

Motions Passed, Congress 2010

Motions on Playing Rules

1. **Amend Rule 2.5(ii) (a) Exception O.G. Part 2** to read:

“Exception – In Inter-County Senior Games, the list of players shall be numbered from 1 to not more than 26.”

Rules Affected – Rules 4.9, 6.31, 4.11 and 6.32 - Trophies and Medals O.G. Part 2

Ard Chomhairle

4. **That Rule 3.4(d), Rules of Specification, O.G. Part 2** as amended by Special Congress (October 2009) be amended by deleting the final paragraph:

“In the Competitionstwo further periods of five minutes shall be played”.

Rule affected - Rule 3.5, Rules of Specification O.G. Part 2.

Ard Chomhairle

5. **That Rule 3.5, Rules of Specification, O.G. Part 2** be amended as follows:-

“Unless the Management Committee of Central Council otherwise permits on an application by a Competitions Control Committee, extra time shall be obligatory in the following Competitions –“

Remainder of Rule as currently stated.

Rules Affected - Rules 3.32, 3.34(a)(ii) and 3.52 O.G. Part 1; Rule 3.4 Rules of Specification, O.G. Part 2.

Ard Chomhairle

12. **Amend Rules 2.2 and 2.8 (Hurling) and Rules 2.2 and 2.9 (Football), Set Play Rules of Hurling and Football, O.G. Part 2** as follows:

In Rule 2.2 (Hurling and Football) include an additional Exception:

“(vi) When play is restarted by throwing in the ball after a foul(s) within 13m of the sideline, the throw in shall be given 13m from the sideline opposite where the foul(s) occurred.”

Amend the second sentence in both Rules 2.8 (Hurling) and 2.9 (Football) as follows:

“If opposing players play the ball simultaneously over the sideline, or if the Officials are not sure which team played the ball last, the Linesman, facing the players, shall throw in the ball between one player from each team 13m in from the sideline.”

A number of *Rules are Affected* by the above proposed changes. These are Rules 4.26, 4.31, 5.15, 5.26, 5.33 and 5.34 (Hurling) and Rules 4.25, 4.26, 4.34, 5.12, 5.21, 5.27 and 5.28 (Football) O.G. Part 2.

In each Rule in relation to the Throw In, add the words “except as provided under Exceptions (v) and (vi) of Rule 2.2.”

Also affected – Rule 3.1(ii), Rules of Control, O.G. Part 2.

Ard Chomhairle

13. Definition 7 - Handpass

Preface the existing Definition of **Handpass, Important Terms and Definitions – Football and Hurling**, O.G. Part 2 with the word “**Football**” and add the following to the Definition:

“Hurling

The ball must be released and struck with a definite striking action of the hand.”

Rule Affected - Rule 4.2, Rules of Foul Play, O.G. Part 2..

Ard Chomhairle

14. Amend Rule 4.15 Technical Fouls of Hurling, O.G. Part 2 by deleting the current Penalty and replacing it with –

“Penalty –

- (i) Cancel puckout
- (ii) Throw in the ball on the defenders 20m line opposite the scoring space”

Ard Chomhairle

16. Rules 4.16(a) and (b), Technical Fouls of Hurling, O.G. Part 2 be amended as follows:

In (a) delete the words “before the puck is taken” and in (b) delete the words “before the penalty puck is taken” and replace in each case with the words “before the ball is struck”.

Ard Chomhairle

17. Amend Rules 4.32 (Hurling) and 4.35 (Football) – Technical Fouls, O.G. Part 2 as follows:

Amend Rule 4.32 (Hurling) to read:

“To deliberately go outside the boundary lines to gain an advantage except as permitted by Rule 1.10.

Penalty - Free puck from where the Foul occurred.

Amend Rule 4.35 (Football) to read:

“To deliberately go outside the boundary lines to gain an advantage, except as permitted by Rule 1.9

Penalty – Free kick from where the Foul occurred”

Ard Chomhairle

- 18. Amend Rules 4.34 and 5.36 (Hurling) and Rules 4.37 and 5.30 (Football), Playing Rules of Hurling and Football, O.G. Part 2** by inserting the following as the second line in each Rule:

“He shall signal that advantage is being played by means of a raised and extended arm.”

Remainder of each Rule to remain unchanged.

Ard Chomhairle

- 20. In respect of the Fair Charge, amend Rule 1.9 – The Play (Hurling) and Rule 1.7 – The Play (Football) in Playing Rules of Hurling and Football, O.G. Part 2 as follows:**

In both Rules delete the words “side to side” and replace with the words “shoulder to shoulder”.

Rules Affected - Rule 5.28(b) (Hurling) and Rule 5.24(b) (Football) Playing Rules, O.G. Part 2.

Ard Chomhairle

- 21. Amend Rule 1.7(b)-The Play, Playing Rules of Football, O.G. Part 2** to read:-

“Who is playing the ball other than when kicking it”

The Definition must be accordingly amended.

Rule Affected - Rule 5.24(b) (Football), Playing Rules of Football, O.G. Part 2.

Ard Chomhairle

23. **That Riail 1.4 (e) the Rules of Football (T.O 2009, Cuid II) be amended to read as follows:**

“played away with (a) the fist (b) the open hand(s) provided it involves a definite underhand striking action”

Comhairle Chonnachta

32. **Amend Rule 2.3 – Set Play, Playing Rules of Football, O.G. Part 2** by deleting “A penalty kick shall be taken from the ground at the centre point of the 13m line” and replaced by “A penalty kick shall be taken from the ground from a spot 11m from the centre of the goal line.”

Rule Affected - Rule 1 – The Field of Play, Rules of Specification, O.G. Part 2. Make provision for the spot 11m from the centre of the goal line in a new Rule 1.6 with existing Rules 1.6 and 1.7 being renumbered accordingly.

Ard Chomhairle

33. **Amend Rule 2.7(a) and (b) – Set Play, Playing Rules of Football, O.G. Part 2** as follows:

In Rule 2.7(a) delete the words in the first sentence “from within the small rectangle” and replace with the words “from the 13m line, within the large rectangle”.

In Rule 2.7(b) delete the words in the first sentence “on the 20m line in front of the scoring space” and replace with the words “from the 13m line, within the large rectangle.”

Rules Affected - Rules 4.32 and 4.33 – Technical Fouls, Playing Rules of Football, O.G. Part 2.

Ard Chomhairle

35. That the **Definition BOUNCE - Important Terms and Definitions – Football and Hurling, O.G. Part 2** be redefined as follows:

“For a player who has caught the ball to play the ball against the ground with his hands and to catch it on return to his hands.”

Ard Chomhairle

36. **Amend Rule 3.1 Rules of Specification, O.G. Part 2** by changing the first sentence to read:-

“A Team shall take the field not later than the time specified by the Committee-in-Charge for Senior Inter-County Championships, National League Finals, Inter Provincial Championships, All Ireland, Provincial and County Senior

Championship Finals, and not later than five minutes before the appointed starting time in all other games.”

No other change to this Rule proposed.

Ard Chomhairle

37. Re-order Rule 5 – Aggressive Fouls in Playing Rules of Hurling and Football, O.G. Part 2 for the following reasons:

- (1) To enable the reader to see the suspensions applicable to specific Infractions/Fouls.
- (2) To sequence the Fouls in a logical way, according to the Category of Infraction.
- (3) To provide consistency of wording in the descriptions of Infractions/Fouls as between Part 1 and Part 2 of the Official Guide.
- (4) To make the Official Guide more user friendly for players, coaches and the general reader.

Aggressive Fouls (Hurling)

Category II

- 5.1 To strike or to attempt to strike an opponent with arm, elbow, hand or knee
- 5.2 To strike or to attempt to strike an opponent with a hurley, with minimal force.
- 5.3 To kick or to attempt to kick an opponent, with minimal force.
- 5.4 To behave in any way which is dangerous to an opponent.
- 5.5 To spit at an opponent.
- 5.6 To contribute to a melee
- 5.7 To use abusive language to a Match Official.

Category III

- 5.8 To strike or to attempt to strike an opponent with the head.
- 5.9 To strike an opponent with a hurley, either with force or causing injury.
- 5.10 To attempt to strike an opponent with a hurley, with force.
- 5.11 To kick an opponent either with force or causing injury.
- 5.12 To attempt to kick an opponent with force.
- 5.13 To stamp on an opponent.
- 5.14 To inflict an injury recklessly on an opponent by means other than those stated above.
- 5.15 To assault an opposing Team Official.

Category IV

- 5.16 To interfere with a Match Official – minor physical interference e.g. laying a hand on, pushing, pulling or jostling.
- 5.17 To use threatening language to a Match Official.
- 5.18 To use threatening or abusive conduct towards a Match Official.

Category V

5.19 To strike or to attempt to strike (or any type of assault on) a Match Official.

PENALTY FOR THE ABOVE FOULS

- (i) Order offender off.
- (ii) Free puck from where Foul occurred, except as provided under Exceptions of Rule 2.2.

SUSPENSIONS FOR THE INFRACTIONS

Category II

Minimum; 4 weeks Suspension in the same Code and at the same Level, inclusive of the next Game in the same Competition of that Competition Year, even if that Game falls outside the Suspension time period.

Category III

Minimum: 8 weeks Suspension in the same Code and at the same Level, inclusive of the next Game in the same Competition of that Competition Year, even if that Game falls outside the Suspension time period.

Category IV

Minimum: 12 weeks Suspension in all Codes and at all Levels.

Category V

Minimum: 48 weeks Suspension in all Codes and at all Levels, with offender's Team liable to Disqualification, where appropriate.

5.20 To commit any of the fouls listed in Rule 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.8, 5.9, 5.10, 5.11, 5.12, 5.13 and 5.14 against a team-mate.

PENALTY

- (i) Order offender off.
- (ii) Throw in the ball where the Foul occurred, except as provided under Exception (v) of Rule 2.2

5.21 To commit any of the fouls listed in Rule 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.8, 5.9, 5.10, 5.11, 5.12, 5.13 and 5.14 on an opponent on the field prior to the start of a game or at half-time.

PENALTY – Offender shall be treated as ordered off and shall not participate (or further participate) in the game.

NOTE – Once the Referee has received the list of players, or a substitution/temporary replacement slip which includes the offender's name, the player may not be substituted.

Aggressive Fouls (Football)

Category II

- 5.1 To strike or attempt to strike an opponent with arm, elbow, hand or knee.
- 5.2 To kick or attempt to kick an opponent, with minimal force.
- 5.3 To behave in any way which is dangerous to an opponent.
- 5.4 To spit at an opponent.
- 5.5 To contribute to a melee.
- 5.6 To use abusive language to a Match Official.

Category III

- 5.7 To strike or attempt to strike an opponent with the head.
- 5.8 To kick an opponent either with force or causing injury.
- 5.9 To attempt to kick an opponent, with force.
- 5.10 To stamp on an opponent.
- 5.11 To inflict injury recklessly on an opponent by means other than those stated above.
- 5.12 To assault an opposing Team Official.

Category IV

- 5.13 To interfere with a Match Official – minor physical interference e.g. laying a hand on, pushing, pulling or jostling.
- 5.14 To use threatening language to a Match Official.
- 5.15 To use threatening or abusive conduct towards a Match official.

Category V

- 5.16 To strike or attempt to strike (or any type of assault on) a Match Official.

PENALTY FOR THE ABOVE FOULS

- (i) Order offender off.
- (ii) Free kick from where Foul occurred, except as provided under Exceptions of Rule 2.2.

SUSPENSIONS FOR THE ABOVE INFRACTIONS

Category II

Minimum; 4 weeks Suspension in the same Code and at the same Level, inclusive of the next Game in the same Competition of that Competition Year, even if that Game falls outside the Suspension time period.

Category III

Minimum: 8 weeks Suspension in the same Code and at the same Level, inclusive of the next Game in the same Competition of that Competition Year, even if that Game falls outside the Suspension time period.

Category IV

Minimum: 12 weeks Suspension in all Codes and at all Levels.

Category V

Minimum: 48 weeks Suspension in all Codes and at all Levels, with offender's Team liable to Disqualification, where appropriate.

5.17 To commit any of the fouls listed in Rule 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.7, 5.8, 5.9, 5.10, and 5.11 against a team-mate.

PENALTY

- (i) Order offender off.
- (ii) Throw in the ball where the Foul occurred, except as provided under Exception (v) of Rule 2.2

5.18 To commit any of the fouls listed in Rule 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.7, 5.8, 5.9, 5.10 and 5.11 on an opponent on the field prior to the start of the game or at half-time.

PENALTY – Offender shall be treated as ordered off and shall not participate (or further participate) in the game.

NOTE – Once the Referee has received the list of players, or a substitution/temporary replacement slip which includes the offender's name, the player may not be substituted.

Rule Affected - Rule 7.2(b) O.G. Part 1.

Ard Chomhairle

- 40.** Add the following to Rule 3 Time – Official Guide Part 2 – 2009 – Rules of Specification –

That the Clock/Hooter system be introduced to signal the conclusion of a game following the notification by the 4th official or other designated person of the finishing time to include added time to be played. This procedure be initially introduced in 2011 on a trial basis for all Senior Inter County League games in all Divisions in both Hurling & Football and if successful it also be implemented for All Inter County Championship games in both codes in 2012.

Rules Affected: Rules of Control 1.1 ,1.2 , 1.3 – Part 2 O G 2009

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- 44.** That Rule 1.5 (a) (Rules of Control) TO II 2009 be amended as follows:

Injuries: General - Play shall not be stopped for injury to a player, except in exceptional circumstances to enable a seriously injured player to be treated on the field or removed from the field of play. **Play shall resume with a free kick to the team in possession when the play was stopped and from the position at**

which the play was stopped. This free kick may not be kicked directly for a score. All other Injuries shall be treated off the field of play.

Gaeil na hAilne, Liatrom

48. **That Riail 2.9 T.O. 2009 (Part 2) “Rules of Football- Set Play” be amended to read as follows-**

When a team plays the ball over the side-line, a free kick from the hand(s) shall be awarded to the opposing team **from outside the boundary line** from the place where the ball crossed the side-line. If opposing players play the ball simultaneously over the side-line, or if the officials are not sure which team played the ball last, the linesman shall throw in the ball between one player from each team .A ball that strikes a side-line or corner flag shall be treated as having crossed the side-line. All players except the player taking the side-line kick, or the two players contesting the throw-in, shall be at least 13m from the ball until it has been kicked or thrown in.

Rules Affected – Rules 1.9 and 4.35 Playing Rules of Football, O.G. Part 2.

Naomh Caoimhin, Cill Dara

General Motions

51. **(1) Add a New Rule to Chapter 3 O.G. Part 1** as follows:-

“The Gaelic Players’ Association is recognised as the official representative body for senior inter-county players.

- (2) Amend Rule 3.46 – Council (Central) O.G. Part 1**

Replace the words

“A Representative with Voting Rights of the Inter-county Players”.

with the words –

“A Representative with voting rights of the Gaelic Players’ Association”.

Ard Chomhairle

53. **That Rule 6.27 (B) and (C) – Organisation (Inter-County Championships), as amended by Special Congress October 2009, be further amended as follows:**

- (1) Tier 1 – Liam Mc Carthy Cup**

- (5) Amend Section **Counties Participating** to read:

“Counties Participating

The following 13 Counties shall be eligible to participate in this Championship in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013:

Dublin, Kilkenny, Laois, Offaly, Wexford, Galway, Antrim, Carlow, Clare, Cork, Limerick, Tipperary and Waterford .

Provision is made in the Promotion and Relegation Section below for Teams to be promoted to the Liam McCarthy Cup.”

- (6) Amend **Section Promotion and Relegation** to read:

“Promotion and Relegation

The Winners of Tier 2 – the Christy Ring Cup, in 2010, 2011 and 2012 shall respectively have the option of being promoted to the Liam McCarthy Cup by indicating their intentions in relation to the following year’s Championships to the Central Competitions Control Committee by the 30th September in the year of their winning Tier 2.

There shall be no automatic Relegation from the Liam McCarthy Cup in 2010, 2011 and 2012, but a County may apply to the Central Competitions Control Committee by the 30th September in any one of these years to play in the following year’s Christy Ring Cup.”

(2) Tier 2 – Christy Ring Cup

- (7) Amend Section **County Participating** to read:

“Counties Participating

The following eight Counties shall be eligible to participate in this Championship in 2010,

2011, 2012 and 2013:

Wicklow, Westmeath, Kildare, Meath, Down, Derry, Kerry and Mayo

Provision is made in the Promotion and Relegation Section below for Teams to be

promoted to the Christy Ring Cup.”

- (8) Amend the Section **Promotion and Relegation** to read:

“Promotion and Relegation

The Winners of Tier 3 - the Nicky Rackard Cup in 2010, 2011 and 2012 shall respectively have the option of being Promoted to the Christy Ring Cup by indicating their intentions in relation to the following year’s Championship to the Central Competitions Control Committee by the 30th September in the year of their winning Tier 3. There shall be no automatic Relegation from the Christy Ring Cup in 2010, 2011 and 2012, but a County may apply to the Central Competitions Control Committee by the 30th September in any one of these years to play in the following year’s Nicky Rackard Cup.”

(3) Tier 3

* Amend Section **Counties Participating** to read:

“Counties Participating

The following eight Counties/Teams shall be eligible to participate in this Championship in 2010, 2011, 2012 and 20163:

Roscommon, Sligo, Monaghan, Armagh, Tyrone, Louth, Fingal (Dublin) and London.

Provision is made in the Promotion and Relegation Section below for Teams to be Promoted to the Nicky Rackard Cup.”

(9) Insert the following Section:

“Promotion and Relegation

The Winners of Tier 4 – the Lory Meagher Cup in 2010, 2011 and 2012 shall respectively have the option of being Promoted to the Nicky Rachard Cup by indicating their intentions in relation to the following year’s Championship to the Central Competitions Control Committee by the 30th September in the year of their winning Tier 4.

There shall be no automatic Relegation from the Nicky Rackard Cup in 2010, 2011, and 2012, but a County may apply to the Central Competitions Control Committee by the 30th September in any one of these years to play in the following year’s Lory Meagher Cup.”

(4) Tier 4 – Lory Meagher Cup

(10) Amend Section **Counties Participating** o read:

“Counties Participating

The following seven Counties/Teams shall be eligible to participate in this Championship in 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013:

Cavan, Donegal, Fermanagh, Non-Ards (Down), Longford, Leitrim and Warwickshire.”

(11) **Insert the following into the Rule :**

“The Phases/Rounds of the four Championships outlined in (B) and (C) in Rule above shall be for the year 2010, but may be adjusted by the Central Competitions Control Committee consequent on a change in the number of Teams participating in the respective Championships in 2011, 2012 and 2013.

The Central Competitions Control Committee shall inform the Central Council at its first Meeting after 30th September each year of the participating Teams and structure of each of the four Championships in 2011, 2012 and 2013, based on the provisions outlined in (B) and (C) above, and with any adjustments to Format that may be necessary

Ard Chomhairle

56. That Rule 3.1- The Club O.G. Part 1 be amended as follows:

Two existing paragraphs be designated as (a) and (b) respectively and that a third paragraph (c) be included along the following terms:-

“A Club shall be a Unit eligible to participate in a Junior, Intermediate or Senior Championship Competition.”

Exception

The Management Committee of the Central Council may consider an application for deviation from this Rule submitted in writing by a County Committee and if approved shall determine its Terms.

Rules Affected - Rules 3.2 to 3.10 inclusive, Rules 3.13, 3.17, 3.19 and 3.25 O.G. Part 1.

Ard Chomhairle

57. Add to Rule 3.22(i) Management Committee, O.G. Part 1:

“A County may have a Bye-Law to the effect that a Recommendation of the County Management Committee on a matter of Finance may not be upset save by a two-thirds majority of the members of the County Committee present, entitled to vote and voting”.

Rule Affected – Rule 4.3 O.G. Part 1.

Ard Chomhairle

58. Amend Rule 3.22(ii) O.G. Part 1 as follows:

(1) In the first line, after the word “arrangements” include the words “**including the Appointment of Referees**”.

(2) In the first line of the second last paragraph insert the word “other” between the words “delegate” and “plenary”.

The paragraph to read:-

“A County Committee may delegate **other** plenary powers to its Competitions Control Committee Provincial Council”.

Ard Chomhairle

59. That Rule 3.43(g) O.G. Part 1 be amended as follows:

“New and amended Rules shall become operative one month from the date of Annual Congress or Special Congress, unless otherwise specified and approved in the Motion adopted, or as provided hereunder.

Central Council (or in urgent cases Management Committee on behalf of Central Council) may bring forward or defer the date of implementation of a new or amended Rule.

A new Rule or amendment shall not have retrospective application. A Competition commenced under then existing Rules/Regulations (other than Playing Rules) shall be completed under these Rules/Regulations.

The text of a new or amended Rule shall be circulated to County Secretaries within one month of finalisation, for distribution to Clubs.”

Rules affected - Rules 3.47 and 3.50 O.G. Part 1.

Ard Chomhairle

- 61. Amend Rule 3.57 O.G. Part 1 - Educational Institutions**, by adding the following:-

“Hearings arising from Disciplinary Cases and Appeals shall be heard by the relevant Committee at County Committee, Provincial Council or Central Council levels.”

Ard Chomhairle

- 62. That the following New Rule be adopted and included in Chapter 4 O.G. Part 1 as Rule 4.15:**

“4.15 Records

(a) The Records created and received by the Gaelic Athletic Association, its members and administrators are the property of the Gaelic Athletic Association.

(b) The Records of the Gaelic Athletic Association shall be transferred to a recognised G.A.A. Archive in accordance with such directions as may be given by Central Council.”

Ard Chomhairle

- 63. Time Issues**

That the following amendments be made to the stated Rules in O.G. Part 1:

(1) In Rule 6.24 – Notice for Championship Games, the words “five clear days” be replaced by “five days (120 hours)” and the words “four clear days” be replaced by “four days (96 hours)”.

(2) In Rule 7.3(p) (Reply to Disciplinary Notice) after the word “date” insert the words “and time”.

(3) In Rule 7.3(r) (Failure to Reply to Notice), after the word “date” insert the words “and time”.

(4) In Rule 7.10(c) (Counter Objections) after the word “date” insert the words “and time”.

(5) In Rule 7.11(d) (Submission of Appeal)

- After the word “date” in the third line, insert the words “and time”.
- Replace the words “within 3 days of the Decision being made” (in 5th/6th lines) with the words “within three days from midnight following the meeting at which the Decision is made”.

Ard Chomhairle

- 64. That Rule 7.3(h) O.G. Part 1** be amended by the insertion, as a second last sentence, of the following:

“A formal Disciplinary Report is not necessary where sufficient detail is contained in a Referee’s Report and a copy of the Referee’s Report or the applicable part thereof is supplied to the Defending Party, with a covering letter stating the Rule(s) concerned.”

Rules Affected - Other sections of Rule 7.3. O.G. Part 1.

Ard Chomhairle

- 65. Amend Rule 7.5 O.G. Part 1 - Suspensions – Interpretation of Terms** by including a New Section (C) to read:

“A walk over shall not constitute the next game in a Competition.”

Subsequent Sections to be re-lettered accordingly.

Rule Affected - Rule 7.2(b) O.G. Part 1.

Ard Chomhairle

- 66. Amend Rule 7.5(g) O.G. Part 1** as follows:-

(1) Add to Section (3):

“but where a suspension is subsequently imposed, it shall be dated from the date of the Infraction or of his last game played (where a Category I (Repeat), II or III Misconduct at Games Infractions concerned, this shall refer to the last game in the Code and at the same Level in which the Infraction was committed), which ever is the later.”

(2) In Section (4) insert after the words “Misconduct at Games” in the first line, the words “or proven illegal participation in a Game.”

Ard Chomhairle

- 67. That Rule 7.5(g)(5) O.G. Part 1** be amended to read as follows:-

“In the case of a Non-Player: from the date of acceptance of the Proposed Penalty or the expiration of the three days specified in Rule 7.3(r), whichever is

the earlier; or where he seeks a Hearing from the date of the decision of the Hearings Committee.

Ard Chomhairle

- 68. That Rule 7.10(i)(4) O.G. Part 1** be amended by adding the following:

“and the Competitions Control Committee shall have the powers and the functions ascribed to the Hearings Committee in Rule 7.3(aa)”.

Rule Affected - Rule 7.3 O.G. Part 1.

Ard Chomhairle

- 69. Amend Rule 6.27 O.G. Part 1 – Organisation (Inter-County Championships),** as follows:

(1) That the paragraphs in Rule 6.27 (A) and (B) (1) dealing with the scheduling of All Ireland Qualifier Series which currently read “All games in each Round of the All Ireland Qualifier Series shall be played over a single weekend” be amended by adding the words “save in exceptional circumstances”.

(2) Amend Rule 6.27 (A) and (B) dealing with the All Ireland Quarter-Final scheduling to read “Save for replays and exceptional circumstances, all games in the All Ireland Quarter-Finals shall be played over a single weekend and shall be completed by the August Bank Holiday Monday i.e. the first Monday in August.

Rule Affected - Rule 6.28 O.G. Part 1.

Ard Chomhairle

- 75. That Rule 6.27 (H) All Ireland Junior Hurling Championship** be deleted.

Rules Affected – Rules 4.9, 6.17 and 6.19, O.G. Part 1, Rule 3.5 Rules of Specification.

Ard Chomhairle

- 76. That in Rule 6.28(a) O.G. Part 1 the first paragraph** be amended to read:

“(a) Senior Provincial Championships in the Provinces that have to send forward Teams to compete in the All Ireland Championships shall begin no earlier than the third weekend in May and shall be decided during that month, June and July, unless deviation is allowed by the Central Council on the recommendation of the Central Competitions Control Committee.

Ard Chomhairle

77. **That Rule 6.28(a) O.G. Part 1** be amended by the insertion of the words “in the respective code” in the third line of the second paragraph between the words “Competitions” and the words “on the second weekend”
Remainder of the Rule to be unchanged.

Ard Chomhairle

78. **That Rule 6.30 O.G. Part 1** be amended to read as follows:

“The All Ireland Senior Finals shall be played in Croke Park; the Football Final shall be played on the penultimate Sunday in September and the Hurling Final shall be played two weeks previous. In exceptional circumstances, the Central Council may make other arrangements”.

Ard Chomhairle

80. **Add a New Rule to Chapter 3 O.G. Part 1 (after Rule 3.54)** as follows:

“The Central Fixtures’ Planning Committee

- (a) It shall consist of eight members including a Chairperson appointed by the Management Committee.
- (b) It shall be responsible for planning, monitoring, analysing and reviewing the National Fixtures Programme.
- (c) It shall present a Report to Annual Congress on all Fixtures at National, Provincial and County levels.
- (d) It shall work in conjunction with the Central Competitions Control Committee on the production of an ongoing three year Fixtures Plan and Schedule.
- (e) It shall determine the National minimum Required Standards for fixtures programmes at all levels.
- (f) It shall oversee the appointment of, and organise the training of, all Fixtures Planners at Provincial and County Level.”

Rule affected – Rule 3.51 O.G. Part 1.

Ard Chomhairle

81. **Add to Rule 3.34(a), O.G. Part 1:**

“Fixtures Planners

- (a) Two Fixtures Planners shall be appointed by the Management Committee.
- (b) They shall be responsible for planning, monitoring, analyzing and reviewing the Provincial Fixtures Programme.
- (c) They shall present a Report to Provincial Convention on all Fixtures at Provincial and County levels and submit a Report to the National Fixtures’ Planning Committee.

(d) They shall work in conjunction with the Provincial Competitions Control Committee on the production of an ongoing three year Fixtures Plan and Schedule.

(e) It shall assist the National Fixtures' Planning Committee in organising the education and training of Fixtures Planners at County Level."

Rule affected - Rule 3.34 (a)(ii) O.G. Part 1.

Ard Chomhairle

82. Add to Rule 3.22 (as Section (iii) – with current Section (iii) becoming Section (iv) and subsequent Sections being re-lettered accordingly):

“Fixtures Planners

(a) Two Fixtures Planners shall be appointed by the Management Committee.

(b) They shall be responsible for planning, monitoring, analysing and reviewing the County Fixtures Programme.

(c) They shall present a Report to Annual Convention on all Fixtures at County level and submit a Report to the Provincial and National Fixtures' Committee.

(d) They shall work in conjunction with the County Competitions Control Committee on the production of an ongoing three year Fixtures Plan and Schedule.”

Rule affected – Rule 3.22(ii), O.G. Part 1.

Ard Chomhairle

83. Amend Rule 3.33 – Monitoring of County Championships as follows:

(1) Change the title of the Rule to “Monitoring of County Fixtures Programme”.

(2) Amend the first sentence to read:

“A County shall submit its complete Fixtures Programme, both adult and underage, to its Provincial Council by the 31st March each year, ...as is considered necessary.”

Ard Chomhairle

84. Add a New Rule to Chapter 6, O.G. Part 1

Under 12 and Younger Age Groups

Games in Under 12 and Younger Age Groups shall be organised on the ‘Go Games’ model with teams being a maximum of 11 a-side and structured to ensure that all participants get to play in the full game.

At Under 12 level, Competitions may also be organised on a mini-league format on the basis that the teams are a maximum of 11 a-side and that provision is made for all members of the team panel to participate in the game.

Rules affected or possibly affected – Rules 6.3 and 6.18, O.G. Part 1.

Ard Chomhairle

89. Amend Riail 5.1 (T.O 2009) to read as follows.

5.1. Uses Of property

(A) All property, including Grounds, Clubhouses, Halls, Dressing Rooms and Handball Alleys owned or controlled by units of the Association shall only be used only for the purpose of or in connection with the playing of games controlled by the Association, and for such other purposes not in conflict with the aims and objects of the Association that may be sanctioned from time to time by the Central Council.

(B) Grounds controlled by Association Units shall not be used or permitted to be used for Horse Racing, Greyhound Racing or for Field Games, other than those sanctioned by Central Council.

Note: Central Council shall have the power to authorise the use of Croke Park for games, other than those controlled by the Association.

Other Rules affected or possibly affected: 3,4, 5, 46, 47, 77,(f) and 147 (g)

Naomh Iosaif, An Clár

90. That rule 6.3 of the Official Guide 2009 – Part 1 be amended as follows:

Definitions - Home County

Home County shall mean:

(a) The County of Birth (the County in which a player's parents were permanently resident at the time of his birth) or

(b) The County in which a player first legally participated in Club Competition (Under-12 Grade or over) organised by the County Committee or one of its Sub-Committees, subject to that participation

being at an age not more than two years younger than the designated age level of the Competition or

(c) In the case of a player born **outside of the Home County (i.e. whose parents were not permanently resident in the home county at the time of his birth):**

- I. A County for which his father played, or had declared as his Home County under Rule 6.6, and if neither is applicable, a County for which his father was qualified under (a) or (b) above.
- II. The County of birth of his mother (the County in which the mother's parents were permanently resident at the time of her birth) - providing the County being declared for is allowed by Central Council to avail of this Section, and the player's Declaration receives the sanction of the **County Committee of the county where player was born** (See Appendix 2).

Replace County Dublin with the text underlined.

Cluain, Liatroim

- 104.** That Rule 7.5 (k) [**Enforcement of Rules/Arbitration, Suspensions, Juvenile Suspensions - Special Rules**], Official Guide 2009, be amended to read:

Except as provided in (l) below, Juvenile Players participating in Under 16 or younger Grade Competitions shall be subject to penalties for Misconduct at Games Infractions on the same basis as under the General Rules above, except that the Minimum Time Suspension shall in each case be one-half of that applicable.

Na Fianna, Naomh Seosamh / Buachaillí Uí Chonaill

- 106.** That the following rules be amended to allow for change to fixtures notification.

Rule 1.7 T.O. 2009 Part 1

Exceptions: Add in as follows

“(5) It is optional to have fixtures notification in Irish or English or both Irish and English.

Rule 4.5 communications T.O. 2009 Part 1: Signature (d)

Remove (in Irish) and replace with (in Irish or for fixtures notification in Irish or English)

Tulach Sheasta, Tiobraid Árann

- 123.** Amendment to Rule 4.8, T.O 2009, Cuid I:

- (1) At least twenty trophies shall be awarded in all fifteen-a-side competitions.
- (2) A trophy shall not be named after a living person, a political or semi-political organisation.
- (3) A trophy shall not be used for any commercial purpose.
- (4) A cup or trophy shall not be filled with any alcoholic beverage. All cups or trophies shall be altered to prevent the placing of any liquids therein.

Gael na Sionnain, An Cabhán