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SUB-COMMITTEES/FUNCTIONS

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 for in this Rule. Each Committee shall have a specified number of members:

(I) Management Committee

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.

The County's Representative on the Central Council shall be a member of the Committee. 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.

(II) Competitions Control Committee

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 be responsible for the hearing of Objections and Counter-Objections for which it shall have Plenary Powers.

A County Committee may delegate other plenary powers to its Competitions Control Committee.

In cases in which Plenary Powers apply, Appeals may be made only to the Provincial Hearings Committee.

Other Functions

- (I) It shall investigate and process matters relating to the Enforcement of Rules and Codes
- (II) It shall process and make recommendations to the County Committee on the Grading of Clubs,
- (III) It shall be responsible, in the first instance, for making decisions on applications for Transfer within the County and the Grading of Players
- (IV) 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.

(III) Fixtures Analysts

- (a) At least one Fixtures Analyst shall be appointed on the nomination of the Management Committee.
- (b) The Fixtures Analyst(s) shall be responsible for monitoring and analysing the County Fixtures Programme on an annual basis.
- (c) The Fixtures Analyst(s) 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.

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(IV) Hearings Committee

- (a) 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.

Exceptions:

- (i) A Hearing of an Objection/Counter Objection is the function of the County Competitions Control Committee.
 - (ii) In the interest of impartiality, a County Management Committee at the time of issuing a Notice of Disciplinary Action may direct that any subsequent Hearing shall be conducted by the Provincial Hearings Committee.
- (b) 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.)
- (c) It shall consist of a minimum of five Members who shall be appointed from Members of the County Committee and/or other suitable personnel. No Member of the Management Committee or Competitions Control Committee may serve as a member of the County Hearings Committee.
- (d) The powers of the County Hearings Committee shall be plenary powers.

(V) Safety and Facilities Committee

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 grants 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.

(VI) Planning and Training Committee

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.

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(VII) Referees' Administration Committee

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

(VIII) Coaching and Games Development Committee

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

(IX) Cultural Committee

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

(X) Communications/Marketing Committee

It shall be responsible for Publicity, Marketing and Publications.

(XI) Finance Sub-Committee

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

(XII) Information Technology Committee

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.

(XIII) County Teams Management and Panels Sub-Committee

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 each year.

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(XIV) Audit and Risk Committee

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.

(XV) Demographics Committee

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.

(XVI) Health and Well-Being Committee

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