

Fo Dhlíthe 2019 - Coiste Chontae na Mí
Bye-Laws 2019 - Meath County Committee

1. The Annual County Convention shall elect the following officers of the County Committee: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Coaching Officer, Officer for Irish Language and Culture, Public Relations Officer, One Central Council representative ((who shall be ex-officio), Two Provincial Council representatives (who shall be ex-officio) and shall appoint a Children's Officer and Development Officer recommended by the outgoing County Committee. A member shall not hold more than one of the above officer positions at any given time. The officers elected/appointed shall hold office until the conclusion of the next Meath Annual Convention.

2. The Meath County Committee (Coiste Chontae na Mí) shall consist of:
 - (a) The officers elected/appointed in Bye-Law One
 - (b) Hurling Development and Promotion Committee Chairperson
 - (c) Minor Committee Chairperson
 - (d) County Operations Manager (without voting rights)
 - (e) One named representative from each affiliated Club
 - (f) One named representative from the Meath Primary Schools' Committee
 - (g) One named representative from the Meath Post-Primary Schools' Committee
 - (h) One named representative from the Meath Handball Committee (where applicable)
 - (i) County Referees' Administrator

In the event of the appointment of a full-time secretary, they will be entitled to sit on all Committees, except for the County Hearings Committee, but without voting rights.

3. As permitted by Rule 3.11 (b) Exception (2) T.O. 2018 the County Treasurer and County Children's Officer are not subject to the maximum period of five years in office.

4. County Sub-Committees: (These committees shall meet at least once every three months)

The Meath County Committee shall appoint the following Sub-Committees whose powers and functions shall be as outlined Rule 3.20 T.O. 2018 and in these Bye-Laws:

- (i) Meath Management Committee (Coiste Bainistíochta an Mhí) which shall consist of the officers of the County Committee and the Central and Provincial Council Representatives, Meath Hurling Development and Promotion Committee Chairperson, Meath Minor Committee Chairperson and County Operations Manager (without voting rights).
- (ii) Meath Competitions Control Committee (Coiste Rialaithe Comórtas an Mhí) shall be designated as the sole Competitions Control Committee for the Meath County Committee. It shall consist of a Chairperson, Secretary, Referees' Administrator and **a minimum of** three other members appointed by the County Committee on the recommendation of the Meath Management Committee.
- (iii) Meath Fixtures Analysts (Anailísithe Cluichí an Mhí) At least one Fixtures Analyst shall be appointed by the County Committee on the recommendation of the Meath Management Committee.
- (iv) Meath Hearings Committee (Coiste Éisteachtaí an Mhí) shall be designated as the sole Hearings Committee for the Meath County Committee. It shall consist of a Chairperson, Secretary **and a minimum of** three other members appointed by the County Committee on the recommendation of the Meath Management Committee.
- (v) Meath Planning, Physical Development, and Safety Committee (Coiste Pleanála, Forbartha Fisicí, agus Sábháilteachta an Mhí) which shall consist of the County Development Officer **and a minimum of** four other members appointed by the County Committee on the recommendation of the Meath Management Committee.
- (vi) Meath Referees' Administration Committee (Coiste Riaracháin na Réiteoirí an Mhí) which shall consist of the County Referees' Administrator who shall act as Chairperson and **a minimum of** four other members appointed by the County Committee on the recommendation of the Meath Management Committee.

- (vii) Meath Coaching and Games Development Committee (Coiste Cóitseála agus Forbartha Cluichí an Mhí) which shall consist of the Coaching Officer who shall act as the Chairperson, the Games Manager who shall act as the Secretary and a minimum of three other members appointed by the County Committee on the recommendation of the Meath Management Committee.
- (viii) Meath Cultural Committee (Coiste Cultúrtha an Mhí) which shall consist of the County Officer for Irish Language and Culture who shall act as the Chairperson and a minimum of four other members appointed by the County Committee on the recommendation of the Meath Management Committee.
- (ix) Meath Public Relations/Marketing Committee (Coiste um Chaidreamh Poiblí/Margaíochta an Mhí) which shall consist of the County PRO who shall act as the Chairperson and a minimum of four other members appointed by the County Committee on the recommendation of the Meath Management Committee.
- (x) Meath Youth Planning Committee (Coiste Pleanála Óige an Mhí) which shall consist of the County Vice-Chairperson who shall act as the Chairperson, County Children's Officer who shall act as the Secretary, and the Chairperson & Secretary of the Meath Minor Committee (Coiste Mionúir an Mhí), Chairperson & Secretary of the Meath Youth Committee (Coiste na nÓg an Mhí), and Chairperson & Secretary of the Meath Go Games Committee (Coiste Go Games an Mhí).
- (xi) Meath Finance Sub-Committee (Fochoiste Airgeadais an Mhí) which shall consist of the County Treasurer who shall act as the Chairperson, County Assistant Treasurer who shall act as the Secretary, Central Council Representative, and a minimum of two other members appointed by the County Committee on the recommendation of the Meath Management Committee.
- (xii) Meath Information Technology Committee (Coiste Teicneolaíochta Faisnéise) which shall consist of the County I.T. Officer who shall act as the Chairperson and a minimum of four other members appointed by the County Committee on the recommendation of the Meath Management Committee.

- (xiii) Meath Teams Management and Panels Sub-Committee (Fochoiste Bainistíochta agus Phainéil na bhFoirne an Mhí) Membership of this sub-committee shall be detailed in the Players’/Manager’s Charter which shall be submitted to the Central Council by January 31st each year. Rule 3.20 T.O. 2018
- (xiv) Meath Health and Well-Being Committee (Coiste Sláinte agus Folláine) which shall consist of a minimum of five members appointed by the County Committee on the recommendation of the Meath Management Committee.

In accordance with Rule 3.19 T.O. 2018 the County Committee shall appoint the following Sub-Committees whose powers and functions shall be as outlined in these Bye-Laws:

(These committees shall meet at least once every three months)

5. There shall be a Meath Post-Primary Schools’ Committee (Coiste Iarbhunscoileanna an Mhí) which shall consist of a Chairperson, Secretary and a minimum of three other members appointed by the County Committee on the recommendation of the Meath Management Committee and one representative of each affiliated Post-Primary School in County Meath. The Meath Post-Primary Schools’ Committee shall (a) Liaise with the County Committee (b) Advise the County Committee in relation to all Post-Primary GAA matters.
6. There shall be a Meath Hurling Development and Promotion Committee (Coiste na Mí do chur chun cinn agus forbairt na hIománaíochta) consisting of one named representative from each affiliated club that participates in adult hurling championships together with appointed officers appointed as per Rule 3.19 T.O. 2018. The Hurling Development and Promotion Committee shall (a) Liaise with the County Committee (b) Advise the County Committee in relation to all hurling matters.
7. There shall be a Meath Youth Committee (Coiste na nÓg an Mhí) consisting of one named representative from each affiliated club that participates in football and/or hurling competitions at U-12, U-13, and U-14 level, together with appointed officers appointed as per Rule 3.19 T.O. 2018.

The Meath Youth Committee shall (a) Liaise with the County Committee (b) Advise the County Committee in relation to all U-12, U-13, and U-14 football and hurling matters.

There shall be a Meath Go Games Committee (Coiste Go Games an Mhí) consisting of one named representative from each affiliated club that

participates in football and/or hurling competitions at U-7, U-8, U-9, U-10, and U-11 level, together with appointed officers appointed as per Rule 3.19 T.O. 2018.

The Go Games Committee shall (a) Liaise with the County Committee (b) Advise the County Committee in relation to all U-7, U-8, U-9, U-10, and U-11 football and hurling matters.

- 8.** There shall be a Meath Minor Committee (Coiste Mionúir an Mhí) consisting of one named representative from each affiliated club that participates in football and/or hurling competitions at U-15, U-16, and U-17 level, together with appointed officers appointed as per Rule 3.19 T.O. 2018.

The Meath Minor Committee shall (a) Liaise with the County Committee (b) Advise the County Committee in relation to all U-15, U-16, and U-17 football and hurling matters.

All committees must meet at least once a quarter

- 9.** All transfers shall be referred to Meath Competitions Control Committee by the Meath County Committee as per Rule 6.5 (b) T.O. 2018. The Meath C.C.C. shall process and decide on all applications for Transfers, Permissions to Play, and Approvals, signed and unsigned, within the county as per Rule 6.5 T.O. 2018.

All transfer requests signed and unsigned must be with the County Secretary by 5.00 p.m. on the 15th January each year.

A player who has not played with a club for 48 weeks may apply for a transfer at any time during a year provided the application for transfer, is in order and presented to the Meath C.C.C. for its consideration.

- 10.**
- (i)** A player from a GAA Club that exclusively plays football may play hurling with another GAA Club provided that a fully completed approval form is signed by the player and the Secretary of both Clubs. That approval form is processed by the Meath Competitions Control Committee for decision. by the Meath County Committee subject to approval by Central Council. In the event of the Club Secretary not signing the approval form, the Meath C.C.C. shall consider the application and decide.

- (ii) A player from a GAA Club that exclusively plays hurling may play football with another GAA Club provided that a fully completed approval form is signed by the player and the Secretary of both Clubs. That approval form is processed by the Meath Competitions Control Committee for decision. by the Meath County Committee subject to approval by Central Council. In the event of the Club Secretary not signing the approval form, the Meath C.C.C. shall consider the application and decide.

11. Membership of Clubs shall be on a strict Parish basis except where otherwise provided for in these Bye-Laws or in the Official Guide. No Club can play any boy/girl who lives outside the parish unless permission to play has been granted by the Meath County Committee. If a boy/girl is attending a school outside the Parish but returning home, they can assist their Parish team.

- (a) A player who has not played with a Club or Independent Team within their own parish, who wishes to play with a neighbouring Club in an adjoining neighbouring parish, must receive permission to play. This permission to play letter must be signed by the Secretaries of all adult Clubs in their own parish. The permission to play application will be processed by the Meath C.C.C. for decision. If granted it shall not be necessary to renew the permission annually.
- (b) Where applications for permission to play are not signed by a club(s) in a player(s) own Parish, the following process must apply: The player must make an application for permission to play. The application will be processed by the Meath C.C.C. for decision by the Meath County Committee. If granted, it shall not be necessary to renew the permission annually.

12. Grading of Clubs and Players

Each Club shall forward a list of their Top 8 players to the Meath Competitions Control Committee by the deadline date as requested by the Meath C.C.C. These 8 players can only play first team Championship and except in exceptional circumstances cannot be re-graded later in that calendar year. Should a player request to be regraded they must apply to the Meath C.C.C. to do so. The Meath C.C.C. shall decide on the application and notify the player of their decision which may be appealed to the Meath Hearings Committee in accordance with Rule 6.20 Official Guide 2018.

Where a Club has a third/fourth Championship team a second/third Top 8 players list must also be supplied to the Meath C.C.C. The players named on the second/third list(s) must not have played a higher grade of Championship in the previous year.

13. Nominations and Motions for Annual Convention

- (a)** No later than two weeks before the date of the Meath Annual Convention and following the receipt of Nominations and Motions from clubs; the Meath Management Committee shall, following examination and assessment of nominations and motions, issue them to each club.
 - (i)** A list of nominations for each position (excluding those who are ineligible due to the five-year rule, non-membership, invalid membership, or any other legitimate reason, and those who have not confirmed in writing to the County Secretary) will be sent to Clubs, following confirmation with nominees that they are allowing their name to go forward at the Meath Annual Convention. While nominees who have indicated their willingness to stand at the Convention can subsequently withdraw their name at the Convention, nevertheless any nominee who does not reply by the requisite date when originally contacted by the County Secretary after nominations are received will be deemed to have withdrawn and cannot stand at Annual Convention for any position that they have not replied about.
 - (ii)** A list of motions, bye-laws or amendments to same, and proposed regulation changes which are in order shall be included in their correct category i.e. as motions affecting the Official Guide, Bye-Laws, or Regulations.
- (b)** When a motion, bye-law or amendment(s) to same, or proposed regulation change are received by the Meath County Committee by the closing date and are found to be out of order, the County Secretary will contact the proposing club and advise them of same with a brief outline of the reason(s) why it is out of order. It will then be up to the relevant club to correct the motion and to re-submit it by a date given by the County Secretary. This is to allow the County Secretary to issue all motions that to clubs that are in order, no later than two weeks before the Meath Annual Convention. Only correction of motions will be allowed in this process – no new motions can be submitted.

(c) A club may only nominate the same person for a maximum of 3 positions. If any nominations are found to be out of order by the County Secretary, the County Secretary will contact the proposing club and advise them of same with a brief outline of the reason(s) why it is out of order. It will then be up to the relevant Club to correct the nominations and to re-submit it by a date given by the County Secretary.

14. A club is entitled to appoint a proxy for its named representative on the County Committee, provided notice in writing is sent to the County Secretary by noon on the day of the County Committee meeting.
15. In case a member wilfully obstructs or interferes with the business of the County Committee, they shall, on a motion proposed and seconded, and carried by the majority of the members present and under Rule 7.3(a) be dealt with by Management Committee at a disciplinary meeting called within 7 (seven) days of when the misdemeanour occurred.