected motion for the consideration of the Annual Congress Motions Committee. In the event of motions from different County Boards, Provincial Councils, National Education Councils and International Boards that relate to the same Rule, the Committee will liaise with these Units to seek an agreed approach, if appropriate. The Committee will advise on the presentation of the motions on the Congress Clár.

- 12.5. Annual Congress has the power to rule a motion out of order.
- 12.6. Within one month of Annual Congress, the Ard Stiúrthóir will forward to the Secretary of each County Board and Council the minutes of Annual Congress including the text of new and amended rules and attendance at same. The County Board and Council Secretaries will distribute the text of new and amended rules to Clubs and Colleges.
- 12.7. Unless otherwise decided by Congress, new and amended rules will become operative one calendar month from the date of Congress and will be posted on the official camogie website.

13. Staff of the Association

Under the direction of the Ard Stiúrthóir all employees of the Association implement policies and decisions as agreed by Annual Congress and Ardchomhairle. Voting rights for employees of the Association are confined to the Club of which they are a member.

14. Supporters' Clubs

- 14.1. A Supporters' Club at any level of the Association may be set up only by the Committee in charge at the relevant level, i.e. County Board or Council. The constitution of such a Club will be as set out in the binding "Code for Camogie Supporters Club".

SECTION D: Governance Procedures

15. Official Correspondence

- 15.1. Electronic format (Email or fax) will be the preferred format for all official correspondence to and from Units. In the case of e-mails the sender's name must be contained in the email itself and the email must be sufficiently identifiable as coming directly from the person sending the email.
- 15.2. All official correspondence must issue to and from the Secretary of the relevant Unit. In the absence of the Secretary, correspondence will only be acceptable from an officer nominated by the Executive Committee of the Unit concerned. Where appropriate, delegates to a higher body must be copied on all correspondence concerning meetings and business of the higher body.
- 15.3. All official correspondence to/from Units/Members must be signed in Irish or English. This does not apply in the case of surnames where there is no Irish form. When there is more than one form of a surname in Irish, the English form may be added for clarification purposes. In the case of e-mails the sender's name must be contained in the email itself and the email must be sufficiently identifiable as coming directly from the person sending the email.

16. Meetings

- 16.1. The quorum for meetings of all units of the Association must be 20 per cent of those entitled to attend and vote, in addition to the Officers present.
- 16.2. Decisions taken at meetings at all levels of the Association must be taken by a simple majority of those in attendance at the time of the vote, entitled to vote, and voting, motions for such decisions having been proposed and seconded. Decisions so taken will not be rescinded at any subsequent meeting except with the consent of two-thirds of those present at the time of the vote, entitled to vote, and voting.
- 16.3. Decisions taken at the Annual Convention at all levels of the Association will not be rescinded except at a subsequent Annual Convention, and then, only with the consent of two-thirds of those in attendance at the time of the vote, entitled to vote and voting. Each member must receive advance notice of intention to rescind such decisions.
- 16.4. Enactment of a new Rule at Annual Congress requires a simple majority of those in attendance at the time of the vote, entitled to vote, and voting. Rescindment or amendment of an existing Rule requires a two-thirds majority of those in attendance at time of voting, entitled to vote, and voting. Each member must receive advance notice of intention to rescind such decisions.
- 16.5. Election of officers as outlined in Rule 3.4 will be by secret ballot. Candidates for positions at all levels must be nominated, and, in each instance, the candidate's Club/County/College as applicable must be stated. In the event of there being more than two candidates for elected office at any level, election will be under the Proportional Representation (PR) system as outlined in Ardchomhairle guidelines. In the case of two candidates, the candidate who obtains a simple majority of those in attendance at time of vote, entitled to vote, and voting, will be elected.
- 16.6. In the event of a tie in voting, the Cathaoirleach will exercise her/his casting vote whether or not she/he exercised her/his vote in the original decision.

17. Extraordinary General Meetings

- 17.1. At all levels of the Association an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Unit concerned may be summoned by the appropriate Executive Committee. Members will receive at least five days notice of the date, time and venue of such meeting and the special business to be transacted.
- 17.2. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be summoned by a Unit's Executive Committee on a written request signed by:
- In the case of a Club, no fewer than 33 per cent of the members registered;
 - In the case of a County or Council, no fewer than 33 per cent of affiliated Units.
- 17.3. The only business to be transacted at such a meeting will be the special business for which it is summoned.
- 17.4. A Special Meeting of Ardchomhairle will be summoned by the Ard Stiúrthóir on the written request of five members. The only business to be transacted at such a meeting will be the special business for which it is summoned. Members will receive at least five days' notice of the date, time and venue of such meeting and the special business to be transacted.
- 17.5. Ardchomhairle may summon a Special Congress should the necessity arise. The only business to be transacted at such a meeting will be the special business for which it is summoned. Members will receive at least fourteen days' notice of the date, time and venue of such meeting and the special business to be transacted.

18. Notice of Club, County & Council (Provincial/Education/International) Meetings

- 18.1. Members will be notified by the Unit Secretary of the date, time, venue and agenda of meeting at least five days beforehand.
- 18.2. Each Unit will hold an AGM/Annual Convention at a date decided upon by the relevant Executive Committee on or before -
- a. November 15th in the case of a Club AGM except in the case of camogie units whose AGM is part of a GAA club AGM;
 - b. December 8th in the case of a County Board Annual Convention; and
 - c. The third weekend in January in the case of a Provincial/Education Council or International Board Annual Convention.
- 18.3. The AGM/Annual Convention will be comprised of the Executive Committee and in the case of
- a. a Club AGM, all members of the Club who have paid their membership at least three months in advance of the AGM for the year under consideration by the AGM. Paid up members aged 16 and over have voting rights.
 - b. a County Board Annual Convention, two delegates from each affiliated Club and where applicable, two delegates from each Divisional/Subsidiary Board; one delegate from Cumann na mBunscol and one delegate from Comhairle Chamógaíochta na hIarbhunscoileanna.
 - c. a Provincial Council Annual Convention, two delegates from each affiliated County Board within the Province and where applicable, one delegate from Cumann na mBunscol, one delegate from Comhairle

Chamógaíochta na hIarbhunskoileanna, and one delegate from CCAO each of whom will have the right to vote.

- 18.4. At least five weeks prior to the date of the AGM/Annual Convention the Unit Secretary will forward to all eligible persons/Units -
- a. a nomination form on which to return the proposals for Officers and other elected personnel, motions and bye-laws. For Provincial Council Executives the nominating bodies are County Boards. For County Board Executives the nominating bodies are Clubs. For Club Executives the nominators are paid up Club members subject to Rule 18.3.a. The name, and Unit name if applicable, of each outgoing office-holder will be shown on the form, together with the latest date for the receipt of nominations, motions and bye-laws which will be at least three weeks prior to the date of the AGM/Annual Convention.
 - b. Nomination forms will be acceptable only if;
 - lodged with the Unit Secretary by the stated date
 - signed by the Unit Secretary, or if applicable by the Club member in the case of a Club AGM
- 18.5. At least 10 days prior to the date of the AGM/Annual Convention, the Unit Secretary will forward to the Units Executive Committee and to those relevant parties as listed in Rule 18.3.
- a. an Agenda for the AGM/Annual Convention, showing date, venue and time of same;
 - b. minutes of previous year's AGM/Annual Convention;
 - c. Unit Secretary's Report for year;
 - d. Unit Treasurer's Audited Statement of Accounts; with the exception of Clubs who are required to present accounts prepared to professional accounting standards;
 - e. nominations for the Executive Committee and other elected personnel as relevant, indicating proposer;
 - f. notices of motions and bye-laws, indicating proposer.
- 18.6. The Unit Annual Convention will
- a. consider the Minutes of the previous Annual Convention;
 - b. consider and approve reports and accounts for the previous year;
 - c. elect and appoint the Officers who will hold office until the next Annual Convention subject to compliance with Rule 3.6. and 3.7.. The County Board term of a Cathaoirleach will be preceded by a year as Cathaoirleach-Tofa. The Cathaoirleach of the Provincial Council is an exception to Rule 3.6. S/he will be elected for a term of three years, preceded by a year as Cathaoirleach-Tofa. The Cathaoirleach will be a Leas Uachtarán of the Association. The outgoing Cathaoirleach will not be eligible for immediate re-election
 - d. elect and appoint members of Sub-Committees and any other personnel as required by Rule or Bye-laws, and

- e. approve or disapprove motions and bye-laws. Bye-laws will not be contrary to Rule and will not become binding until ratified by Ardchomhairle.
- 18.7. Only those motions, bye-laws or recommendations which have been approved at an Annual Convention may be submitted to the appropriate higher body, as appropriate.
- 18.8. Immediately after the Unit Annual Convention, the Unit Secretary will forward to the Secretary of the appropriate higher body and in all cases except a Club Annual Convention, to the Ard Stiúrthóir:
- a. a copy of Unit Secretary's Report;
 - b. a copy of the Unit Treasurer's Audited Statement of Accounts. At Club level Accounts are not required to be audited but must be presented in accordance with financial procedures agreed and issued by Ardchomhairle;
 - c. the names of the elected and appointed Officers and of the delegate(s) to the higher body.
 - d. a copy of approved motions and bye-laws

19. Notice of Ardchomhairle Meetings

- 19.1. Members will be electronically notified by the Ard Stiúrthóir of the date, time, venue and agenda of meetings at least seven days beforehand. In cases of emergency, shorter notice will be sufficient.

20. Notice of Annual Congress

- 20.1. At least eight weeks prior to the date of Congress, the Ard Stiúrthóir will send to the Secretary of each Unit (excluding Clubs) a Nomination form on which to return each Units nominations and motions for Congress and bye-laws for ratification by Ardchomhairle. The latest date for receipt of nominations, motions and bye-laws from all nominating units will be at least six weeks prior to the date of Annual Congress.
- 20.2. Nomination forms will be acceptable only if -
- a. lodged with the Ard Stiúrthóir by the stated date;
 - b. signed by the Secretary of the nominating Unit.
- 20.3. Proposals to enact new or to amend existing, rules will give the full text of the proposed addition or amendment, and also quote the number of any rules affected thereby.
- 20.4. Motions to revise the Playing Rules will only be tabled every three years.
- 20.5. Four weeks prior to Annual Congress the Ard Stiúrthóir will send to the members of Ardchomhairle and to the Secretary of each Unit (excluding Clubs)-
- a. Agenda for Congress, showing date, venue and time of same;
 - b. Annual Report from the Ard Stiúrthóir;
 - c. Audited Accounts;
 - d. Annual Report from all Provincial Councils, National Education Councils and International Boards;
 - e. Annual Report from all Ardchomhairle Sub-committees

- f. Nominations for Uachtarán, indicating Unit (excluding Club) of proposer and proposed;
- g. Nominations for Ardchomhairle members as per Rule 10.2.g.as appropriate
- h. Proposals for motions, indicating Counties/Council/Board of proposer.

21. Affiliation Fees and Charges

- 21.1. The affiliation fees are €300 per Club per annum paid to the County Board. The County Board must forward €270 on behalf of each affiliated Club within the County to the Provincial Council. The Provincial Council must forward €240 on behalf of each affiliated Club within the Province to Ardchomhairle. The affiliation fee will be subject to revision at Congress each year.
- 21.2. Every club affiliated to An Cumann Camógaíochta is required to purchase three adult tickets for the All Ireland Camogie Finals in Croke Park.
- 21.3. Fees for objections and appeals are as follows:
- To a County Board (THD Committee) €100
 - To a Provincial Council (THD Committee) €200
 - To National THD Committee €250
 - To National Appeals Committee €250
 - To a College Council (HD Committee) as per their bye laws
 - Appeal for Clemency €300

22. Financial Accountability

- 22.1. Each Unit within the Association is responsible for its finances. Financial management practices must be compliant with all legal requirements, with third party funding requirements and professional accountancy standards requirements.
- 22.2. All county boards and national education councils must comply with financial procedures as agreed and issued by Ardchomhairle. Sanction for failure to comply is withdrawal of voting rights for the unit concerned at Annual Congress. For Provincial Councils see Rule 12.1.b.
- 22.3. The funds of any Unit of the Association must be lodged in a bank or other financial institution. All payments issued on behalf of the Unit must be authorised by at least two members of the core Executive Committee of the Unit concerned. All payments are required to have at least two signatories from the core Executive Committee of the Unit concerned. Decisions on signatories and payment procedures must be formally agreed and recorded at Executive Committee meeting(s) of the relevant Unit.
- 22.4. A Unit failing and refusing to comply with Rules 22.1 to 22.3 will be suspended until compliance is agreed and implemented.

23. Insurance

- 23.1. Each Club must ensure and be satisfied that all members including its playing members, members who officiate at games and members involved in managing/coaching teams are covered by insurance. Any member not insured may not play, officiate at games or manage/coach teams.
- 23.2. Executive Committees at all levels within the Association must indemnify its Executive members.
- 23.3. In order that all fixtures other than official fixtures are recognised for insurance purposes notification must be given on the following basis:
- To the County Board when both teams are within the County;
 - To the relevant County Boards and Provincial Council when teams are from different Counties;
 - To the relevant County Boards, Provincial Council and National Fixtures Administrator when teams are from different Provinces or International.

Notification to hold or participate in fixtures other than official fixtures must be sent by email by the relevant Secretaries prior to the date of the proposed fixture.

24. Sponsorship

- 24.1. Sponsorship may only be accepted by Units within the Association when the sponsorship meets the criteria set down in the binding Code for Sponsorship.
- 24.2. Acceptance of sponsorship contrary to the Sponsorship Requirements will be investigated by the committee in charge and where a Unit/individual is found to have accepted sponsorship contrary to 24.1, the Unit will be liable to a fine of not less than €500 to be decided by the investigating Unit; an individual will be liable to a suspension of not less than three months.

25. Safeguarding of Children/Young People (under 18 years)

- 25.1. The Association will safeguard and promote the interests and well being of members under 18 years of age.
- 25.2. The Association will take all practical steps to protect them from all discernable forms of abuse, harm, discrimination or degrading treatment and will respect their rights, wishes and feelings.
- 25.3. Ardchomhairle must have in place a binding Code of Ethics and a Code of Behaviour for working with Young People for the protection of children (under 18) and will be entitled to amend or revoke any provisions of that Code from time to time.
- 25.4. Ardchomhairle must have in place guidelines and procedures for dealing with allegations of abuse. Complaints and allegations will be dealt with exclusively in accordance with the binding Code and not under any other provision of these Rules or Club Constitution.

26. Anti-Doping Compliance

- 26.1. The Association forbids the use of prohibited substances or methods, generally known as doping in sport.
- 26.2. The Anti-Doping Rules and application of them to our playing membership as agreed with the relevant statutory sports authorities will have effect and be construed as rules of the Association in those statutory jurisdictions.

26.3. The ordinary disciplinary and appeals procedures, as set out in An Treoraí Oifigiúil will not apply in cases of alleged violations of the Anti-Doping Rules. In accordance the Anti-Doping Rules Ardchomhairle will appoint a Disciplinary Panel, which will hear alleged violations of the rules and determine the consequences of Anti-Doping Rule violations to be imposed pursuant to the Anti-Doping Rules. The composition and jurisdiction of the Disciplinary Committee and the procedures to be followed in hearings, will be in accordance with the Anti-Doping Rules. Appeals against the decisions of the Disciplinary Committee must be pursued in accordance with the Anti-Doping Rules.

27. Rules and Disciplinary Enforcement Powers

27.1. Ardchomhairle and all Units in the Association have within their respective jurisdictions the power:

- to enforce Rules and Bye-Laws
- investigate breaches of Rules and Bye-Laws
- investigate misconduct considered to discredit the Association
- impose upon Members, Teams, Officials, Units and supporters such penalties as may be prescribed
- where no penalty is prescribed impose proportionate and reasonable penalties, for such breaches.

27.2. Disciplinary procedures will be administered by the Transfers, Hearings and Disciplinary Sub-Committee at county, provincial and Ardchomhairle levels. The Transfers, Hearings and Disciplinary Committee has the powers to hear and adjudicate on transfer requests, objections and to independently investigate irregularities and have autonomy to suspend, fine or disqualify Clubs or individuals for breaches of the Rules of the Association or any bye-laws made thereunder in accordance with the Disciplinary Code.

27.3. The National Final Appeals Committee will hear and decide on appeals arising from decisions first heard by the National Transfers, Hearings and Disciplinary Sub-Committees.

27.4. The Clemency Committee will hear appeals from members/units only in the event of a period of suspension being of more than twelve months duration and after the adjudication of the National Final Appeals Committee

27.5. Any penalty imposed will apply throughout the Association. Members, Teams, Officials and Units subject to investigation by a Transfers, Hearings and Disciplinary Sub-Committee must attend those meetings when requested. Failure to comply will result in automatic suspension until they appear.

27.6. The secretary of the committee in charge of a hearing, investigation or appeal must inform the parents or guardians of players under 18 of the allegation and investigative procedure. Children must be accompanied by an adult at investigations, hearings and appeals. Such adults are not required to be members of the Association.

27.7 Disciplinary hearing timeframes

27.7. Timeframes for dealing with disciplinary matters are as follows: Executive Committee referral to the Transfers, Hearings and Disciplinary Sub-Committee within three days of suspected breach being brought to their attention. Transfers, Hearings and Disciplinary Sub-Committee must initiate a hearing and/or investigation within seven days of receiving referral Transfers, Hearings and Disciplinary Sub-Committee must issue its decision to the party or parties no later than 21 days from the original notification of the breach. (Ref Rule 44 and 45 re penalties)

28. Player Eligibility

- 28.1. Before taking part in competition, a player must be registered with the Committee in charge of the competition. A player may play in a competition three days after her registration has been received by the Committee in charge or by the person nominated by the Committee in charge to accept registrations.
- 28.2. In Inter-County Competition a player is automatically eligible to represent her native County. If the County in which a player is registered is not her native County, she may declare for her adopted County in Inter-County competition. Such declaration must be made on Official Form C.C.3., properly completed in duplicate, and lodged with the Ard Stiúrthóir by 31st January each year. This declaration will become effective three days after acknowledgement by the Ard Stiúrthóir. A player will not represent more than one County in the same season.
- 28.3. A member will not register or play with two Clubs except in the following instance:
- a. A full time student of one of the affiliated Institutes of Higher Education may play for both her College Club and her home Club in the same season's competitions. She will not represent both Clubs in the same competition. Where a Club in an Institute of Higher Education participates in competition under the auspices of the County Board, a student will not represent both her College Club and another Club in that County in the same season's competitions in any grade. In the event of both her College Club and her home Club being County Champions in their respective Counties in the same season, a student must, prior to participation at the next level, notify the Ard Stiúrthóir by the last day in February in writing with which Club she intends to play in the All-Ireland Club Championship competition;
 - b. Where a CC6 sanction has been granted in accordance with Rule 32.1.

28.4. A player must meet the following age criteria in order to be eligible to participate in competitions:

U12	Be Under 12 and Over 8
U14	Be Under 14 and Over 10
U16	Be Under 16 and Over 12
U18	Be Under 18 and Over 14
Adult	Be Over 15 except in the case of inter-county competitions where a player must be over 16

'Under' means that a player must be under the age limit by midnight on the 31st December of the year prior to the Championship year e.g. to play U16 a player must be aged 15 years or under on the 31st December prior to the Championship year.

'Over' means a player must be over the age limit by midnight 31st December of the year prior to the Championship (e.g. to play under 14 a player must be 10 years of age on the 31st December prior to the Championship year).

For breaches of the above rule, the penalty is the awarding of the game to the opposing team where applicable and a suspension of up to six months to the person(s) in charge of the team in which the breach is committed. (Ref Rule 41 for player playing illegally)

28.5. Where Clubs have insufficient numbers of players in underage competitions, they may combine with a team from another club to participate in competitions, subject to prior approval from the Unit in charge.

- 28.6. Adult club teams from lower grades may only combine to participate in higher grade competitions e.g. two intermediate teams combine to play Senior Championship/League. The Unit in charge of the competition must approve this in advance. Where a Club already has a team participating in the higher competition it may not avail of this provision. Where teams combine under Rules 28.5 and 28.6 players' registrations and player grading will remain with their home club. (Also see Rule 28.3.)
- 28.7. Combination or divisional teams may not enter the provincial and All Ireland Club Championship competitions. In the case where a combination/divisional being county champions, the beaten finalists will represent the county. In the event of the finalists being two divisional/combined teams the beaten semi-finalists will play off to represent their county.

29. Player Grading for Club Competitions

- 29.1. Any player who plays a higher graded Championship in the current playing year is not eligible thereafter to play in a lower graded league or championship. This applies to all graded competitions e.g. adult and under-age A, B and C competitions.
- 29.2. In the case of teams participating in Club Championships in accordance with Rule 28.5 and 28.6 their grading status with their registered Club is not affected by participating in a higher grade competition.
- 29.3. A player may apply to the County Board, by a date specified by the Board, to be re-graded in the following year. A player's application must specify the reason for her grading request. The County Board may delegate responsibility for dealing with applications for Re-grading to a Sub-Committee. The Re-Grading Sub Committee must make a recommendation to the County Board for ratification. If a re-grading application is unsuccessful, within five days, the player must be personally notified in writing of the reasons.
- 29.4. A player who transfers to a lower graded club is automatically re-graded to the highest grade in that club.
- 29.5. In the event of two or more transfers from a higher graded club to a lower graded club being granted in one year, the grading of that team may be considered by the committee in charge.

30. Player Grading for Inter-County Competitions

- 30.1. Any player who plays a higher graded Championship in the current playing year is not eligible thereafter to play in a lower grade championship or national league. Grading of players for inter-county competitions will be defined as follows:

Senior

- a. Any player who plays Senior Championship in the current playing year is only eligible thereafter to play Division 1 National League and Senior Championship. For re-grading see Rules 30.2.
- b. An All Ireland senior medal winner who has played senior championship will not be eligible to apply for re-grading for a further two years. For re-grading see Rules 30.2.
- c. An All Ireland senior medal winner who has not played senior championship will be eligible to apply for re-grading for the following year. For re-grading see Rules 30.2

Intermediate

- a. Any player who plays Intermediate Championship in the current playing year is only eligible thereafter to play Division 1 and 2 National League and Intermediate Championship. For re-grading see Rules 30.2.
- b. An All Ireland intermediate medal winner who has played intermediate championship will not be eligible to apply for re-grading for a further two years. For re-grading see Rules 30.2
- c. An All Ireland intermediate medal winner who has not played intermediate championship will be eligible to apply for re-grading for the following year. For re-grading see Rules 30.2

Junior

- a. Any player who plays at a higher level in the All-Ireland Junior Championship in the current playing year is only eligible thereafter to play higher level Junior Championship or higher level National Leagues. For re-grading see Rules 30.2
- b. An All Ireland junior medal winner who has played junior championship will not be eligible to apply for re-grading to a lower junior graded for a further two years. For re-grading see Rules 30.2
- c.. An All junior medal winner who has not played junior championship will be eligible to apply for re-grading for the following year. For re-grading see Rules 30.2.

Minor (Under 18)

An U-18 player will be eligible to represent her County in the All-Ireland Minor Championship. She may participate in adult competitions, including the All-Ireland Senior Championship, without prejudice to her eligibility for Minor competition.

Under 16

An U-16 will be eligible to represent her County in the All-Ireland Under 16 Championship and Minor Championship.

- 30.2. A player must apply to Ardchomhairle to be re-graded in the following year by a date specified by Ardchomhairle. Ardchomhairle must delegate responsibility for dealing with applications for Re-grading to a Sub-Committee. The Re-Grading Sub Committee must make a recommendation to Ardchomhairle for ratification. If a re-grading application is unsuccessful the player must be personally notified in writing within five days of the reasons.

31. Transfers

- 31.1. Clubs are prohibited from approaching players to transfer from their home club. See Rule 4.1 for designation of a player's home club.
- 31.2. A player who wishes to transfer from one Club to another must:
 - Fully complete Section A of Transfer Form CC4
 - Must specify the reasons for her transfer request
 - Give the CC4 form to her Club Secretary thereby putting her Club on notice of her intention to apply to the County Board for permission to transfer Club.

- 31.3. A transfer must not be refused to a player already registered with a Camogie club who wishes to transfer to a newly established camogie club in the locality where she is ordinarily resident.
- 31.3.1. A transfer may be refused on one or several of the following grounds:
- If a player or a player's immediate family or guardian are not ordinarily resident within the area of the club to which she wishes to be transferred;
 - Where the county board has objective evidence that a player has been approached by the club she wishes to transfer to;
 - Where the relevant Transfers, Hearings and Disciplinary Committee has adjudged that the receiving club has sufficient playing members
 - Where the relevant Transfers, Hearings and Disciplinary Committee has adjudged that the player's current club would be negatively affected by her transfer
 - Where the relevant Transfers, Hearing and Disciplinary Committee has adjudged that the transfer would not be in the best interests of camogie.
- 31.4. Where a Club/County Board/Provincial Council **agrees** to a transfer the following procedures apply:
- On receipt of a Transfer Form CC4 from a player, the Club Executive Committee must consider the application within seven days
 - On agreement of the transfer the Club Secretary signs Section B of Transfer Form CC4, and submits it to the County Board Secretary no later than the seventh day.
 - The County Board Secretary must immediately on receipt refer it to the Transfers, Disciplinary and Hearings Committee ratification. The Transfers, Hearings and Disciplinary Committee will confer and inform the County Secretary of their decision within three days. The Board Secretary must sign Section C of Form CC4 and inform the player accordingly by returning a signed copy of Form CC4 to the player and immediately inform the affiliated units of the transfer.
 - Where the club transfer request is to a club outside the County but within the Province the County Board Secretary must send the CC4 form to the Provincial Secretary within three days of the Transfers, Hearings and Disciplinary Committee's decision. The Provincial Council Secretary must immediately on receipt refer it to the Transfers, Disciplinary and Hearings Committee. The Transfers, Hearings and Disciplinary Committee will confer and inform the Provincial Secretary of their decision within three days. In the case of a positive decision the Provincial Council secretary must sign Section C of Form CC4 and inform the player accordingly by returning a signed copy of Form CC4 to the player and immediately inform the affiliated units of the transfer.
 - Where the club transfer is from a club in one Province to a club in another Province, following completion of the transfer at provincial level, the Provincial Secretary must lodge the transfer form with the Ard Stiurithoir for notification to the National Transfers, Hearings and Disciplinary Committee.
 - The player must lodge her copy of the accepted Transfer Form with the Secretary of the Club with which she wishes to register. Rules governing her eligibility then apply.

31.5. When a club, county or province **does not agree** to the transfer the following procedures apply:

- On receipt of a Transfer Form CC4 from a player, the Club Executive Committee must consider the application within seven days and if it does not agree to the transfer the Club Secretary does not sign Section B of the Transfer Form CC4, and returns the transfer form to the player within two days of consideration of the transfer. The club secretary must notify the player of the reasons for the non-agreement. The player seeking the transfer may then submit the CC4 form to the County Secretary for the County Board's consideration.
- The County Board Secretary must immediately on receipt refer it to the Transfers, Disciplinary and Hearings Committee. The Transfers, Hearings and Disciplinary Committee must consider the application within seven days and decide to accept or reject the transfer.
- If the transfer is rejected by the County Transfers, Hearings and Disciplinary Committee, the Board Secretary, must set out the reasons why the transfer was rejected and must inform the player of the Transfers, Hearings and Disciplinary Committee's decision and return Form CC4 (unsigned at Section C) to the player within seven days. The player may appeal this to the Provincial Council's Transfers, Hearings, Appeals and Disciplinary Committee.
- If the transfer is rejected by the Provincial Transfers, Hearings and Disciplinary Committee, the Provincial Council Secretary, must set out the reasons why the transfer was rejected and must inform the player of the Transfers, Hearings and Disciplinary Committee's decision and return Form CC4 (unsigned at Section C) to the player within seven days. The player may further appeal this to the National Council's Transfers, Hearings, Appeals and Disciplinary Committee.
- If the transfer is rejected by the National Transfers, Hearings and Disciplinary Committee, the Ard Stiúrthóir, must set out the reasons why the transfer was rejected and must inform the player of the Transfers, Hearings and Disciplinary Committee's decision and return Form CC4 (unsigned at Section C) to the player within seven days. This is the final appeal.

31.6. **Transfers are not necessary** in the following instances:

- From one club to another within a county or in another county if player has not taken part in any competitive match with a Club for a period of two calendar years
- From a club which has disbanded].

32. Permission to Play Internationally

32.1. Any player who is temporarily domiciled outside of the country in which she is registered and who wishes to play with a club in another country for the duration of such domicile, must notify her club secretary of her intention to seek permission to so do.

32.2. Applications for permission to play on a temporary basis for a club in another country will be accepted only on Official Sanction Form CC6, properly completed and signed by the relevant Secretaries. All such applications require the sanction of the current club and County Board Secretaries.

- 32.3. The County Board Secretary must notify the Registrar of the relevant International Board. That Board will reserve the right to grant or refuse the applicant permission to play with a club on a temporary basis. The original form must be forwarded by the County Secretary to Ard Stiúrthóir.
- 32.4. Official sanction to play on a temporary basis with a club abroad will be valid for the period specified on the Official Sanction Form CC6, which should not exceed a period of four months. A transfer will be required for a longer period.
- 32.5. A player who avails of these Rules will remain a registered member of her current club during the period specified on the Official Sanction Form CC6. However, during the CC6 period a player may only play for the club to which she is temporarily transferred.

SECTION E: Competitions Management and Administration, Control of Matches and Penalties

33. Competitions Management and Administration

- 33.1. Ardchomhairle, Provincial Councils and county boards must prepare a draft fixtures schedule for all competitions for the following year under their control as follows:
- a. Ardchomhairle by end of October of preceding year
 - b. Provincial Council by end of November of preceding year
 - c. County Board by end of January of current year.
- 33.2. For all competitions, participating Units will be notified of the date of a fixture by the Unit Secretary or by a Fixtures Sub-Committee delegated this task in accordance with the following timeframes:
- at least five days email notice for competitions run by County Boards unless otherwise provided for in County bye-laws;
 - at least five days email notice for all Inter-County and All-Ireland competitions. Email notification of venue and time must be given no later than 48 hours prior to the fixture.
- 33.3. Where a team has been notified in accordance with Rule 33.2 of a fixture and fails to fulfil that fixture, the committee in charge of the competition must impose the following penalties:
- in all cases the match will be awarded to that team's opponents in the fixture;
 - in the case of leagues or championships run on a league basis the defaulting team(s) will be deducted two points;
- 33.4. The committee in charge may also impose one or several of the following penalties should it consider that the situation warrants such:
- defaulting team lose home advantage for fixtures in competition(s) in the following year; and/or
 - a fine on the Committee responsible for the defaulting team;
 - any vouched expenses incurred in connection with the fixture will be paid by the Committee responsible for the defaulting team except where at least 72 hours notice has been confirmed with the committee in charge
- 33.5. The following exemptions apply to Rules 33.3 and 33.4:
- an independent decision by the referee and the host club/ground that the pitch is unplayable
 - a death which is deemed by the Unit in charge to warrant postponement of the fixture.
- 33.6. At all levels of the Association, where competitions are run on a league basis, whether on a single or a double round system two points will be awarded for a win and one for a draw.
- 33.7. All levels of the Association, where competitions are run on a league basis, whether single or double round system, a play-off match is required

- when two or more teams top the League Table on points at the end of a competition and where only one team can progress to the next stage of the competition.
- where only one team can be deemed a winner of the competition.

33.8. Should a team withdraw or be disqualified during the course of a competition, the results of its played games will be null and void and no points will be awarded for un-played matches.

33.9. For fixtures other than official competitions see Rule 23.

33.10. All games activities organised for all players aged U12 by all units of the Association must be:

- Child centred
- Small sided games
- Developmentally appropriate
- Provide all players with meaningful playing time.

34. All Ireland Inter County Competitions

34.1. All Ireland competitions must be held on an annual basis in the following grades: Senior, Intermediate, Premier Junior, Junior A, Junior B, Minor A, B and C, Under 16 A, B and C Championships; National Leagues; Inter-Provincial Championships; Senior, Intermediate and Junior Club Championships.

34.2. The winners of the Provincial club championships will contest the All Ireland semi-finals, except where Ardchomhairle decides that the competition should be run on an open draw or other basis.

34.3. Should Provincial, County or Club teams from other countries enter any All-Ireland competition, the manner of their participation will be decided by Ardchomhairle.

34.4. All-Ireland semi-final pairings and venues will be decided by the National Competitions Management Sub-Committee.

34.5. The Finals of All-Ireland competitions must be played on or before the dates specified hereunder:

- Senior, Premier Junior and Junior Championships: the last Sunday in September;
- Intermediate Championships: the last Sunday in October;
- Minor Championships: the last Sunday in October;
- Under 16 Championships: the last Sunday in October;
- National Leagues: the last Sunday in May;
- Senior & Junior Inter-Provincial Championships: the last Sunday in November;
- Senior, Intermediate and Junior Club Championship: the 17th March of the following calendar year

35. All Ireland Club Championships

- 35.1. County Champions will be eligible to play in the All-Ireland Club Championship(s), except where the winners are comprised of a representative or divisional team. In this event, the County Board must nominate the Club team which advanced furthest in the County Championship to represent the County.
- 35.2. The grading of Counties for the All-Ireland Club Championship(s) will be decided by Ardchomhairle.
- 35.3. Where a County Board does not exist, the Provincial Council will have the power to permit properly affiliated Clubs to represent the County in Provincial and All-Ireland competitions.
- 35.4. In the event of a draw in Semi-Finals, extra time must be played.
- 35.5. Each Provincial Council Secretary must notify the Ard Stiúrthóir of the winners of all Provincial Club Championship Finals by the 31st October.
- 35.6. Unless notified by Ardchomhairle the home County Board/Provincial Council will make arrangements to collect gate receipts at all fixtures under the auspices of Ardchomhairle. Such gate receipts must be forwarded by the County/Provincial Secretary to the Ard Stiúrthóir within fourteen days of the date of the fixture. Failure to do so will result in a fine being imposed by Ardchomhairle on the County/Council.

36. Inter-Provincial Championships

- 36.1. In the event of a draw in Semi-Finals and Finals, extra time must be played.

37. Trophies

- 37.1. Ardchomhairle will each year present an All-Ireland Perpetual Cup/Trophy and up to thirty medals to the winning team in each All-Ireland competition under its auspices. As the design of All-Ireland and National League medals is the property of Ardchomhairle, the awarding of more than thirty such medals will not be permitted.
- 37.2. Provincial Councils will each year present up to thirty medals or trophies to the winning team in each competition under its auspices.
- 37.3. County Boards will decide on the nature of awards to be made to the winners in competitions under their auspices.
- 37.4. All official medals and trophies should be of Irish manufacture where possible. Inscriptions, if any, will be in Irish.
- 37.5. It will be the responsibility of the Committee in charge of a competition to have the winners' names inscribed on cups/trophies.
- 37.6. All Perpetual Cups/Trophies must be returned in good condition by the holders to the relevant Committee at least one month prior to the conclusion of the following season's competition. The committee in charge of the cup or trophy holder is liable for the cost of any damages and cleaning to perpetual cups or trophies.

38. Catering Arrangements for competing teams

- 38.1. Catering arrangements and costs for competing teams (30 each) will be the responsibility of the relevant Unit in charge of the team.
- 38.2. Catering arrangements and costs for match officials will be the responsibility of the relevant Unit in charge of the competition.

39. Control of Matches

- 39.1. Matches will be under the control of the Referee, four Goal Umpires and two Line Umpires. All matters affecting play will be decided on the field of play by these officials.
- 39.2. Matches must begin at the appointed time. Referees are required to report late starts in the official referee's report and the reasons for same. For club games an automatic fixed penalty of €50/Stg£45 will apply for reported late starts. For inter-county games an automatic fixed penalty of €100/Stg£90 will apply to the relevant parties for reported late starts. These penalties are subject to review by Ardchomhairle.
- 39.3. The Committee in charge of a team participating in any officially sanctioned league or championship competition must:
- have the players and substitutes clearly numbered, such numbers must correspond with those in the official match programme and official team list;
 - in the case of All-Ireland semi-finals and finals, submit to the Ard Stiúrthóir at least six days prior to the fixture the names of its panel of players up to a maximum of 30 panel members. The numbered team line out must also be submitted.
- 39.4. Should the competing inter county teams in any fixture have similar team colours, both teams must change if requested to do so by the Unit in charge of the fixture (Ref Rule 5.6. re similar colours).
- 39.5. Should a competitive match end in a draw it must be replayed except where:
- the competition is run on a league basis and a point will be awarded to each team
 - the Unit in charge of the fixture has made a prior decision to play extra time and has advised the participating teams in advance of same; *or*
 - both teams agree, with the approval of the Unit in charge of the fixture, to play extra time.
- 39.6. In the case of competitions run on a home and away basis the team which travelled in the first instance will have a home venue for the replay. Should a replay finish in a draw, extra time must be played. Should the teams finish level again after extra time, the match must be replayed.

40. Appointment of match officials

- 40.1. The Committee in charge of a competition or a sub-committee with the appropriate delegated powers will appoint referees for all fixtures under its auspices or decide other methods for the appointment of referees.
- 40.2. Appointed referees are required to be knowledgeable of the official playing rules of Camogie and at the earliest opportunity are expected to attend a recognised Camogie referees course. Referees must co-operate with assessment procedures as required.
- 40.3. Referees must be members of the Camogie Association or the GAA.
- 40.4. Referees must wear regulation uniform or a tracksuit while officiating at matches.
- 40.5. Ardchomhairle will ratify the appointment of all match officials for All-Ireland Semi-Finals and Finals. Ardchomhairle will be responsible for the authorised expenses for match officials acting on its behalf.
- 40.6. All officials including line and goal umpires must be 18 years of age or over to officiate at inter-county matches.

41. Duties and powers of the Referee

- 41.1. The referee must fairly enforce the playing rules. During the match, her/his decision on all matters connected with play will be final.
- 41.2. The Referee will:
- Decide whether ground or other conditions are suitable for play; (Also See Rule 33.5.)
 - Deal with the intrusion of unauthorised persons on to the playing pitch;
 - Record and report the names of players or officials interfering during the course of a match;
 - Ensure the game starts on time and report teams that fail to comply. (Also See Rule 39.2)
- 41.3. The Referee must keep a record of the match and must lodge with the Committee in charge a report of the match including the score and commencing and finishing time of each half. Such report must be submitted on Official Form C.C.5, together with signed Team Lists, on or before the sixth calendar day after the date of the match. The Referee's report must be considered as final except where the Committee in charge is satisfied beyond all reasonable doubt that the match was not refereed in accordance with the Rules. Failure of a referee to submit a report does not render the game null and void.
- 41.4. The Referee must, in the event of one team failing to field, count the players of the team present and obtain a Team List for submission with her/his report. In the event of both teams failing to field, the referee should record this fact on his/her report for submission to the Unit in charge of the competition.
- 41.5. The Referee must:
- Give a final decision on scores or wides where the Goal Umpires disagree, or where there is only one Goal Umpire or no goal umpire. The Referee must not over-rule the joint decision of both Goal Umpires;
 - Give a final decision on side-line pucks and may over-rule the decision of a Line Umpire. In the absence of a Line Umpire, the Referee's decision must be final.
 - The Referee may consult the Goal and Line Umpires on any matter during the course of the match.
- 41.6. The Referee must extend time in each half:
- For delay, deliberate or incidental, in that half. In the case of injury to a player, play may be stopped at the discretion of the Referee. Such stoppages must not exceed two minutes at which time the player will be required to leave the field for treatment. The exception to the two minute rule above is when an injury is so serious as to require treatment in place or where a stretcher is required to remove player from the field of play.
 - To allow for a free to be taken. A score will result from such a free only when no player from the attacking team other than the free-taker touches the sliotar. Should the defending team commit a further foul before the Referee whistles for the end of the half, she/he must further extend the time to allow for an additional free to be taken.

41.7. The Referee may terminate a match because of:

- persistent outside interference;
- failing light;
- the refusal of a player to leave the field of play when dismissed by the Referee, the team captain or official having been given a three minute warning by the Referee;
- a team or player(s) leaving the field without the Referee's permission, or refusing to continue to play, the team captain or official having been given a three minute warning by the Referee;
- any other reason deemed by the Referee to be sufficient.

41.8. The Referee must specify in his/her report the reason(s) for terminating a match and, where applicable, include the names of offending players and officials and known partisans. If a match is terminated because of failing light, it will be re-fixed for full time by the Committee in charge, except where there was a deliberate delay on the part of one team, in which case the match may be awarded to its opponents. If terminated for any other reason, the decision will rest with the Committee in charge.

41.9. The Referee must dismiss a player from the field of play in the following instances:

- a. by showing a red card when a player is adjudged by the Referee to have struck or attempted to strike an opponent, unless the Referee is satisfied that such was accidental.
- b. Where a player who, having already been warned once by the Referee in connection with rough and/or dangerous play, and the Referee has indicated this by showing the player a Yellow Card, commits a second offence of this nature, and the Referee has indicated this by showing the player a second Yellow Card and has also indicated her dismissal by showing the player a Red Card;
- c. Where a player who, having already been warned once by the Referee for dissent or the use of abusive language, and the Referee has indicated this by showing the player a Yellow Card, commits a second offence of this nature, and the Referee has indicated this by showing the player a second Yellow Card and has also indicated by showing the player a Red Card;
- d. A player dismissed from the field of play in b. and c. above must appear before the relevant Transfers, Hearings and Disciplinary committee which will decide on the action to be taken (Ref Rule 27 and Rule 16). This meeting must be held within sixteen days of the date of the match in question.

In all instances, substitution of a dismissed player will not be permitted. In the event of extra time teams revert to fifteen players. Players dismissed under Rule 41.9 a, b or c above during normal time may not play in extra time.

41.10. The Referee must:

- at the time of dismissal, ascertain and record the player's name and jersey number.
- in her/his report, give the name of any player dismissed and jersey number, state the reason

41.11. The Secretary of the Committee in charge of a competition must retain a permanent record of the names of players dismissed from the field of play. The Secretary of a Provincial Council must immediately notify the Ard Stiúrthóir of

dismissals in Provincial competition, and the Ard Stiúrthóir will inform the relevant Provincial County Secretary of dismissals in All-Ireland competition.

41.12. Should the appointed Referee be unable to officiate at a match, a substitute must be appointed by any Officer of the Committee in charge present at the match. In the absence of an Officer, a Referee may be agreed upon by the Officials of both teams.

42. Duties and powers of Goal Umpires

42.1. There must be four Goal Umpires, two at each goal, one at each goalpost. They must not change ends during the match.

42.2. The Goal Umpire must:

- make decisions on scores, wides, forty-five metre frees and parallelogram infringements;
- indicate decisions to the Referee with the following signals: a goal by raising a green flag; a point by raising a white flag; a wide by outstretched arms; a forty-five metre free by standing where the sliotar crossed the end-line and raising one arm; a parallelogram infringement by crossing arms in the sign of an "X";
- give the Referee any assistance she/he may seek in relation to play in the area; and
- draw the Referee's attention to any rule infringements.

Where possible, Goal Umpires should wear an umpire's coat unless otherwise agreed by Ardchomhairle.

43. Duties and powers of Line Umpires

43.1. There must be one Line Umpire on either side of the field of play. They must change sides at half-time.

43.2. The Line Umpire must:

- make a decision on where the sliotar crosses the side-line and which team is entitled to the consequent side-line puck;
- indicate decisions to the Referee with the following signals:
 - raising a flag and pointing it in the direction in which the side-line puck is to be taken; pointing to the spot from which the side-line puck is to be taken;
 - raising the flag upright in the event of a clashed sliotar, or if unable to decide which team put the ball out of play; pointing to the spot at which the Referee should throw in the sliotar;
- give the Referee any assistance she/he may seek in relation to play;
- draw the Referee's attention to any rule infringements.

43.3. Where possible, Line Umpires should wear regulation uniform or a tracksuit.

43.4. Where appropriate the committee in charge will appoint a Fourth and Fifth Official. The fourth official administers full substitutions and blood substitutions from both teams. On behalf of the referee s/he indicates time added on. The Fifth Official announces the substitutions entering the field of play and time added on.

44. Penalties

[Section 44 has been referred to Ardchomhairle]

Rule 16 will apply until Congress 2011

- 16.1. Any member who participates in competition or in any affairs under the auspices of the Association while under suspension shall be suspended by the relevant Committee for a further period of not less than three months. Such further suspension shall take effect from the date on which the original suspension was due to end.
- 16.2. A player dismissed from the field of play during a match by the Referee:
 - a. Under Rule 19.13 shall stand suspended until she appears before a meeting of the Committee in charge of the competition. Such meeting to be held within **sixteen** days of the date of the match in question. If adjudged guilty of the offence, the player may be suspended at the discretion of the Committee in charge;
 - b. Under Rule 19.14 a. shall stand suspended until she appears before a meeting of the Committee in charge of the competition. Such meeting shall be held within **sixteen** days of the match in question. If adjudged guilty of the offence, the player shall be suspended by the Committee in charge for a further period.
- 16.3. A player dismissed from the field of play under Rule 19.14 b. or c. in a subsequent match shall appear before the Committee in charge which shall decide on the action to be taken. Such meeting shall be held within fourteen days of the match in question.
- 16.4. A player adjudged guilty of the offence of knowingly playing illegally with a Club or team in any of the following circumstances shall be suspended for the specified period by the Committee in charge of the competition:
 - a. With more than one club or team in the same competition: three months suspension;
 - b. in a lower grade: three months suspension;
 - c. In another County: three months suspension.In all three instances, the team with which the player played illegally shall forfeit the match to its opponents.
- 16.5. The following penalties shall be imposed by the Committee in charge of the competition on a Club or County Board adjudged guilty of fielding an illegal or suspended player, players or team:
 - a. The team shall forfeit the match to its opponents and may be disqualified from the remainder of the competition in question;
 - b. Officials responsible shall, if knowledge of the circumstances be proven, be suspended for at least three months;
 - c. Club or County Board Officers shall, if knowledge of the circumstances be proven, be suspended for at least three months.
- 16.6. Where a competition is confined to a specific age-group, the following penalties shall be imposed by the Committee in charge of the competition on a Club or County adjudged guilty of fielding an illegal player, players or team:
 - a. The team shall forfeit the match to its opponents and may be disqualified from the remainder of the competition in question;

- b. Officials responsible shall, if knowledge of the circumstances be proven, be suspended for at least six months;
 - c. Club or County Board Officers shall, if knowledge of the circumstances be proven, be suspended for at least six months.
- 16.7. Where a player under sixteen years of age plays illegally with a Club or team, Rule 16.4 shall not apply. Rules 16.5 and 16.6 shall be applied as appropriate by the Committee in charge of the competition. The player in question shall receive a written caution from the Secretary of the Committee in charge of the competition.
- 16.8. A player who leaves the field before the end of a match without the Referee's permission shall stand suspended until she appears before a meeting of the Committee in charge of the competition. Such meeting shall be held within fourteen days of the match in question.
- 16.9. A team which leaves the field before the end of a match without the Referee's permission, or which refuses to continue with the match, shall stand suspended until its representatives appear before a meeting of the Committee in charge of the competition. Such meeting shall be held within fourteen days of the match in question.
- 16.10. A player or official adjudged guilty of abusing, verbally or otherwise, a Referee, Goal Umpire or Line Umpire will be subject to the following penalties:
- a. The club/county shall be fined at least 100 euro for a first offence. This amount will rise for any further incidents within the same season. Fines over 100 euro are at the discretion of the committee in charge of the competition.
 - b. The player/official or club shall be liable to suspension at the discretion of the Committee in charge. If the same individual is reported a second time within the same season they shall be suspended for at least a period of one month.
 - c. Should the Committee adjudge the offence sufficiently serious, it may disqualify the offender's team from the competition in question.
 - d. In the case of verbal abuse a warning must be given to the offending player/official/team.
- 16.11. Any member/unit of the Association adjudged to be guilty of conduct which brings the Association into disrepute shall be liable to expulsion or suspension at the discretion of the Committee directly concerned.
- 16.12. Where a definite penalty is not stated under the foregoing or any other rules, the power to impose penalties is vested in properly constituted Clubs, County Boards and Councils.

45. Power to impose penalties when not stated

Where a definite penalty is not stated under the foregoing or any other rules, the power to impose penalties is vested in the relevant Transfers, Hearings and Disciplinary Sub-Committees.