

# *Cumann Lúthchleas Gael*

## *Coiste Na Mí*



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### FIRST MEETING COUNTY COMMITTEE – TEAMS MEETING

Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021

- 1 vote per club.
- Regulations will be considered.
- Appointment of Sub-Committees.
- Correspondence & Other Business.

## REGULATIONS 2021

1. Meath GAA, as part of their development squad programs, will undertake to provide players with talks and programs from qualified persons in relation to Health and Wellbeing. This is to cover all age groups

**Sean Chaisleain CLG**

2. Under Section 1 paragraph 4(d) of the 2020 Meath County Committee Regulations the Meath C.C.C. has the right under rule 3.20(ii) to decide the format of the Meath Junior Championship. We propose that this right extends to introducing seeded groups, similar to the current Meath Senior and Intermediate Hurling Championships.

Reason: Results in the 2020 Junior championship have resulted in extremely one-sided score-lines where the strongest clubs are pitted against the weaker clubs. Certain small rural clubs in Meath are currently struggling to field and to find motivation for players to play adult football and heavy defeats are adding to their difficulties. The existence of these clubs at adult level is now been brought to question. The introduction of seeded groups would allow these clubs play against similar strength clubs and would greatly assist in encouraging their current and former players to train and play Gaelic football.

EXAMPLE: The current Meath Junlor Championship consists of 15 teams with the exclusion of St. Pauls Clonee, who have opted for Premier Reserve Championship. However, this proposal may encourage St. Pauls to join a seeded Junior Championship, thereby making 16 teams.

Example Option 1 (15 teams): Three groups of 5 teams. Groups A1 and A2 contain the higher graded clubs while group B2 contains the lower graded clubs as decided by the CCC. The top 3 teams from groups A1 and A2 qualify for the quarter finals while in group B1 only the top 2 teams qualify.

Example Option 2 (16 teams): Four groups of 4 teams. Groups A1, A2 and A3 contain the higher graded clubs while group B2 contains the lower graded clubs as decided by the CCC. The first and second placed teams in each of the three "A" groups will qualify for the quarter finals. The best third place team from these three groups will also qualify for a quarter final against the first placed team in group B1.

**Cluain Ioraid CLG**

3. U/20 County Football: Manager to be appointed a minimum of 12 months prior to commencement of 1<sup>st</sup> competition.

**Gaeil Colmcille CLG**

4. U/20 County Football: Manager to be appointed by Meath County Board Chairman and Meath County Board Coaching Officer.

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5. U/20 County Football: A minimum of two additional coaches/selectors appointed to be award 2 level qualified with previous experience of coaching players at Meath U/17 football County level between one and three years previously.

**Gaeil Colmcille CLG**

## 6. FOOTBALL LEAGUE CHANGES

*Given that the 2020 A & B leagues were not finished, and with likely continued impact of COVID into 2021, the following changes are proposed by the CCC for 2021 only.*

The football league format for 2021 will be changed to have higher divisions of 16 teams drawn randomly into 2 groups – and lower divisions with single groups with a maximum of 8 teams or less. This provides 7 round robin games per team.

In the 16 team double group divisions the top 2 teams in each group qualify for semifinals and the bottom team in each group is relegated. In the single group divisions, the top 2 teams qualify for the final with the bottom team relegated.

Following affiliations, the CCC will grade all teams as per existing Regulation 23.

*No new regulations are required – however to implement this plan the existing rule 29 outlined below needs to be deleted from regulation.*

At the end of 2020 the CCC will rebalance the A leagues into divisions of 12 teams maximum using 2020 league final standings to determine the new divisions.

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## 7. DISTRICT FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

*Update regulations to allow Senior teams to enter – to change the deadline for independent team affiliation for District Championship from 28-Feb to a later date as determined by the CCC each year – and to exclude u19 players to ensure they are available for u19 competitions*

### Proposed New Regulation

#### *(f) District Football Championship*

- i. This competition shall be open to all Senior clubs and up to 8 independent teams from clubs in the Intermediate and Junior championships.*
- ii. Independent teams entering this competition shall be submitted to the CCC for ratification before 31<sup>st</sup> July each year.*
- iii. Each year, following the ratification of independent teams, the CCC will determine the competition format.*
- iv. This competition will be scheduled after the Senior, Intermediate, and Junior club championship have completed.*
- v. u19 players are not eligible to participate to ensure player availability for u19 championships.*

- vi. *Senior champions participating in provincial club championship may withdraw without penalty before this competition begins – and players from Intermediate or Junior clubs may also opt out while their clubs are involved in provincial club championships.*

Current Regulations

- f) *A District Football Championship shall be ran from 2020 on. It shall contain at least 8 independent teams from Clubs from the Intermediate and Junior Football Championship teams.*
- g) *The District Championship shall commence after the Intermediate and Junior Football Championships are completed.*
- h) *Independent teams shall be ratified each year before 28th February under Rule 3-20(ii). Following the ratification of the Independent teams the format of the District Championship shall be decided by the CCCC.*
- i) *Players from Clubs that have won their respective Intermediate or Junior Football may opt out of the District Championship while their Clubs are involved in Provincial Championships.*

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**8. NEW REGULATION**

*Regulation regarding children is currently included in Match Day Regulations – adding to General Regulations.*

Children (under 17 and below) are not allowed to act as Match officials or Team officials (in any capacity) at Adult Games - and are not allowed into the playing enclosure, dressing rooms, tunnels, sidelines, or dugouts during Adult Games.

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