



FODHLÍTHE CHONTAE THÍR EOGHAIN 2025

TYRONE COUNTY BYE-LAWS 2025

(Approved by An Coiste Bainistíochta, on behalf of Ard Comhairle, 17 Eanáir 2025)

To be Read in Conjunction with the Official Guide and the GAA Official Codes 2024

COISTE CHONTAE THÍR EOGHAIN

- 1 Excepting those functions reserved to the Provincial Council and the Central Council, the County Committee shall be the governing and controlling body of all the affairs of the Association within the County.

- 2 (a) In accordance with Riail 3.9, T.O. 2024 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, as recommended by the outgoing County Committee,
 - (i) a Children's Officer
 - (ii) a Planning and Training Officer and
 - (iii) a Demographics Officer

- (b) In accordance with Riail 3.9 (b) Exception (2), T.O. 2024, the County Treasurer will not be subject to the maximum period of office of five years.

- (c) Nominations for conventions within the County shall be automatically withdrawn at the Convention unless the nominee indicates that he/she is standing for election.

- (d) A member who has served five years either consecutively or cumulatively, in a specific Officership, shall be ineligible to hold that Officership for the ten year period following immediately after serving the fifth year in that Office. If a member is elected as an Officer of the County Committee 'in term', twenty-six weeks or less before Convention, that time served shall not be considered as part of the five years' period.
- (e) No individual shall be elected to more than one of these positions in the same year at County Convention.

3 The County Committee shall consist of the following:

- (a) Officers: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Coaching Officer, Officer for Irish Language and Culture, Hurling Officer and PRO.
- (b) Central Council Representative (x1)
- (c) Ulster Council Representatives (x2)
- (d) The Children's Officer, the Planning and Training Officer and the Demographics Officer
- (e) Representatives of Clubs
(1 person to be nominated from each Adult Club, on nomination form issued for County Convention)
- (f) Two nominees of the Chairman and Secretary
- (g) County Referees' Administrator
- (h) County Handball Committee Representative
- (i) County Primary Schools Committee Representative
- (j) County Post-Primary Schools Committee Representative
- (k) County Safety and Facilities Officer

Chairpersons of sub-committees, who are not members of the County Committee, may attend meetings of the County Committee, in that capacity only and without voting rights, to present progress reports on the work of their sub-committees as required by Rial 3.19 (ii), T.O. 2024.

The following persons may also attend meetings of the County Committee, but shall not have voting rights. They may, subject to the consent of the Chairperson, be allowed to partake in discussions on issues relevant to their areas of interest.

- (i) the Honorary President of the Tyrone County Committee
- (ii) the Chairperson of the Tyrone Ladies Football County Committee
- (iii) the Chairperson of the Tyrone Camogie County Committee
- (iv) the County Operations Manager

4 APPOINTED SUB-COMMITTEES

The County Committee shall appoint the following sub-committees in accordance with R. 3.18 and subject to Rules 3.19 and 4.2 whose responsibilities and Membership shall be as set out in these bye-laws.

All members of sub-committees shall be named.

4.1 COISTE BAINISTÍ MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (13 members)

It shall be responsible, subject to the overall jurisdiction of the County Committee, for the management of the affairs of the Association, including finance, between meetings of the County Committee.

To consist of the following Officers and Representatives elected at the County Convention: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Coaching Officer, Officer for Irish Language and Culture, Hurling Officer, Public Relations Officer, two Provincial Council Representatives and the Central Council Representative.

4.2 COISTE RIALAITHE NA gCOMÓRTAS COMPETITIONS CONTROL COMMITTEE (13 members)

It shall be responsible for all arrangements, including the appointment of Referees, for and control of any matters arising from Games under the jurisdiction of the County Committee, including disciplinary matters other than those functions reserved to the County Hearings Committee.

It shall process and make recommendations to the County Committee on the Grading of Clubs. It shall investigate and process matters relating to the Enforcement of Rules and Codes, including hearing Objections and Counter-Objections.

It shall be responsible, in the first instance, for making decisions on applications for Transfer Within the County and the Grading of Players.

It shall, on delegation from the County Committee, be responsible in the first instance for making decisions on issues concerning Entitlement of Attachment to First Club.

It shall consist of a minimum of five members, who shall be appointed from members of the County Committee and/or other suitable personnel, one member of the Fixtures Analyst Sub-Committee, together with the County Referees' Administrator who shall be entitled to vote only on the appointment of referees.

The County Committee may delegate other plenary powers to its Competitions Control Committee, and in such cases Appeals may be made only to the Provincial Council.

To consist of a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, a Secretary, an Adult Fixture Secretary, two Youth Fixture Secretaries, a Hurling Fixture Secretary, a Disciplinary Secretary for Adult Fixtures, a Disciplinary Secretary for Youth fixtures, an Assistant Secretary for Adult Referees' notifications, an Assistant Secretary for Youth Referees' notifications, one fixtures analyst and the County Referee's Administrator who shall be entitled to vote only on the appointment of referees.

**COISTE CHONTAE THÍR EOGHAIN
CUMANN LÚTHCHLEAS GAEL**



**4.3 ANAILÍSÍ NA gCLUICHÍ
FIXTURES ANALYST
(1 Member)**

- (a) At least one Fixtures Analyst shall be appointed on the nomination of the Management Committee.
- (b) The Fixtures Analyst shall be responsible for monitoring and analysing the County Fixtures Programme on an annual basis.
- (c) The Fixtures Analyst shall present a Report to Annual Convention on fixtures played in all club competitions and make recommendations for changes in the fixtures calendar where appropriate.
- (d) This report will be submitted to the Provincial and Central Fixtures Analysis Committees annually.
- (e) A Fixture Analyst shall be appointed as a member of the County Competitions Control Committee.

**4.4 AN COISTE ÉISTEACHTA
HEARINGS COMMITTEE
(9 members)**

- (a) To consist of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, a Secretary, and six other named members.
- (b) It shall adjudicate on all Disciplinary Matters where a Hearing is prescribed and requested, relating to the Enforcement of Rules and Codes arising from matters under the jurisdiction of the County Committee or the Executive Committee of a Club within the County.

Exception:

- (i) A Hearing of an Objection/Counter Objection is the function of the County Competitions Control Committee.
- (ii) It shall adjudicate on Appeals that may arise from decisions of the Competitions Control Committee on applications for Transfer Within the County, the Grading of Players and Entitlement of Attachment to First Club.
(See provisions outlined in Rules 6.4(f), Code 10.8 and Rule 6.3(d) respectively).
- (iii) No Member of the Management Committee or Competitions Control Committee may serve as a member of the County Hearings Committee.
- (iv) The powers of the County Hearings Committee shall be plenary powers.

**4.5 COISTE NA SLÁINTE AGUS NA nÁISEANNA
SAFETY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE
(6 members)**

It shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with,

- (a) Ground Health and Safety Legislation
- (b) Chapter 5 of The Official Guide (Control of Association Property).
- (c) The terms of the Associations Public Liability and Property Insurance policies.

It shall further make recommendations to the County Management and Finance Committees in relation to:

- (i) The development of Grounds and Facilities, including advice on available grant aid.
- (ii) Other duties as directed from time-to-time by Central Council.

The Committee shall consist of at least six members, to include The Safety and Facilities Officer (as Chairperson) and a qualified Event Controller. The remaining members should be suitably qualified in areas relevant to the terms of reference of the Committee. Other persons with the particular skill set appropriate to specific items under discussion by the Committee may be added from time-to-time and shall act as complementary workgroups.

**4.6 AN COISTE PLEANÁLA AGUS TRAENÁLA
PLANNING AND TRAINING COMMITTEE
(5 members)**

It shall be responsible for:

- (a) Delivering Club and County Officer Training within the county.
- (b) Assisting clubs in developing a Club Plan, including details regarding the financing of such plans.
- (c) Assisting the County in the development and implementation of a county plan.
- (d) Other duties as directed from time-to-time by Central Council.

The 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 Central Council, the relevant Provincial Council or any of their sub-committees.

**4.7 COISTE RIARACHÁIN AR REITEOIRÍ
REFEREES ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
(9 members)**

It shall be responsible for the Administration and Development of Refereeing in the County, including the recruitment, training, assessment, and classification of referees.

To consist of a Chairperson (the Referees' Administrator), a Secretary, a representative of the Coaching Committee and six further named members.

**4.8 COISTE FORBARTHA OILIÚNA AGUS NA gCLUICHÍ
COACHING AND GAMES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
(12 members)**

It shall be responsible for the implementation of Games Development activities at Club, Schools and County levels.

To consist of a Chairperson (the Coaching Officer), a Secretary (the County Games Development Manager) and ten other members.

The membership of this sub-committee to include a named representative of (a) the Primary Schools' Committee, (b) the Post-Primary Schools' Committee, (c) the Referees' Administration Committee, (d) the Hurling Officer and, (e) five other named members.

**4.9 COISTE NA GAEILGE AGUS NA hOIDHREACHTA
LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE
(8 members)**

It shall be responsible for (a) the Irish Language (b) Scór and (c) other Cultural Activities.

To consist of a Chairperson (the Officer for Irish Language and Culture), a Secretary and six named members.

**4.10 AN COISTE MARGAÍOCHTA AGUS CAIDRIMH POIBLÍ
PUBLIC RELATIONS/MARKETING COMMITTEE
(10 members)**

It shall be responsible for Publicity, Marketing and Publications.

To consist of a Chairperson (the PRO), a Secretary and eight named members.

**4.11 COISTE NA nÓG
YOUTH COMMITTEE
(6 members)**

It shall be responsible for the initiation and co-ordination of all Youth Activities within the County

To consist of a Chairperson, a Secretary and four named members, one of whom shall be the appointed County Children's Officer.

**4.12 FOCHOISTE AIRGID
FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE
(10 members)**

It shall have responsibility for all Financial Matters referred to it by the County Committee and/or the County Management Committee.

To consist of a Chairperson (the County Treasurer), a Secretary (the Assistant County Treasurer), eight additional named members.

**COISTE CHONTAE THÍR EOGHAIN
CUMANN LÚTHCHLEAS GAEL**



**4.13 COISTE NA TEICNEOLAÍOCHTA FAISNÉISE
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
(2 members)**

It shall implement procedures for the training and development of Information Technology requirements at County and Club level, as directed by the National Information Technology Committee.

To consist of a Chairperson, and one additional named member.

**4.14 << AS GAEILGE >>
COUNTY TEAMS MANAGEMENT AND PANELS SUB-COMMITTEE
(8 members)**

It shall, subject to the overall control of the County Committee, manage the relationships between:

- (a) the County Committee (as representative of the Clubs),
- (b) the County Senior Team Managers and all other personnel appointed by the County Committee to assist in the management of Senior Inter-County team panels and
- (c) the Senior Inter-County Team Panels.

This Sub-Committee must meet at least twice each year and otherwise as required. The Sub-Committee shall discharge its functions in the context of the Charter for County Committee/Player Relationships (Players' / Manager's Charter) approved by Central Council from time to time. Membership of this Sub-Committee shall be detailed in the completed said Charter, which shall be submitted to the Central Council by January 31st 2025.

**4.15 AN COISTE UM INIÚCHÓIREACHT AGUS MEASÚNÚ RIOSCA
AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE
(5 members)**

It shall support the Treasurer, the Management Committee and the Finance Sub-Committee in all financial and risk related matters.

It shall be responsible for the promotion and monitoring of good governance standards and risk management practices by the County Committee and all its subsidiaries (including any person or entity that raises funds in the name of the GAA).

It shall consist of no more than five members including a Chairperson nominated by the Management Committee and approved by the Provincial Audit and Risk Committee; and up to four other members nominated by the Management Committee. The Treasurer shall not be a member.

The Committee shall provide reports to the Provincial Audit and Risk Committee and the Central Audit and Risk Committee when requested and at least once per year.

**4.16 COISTE NA DÉIMEAGRAFAICE
DEMOGRAPHICS COMMITTEE
(5 members)**

It shall be responsible for monitoring the impact of population changes and advising the County on the formation of policies to deal with those changes. It shall liaise with the relevant committees within the Association and with relevant bodies outside the Association in carrying out its functions.

It shall consist of at least five members to include the Demographics Officer, who shall act as Chairperson. All other members shall be suitably qualified in areas relevant to the Terms of Reference of the Committee.

**4.17 COISTE NA SLÁINTE AGUS NA FOLLÁINE
HEALTH AND WELL-BEING COMMITTEE
(9 members)**

It shall have responsibility for all health-related matters referred to it by the County Committee and/or the County Management Committee.

To consist of a Chairperson, a Secretary and seven other named members, one of whom shall be the County Children's Officer.

In accordance with Rule 3.17 (m) O.G. 2024 Coiste Chontae shall appoint the following subcommittees whose powers and functions shall be as detailed in these Bye-Laws:

**4.18 COISTE FORBARTHA NA hIOMÁNA
HURLING DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
(14 members)**

It shall be responsible for the development of hurling at Club and Schools' levels within the county.

To consist of a Chairperson (the Hurling Officer), a Secretary (the Vice-Chairperson of the County Committee), the Coaching Officer and one representative of each Hurling Club within the County. The Coaching & Games Development Manager shall be a member of this Committee.

**4.19 AN COISTE IMEASCTHA
INTEGRATION COMMITTEE
(4 members)**

To consist of the County Chairperson and the Chairperson, or other nominated representative, of Ladies Football, Camogie and Handball in the county.

**4.20 COISTE AN PHLEAN STRAITÉISIGH
STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE
(5 members)**

It shall be responsible for overseeing the implementation of the County Strategic Plan and the elements of the Provincial and National Strategic Plans that relate to the county.

**4.21 COISTE ‘CLUB THÍR EOGHAIN’
CLUB TYRONE COMMITTEE
(11 members)**

It shall be responsible for the organisation and management of subscription schemes, promotion of brand partnerships and sponsorship opportunities.

To consist of a Chairperson, a Secretary and nine named members; the PRO to be included in the membership of this sub-committee.

**4.22 COISTE BAINISTÍOCHTA GHARBHACHAIDH
GARVAGHEY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
(8 members)**

To consist of a Chairperson (the Assistant Treasurer), a Secretary and six other named members.

5.1 With the exception of the County Competitions Control Committee and the County Hearings Committee the County Chairperson, County Secretary, County Treasurer and County Operations Manager are ex-officio members of all sub-committees.

5.2 Any Appeal against a decision of the County Committee, County Management Committee, County Competitions Control Committee or County Hearings Committee shall be to the Ulster Hearings Committee.

Exception: Appeals against decisions of the CCC on Applications for Transfers shall be to the County Hearings Committee.

6 ATTACHMENT TO FIRST CLUB (Riail 6.3 T.O. 2024)

A person seeking to become a member of the Association shall be restricted to joining a Club in the Catchment area of his permanent residence.

Where the CCC is satisfied that exceptional circumstances exist, they may consider individual applications, from a person seeking to join a club in a catchment area other than in the catchment area of his permanent residence. The procedure for making a decision on such an application shall be similar to the procedures to be followed when dealing with transfer applications under Riail 6.4 T.O. 2024.



7 TRANSFERS

- (a) Players seeking to transfer from one club to another within the county shall apply to the County Secretary, on the Official Transfer Form, on or before the 1ú Márta in any year. Requests for Permission to Play with a Club, in accordance with Riail 6.7 T.O 2024 in another parish, and any other movement between Clubs within the county shall be subject to the same 1ú Márta deadline.
- (b) The Transfer Form shall provide the full postal address, the email address where available, and the membership ID of the applicant. It shall also have the signature of the person seeking the transfer in Irish and the signature of the Secretary of the club which he wishes to join. The signature of the Secretary of the club he wishes to leave is optional.
- (c) All applications for Transfer will be dealt with in accordance with Riail 6.4 T.O. 2024.
- (d) The Catchment Area of a club for the purposes of this Bye-Law shall be as determined by the County Committee under Riail 6.3 T.O. 2024. An applicant for transfer will be required to establish, to the satisfaction of the committee concerned, that he has been permanently resident at an address within the club catchment area for a period of at least eight weeks before the date of his application for transfer.
- (e) A player will be entitled to transfer back to his First Club within the county without meeting the requirement of Permanent Residence (First Club is as defined in Riail 6.2 T.O. 2024).
- (f) Residence in a Club Catchment Area for the purpose of attending a Primary School, a Post-Primary School or a Third Level Educational Institution, shall not qualify as a permanent residence for the purposes of this bye-law.
- (g) For a player, up to and including Minor level, residence shall be considered to be the permanent residence of his family.
- (h) A transfer may be granted to a player to play with a Club in the area in which he works. A transfer on the grounds of work is valid only as long as the player continues to work in the club's Catchment Area, but he may complete playing in any competition which he legally commenced.

8 GRADING OF CLUBS AND PLAYERS

- 8.1 A team winning the Junior Football Championship shall be promoted to the Intermediate Grade for the following year, automatically.
- 8.2 A team winning the Intermediate Football Championship shall be promoted to the Senior Grade for the following year, automatically.
- 8.3 For a club with a Senior team and a Junior team, the County Committee may regrade a maximum of 3 players from Senior to Junior.
- 8.4 The County Competitions Control Committee shall process and make recommendations to the County Committee on applications for grading of clubs and players. All applications shall be made to the County Secretary on or before the 1ú Márta in any year and processed in accordance with Code 10.18 T.O. 2024.

- 9 The above bye-laws shall supersede all previous bye-laws and motions passed at County Convention. They shall be referred to by number in all objections, appeals and such like documents wherein they are used. Motions for their amendment or deletion shall quote the number of the bye-law to be amended or deleted, and if passed by the required majority at a County Convention, shall become operative when sanctioned by Management Committee, on behalf of Central Council.