**Coiste Contae Luimní C.L.G.**

**Bye Laws 2017**

**1.** **County Convention**

No 1.1 In accordance with Riall 3.11 T.O. ***2016*** County Convention shall elect the following:

Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Development Officer, Coaching Officer, Officer for the Irish Language and Culture and P.R.O. It shall also elect Central and Provincial (2) Representatives and ***apppoint a Children's Officer who shall be nominated by the outgoing Co. Committee.In accordance with Riall 3.11(b) (2) the Childrens Officer is not subject to the maximum period of office of five (5) years.***

The Co. Convention shall be held prior to December 18th each year and shall rotate annually between Divisional Committee areas.

It shall elect or authorise selection and/or election of delegates to annual Congress and Provincial Convention in accordance with Riall 3.12 T.O 2016.

No 1.2 The County Committee shall consist of the full time Secretary (without voting rights)

and the following voting members. The officers of County Committee, together with the Central Council and Provincial Council representatives, County Referees Administrator, one named representative from each affiliated club, two named representatives from each Divisional Committee (subject to Riall 3.18 (f) T.O. 2016), the Chairman and one other named representative from the County Football Committee, the Chairman and one named representative from County Coiste na nOg, and one named representative each from the County Handball , County Primary Schools and County Post Primary Schools committees. With the exception of the County Committee Officers, the referees administrator and Central and Provincial Council representatives, all other members may be represented by proxies.

No 1.3 In accordance with Riall 3.20, T.O.2016 the county committee shall appoint the

following sub committees whose functions are set down in Riallacha 3.20 T.O.2016 and in these Bye-Laws.

1. **Management Committee.**

The membership of this committee shall be the elected officers of the county committee, the central council representative (1) and provincial representatives (2) Childrens Officer, Chairperson of County Coiste na nOg and the Chairperson of the county football committee. The Cathaoirleach of an Coiste Contae shall be the Cathaoirleach with Runai an Contae as servicing officer.

**(ii) County Competitions Control Committee (C.C.C.C.).**

It shall consist of the County Chairperson, County Secretary who shall act as Secretary, Vice Chairperson, Assistant Treasurer, Assistant Secretary and P.R.O. of the County Committee, the Chairperson of the Football Committee and the Referees Administrator (who shall be entitled to vote only on the appointment of referees). The Secretaries of the 4 Divisional Boards and the Secretary of County Coiste na nOg shall also be members.

Fixtures once made by the C. C.C.C. may not be changed except with the consent of the CC.C.C..

Before a fixture made by the CCC of a subsidiary committee is notified to clubs it must be ratified by C.C.C.C.

As set out in Riail 7.3 (a)(1) T.O 2016 the Chairman and Secretary of this committee may deal with routine matters between meetings and be responsible for all matters arising.

Also see Club Transfers and Attachment to first club Sections.

1. **County Fixtures Analyst**

In accordance with Riall 3.20 (iii) T.O. 2016 the County

Management Committee shall appoint a minimum of one County Fixture Analyst.

**(iv) County Hearings Committee (C.H.C.).**

It shall consist of 8 named members including a Chairperson none of whom may be a member of any C.C.C. or the County Management Committee.

**(v) County Planning and Physical Development Committee**

It shall consist of the County Development officer as Chairperson and 6 other named

members.

**(vi) County Coaching and Games Development Committee**

It shall consist of the County Coaching Officer as Chairperson, the Games Development Manager as Secretary and 8 other named members to include one member of the Football committee, one member of the Post Primary schools committee, one member of the Primary schools committee and one member of the County Coiste na nOg committee.

It shall maintain a CCC who shall organise all games up to and including under 12 grade

**(vii). County Cultural Committee**

It shall consist of the County Officer for Irish Language

and Culture as Chairperson and 6 other named members.

**(viii). County Public Relations/Marketing Committee**

It shall consist of the County P.R.O. as Chairperson and one representative from the County Football Committee and County Coiste na nOg and 4 other named members.

**(ix). County Youth Committee**

It shall consist of the officers of County Coiste na nOg, the County ***Children's*** Officer and a named representative from the County Football Committee

**(x). County Referees Administration Committee**

It shall consist of 6 named members appointed by the Co. Committee and shall include the County Referees Administrator and the 2 County Referees'Tutors, who shall be nominated by the County Chairperson for appointment by the County Committee. Each of the following committees shall nominate a representative for appointment as members of this committee.County Football Committee, CountyCoiste na nÓg and County Post-Primary Schools' Committee.

**(xi). County Finance Sub-Committee**

It shall consist of the County Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer together with the Treasurers of the 4 Divisional Committees and Treasurer of County Coiste na nOg together with 6 other suitably qualified named personnel. Affiliation fees, public liability insurance, entry fees, referees fees, players injury insurance scheme fees and all outstanding fees must be paid before 1st of February each year. A club may apply to the Finance committee to pay by instalments and if the Committee is agreeable a club may pay in the manner agreed with the committee. Failure to comply with the agreement may result in sanctions. See Bye-Law 21. Membership fees must be paid in the manner set out in Riall 2.2 (d) T.O. 2016.

**(xii). County Information Technology Committee**

Shall consist of the P.R.O. and 4 other named members including a County I.T. officer.

**(xiii). County Teams Management and Panels Sub-Committee**

The membership of this committee shall be as outlined in the Charter for County Committee/Player relationships as approved by Ard Chomhairle from time to time.

The functions of this Committee will be as outlined in Rule 3.20 (xiii) T.O. 2016.

**(xiv). Health and Wellbeing Committee**

This committee shall consist of a Chairperson and and 6 other named members and it shall have responsibility for all health-related matters referred to it by the County Committee and/or the County Management Committee.

(xv). All of the above Committees shall meet at least 3 times each calendar year and

minutes of each meeting shall be circulated to the County Chairperson and Secretary. All communication with all sub-committees of County Committee shall be in writing to the Secretary of the appropriate sub-committee.

1.4*. In accordance with R. 3.19 (l), T.O. 2016 the Co. Committee shall appoint the following subcommittees whose powers and functions shall be as outlined in these bye laws*

1. **Post Primary Schools Committee**

Shall consist of a Chairperson who shall be nominated by the County chairperson, a Runai who shall be the County Post Primary Development Officer, a treasurer who shall be the County Treasurer, a P.R.O. who shall be selected at the first meeting of the committee each year and one representative of each of the participating Post Primary Schools. The County Committee shall appoint a CCC for this Committee who shall be responsible for all arrangements including the appointment of referees and for the control of games under its jurisdiction. Between meetings the chairperson and secretary shall have the power to fix matches and appoint referees.

**(ii). County Football Committee**

The County Football Committee shall consist of the appointed officers of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Development Officer for football, County football P.R.O. together with one named delegate from each affiliated club that participates in Junior or higher grade football competitions and one representative of each divisional committee and the county Coiste na nOg. Club delegates may appoint proxies. The officers will be appointed at the latest at the October meeting of County Committee.

Its functions are to develop structures to ensure an increase in football standards at all levels including, schools, clubs and county levels.

The Chairperson and Secretary of the Co. Football Committee together with the County Referees Administrator shall nominate referees for appointment by the county C.C.C.

All decisions of the Co football Committee shall be subject to ratification by the County Committee.

**(iii). County Coiste na nOg.**

County Coiste na nOg shall consist of the following appointed officers, Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary and P.R.O. together with one delegate from each affiliated club, one member from each Divisional Committee, County Football Committee and County Childrens officer. The officers shall be appointed at the latest at the October meeting of County Committee.

The Coiste shall be responsible, in conjunction with the County Youth Committee, for all matters relating to competitions in hurling and football for under 13s, 14s, 15s and 16s within the county and, in conjunction with the Implementation Group, for all matters relating to hurling teams competing at inter county level for the same age groups.

The county committee shall appoint a C.C.C for this Coiste. Appeals against decisions of the Coiste or of its C.C.C. and requests for a Hearing shall be heard by the C.H.C.

**(iv). Fundraising Committee**

Shall be known as Club Limerick and shall act in accordance with the constitution of the club approved by county committee. The officers of this Committee to be appointed by County Committee with the exception of treasurer who shall be the County Treasurer.

**(v). Implementation Committee.**

Membership of this committee shall be appointed by County Committee at first meeting each year and the committee shall be responsible for implementing the terms of the lifting of the treaty report.

**(vi). Bye- Laws Committee**

Membership of this committee shall be appointed by county committee and its function shall be to make recommendations for amendment of bye –laws and Regulations as required.

**(vii). Primary Schools Committees (County and Divisional)**

These committees shall be responsible for the promotion of Gaelic games in their areas of responsibility. In the case of Divisional Primary Committees their areas of responsibility shall correspond to the divisions for adult competitions. The County committee shall appoint a CCC for each of these Committees.

**(viii). Underage Football Development Committee**

The membership of this committee shall consist of a Chairperson to be nominiated by the County Executive, Runai an Contae, Football Development Officer and suitably qualified persons to be nomiated by the following

County Coaching and Games Committee, Coiste na nOg, Post Primary Schools Committee, Primary Schools Committee, Football Committee Chairman and Chairman of County Committee.

This committee shall be responsible for recommending management teams for all under age football teams up to and including under 17/minor level. They will also, in conjunction with County Coiste na nOg and the County Coaching and Games Committee be responsible for promoting and increasing participation levels in football at both primary and second level schools within the county and at under age level.

All recommendations of the committee require the approval of both the football and county committees.

Terms of reference of the committee shall be defined by the county management committee.

**(ix). County Integration Committee**

This committee shall consist of a Chairman and six other members. Its function shall be to make Gaelic Games available to everyone in the community.

(x). The membership of each Sub-Committee 3(ii) to 4 (ix) above shall be approved at

the first meeting of county committee each year and shall meet at least 3 times each

calendar year.

(xi). Clubs shall have the right to propose individuals to any of the above Committees

with the exception of County Management Committee, County Competition Control Committee and any appointed sub-committee. Clubs are to be informed and invited to submit nominations at least 2 weeks prior to the sub-committee being proposed for ratification at a County Committee meeting.

(xii). The Treasurer of the county committee shall have primary responsibility for the financial affairs of the committees set down in Bye-Laws 3 to 4(vi) above.

**2. Divisional Committees**

No 2.1. County committee shall form 4 divisional committees. The divisional committees shall consist of the elected officers together with one representative of each club that fields a team in adult competitions under its jurisdiction.

No 2.2. Divisional committees shall have control over all matters appertaining to competitions including finance, subject to the overall jurisdiction of the county committee.

No 2.3. Divisional secretaries shall immediately notify the county secretary of suspensions

imposed by their committees

No 2.4. The county committee shall appoint a C.C.C. for each divisional committee that

organises fixtures. The county hearings committee will service all C.C.C.s.

No 2.5. Appeals against decisions of divisional committees and C.C.C.s of divisional

committees and requests for Hearings shall be heard by the C.H.C.

No 2.6. Divisional committees shall hold their annual general meetings prior to county

convention. Reports and audited balance sheets shall be submitted from each division

to Runai an Contae prior to County Convention.

**3. Club Transfers**

The CCCC shall process and make decisions on all applications for internal transfer in accordance with Riailacha 6.5 and 6.7.T.O. 2016,

No. 3.1. Where a member seeks a transfer and states he has changed residence the following

shall apply.

No 3.2. Where the validity of an address is queried it is the responsibility of the applicant to

show that his claimed address is correct. If he claims to have bought a property he must show evidence of purchase and evidence of living in the house e.g utility bills and proof from Government Depts. Such as Social Protection /Revenue Commissioners.

If he claims to be living in rented accommodation he must show he has been living in the house for at least one month prior to the application. Rent book and similar evidence to the previous paragraph will suffice.

No 3.3. A member who wishes to leave one club to join another within the county must apply

to the County Committee through the County Secretary for a transfer on a standard application form. The completed application form must be with the County Secretary before 1st February in the given year otherwise it will be deemed out of order.

No 3.4. On or before 1st March a list of transfers applied for shall be circulated to all clubs

together with the current status of each application.

**4** **Attachment to first Club**

No 4.1. Membership of clubs shall normally be confined to the Catchment Area in which

players reside.

No 4.2. A new playing member of the Association may become a member of the club

(1) within the Catchment Area where he resides or (2) a club within the catchment area of which his parents were in permanent residence at the time of his birth as set down in Riall 6.3. (b) T.O. 2016.

In the event that there is more than one club within both Catchment Areas he may join the club of his choice. If he subsequently decides to join another club he must apply for a transfer.(3) Parishes within the area formerly known as Limerick City Borough shall be deemed a common catchment area for membership of the clubs within that area***.***

No 4.3. Catchment areas for clubs shall be decided by the County Committee in consultation

with the relevant clubs and Divisional Committees. Alterations require the consent of the County Committee.

No. 4.4. In the case of clubs within the former Limerick City Borough area affected by the

Regeneration Programme, children of former playing members of such a club residing outside the Catchment Area of the parents club with whom they wish to play may be deemed eligible by County Committee provided they are registered as youth members of their parent’s club prior to reaching 11 years of age and that the parental club is their first club.

No 4.5 A senior grade player residing in a Catchment Area where no senior club exists or the only senior club is a confined college club may play with the senior club nearest to him with the permission of County Committee.

**5**  **Regrading, Transfers, Permissions & Independent Teams.**

No 5.1. The first county committee meeting of the year shall be held as soon as practicable

after annual convention. At this meeting applications for individual player regrading and team grading, having come through the relevant divisional committee, shall be referred to the C. C.C.C. for processing and recommendations to County Committee.

No 5.2. All applications for regrading must be signed personally by the player concerned.

No 5.3. Before a player can be regraded the club Runai must submit a list of 15 players all of

whom must have played at the higher level in the previous season. A player named on the list of 15 who does not play in the first round of the County senior or intermediate football or hurling championships shall be afforded an opportunity to apply for regrading to the CCCC after the completion of the first round and before the second round of the relevant championship.

No 5.4. As set down in Riall 6.8 Exceptions (1) T.O. 2016 a player of a separately affiliated

Hurling club may play football with a separately affiliated Football Club, and vice versa, within the County.

Where two clubs enter an arrangement of this nature to ensure the promotion of hurling/football in an area it may be allowed provided the CCCC agrees with the proposal.

In both cases the application must be made before ist of February of each year and gradings of clubs will not be finalised until after that date. County Committee shall make a final decision on all applications of this nature.

No 5.5. In accordance with Riall 6.8 Exceptions (2) T.O.2016 a player of a club without a

Minor/Under 21 team, may play with an independent Minor/Under 21 team.

The team shall play under and be recognised by (1) an independent name which s not bear the name of an adult team in the county or (2) the amalgamated name of the clubs in question.

When 2 clubs join to form an independent team at under 21/minor level, the players from the clubs involved can only play with the team so formed.

A player who plays on such an independent team shall be a registered member and player of his adult club and shall retain membership of that club during and at the conclusion of his participation with the independent team.

The maximum number of clubs that may join to form an independent team shall be 2. These clubs must be adjoining except where the CCCC rules otherwise.

All decisions in this regard to be made by CCCC.

When 2 clubs join to form an independent team and are also competing at another level, e.g. 13 a side on an individual basis only players who have played with their home club are eligible to play with the independent team.

**6 Championship games.**

No 6.1. Notice for championship games shall be in accordance with Rule 6.23 T.O. 2016.

Adults, including under 21, 5 days (120 hours) all other grades 4 days (96 hours).

Replays and refixtures 4 days (96 hours).

No 6.2.A Subsidiary Committee of County Committee shall not have a Bye –Law or

Regulation that contravenes any of these Bye-Laws or Regulations. Subsidiary

committees Regulations shall be ratified by county committee only on an annual

basis.

No 6.3. Neutral referees shall be appointed for all championship matches. A referee is

considered neutral if he is a member of a club other than the competing clubs and has no known affiliation with either club.

No 6.4. A Workgroup from CCCC members shall be formed to nominate referees for

appointment by the C.C.C.C.

No 6.5. All arrangements between clubs relating to

- catchment areas

- independent teams

- football/hurling

Must be in writing and must be with the relevant Divisional and County Secretaries before the 1st of February each year. All such arrangements must be signed by the club Chairperson and Secretary of all clubs involved and circulated to all clubs before ratification by County Committee.

Arrangements in relation to Catchment Areas need only be amended when boundaries change or arrangements cease or as decided by the County Committee under Rule 6.3 T.O. 2015.

**Regulations**

(Not forming part of Bye Laws)

*These are a matter for County Committee*

No 1. Officers of An Coiste Contae who serve for at least 10 consecutive years in their respective positions shall be entitled to a pass for life admittance to all games under the control of An Coiste Contae.

No 2. The draws for the senior, intermediate premier and intermediate hurling

championships and senior and intermediate football championships shall be made at

County Convention.

No 3. Clubs must notify Runai an Contae of the date of their club AGM at least 7 days prior

to the event. A member of the County Executive may attend the AGM of a club. A

member of the Executive shall not attend the AGM of his/her own club in this

capacity while a club may request that a particular officer attends.

No 4. No championship game involving a panel member shall be played within 8 days prior

to a Munster senior inter- county first round or semi-final or All-Ireland quarter final.

In the case of qualifier games the exemption shall be 6 days.

Such games shall not be played within 13 days of a senior Munster final, All-Ireland semi-final or final or National League final. In the case of minor, under 21, intermediate and junior panels the exemption shall be 4 days prior to all matches.

A club with a player who plays in a Munster or All-Ireland inter county championship game, including a qualifier, or a National League final shall not be fixed to play a club championship game involving that player for 48 hours after any such inter county game. In all cases team management must nominate 20 players to be protected

No 5. The County senior hurling championship shall consist of 2 groups of 6 teams (Groups

A and B) and be played on a league basis. The previous year’s semi-finalists shall be seeded.

Previous years finalists to be allocated to separate groups as seeded teams by means of draw to determine group. i.e. first team drawn goes into group A.

Previous years beaten semi-finalists to be allocated to groups A and B in the same

manner.

Remaining 8 teams to be drawn alternately into groups A and B.

Schedule of games will be as set out in Serva Sport matrix.

Group winners qualify for semi- finals. Teams finishing 2nd and 3rd in both groups qualify for quarter-finals as follows.

2nd in group A v 3rd in group B(X)

3rd in group A v 2nd in group B.(Y)

Semi- finals. Group A winners V winners of Y and

Group B winners V winners of X

Relegation.

Bottom team in each group meet with the loser relegated to premier intermediate.

County senior Hurling Cup.

4th and 5th in each group contest the semi-finals. 4th in group (A) v 5th in group (B) and vice versa in semi-finals.

No 6. The Premier intermediate hurling championship to consist of 8 clubs and shall be

played on a league basis in a single group.

Each team to be drawn to represent a letter from A to H with the schedule of games as set out in Serva Sport Matrix.

No county cup at premier intermediate level.

Top 4 qualify for semi-finals with 1st v 4th and 2nd v 3rd.

Winners represent Limerick in the provincial club championship and promoted to senior level.

Relegation.

Bottom two clubs meet with the loser relegated to Intermediate grade.

No 7. The intermediate hurling championship to consist of 12 teams and be played on a league basis with 2 groups of 6. Clubs to be drawn alternately into groups A and B.

Schedule of games as set out in Serva Sport Matrix.

Winners of both groups qualify for semi-finals while second and third teams qualify for quarter- finals.

In quarter-finals 2nd team in group (A) v 3rd team in group (B) (X)

And 3rd team in group (A) v 2nd team in group (B) (Y)

Semi-Finals.

Group (A) winners V winners of (Y) and

Group (B) winners V winners of (X)

Winner promoted to premier intermediate championship.

County intermediate hurling cup shall consist of the 4th and 5th teams in each group with the 4th team in group (A) playing 5th team in group (B) and vice versa in the semi-finals.

Relegation. Bottom team in both groups play with the loser relegated to junior A.

No 8. The senior and intermediate football championships to consist of 12 club teams and

be played on a league basis of 2 groups of 6 teams.

The top team in each group qualify for the semi-finals while the 2nd and 3rd teams qualify for the quarter finals.

In the quarter -finals 2nd team in group A plays the 3rd team in group B (X) and

3rd team in group A plays the 2nd team in group B (Y)

In the semi-finals Group 1 winners V winners of (Y) and

Group2 winners V winners of (X).

The bottom team in each group play in the relegation final with the loser relegated to Junior A.

No 9. The minor hurling and football championship premier divisions to be run on an all

county basis in a manner to be recommended annually by the County CCC and approved by the County Committee.

No 10. All county 13-a side minor and under 21 football and hurling competitions confined

to individual club teams be run on a league basis with the top 4 teams qualifying for the semi-finals.

Panels restricted to 18 players. Panels must be with Runai an Contae before the commencement of the competitions.

Failure to comply; elimination from competition.

No 11. The Divisional Winners in the A & B grades in U21 & Minor Hurling & Football qualify for the county semi-finals respectively.

No 12. Divisional finalists in junior hurling and football championships “A” and “B” qualify for the county quarter-finals with the following exception.

Exception.A club that concedes a walkover in a Divisional shall not progress to to the County stage of the championship.

No 13. A club that plays in an “A” Divisional final may not compete in a “B” County

Championship

No 14. Divisional winners in junior hurling and football leagues “A” and “B” qualify for the county semi-finals.

No 15. Divisional championship finalists from the same division cannot play each other in the county semi-finals.

No 17. All championships must be completed within the calendar year.

No 18. Limerick Pairc na nGael and Mick Neville Park shall be considered neutral venues for

all competitions. All senior football and hurling county championship finals shall be played in the Gaelic Grounds except when the C.C.C.C. fixes an alternative venue.

No 19. A venue once fixed shall not be altered under any circumstances except where a field

is not available or is unplayable.

No 20. County committee shall appoint a liaison officer with each county hurling team.

County committee shall also ratify a liaison officer with each county football team following a proposal by the football committee.

No 21. In inter-divisional stage of championships the draw rotates.

No 22. Field rent to be 15% of gate.

No 23. The minutes of all county committee meetings shall be circulated to all clubs by E-

Mail.

No 24. When money is taken at the gate for any game the paying customer shall be issued

with an admission ticket in all cases.

No 25. All trophies for county championships and leagues must be returned to the County

Secretary before the 1st of May each year. Clubs are to ensure that the trophy is properly maintained before it is returned.

No 26. In under 21 football and hurling premier championships shall be organised by the County CCC .

Under 21 “A” and “B”championships shall be organised initially by the Divisional Committees with Divisional winners progressing to the County semi-finals. The Country CCC shall ensure that each club gets sufficient games in these championships.

No 27. In a league competition or the league part of a championship where two clubs are

equal on points and both progress to the same stage of the competition e.g. both qualify for the semi-final/quarter finals and the procedures set down in 6.21 T.O. 2016 (4)(c) fail to resolve the placings the tie shall be decided by the toss of a coin.

No 28. All clubs affiliated to Limerick County Committee shall nominate one or more

persons from their clubs to undergo Buddy Support Person training with Pieta House. When the training is completed these nominated persons will act in the Buddy Support Person within their club.

No 29. The management of all county hurling and football teams may select their own captains.

No 30. The revenue accruing from the league parts of the premier under 21 football and

hurling championships and the county intermediate hurling championship be paid on a pro rata basis to divisional boards.