

COISTE CONTAE ARD MHACHA BYE-LAWS 2024

To be read in conjunction with An Treoraí Oifigiúil and Codes 2023

(Approved by An Coiste Bainistíochta, on behalf of Ard Comhairle, 26 Eanáir 2024)

(I) COUNTY CONVENTION:

1. In accordance with R. 3.8, T.O. 2023 the County Convention shall be held not later than the 18th December and for the purposes of submitting Audited accounts to it, the financial year shall terminate on the 30th September.
2. In accordance with R. 3.9, T.O. 2023 the Annual County Convention shall elect the following: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Coaching Officer, Officer for Irish Language & Culture, Hurling Officer and PRO. It shall also elect a representative on Central Council and two representatives on the Ulster Council. It shall also appoint a Children's Officer, a Planning and Training Officer and a Demographics Officer as recommended by the outgoing County Committee. It shall elect or authorise selection and/or election of Delegates to Annual Congress and Ulster Convention In accordance with R. 3.10, T.O. 2023.

(II) COUNTY COMMITTEE:

1. Subject to R.3.16, T.O. 2023, the Armagh County Committee (known as Coiste Contae Ard Mhacha) shall be the governing and controlling body of the association within the County. It shall have within its jurisdiction, the powers and authority designated to it by An Treoraí Oifigiúil and the County Bye-Laws.
2. **Coiste Contae Ard Mhacha** shall consist of the following: Officers: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Planning and Training Officer, County Safety and Facilities Officer, Coaching Officer, Demographics Officer, Officer for Irish Language & Culture, Hurling Officer, PRO, Children's Officer, Central Council Representative, Ulster Council Representatives (Two), named representatives of Clubs (1 person to be nominated from each Club) (subject to R. 3.16 (f,) T.O. 2023), County Referees' Administrator, named representative of each of the following committees County Handball, County Primary Schools, County Post-Primary Schools.

In accordance with R. 3.18 T.O. 2023 the County Committee shall appoint the following sub-committees, membership of which shall be set out in these Bye-Laws: All members of sub-committees shall be named.

(III) COUNTY SUB COMMITTEES

1. The **Management Committee** shall consist of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Planning and Training Officer and Safety and Facilities Officer of the County Committee, as well as the County's Central and Ulster Council Delegates and one representative selected by the clubs competing in hurling competition. **In addition, the Management Committee may appoint up to two additional members on an annual basis, to be approved by County Committee.** Its duties shall be as outlined in R. 3.18(i), T.O. 2023.
2. The **County Competitions Control Committee** shall consist of a Chairperson, Secretary, two representatives, one each from one of the clubs competing in hurling and football competitions and Youth Committee Secretary, one Fixtures' Analyst, Underage Committee Secretary and the County Referees' Administrator, who shall be entitled to vote only on the appointment of referees, plus three other named members. The Chairperson, Secretary and other members will be nominated by the Management Committee, for appointment by the County Committee. Its duties shall be as outlined in R. 3.18(ii), T.O. 2023.
3. **Fixtures Analysts:** Two Fixtures Analysts shall be appointed by the Management Committee in accordance with R. 3.18 (iii), T.O. 2023.
4. The **County Hearings Committee** shall consist of a Chairperson, Secretary, a representative from one of the clubs competing in hurling competition, plus five named Club Representatives. The Chairperson, Secretary

and club representatives will be nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee. Its duties shall be as outlined in R. 3.18 (iv), T.O. 2023.

5. The **Safety and Facilities Committee** shall consist of a Safety and Facilities Officer who shall act as Chairperson, a Secretary, a County Event Controller, Ulster Council Development Representative, plus three other named members, nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee. These three members should be suitably qualified in areas relevant to the terms of reference of the Committee as outlined in R. 3.18 (v) T.O. 2023. Its duties shall be as outlined in R. 3.18 (v), T.O. 2023.
6. The **Planning and Training Committee** shall consist of at least five members, the Chairperson of which shall be the County Planning and Training Officer. All members shall, upon appointment, complete the necessary training as prescribed by The National Officer Development Committee and Club and County Planning Committee. Its duties shall be as outlined in R. 3.18 (vi), T.O. 2023.
7. The **Referees Administration Committee** shall consist of Chairperson, Secretary, the Referees Administrator, and three named referees, all to be appointed by the County Committee in accordance with R. 3.18 (vii), T.O. 2023.
8. The **Coaching and Games Development Committee** shall consist of a Chairperson, Secretary, (who shall be the County Head of Games Development), County Secretary, County Coaching Officer, U17 County teams Managers, and four other named members, all of whom will be nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee, in accordance with R. 3.18 (viii), T.O. 2023.
9. The **County Cultural Committee** shall consist of a Chairperson, Secretary, Irish Language & Culture Officer plus six other named members all of whom shall be nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee. Its duties shall be as outlined in R. 3.18 (ix) T.O. 2023.
10. The **Public Relations / Marketing Committee** shall consist of the County PRO, the Assistant County Treasurer, plus six other named members all of whom shall be appointed by the County Committee in accordance with R. 3.18 (x) T.O. 2023.
11. The **County Youth Committee** shall consist of a Chairperson and Secretary to be appointed by the County Committee plus two representatives from each of the Primary and Post-Primary School sectors within the county as well as the County Games Manager and Coaching Officer. Its duties shall be as outlined in R. 3.18 (xi), T.O. 2023.
12. The **Finance Sub-Committee** shall consist of a Chairperson, Secretary plus six other named members, all of whom will be nominated by the Management Committee for appointment by the County Committee in accordance with R. 3.18 (xii), T.O. 2023.
13. The **County Information Technology Committee** shall consist of a Chairman, a Secretary and three additional named members, for appointment by the County Committee in accordance with R. 3.18 (xiii), T.O. 2023.
14. The **County Teams Management and Panels Sub-Committee** shall consist of the County Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary (who shall be the Panel Liaison Officer) the County Football / Hurling Team Manager as appropriate, and two named County Football / Hurling Team Player Representatives. It shall be in accordance with R. 3.18 (xiv), T.O. 2023.
15. The **Audit and Risk Committee** shall consist of no more than five named members including a Chairperson nominated by the Management Committee and approved by the Provincial Audit and Risk Committee and up to four members nominated by the Management Committee. The Treasurer shall not be a member. It shall be in accordance with R. 3.18 (xv), T.O. 2023.
16. The **Demographics Committee** shall consist of at least five members to include the Demographics Officer (Chairperson). It shall be in accordance with R. 3.18 (xvi), T.O. 2023.

17. The **County Health and Wellbeing Committee** shall consist of a Chairman, a Secretary and three named additional members, for appointment by the County Committee in accordance with R. 3.18 (xvii), T.O. 2023.

In accordance with Rule 3.19(I) T.O. 2022 the County Committee shall appoint the following Sub-Committees:

18. The **County Underage Committee** shall consist of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Hurling Officer, Registrar, Games & Coaching & Officer and PRO (all of whom shall be appointed by the County Committee) plus two named delegates from each club. It shall be responsible for the organisation of Competitions up to and including Minor Grade. It shall maintain a Competitions Control Committee comprising the eight Office holders on the Committee.

19. The **Fundraising Committee** shall consist of a Chairperson, Secretary, plus six other named members all of whom shall be appointed by the County Committee in accordance with R 3.19, T.O 2023. Its *functions are to lead the county in efforts that will help raise funds.*

20. The **County Bye-Laws & Motions Sub-Committee** shall consist of a Chairperson, Secretary plus five other named members all of whom shall be appointed by the County Committee in accordance with R 3.19, T.O. 2023. Its functions shall be to check motions and make sure they are in order to appear on the Clár for County Convention. In the case of a Motion submitted by a Club or the County Committee not being in order, the submitting Unit shall be advised in writing of the reason(s) for a Motion not being in order and, subject to a time limit determined by the Committee, shall be afforded an opportunity to resubmit an appropriately corrected Motion for the consideration of the Committee. It shall also a check on current Bye-Laws to make sure they are not in conflict with An Treoráí Oifigiúil and liaise with County Committee to have any additions, amendments or deletions at County Convention forwarded to Croke Park within two weeks following Convention.

(IV) TRANSFERS

1. No player shall be transferred after 1st February except he has changed his residence to another district in the County.
2. The following factors, which shall not be prescriptive or binding, will be taken into account when adult or under- age transfers are being considered
 - (a) Reason for seeking transfer
 - (b) Family links with clubs
 - (c) New permanent home address
 - (d) Distance of home from clubs
 - (e) The views of the parents / Guardians
2. A person first becoming a member of the Association shall have an unfettered choice of club.
3. An appeal against the decision of the County Competitions Control Committee on an approval form may be made in writing by the aggrieved party to the County Hearings Committee within 3 days of receipt of the notification of the decision as per Rule 6.4 (f) T.O. 2023.

(v) Playing Restrictions

- 1 (i) A player from an exclusively football Club may play hurling with a dual Club provided that a Coiste Contae Ard Mhacha fully completed approval form is signed by the Player, and Secretary of both Clubs and processed by Competitions Control Committee of Coiste Contae Ard Mhacha for decision. In the event of either or any of the two Secretaries not signing the approval form, the Competitions Control Committee shall consider the application and make a decision.

(ii) A player from an exclusively hurling club may play football with a dual club provided that a Coiste Contae Ard Mhacha fully completed approval form is signed by the player and Secretary of both Clubs and processed by Competitions Control Committee of Coiste Contae Ard Mhacha for decision. In the event of either or any of the two Secretaries not signing the approval form the Competitions Control Committee will consider the application and make a decision.

(iii) In accordance with R. 3.17 (o) and 6.7 (1) (a) T.O. 2023, a player of a club without a Minor / Under 21 or Younger Grade team, may play with another Minor / Under 21 or Younger Grade team within the County provided that a Coiste Contae Ard Mhacha fully completed "Sanction" form is signed by the player and Secretary of both clubs and processed by Competitions Control Committee of Coiste Contae Ard Mhacha for decision. The Sanction shall only be valid for one season and shall apply only to the Grade specified. Sanctions shall only apply for up to and including 4 (four) players, and in the case of 5 (five) or more players clubs shall amalgamate in accordance with R. 6.7 (1) (b) T.O. 2023. A player who plays on a team provided for in 3 (iii) shall be a registered member of his Adult club and shall retain membership of that club during and at the conclusion of his playing participation with a team formed under 3 (iii).

(V1) RE-GRADING

1. Subject to Rule 3.18 (ii), T.O. 2023, applications for re-grading players for championship shall be submitted to the Competitions Control Committee before 1st March.
2. All teams are graded according to their league status for the current playing season.