



# RÚIN don CHOMHDHÁIL 2022







**Motions 1-3 submitted pursuant to Rule 3.40 (a) (iv) (6) T.O. 2021.**

**Motions 4-33 submitted pursuant to Rule 3.40 (a) (iv) (3) & (4) T.O. 2021:**

- 4 – 24 The Rules Advisory Committee**
- 25 – 26 The CCCC**
- 27-29 The Standing Committee on Playing Rules**
- 30 The Sliotar Workgroup**
- 31 The Coaching & Games Development Committee**
- 32 The International Workgroup**

**Motion 33 submitted pursuant to Rule 3.40 (a)(vi) T.O. 2021**

**Motions 34-45 submitted pursuant to Rule 3.40 (a) (i) & (ii) T.O. 2021.**

**Motion 46 submitted pursuant to Rule 3.40 (a) (iii) T.O. 2021.**

**Motions 47 & 48 approved by Ard Chomhairle and submitted for listing pursuant to Rule 3.43 (c)**



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**(1)**

**That Rule 6.28 (A) – Inter-County Championships – All-Ireland Senior Football Championships – Official Guide (Part 1) pages 100 -104 be amended to read as follows:**

**(A) All-Ireland Senior Football Championship  
Tier 1: Sam Maguire Cup**

**(i) Provincial Championships**

These Championships shall be played on a Knockout Format. Group or ‘Round-Robin’ Formats may not be used.

**(ii) All-Ireland Round 1 (Group Stage)**

Counties Participating

The following 16 Counties shall be eligible to participate in the All-Ireland Championship Round 1 (Group Stage).

- (a) The 4 Provincial Champions (1st seeds)
- (b) The 4 Provincial Runners-Up (2nd seeds)
- (c) The next 4 highest-ranked teams at the conclusion of the National League (3rd seeds)
- (d) The next 4 highest-ranked teams at the conclusion of the National League (4th seeds)

*Exception to (d): The previous year’s Tier 2 Championship Winners if not already qualified as one of the teams in (a) to (d) above, shall be eligible instead of the team in (d) with the lowest National League ranking at the conclusion of that year’s National League.*

Note: The ranking of teams in the National League referred to above shall be on the basis of the outcomes of the National League, including those of Promotion and Relegation, of the Competition Year. For the avoidance of doubt, a league final winner will be considered a higher seed than the team they defeated in the final.

Group Composition and order of games

- The All-Ireland Group Stage shall be on a League basis of four Groups of four teams (Groups A, B, C and D), with each team in a Group playing the other teams in their Group once. Teams will be awarded two points for a win and one point for a draw
- The composition of each group shall be decided by means of a draw.
- Each Group shall consist of one team from each of the seeded classifications in (a) to (d) above. Teams who have already met in that year’s provincial final cannot be drawn to the same group
- Each team shall play one Home game, one Away game and one game at a neutral venue.
- The order of games shall be at the discretion of the Central Competitions Control Committee, subject to the Provincial Champions in each group having their first game at Home.

Tie-breakers:

In the event of teams finishing on equal points in the group stage, the tie shall be decided by the following means and in the order specified:

- (i) Where two Teams only are involved – the outcome of the meeting of the two Teams in the Group
- (ii) Score difference – subtracting the total Scores against from the Scores for
- (iii) Highest Total Score For
- (iv) Highest Total Goals For
- (v) A Play-Off

In the event that two or more teams finish with equal points, but have been affected by a disqualification, loss of game on a proven objection, retirement or walkover, the tie shall be decided by the following means and in the order specified below:

- (i) Score Difference from the games in which only the teams involved, (teams tied on points), have played each other (i.e. subtracting the total Scores Against from total Scores For)
- (ii) Highest Total Score For, in which only the teams involved, have played each other, and have finished equal in (i)
- (iii) A Play-Off

**(iii) All-Ireland Preliminary Quarter-Finals**

The four second-placed teams from Round 1 shall be drawn to play at home against the four third-placed teams, subject in the first instance to the avoidance of repeat Provincial Final pairings and where possible repeat pairings from Round 1.

**(iv) All-Ireland Quarter-Finals**

The four first-placed teams from Round 1 shall be drawn to play against the four Preliminary Quarter-Finals winners, subject in the first instance to the avoidance of repeat Provincial Final pairings and where possible repeat pairings from Round 1.

**(v) All-Ireland Semi-Finals**

The four quarter-final winners shall play against each other in the Semi-Final based on a draw, subject to the avoidance of repeat pairings from the championship, where possible.

**(vi) All-Ireland Final**

The winners of the All-Ireland Semi-Finals shall meet in the All-Ireland Final.

**Venues for Tier 1**

Venues for the All-Ireland Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals and Final shall be determined by the Central Competitions Control Committee.

## **Tier 2: Tailteann Cup**

### **(i) Tailteann Cup Round 1 (Group Stage)**

#### Counties Participating

The following 16 Counties shall be eligible to participate in the Tailteann Cup Round 1 (Group Stage).

- (a) The 4 highest-ranked teams at the conclusion of the National League who have not qualified for the Tier 1 Championship (1st seeds)
- (b) The next 4 highest-ranked teams at the conclusion of the National League who have not qualified for the Tier 1 Championship (2nd seeds)
- (c) The next 4 highest-ranked teams at the conclusion of the National League who have not qualified for the Tier 1 Championship (3rd seeds)
- (d) The next 4 highest-ranked teams at the conclusion of the National League who have not qualified for the Tier 1 Championship (4th seeds)

*Note: The ranking of teams in the National League referred to above shall be on the basis of the outcomes of the National League, including those of Promotion and Relegation, of the Competition Year. For the avoidance of doubt, a league final winner will be considered a higher seed than the team they defeated in the final.*

#### Group Composition and order of games

- The Tailteann Cup Group Stage shall be on a League basis of four Groups of four teams (Groups 1, 2, 3 and 4), with each team in a Group playing the other teams in their Group once. Teams will be awarded two points for a win and one point for a draw
- The composition of each group shall be decided by means of a draw.
- Each Group shall consist of one team from each of the seeded classifications in (a) to (d) above.
- Each team shall play one Home game, one Away game and one game at a neutral venue.
- The order of games shall be at the discretion of the Central Competitions Control Committee, subject to the highest seeded team in each group having their first game at Home.

#### Tie-breakers

In the event of teams finishing on equal points in the group stage, the tie shall be decided by the following means and in the order specified:

- (i) Where two Teams only are involved – the outcome of the meeting of the two Teams in the Group
- (ii) Score difference – subtracting the total Scores against from the Scores for
- (iii) Highest Total Score For
- (iv) Highest Total Goals For
- (v) A Play-Off

### **(ii) Tailteann Cup Preliminary Quarter-Finals**

The second-placed team in each of the four groups in Round 1 shall be drawn to play at Home against New York and the three “best placed” third-placed teams in each group. The draw shall be subject to the avoidance of repeat pairings from Round 1.

The three “best placed” third-placed teams across the four groups shall be determined using the following criteria.

- (i) Total Number of Points
- (ii) Score difference – subtracting the total Scores against from the Scores for
- (iii) Highest Total Score For
- (iv) Highest Total Goals For
- (v) Lowest Total Goals Against
- (vi) A Play-Off



Exception: In relation to means (ii) to (v) above, if the accumulated scores of a team, so involved, are affected by a disqualification, loss of game on a proven objection, retirement or walkover, the tie shall be decided by a Play-Off.

If more than two teams are involved in a Play-Off, based on a draw conducted by the CCCC, two teams shall play-off for a Preliminary Quarter-Final place, with the remaining team(s) progressing to the Preliminary Quarter-Final.

### **(iii) Tailteann Cup Quarter-Finals**

The four first-placed teams from Round 1 shall be drawn to play at home against the four Preliminary Quarter-Finals winners.

Subject to avoidance of repeat pairings from Round 1.

### **(iv) Tailteann Cup Semi-Finals**

The four quarter-final winners shall play against each other in the Semi-Final based on an draw, subject to avoidance of repeat pairings from the championship, where possible.

### **(v) Tailteann Cup Final**

The winners of the All-Ireland Semi-Finals shall meet in the All-Ireland Final.

The Tier 2 Winner shall be eligible for the Tier 1 Championship the following year, regardless of league position. Venues for Tier 2.

Venues for the All-Ireland Semi-Finals and Final shall be determined by the Central Competitions Control Committee.

### **Scheduling for Tiers 1 and 2**

Games shall be played on Saturdays/Sundays as deemed appropriate by the Central Competitions Control Committee.

Consideration shall be given to the dual involvement of Counties in both Hurling and Football, and, where feasible, avoid direct clashes.

Provincial Runners-Up shall be allowed, where feasible, a 13-day gap between their Provincial Final and their participation in Round 1 (Group Stage).

Ard Chomhairle

**(2)**

**That Rule 6.28 (E) (F) (H) – Governing the All-Ireland Minor and U20 Football and Hurling Championships – Official Guide (Part 1)** – be temporarily set aside in 2023, 2024 and 2025 to allow for the introduction of an U19 Minor All-Ireland Football and Hurling Championship with the format and age span to be determined by Central Council.

(Rule 6.17 affected or possibly affected)

Ard Chomhairle

**(3)**

**(a) That Article 10.1 of the Club Constitution - Official Guide (Part 1) – Appendix 5, pages 178-179 be amended** by removing the word ‘Association’ in the second sentence.

**(b) That Article 10.2 of the Club Constitution - Official Guide (Part 1) – Appendix 5, page 179 be amended to read as follows:**

The powers of the Club in relation to Real, Personal and Intellectual Property are set out in Rule 5.2 of the Official Guide.

**(c) That Article 10.3 of the Club Constitution - Official Guide (Part 1) – Appendix 5, page 179 be amended to read as follows:**

The powers of the Trustees are set out in the Code in relation to Trusts of Property adopted by Central Council in accordance with Rule 5.3 (C) of the Official Guide.

**(d) That Articles 10.4 – 10.12 of the Club Constitution – Official Guide (Part 1) – Appendix 5, pages 179-180 be deleted.**

Ard Chomhairle

**(4)**

**(a) That Rule 3.4 – The Club – Club Name – Official Guide (Part 1) page 17, second paragraph be amended to read as follows:**

A motion to change the name of a Club requires a **three-fifths** majority of members present, entitled to vote and voting at a General Meeting.

The rest of the Rule to remain unchanged.

**(b) That Rule 3.20 (i) – The County Committee – Sub-Committees/Functions – The Management Committee - Official Guide (Part 1) page 26, second paragraph be amended to read:**

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 **three-fifths** majority of the members of the County Committee present, entitled to vote and voting.

The rest of the Rule to remain unchanged.

**(c) That Rule 3.38 – Special Congress – Official Guide (Part 1) page 44, first paragraph be amended to read:**

In special circumstances, and with the support of a **three-fifths** majority of its members, the Central Council may summon a Special Congress. A Special Playing Rules’ Congress may be called by Central Council to meet the provisions of Rule 3.40(d). In such circumstances, Central Council shall be entitled to determine the Representation.

The rest of the Rule to remain unchanged.

**(d) That Rule 3.43 (c) – Central Council – Powers and Functions – Official Guide (Part 1) page 49, final paragraph be amended to read:**

Motions to remove or to amend any of these Rules shall be carried by **three-fifths** of those present, entitled to vote and voting at a meeting of Central Council. Any removal or amendment to these Rules shall be listed in the following Congress Agenda, before coming into effect four weeks from the date of Congress and being included in the Official Guide.

**(e) That Rule 4.3 – Administrative Regulations, Protocols and Controls - Official Guide (Part 1) page 63, be amended to read:**

Except where otherwise provided in these Rules, all decisions at General Meetings and Committee Meetings shall be taken by a simple majority of those present entitled to vote and voting, and in the event of a tie, the presiding Chairperson shall have a casting vote in addition to his vote as a member, irrespective of whether or not he had originally voted on the issue. Any decision taken at a duly convened meeting of any Committee or Council of the Association, shall not be rescinded at a subsequent meeting, unless due notice of intention to propose rescindment has been previously conveyed to each member, and the consent of **three-fifths** of those present entitled to vote and voting is obtained.

The Rules Advisory Committee/Ard Chomhairle

**(5)**

**That Rule 3.20 – The County Committee – Official Guide (Part 1), page 26 be amended to read as follows:**

A County Committee shall appoint the following Sub Committees, **membership of which shall be determined by the County Committee**, and set out in County Bye-Laws except as otherwise provided in this Rule; Each Committee shall have a specified number of members:

The rest of the rule to remain unchanged.

The Rules Advisory Committee/Ard Chomhairle

**(6)**

**That Rule 3.32 (A) (iv) – The Province – Sub-Committees/Functions – Official Guide (Part 1), page 39 be amended to read as follows:**

- (iv) **Safety & Facilities Committee.** It shall be responsible for Grounds and Physical Development, Club Development and County Administration, and Grounds' Safety.

The Rules Advisory Committee/Ard Chomhairle

**(7)**

**That Rule 3.37 – Congress – Official Guide (Part 1), page 44 be amended to read as follows:**

A candidate for the position of President or Representative of Congress shall be nominated by a County Committee. Such nomination shall be made on the Nomination Form, which shall be sent to the County Committee no later than 1st January prior to the Annual Congress, and which shall be completed and returned to the Director General before **15th January**.

The rest of the rule to remain unchanged.

The Rules Advisory Committee/Ard Chomhairle

**(8)**

**That Rule 3.42 (a) – Central Council – Official Guide (Part 1) page 48 be amended by changing the second paragraph to read as follows:**

**A member of the Council shall not hold office as a representative of the same unit for more than five years.** A year's term shall be from immediately after an Annual Congress to the conclusion of the next Annual Congress.

The rest of the rule to remain unchanged.

The Rules Advisory Committee/Ard Chomhairle

**(9)**

**That Rule 6.6 (Exceptions (ii) & (iii)) - Inter-County Transfers - Official Guide (Part 1), page 79 be amended to read as follows:**

- (ii) A player who has 'Other Relevant Connection' with a Particular Club (i) as defined in sub-section (b) of Rule 6.3, **subject to the player having celebrated his 18th birthday in a preceding Championship Year to the year of his transfer application.**
- (iii) A player who has 'Other Relevant Connection' with a Particular Club (ii), (as defined in sub-section (b) of Rule 6.3, subject to the Club he is transferring to is in a County allowed by Central Council to avail of this provision, and sanction for the Transfer is given by the Dublin County Committees (see Appendix 4), **subject to the player having celebrated his 18th birthday in a preceding Championship Year to the year of his transfer application.**

A player who avails of an Exception above may not thereafter declare for a Club in another County.

The rest of the Rule to remain unchanged.

The Rules Advisory Committee/Ard Chomhairle

**(10)**

**That Rule 6.8 (D) 6 - Official Guide (Part 1) page 82 be amended to read as follows:**

A player who joins a new Club on an Inter-County transfer **may not thereafter play with his former club without a further transfer.** A player who has already played in a given year's Championship with his former club may play with his new Club only in a non-championship competition(s) of that year.

The Rules Advisory Committee/Ard Chomhairle

**(11)**

**That Rule 6.8 Exceptions to (A), (B), (C) and (D) - Official Guide (Part 1), page 81 be amended as follows:**

**(1) (a) & (b) be amended to read:**

(1) Subject to allowance by the County Committee under Rule 3.19 (n):

A Player of a Club without an **U21 or Younger Grade team**, subject to County Bye-Laws and any restrictions therein, may play:

(a) With an Independent **U21 or Younger Grade Team** within the County which shall not bear the name of an Adult Club within that County.

Or

(b) With another **U21 or Younger Grade Team** within the County. In the case of a team having five or more players under this provision in Rule, the team shall play under and be recognised by the combined names of the Clubs in question or by an independent name which shall not bear the name of an Adult Club within the County.

**(2) (iii) be amended to read:**

(2) (iii) Play with his College Club in adult competitions and with his Own Club

in Under 21/20/**U19** and Minor competitions, where the latter Club is of Senior status within the same County as the College Club, provided that the player obtains a transfer to the College Club from the County Committee.

The rest of the Rule to remain unchanged.

The Rules Advisory Committee/Ard Chomhairle

**(12)**

**That Rule 6.17 – Age Grades – Official Guide (Part 1) page 91/93 be amended by the addition of the following Exception at the end of the section dealing with Club – Underage Grades:**  
**Exception:**

A County Committee may reduce the eligibility Age-Span applicable in any of the above Under Age grades by one or more years e.g., the U21 grade has a five year span but a County Committee may reduce this span to one of four years by requiring that a player shall have celebrated his 17th birthday prior to January 1st of the Championship Year.

The Rules Advisory Committee/Ard Chomhairle

**(13)**

**That Rule 6.19 Club Championships and League Status of Players – Official Guide (Part 1), page 94 be amended to read:**

A player is graded by his Championship Status e.g., if a player plays in a Senior Championship game, **he is graded Senior until he is regraded**, but he cannot be regraded during that Championship Year.

The rest of the Rule to remain unchanged.

The Rules Advisory Committee/Ard Chomhairle

**(14)**

**(a) That Rule 7.2 (b) – Infractions - Category V - Penalties - Official Guide (Part 1) pages 128/129 be amended to read:**

- (1) Minimum: 12 weeks Suspension in all Codes and at all Levels **together with a Two-Match Suspension in the same Code and at the same Level, applicable to the next games in the same Competition, even if one or more of the games occur(s) in the following year's competition;**
- (2) Minimum on Repeat Infraction: 24 weeks Suspension in all Codes and at all Levels **together with a Three-Match Suspension in the same Code and at the same Level, applicable to the next games in the same Competition, even if one or more of the games occur(s) in the following year's competition.**

**(b) That Rule 7.2 (c) Category IVa – Penalties – Official Guide (Part 1) page 133 be amended to read:**

- (1) Minimum: 12 weeks Suspension **together with a Two-Match Suspension in the same Code and at the same Level, applicable to the next games in the same Competition, even if one or more of the games occur(s) in the following year's competition;**
- (2) Minimum on Repeat Infraction: 24 weeks Suspension **together with a Three-Match Suspension in the same Code and at the same Level, applicable to the next games in the same Competition, even if one or more of the games occur(s) in the following year's competition.**

The Rules Advisory Committee/Ard Chomhairle

**(15)****That Rule 7.3 (aa) (5) – Enforcement of Rules/Arbitration - Procedures for Disciplinary and Related Hearings – Official Guide (Part 1) Page 143 be amended to read as follows:**

Evidence or information shall not be accepted or considered unless applicable to a period not longer than 96 weeks prior to the date of the **Notice of Disciplinary Action**.

**Exceptions** to this provision shall be:

- (i) Copy Extracts of Official Records
- (ii) Proof of Age
- (iii) Where a matter is considered to be of exceptional seriousness by the Hearings Committee concerned for reasons to be set out in writing by that Hearings Committee.

The Rules Advisory Committee/Ard Chomhairle

**(16)****That Rule 7.5 (b) – Suspensions – Gravity – Official Guide (Part 1), pages 146/147– be amended to read as follows:**

Where a minimum Suspension is prescribed in relation to an Infraction, the Council or Committee-in-Charge shall have due regard for the gravity of Infraction in each case. Where appropriate, the Council or Committee-in-Charge shall impose additional Match Suspension(s) or a longer Term of Suspension **and shall provide reasons for the imposition of a penalty in excess of the minimum**. No Term of Suspension shall exceed 96 weeks. However, in exceptionally serious cases the penalties of Debarment from playing or Expulsion may be imposed.

The Rules Advisory Committee/Ard Chomhairle

**(17)****That Rule 7.11 (c)– Enforcement of Rules/Arbitration – Appeals – Official Guide (Part 1) page 157 shall be amended to read as follows:**

- (c) All parties to any original Hearing shall have the right to be present at **and participate** in the hearing of an Appeal.

The Rules Advisory Committee/Ard Chomhairle

**(18)****That Rule 7.11 (g) (3) – Appeals – Submission of Appeal - Official Guide (Part 1), page 158 be amended to read as follows:**

Be accompanied by a fee of €100 in the case of a Club, **an individual Member, or a family unit** and €300 in the case of a County Committee or Provincial Council.

The Rules Advisory Committee/Ard Chomhairle

**(19)**

**That Rule 7.14 Remitted Cases – Temporary Members - Constitution of Committees - Official Guide (Part 1), page 162 be amended by the addition of sub-sections (a) and (b) to read as follows:**

The Committee/Council concerned (or its respective Management Committee) may appoint temporary members to the Competitions Control Committee and/or Hearings Committee, as necessary, to facilitate the case being dealt with in the following scenarios:

- (a) Where a case is remitted for rehearing or reprocessing, with an additional directive that the case be dealt with by a differently constituted Committee(s).
- (b) Where a Committee by virtue of being unable to reach a quorum, due to conflicts of interest, requires temporary members.

The Rules Advisory Committee/Ard Chomhairle

**(20)**

**That the Exception to Rule 4.4 (i) & (ii) - Rules of Specification - Official Guide Part 2, pages 15/16 be amended to read as follows:**

**Exception:**

A County Committee may reduce the dimensions stated in (i) and/or (ii) above for U15 or younger grades within its jurisdiction.

The Rules Advisory Committee/Ard Chomhairle

**(21)**

**That Article 5.11.2 of the Club Constitution – Official Guide (Part 1) – Appendix 5, page 171 be amended to read as follows:**

A penalty imposed by the Executive Committee applies within the Club only. Where the Executive Committee decides to initiate Disciplinary Action and to propose a penalty which would apply outside of the Club, the matter shall be transferred to the County Competitions Control Committee for processing.

The Rules Advisory Committee/Ard Chomhairle

**(22)**

**That Article 7.2 of the Club Constitution – Official Guide (Part 1) – Appendix 5, page 171 be amended to read as follows:**

The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, **Assistant Secretary**, Registrar, Officer for Irish Language and Culture, Public Relations Officer, Children's Officer, one Players' Representative, and at least five, but not more than ten other Full Members.

The Rules Advisory Committee/Ard Chomhairle



**(23)**

**That Article 7.19 of the Club Constitution – Official Guide (Part 1), Appendix 5, page 173 be amended to read as follows:**

Motions to County Convention shall be submitted as per Rule 3.14 of the Official Guide.

The Rules Advisory Committee/Ard Chomhairle

**(24)**

**That Rule 6.5(a) - Transfers Within County - Official Guide (Part 1), page 78 be amended to read:**

A County shall have a Bye-Law governing the transfer of players from one Club to another within the County.

Such Bye-Law shall be consistent with Rule.

Such Bye-Law may restrict the eligibility of a player to a transfer by reference to such matters as the County shall consider appropriate (e.g. by reference to permanent residence or Other Relevant Connections between the transfer applicant and the Catchment Area of the proposed new Club etc.).

A County shall have the option, within County Bye-Law, to allow a player to play with a Club in the area in which he works. **However, a Bye-Law shall not prevent a transfer being granted where the relevant Competitions Control Committee is satisfied that it is necessary to do so to protect a child from harm and to comply with the child safeguarding commitments of the Association.**

Additional restrictions of a procedural nature may be imposed if the County considers them appropriate (e.g., limiting the time within a given year when transfer applications might be made).

The Rules Advisory Committee/Ard Chomhairle

**(25)**

**That Rules 3.5 and 3.6 Rules of Specification, Official Guide (Part 2), pages 12-13 be deleted and replaced with the following new Rule 3.5:**

- (a) The Central Council shall approve a system to determine the result of games which finish level after extra-time as provided for in Rule has been played, without a replay - 'Winner on the Day'. The regulations for 'Winner on the Day' shall be determined by the Central Council.
- (b) Unless the Management Committee of the Central Council, on application by the relevant Competitions Control Committee, permits otherwise, knockout games in all inter-county hurling and football competitions, club competitions and 3rd level championships shall be decided by 'Winner on the Day':

**Exception:** All-Ireland Senior Football (Tier 1) and Hurling Finals (Tier 1), which will have Extra-time in the original fixture and will be decided by 'Winner on the Day' in the event of a replay only.

(Rule affected – Rule 3.4, Rules of Specification)

CCCC/Ard Chomhairle

**(26)**

**(a) That Rule 6.28 – Inter-County Championships – Official Guide (Part 1), pages 100-110 be amended by including a new section (K) as follows:**

For the league part of Inter-County Championship Competitions, the relevant regulations covering, points for, if a Team is Disqualified or Retires, league ordering shall be included in the Competition Regulations and approved by Central Council.

**(b) That the Points/Tie-Breakers sections of rule 6.28 A and B – Inter-County Championships (Official Guide (Part 1), page 97 to 103 be deleted (this includes these sections of Motion 1 on the new Structure of the Senior Football Championship, if passed).**

**(c) That Rule 6.28 (F) – Inter-County Championships – Official Guide (Part 1), page 109 be amended to read:**

**(F) ALL-IRELAND MINOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP**

The All-Ireland Minor Hurling Championship shall be organised initially on a Provincial basis in Munster and Leinster. Ulster Teams, as agreed by the Ulster and Leinster Councils, shall participate in the Leinster Championship.

The All-Ireland Series shall be organised as follows:

The Munster and Leinster Winners shall automatically qualify for separate Semi-Finals and may not meet the defeated Finalists of their own Province at this stage.

A 'Round-Robin' All-Ireland Series shall be organised to produce two more All-Ireland Semi-finalists. The three participating teams shall be Galway and the defeated Munster and Leinster Finalists. Fixtures shall be arranged so that the Winners of the first of the three games shall play in the second game. If the first game is drawn, the team to play in the second game shall be decided on the toss of a coin.

The top two teams in the 'Round-Robin' Group shall qualify for the Semi-Finals.

***Where all three teams finish level on points and cannot be separated by the Regulations set out in Rule 6.21(5) (a), (b), (c) and (d), one team shall qualify for the Semi-Finals on the basis of a Draw and a 'Play-Off' shall be staged involving the two remaining teams to determine the second team qualifying for the Semi-Finals.***

The All-Ireland 'B' and 'C' Hurling Championships shall be organised on the basis of recommendations of the Development Competitions Control Committee, as approved by Central Council.

**(27)****(1)**

**That Temporary Rule 5.46 - Rules of Hurling - Official Guide (Part 2), pages 65-68** be retained for Senior Inter-County Championships and National Leagues in 2022 and 2023 and be amended as follows:

5.46 Notwithstanding provisions of existing Playing Rules 2.2 Exception (i), 5 and specifically 5.45, if one of the following infractions -

- (a) To pull down an opponent (5.1) or
- (b) To trip an opponent with hand (s), arm, leg, foot, or hurley (5.2) or
- (c) To use the hurley in a careless manner (5.6) is committed on an attacking player who is denied of a goal-scoring opportunity, as defined in Important Terms and Definitions 9, the following penalties shall apply:
  - (i) A Penalty Puck shall be awarded to the team affected.
  - (ii) The offender shall be issued with a Black Card and be sent to the Sin Bin for 10 minutes

**Exception:** If the offender has previously been issued with a Black Card or a Yellow Card (on foot of a Cautionable Infraction), he shall be ordered off for the remainder of the game, including Extra-Time when played.

**Rules Affected:** Rules 2.2 Exception (i), 2.4 (b), 2.5, 5 and specifically 5.45, Playing Rules of Hurling, O.G Part 2; Rule 1.2 (ix) (d) and (e) Rules of Control; O.G. Part 2 Important Terms and Definitions- current 2 and 17 and new 9 (with subsequent Definitions renumbered) O.G. Part 2. Rule 7.2 (b), O.G. Part 1.

**(2)**

**That Temporary Rule 5.42 - Rules of Football - Official Guide (Part 2), pages 101-105 be retained for Senior Inter-County Championships and National Leagues in 2022 and 2023 and be amended as follows:**

5.42 Notwithstanding provisions of existing Playing Rules 2.2 Exception (i), 5 and specifically 5.41, if one of the following infractions-

- (a) To deliberately pull down an opponent (5.10) or
- (b) To deliberately trip an opponent with hand (s), arm, leg, or foot, (5.11) or
- (c) To deliberately collide with an opponent after he has played the ball away or for the purpose of taking him out of the movement of play (5.12) is committed on an attacking player who or, in the case of a Rule 5.12 (Football) Infraction, his team, is denied of a goal-scoring opportunity, as defined in Important Terms and Definitions 9, the following penalties shall apply:
  - (i) A Penalty Kick shall be awarded to the team affected.
  - (ii) The offender shall be issued with a Black Card and be sent to the Sin Bin for 10 minutes.

**Exception:** If the offender has previously been issued with a Black Card or a Yellow Card (on foot of a Cautionable Infraction) he shall be ordered off for the remainder of the game, including Extra-Time when played.

**Rules Affected:** Rules 2.2 Exception (i), 2.4 (b), 2.5, 2.6, 5 and specifically 5.45, Playing Rules of Football, O.G Part 2; Rule 1.2 (ix) (d) Rules of Control, O.G. Part 2; Important Terms and Definitions- current 2 and new number 9 (with subsequent Terms/Definitions renumbered), O.G. Part 2. Rule 7.2 (b) O.G. Part 1.

**(3)**

**Insert in Important Terms and Definitions – Official Guide (Part 2), pages 108-11** (as number 9, with subsequent Terms/Definitions renumbered):

Goal-Scoring Opportunity (Denial of)

In the context of Temporary Rules 5.46 (Hurling)/5.42 (Football)

A situation requiring each of the following criteria:

- (i) The attacking player fouled, as specified in these Temporary Rules, shall be in possession of the ball, except in the case of Rule 5.12 (Football). Possession shall include a player being in control of the ball as specified in any one or more Rule 1-The Play sub-sections 1.3, 1.4, 1.7 (Hurling); 1.4, 1.5 (Football).
- (ii) The location of the infraction shall be either:
  - (a) Inside the 20-metre line, but as a 'rule of thumb' not within 25 metres infield of each sideline or
  - (b) Within the semi-circular Arc.
- (iii) In the opinion of the Referee, the player fouled or, in the case of a Rule 5.12 Infraction, his team, had and was denied of the opportunity to score a goal when the infraction was committed.

**(28)**

**That Rule 5 - Aggressive Fouls - Rules of Hurling and Rules of Football – Official Guide (Part 2) be amended as follows:**

**(1)**

Insert as first Rule in section **Other Provisions** in Hurling:

- (a) To commit any of the fouls listed in Rules 5.16 to 5.20 or 5.26 to 5.33 on an opponent on the field from prior to the start of a game until its conclusion on the day.
- (b) To commit any of the fouls listed in Rules 5.38 to 5.41 on a Referee, Umpire, Linesman or Sideline Official from prior to the start of a game until its conclusion on the day.

**PENALTY FOR THE ABOVE FOULS:**

Offender shall be treated as ordered off and shall not participate or further participate in the game. If the offender, at the time of the infraction, is one of the 15 players (or less) of the actual team notified to the Referee on a List/Note or Substitution/Temporary Substitution slip, he may not be substituted, except as allowed in Rule 2.5 Players in Extra-Time, Rules of Specification.

**Rules Affected:** Delete Rules 5.25 and 5.37 (as contents in amended form are included on new composite Rule); Internal Rule numbers in Rule 5 to be amended as a consequence of the motion; Rule 7.2 (b) Official Guide Part 1.

**(2)**

Insert as first Rule in section **Other Provisions** in Football:

- (a) To commit any of the fouls listed in Rules 5.15 to 5.18 or 5.24 to 5.29 on an opponent on the field from prior to the start of a game until its conclusion on the day.
- (b) To commit any of the fouls listed in Rules 5.34 to 5.37 on a Referee, Umpire, Linesman or Sideline Official from prior to the start of a game until its conclusion on the day.

**PENALTY FOR THE ABOVE FOULS:**

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

If the offender, at the time of the infraction, is one of the 15 players (or less) of the actual team notified to the Referee on a List/Note or Substitution/Temporary Substitution slip, he may not be substituted, except as allowed in Rule 2.5 Players in Extra-Time, Rules of Specification.

**Rules affected:** Delete Rules 5.23 and 5.33 (as contents in amended form are included in new composite Rule); Internal Rule numbers in Rule 5 to be amended as a consequence of the motion; Rule 7.2 (b), Official Guide Part 1.

The Standing Committee on Playing Rules/Ard Chomhairle

**(29)**

**That Rule 7.2 (b) – Infractions - Official Guide (Part 1), page 124 be amended** by replacing content immediately after subheading **Category 1** to read:

**Category 1**

Being ordered off on foot of infractions that follow the issuing of two Yellow or Black Cards of any sequence or combination.

No other change in existing Rule proposed.

The Standing Committee on Playing Rules/Ard Chomhairle

**(30)**

**That Rule 4.4 (i) Equipment – Official Guide (Part 2), page 15 be amended to read as follows:**

The diameter of the Sliotar - not including the rim (rib) - shall be between 69mm and 72mm.

The mass of the Sliotar shall be between 110 and **116** grams.

The rim (rib) height shall be between **1.8mm** and **2.6mm**.

The rim (rib) width shall be between 3.6 mm and 5.4mm.

The thickness of the leather (**chrome or synthetic**) cover shall be between 1.8mm. and 2.7mm. and shall not be laminated with a coating greater than 0.15mm.

Sliotars will only be approved for use based on compliance with standards and tests as set out by Central Council.

Approved **Match** Sliotars (**Go Games, Juvenile/Super Games, Adult**) shall carry the GAA mark of approval.

Annual testing will be carried out, at an independent and approved test centre, to ensure that Sliotars continue to comply with the standards set out only by the Central Council.

The Central Council may adopt a single core that shall be used by any manufacturer/supplier who is approved to provide Sliotars for use in official games. It may also approve the use of a smart chip - for Sliotar authentication purposes - in specific official games.

The Sliotar Workgroup/Ard Chomhairle

**(31)**

**(a)**

**That Article 7.2 of the Club Constitution – Official Guide (Part 1), page 171 be amended by inserting the words “Coaching Officer” to read as follows:**

The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Registrar, Officer for Irish Language and Culture, Public Relations Officer, Children’s Officer, **Coaching Officer**, one Players’ Representative, and at least five, but not more than ten other Full Members.

**(b)**

**That Article 7.4 of the Club Constitution – Official Guide (Part 1), page 171 be amended by inserting the words “Coaching Officer“ to read as follows:**

The Executive Committee, shall be elected by the Full Members present, entitled to vote and voting at the Annual General Meeting. Exceptions: The Children’s Officer, **Coaching Officer** and the Officer for Irish Language and Culture, and the Players’ Representative, who shall have participated as a player with the Club within the previous 48 weeks, shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting on the recommendation of the outgoing Executive.

The Coaching & Games Development Committee/Ard Chomhairle

**(32)**

**That Rule 3.35 – Organisational Structures – National – Congress – Official Guide Part 1 (page 42) be amended to read as follows:**

The Annual Congress shall be held prior to 1st March. The venue shall be selected by the Central Council, who shall give due consideration to all applications received by the Council. It shall consist of the outgoing Council (voting rights as on the Council), the past Presidents, and delegates from the Counties on the following basis:

- (i) Counties that participated in the previous year’s Senior Inter-County Championships One delegate from each ten affiliated Clubs or fraction of ten over five, but the minimum representation from such Counties to be four delegates. Counties with fewer than five affiliations to have two representatives. The maximum representation for any one County shall be ten delegates.
- (ii) Other Counties  
One delegate from each **fourteen** affiliated Clubs or fraction of **fourteen** over **seven**, but the minimum representation from such Counties to be three delegates. The maximum representation for any one County shall be **ten** delegates.

The Gaelic Players’ Association shall be represented by one named representative of the Association. Provincial Secretaries and Chairpersons of National Committees shall be entitled to attend and speak but shall not have voting rights. The President, at his discretion, may invite other visitors to Congress to speak.”

International Workgroup/Ard Chomhairle (deferred from Special Congress)

**(33)**

That the GAA will prioritise integration with the LGFA and Camogie Association in order to jointly ensure equal recognition, investment and opportunity for all genders to play all sports in the Gaelic Games Family.

The Gaelic Players Association

**(34)**

**That Rule 1.16 – Anti-Doping/Doping Control Committee – Official Guide (Part 1), page 9 be amended** by the inclusion of an additional subsection (d) as follows:

- (d) A player who wishes to participate in an adult Championship game must have completed courses approved by Central Council on Alcohol, Gambling and Substance abuse (AGSA) and Anti-doping Education in that Championship year or the preceding one.

**Penalty:** A One-Match Suspension in the same Code and at the same level applicable to the next game in the same competition, even if the game occurs in the following year.

Rule 3.43 (c) affected.

CLG Rath Domhnaigh Aireil (Laois)

**(35)**

**That Rule 3.38 – National – Special Congress – Official Guide (Part 1), page 44 be amended by removing the last sentence of the first paragraph to read:**

In special circumstances, and with the support of a two-thirds majority of its members, the Central Council may summon a Special Congress. A Special Playing Rules' Congress may be called by Central Council to meet the provisions of Rule 3.40(d).

The rest of the Rule to remain unchanged.

Coiste Contae Fhear Manach

**(36)**

**(a)**

**That the third paragraph of Rule 6.3 – Definitions – Official Guide (Part 1), page 76 be amended to read as follows:**

**First Club:** The Club (or Club within an Independent Team) with which a player first legally (i.e., in accordance with Rule and Bye Law) participated in Club Competition, at any Grade including Go-Games, organised by the County Committee or one of its Sub-Committees in the County of his permanent residence.

The rest of the Rule to remain unchanged.

**(b)**

That Rule 6.4 (d) - Attachment to First Club – Official Guide (Part 1), page 77 be amended to read as follows:

(d) When a player first legally participates in Club Competition with a Club (including a Club within an Independent Team), at any Grade including Go-Games, organised by the County Committee or one of its Sub-Committees, that Club becomes his First Club.

Scairbh na gCaorach (Muineachán)  
O'Connors, Glack (Doire)



**(37)**

**That Rule 6.6 (a) – Inter-County Transfers – Official Guide (Part 1), page 79 be amended to read as follows:**

- (a) A player who wishes to join a Club in another County must apply for a transfer to the Provincial or Central Council, as appropriate. An application for Transfer **must** be made ‘online’.

Strasbourg Gaels (Eorap)

**(38)**

- (a)

**That Rule 6.12 – Playing in the U.S.A. /Canada/Australasia/Europe – Official Guide (Part 1), page 85 be amended** by removing the word Europe from the heading to reads as follows:

**6.12 – Playing in the USA /Canada/Australasia**

- (b)

**That Rule 6.12 (a) – Playing in the USA /Canada/Australasia/Europe – Official Guide (Part 1), page 85 be amended so that the first paragraph reads as follows:**

A weekend Authorisation is required by any player intending to assist a Club in a game under the jurisdiction of the New York Board. The Official Authorisation, in duplicate requires the signatures of the player’s Home Club Secretary and the County Secretary and must be presented for signature by the Director General (or other designated person) in Croke Park before 4pm on the Wednesday before the game.

Eorap

**(39)**

**That Rule 6.17 – Age Grades – Official Guide (Part 1), pages 91-93 be amended** by removing the phrase ‘to Central Council Policy’.

The rest of the Rule to remain unchanged.

Cumann Aireagal Chiaráin (Tír Eoghain)  
 Cumann Naomh Maolmhaodhóg Casilean Uidhilín; Cumann Áth Bhriain,  
 Cumann Loch an Oileáin (An Dún)  
 Carraig Éamonn (Longfort)  
 Corr Dubh (Muineachán)

**(40)**

**That Rule 6.17 – Age Grades – Official Guide (Part 1), page 92 be amended** by changing the definition of Minor to read as follows:

**INTER-COUNTY**

**Minor (Under 18)** A Player shall have celebrated his 14th birthday prior to January 1st and his 18th birthday after January 1st of the Championship Year.

The rest of the Rule to remain unchanged.

Corr Dubh (Muineachán)

**(41)**

**That Rule 6.17 – Age Grades – Official Guide (Part 1), pages 91-93 be amended** by changing the definition of Minor to read as follows:

**INTER-COUNTY**

**Minor (Under 18)** A player shall have celebrated his 15th birthday prior to January 1st and his 18th birthday on or after January 1st of the Championship year.

The rest of the Rule to remain unchanged.

Carraig Éamonn (An Longfort)

**(42)**

**That Rule 6.17 – Age Grades – Official Guide (Part 1), pages 91-93 be amended** by changing the definition of Minor to read as follows:

**INTER-COUNTY**

**Minor (Under 18)** A player shall have celebrated his 16th birthday prior to January 1st and his 18th birthday on or after January 1st of the Championship year.

The rest of the Rule to remain unchanged.

Killygarry (An Cabhán)

**(43)**

**That the first paragraph of Rule 6.17 – Age Grades – Official Guide (Part 1), pages 91-93 be amended to read:**

**CLUB  
Adult:**

A Player shall have celebrated his 17th birthday prior to **July 1st** of the Championship Year.

Cumann Naomh Maolmhaodhóg, Caislean Uidhilín (An Dún)

**(44)**

**That Rule 6.21 – Club Championships – Official Guide (Part 1), pages 96-97 be amended by the addition of a new subsection to read as follows:**

- (6) There shall be 16 weeks designated exclusively to counties for the purpose of completing their club championship programme. No Inter-County games or Inter-County club championship games shall be scheduled during this period.

**To apply from January 1st, 2023**

Ma Dheilge (Port Láirge)

**(45)**

**That Rule 6.21 (5) – Club Championships – Official Guide (Part 1), pages 96-97 be amended as follows:**

- (c) Except where provided for otherwise in these Rules, in County Bye-Law or in Competition Regulation, when Teams finish with equal points for Qualification for the Concluding Stages, or for Promotion or Relegation, the tie shall be decided by the following means and in the order specified:
- (i) Where two Teams only are involved - the outcome of the meeting of the two Teams in the previous game in the Competition;
  - (ii) Scoring Difference (subtracting the total Scores Against from total Scores For);
  - (iii) Highest Total Score For;
  - (iv) A Play-Off.

Exceptions to (c): Except where provided for otherwise in County Bye-Law or Competition Regulation, Regulations (i), (ii) and (iii) above shall not apply to Under 17 or younger age grade competitions.

The remainder of the rule to remain as is.

Eiméid Óg Cill Eo (Longfort)

**(46)**

**That Rule 7.2 (b) - Category IV – Official Guide (Part 1) page 127/128 be amended to read:**

Category IV

- (i) Striking or attempting to strike with arm, elbow, hand, or knee either with force or causing injury.
- (ii) Striking or attempting to strike with the head.
- (iii) Striking with hurley, either with force or causing injury.
- (iv) Attempting to strike with hurley, with force.
- (v) Kicking, either with force or causing injury.
- (vi) Attempting to kick, with force.
- (vii) Stamping.
- (viii) Inflicting injury recklessly by means other than those stated above.
- (ix) Any type of assault on an Opposing Team Official.
- (x) An act by Deed, Word or Gesture of a Racist, Sectarian or Anti-Inclusion/Diversity nature on an opponent, teammate, Match Official or spectator.

**Penalties:** For Infractions (i) to (ix) Inclusive:

- (1) Minimum: A Two-Match Suspension in the same Code and at the same Level, applicable to the next games in the same Competition, even if one or both game(s) occur(s) in the following year's competition;
- (2) Minimum on Repeat Infraction: A Three-Match Suspension in the same Code and at the same Level, applicable to the next games in the same Competition in which the Repeat Infraction occurred, even if one or more of the game(s) occur(s) in the following year's competition.

Exceptions to (1) and (2) above:

Arising from the National League, the Inter County Senior Championship or from a combination of both Competitions (all in the same Code), the above Penalties shall be substituted by:

- (1) Minimum: A Two-Match Suspension in the same Code and at the same Level applicable to the next games in the combination of the National League/ Inter-County Senior Championship, even if one or both games occur(s) in the following year.
- (2) Minimum on Repeat Infraction: A Three-Match Suspension in the same Code and at the same Level applicable to the next games in the combination of the National League/Inter-County Senior Championship, even if one or more games occur(s) in the following year.

**For Infraction (x):**

- (1) Minimum: 48-weeks Suspension in all Codes and at all Levels. Debarment and Expulsion from the Association may also be considered.**
- (2) Minimum on Repeat Infraction: Debarment or Expulsion from the Association.**

An Bhreatain

**(47)**

**That Central Council, in accordance with Rule 3.43 (c) amends Rule 4.15 – Official Guide (Part 1), page 68 to read as follows:**

- (a) It shall be the privilege of the captain of the winning team to accept the trophy on behalf of the team.
- (b) One additional player may join the captain in accepting the trophy, if part of a winning Independent Team approved by a County Committee for the purposes of Exception (1)(a) or (1)(b) of the Exceptions to (A),(B),(C) and (D) of Rule 6.8

Renumber (b) and (c) as (c) and (d).

Ard Chomhairle

**(48)****(a)**

**That Rule 5.3 – Trusts of Association Property – Official Guide (Part 1) page 71 be amended by** removing the word ‘Association’ from the title.

**(b)**

**That Rule 5.3 (A) – Trusts of Association Property – Official Guide (Part 1) page 71 be amended by** removing the word ‘Association’ from the sixth line.

**(c)**

**That Rule 5.3 (B) - Identity of Trustees – Trusts of Association Property – Official Guide (Part 1) pages 71-73 be deleted in full and dealt with in the Code in relation to Trusts of Property.**

**(d)**

**That Rule 5.3 (C) – Code in relation to Trusts of Association Property – Official Guide (Part 1), page 73 be amended by** removing the word ‘Association’ from the title and from the second line.

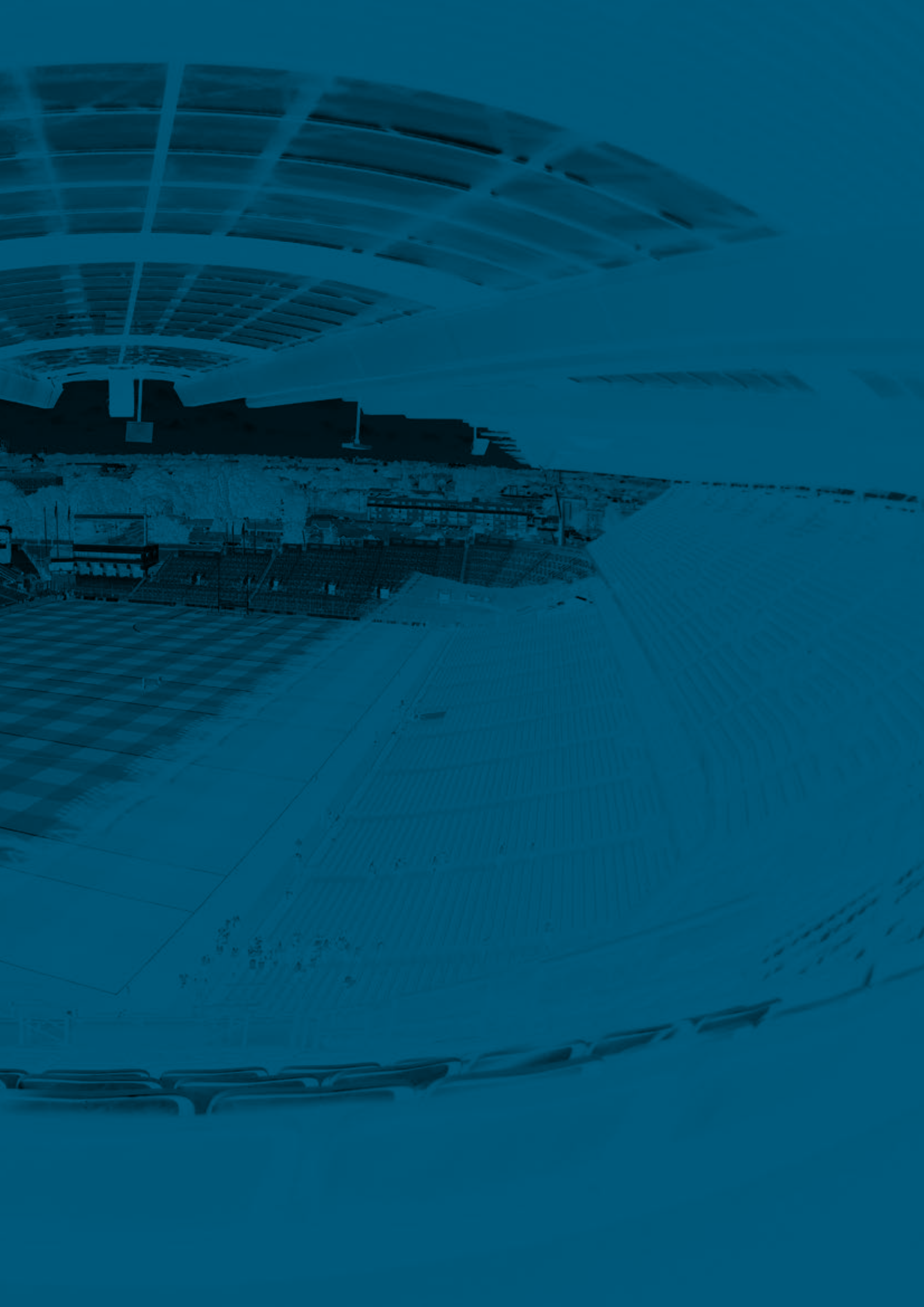
**(e)**

**That Rule 5.3 (C) g) - Code in relation to Trusts of Association Property – Official Guide (Part 1), page 73 be amended to read:**

The delegation by Central Council of certain of its functions under the Code **in relation to Trusts of Property.**

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