

## Congress Motions 2018 – Results

### DEFINITIONS

#### Management

Speaker: Peter Rice    Seconded by: Micheal Naughton

#### **Amend Rule 2 to read as follows**

“City or Town” - The definition of town or city boundary is that as defined by the statutory body of Town or City Council or County Council.

#### **Current Wording**

“City or Town” - *Where more than one club exists in a CCA which encompasses within its boundaries a city or town and (2) Where more than one CCA occupies part or parts of a town or city the CCA shall not apply.*

**Passed 87:6**

### GENERAL

#### Europe

Speaker: Nicole Werner

Seconded by: Ted Maloney

#### **Amend Rule 8 (c) and (d) by inserting wording in RED**

(c) County/**INTERNATIONAL** Boards, including Schools and College Committees and any other Committees under the control of the County/**INTERNATIONAL** Board

(d) Provincial/**INTERNATIONAL** Councils

(and amend references to ‘County’ in other Rules e.g. 14, 114, 117, 119, 168,-198, etc., as appropriate.)

**Passed 93:1**

### CODE OF ETHICS

#### Management

Speaker: Mary Connolly

Seconded by: Trina Murray

#### **Amend Rule 92 to read as follows:**

Safeguarding of Children/Young People (Under 18 Years of Age)

(a) The Association shall safeguard and promote the interests and wellbeing of all those under 18 years of age who are involved in its games and related activities.

(b) The Association shall take all practical steps to protect them from all discernible forms of abuse, from harm, discrimination or degrading treatment, and shall respect their rights, wishes and feelings.

(c) Central Council shall have in place a Code of Behaviour (underage) for the protection and safeguarding of children/young people under 18 years of age (including the disciplinary and other procedures to be applied in the event of the

breach of that Code) and shall be entitled to amend or revoke any provision of the Code from time to time. That Code shall provide for the manner in which it is determined whether the procedures under the Code or the provisions of **disciplinary rules** shall be invoked in any particular case.

(d) Central Council shall have in place the Guidelines for Dealing with Allegations of Abuse. Allegations and complaints of abuse shall be dealt with exclusively in accordance with the provisions of these Guidelines and not under any other provisions of these Rules or under the **Club Constitution and Rules**.

(e) The Code shall specify the disciplinary procedures to be applied for breaches of the Code. This Rule shall give and constitute authority for the carrying out of all functions and actions in accordance with the Code and Guidelines.

**Passed 94:0**

## **INTERNATIONAL**

**Europe**      **Speaker: Nicole Werner**      **Seconded by: Trina Murray**

**Delete Rule 113 entirely**

Weekend permits no longer allowed in Europe

**Passed 90:4**

## **CLUBS**

**Europe**      **Speaker: Nicole Werner**      **Seconded by: Joe Fox**

**Amend Rule 131 by adding the following:**

‘or shall be disposed of in accordance with relevant legislation of the country in which the club is based.’

**Passed 90:3**

## **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY FOR CLUB COUNTY AND PROVINCE**

**Management**      **Speaker: Peter Rice**      **Seconded by: Billy Stafford**

**Amend Rule 137 to read as follows:**

A Home Club means the Club in a player’s Club Catchment Area "known as CCA" as defined hereunder:

- (a) The Club in the Club Catchment Area in which a player resides, or
- (b) The First Club with which she legally played in an officially recognised Club Competition or
- (c) The CCA in which her parents resided at the time of her birth

A Club Catchment Area shall comprise the list of townlands under existing traditional parish boundaries from which the Club was entitled to draw its players. A list of such townlands shall be ascertained and recorded for each Club for the purpose of determining each Club boundary and the limit of the Club Catchment Area.

Where a townland overlaps adjoining CCA's, players who reside in that townland have the option of playing with any of the adjoining clubs with which it overlaps.

A CCA, for the purpose of this rule, shall be subject to county boundaries.

However, where a CCA overlaps a county or counties, the club or clubs concerned have the option of playing within either county. The players concerned may play county football for either county subject to transfer regulations.

CCAs shall not apply within cities or towns. Players residing within a town or city must play with a club within the town or city unless they are exempt under Rules 137 to Rule 142.

However, a player residing in a townland within a town or city and where that townland overlaps into a CCA of an adjoining club, players that reside in that townland shall have the option of playing with any club within the town or city and the club in the CCA which the townland extends into.

Players taking part in the Official Schools or Colleges competitions are exempted from this rule.

The definition of town or city boundaries is that as defined by the statutory body of Town or City Council or County Council.

**Passed 90:4**  
**Effective immediately**

## **COUNTY BOARD**

### **Management**

**Speaker: Geraldine Giles**

**Seconded by: Tony Bass**

### **Add to Rule 177 (j) to read:**

Development Officer (appointed)

### **Taken with Rule 206 and Rule 210**

### **Management**

### **Rule 206: Delete (k)**

### **Management**

### **Add to Rule 210 (k) to read**

Development Officer (appointed)

**Passed 83:14**

## PROVINCIAL CONVENTION

Sligo Speaker: Keith Gilroy Seconded by: Finbarr O'Driscoll

### **Amend Rule 204 to read:**

The Provincial President shall be elected for a 3 year term by secret ballot. They may stand for re-election at the end of his/her second year in office to serve two consecutive terms.

**Lost 53:40**

## CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURES

Management Speaker: Geraldine Carey Seconded by: Mary Shinnick

### **Add to end of Rule 360:**

'Counties cannot nominate a club to represent their County in the Provincial Club Championships'

Amendment added by show of hands

**Passed 84:13**

## MEDALS AND TROPHIES

Galway Speaker: Dawn Delaney

### **Amend Rule 372 to read:**

County boards shall award at least 20 medals or trophies to league and championship winners only and pro rate where teams of less than 15 players are involved.

**Withdrawn**

## SUBS AND SIN BIN

Management Speaker: Kathleen Kane Seconded by: Micheal Naughton

### **Add to Rule 398:**

'Where games are 7-a-side and 10 mins per half that the Sin Bin time will be 3 minutes.'

**Amendment by Pat Quill**

**Seconded by: Pat Carr**

**'Where games are 15 mins or less per half that the Sin Bin time will be 3 minutes playing time.'**

Amendment Passed: Show of Hands

**Passed 93:2**  
**Effective immediately**

## **BLOOD SUBS**

**Cavan**

**Speaker: Sean Lynch**

**Seconded by: Dawn Delaney**

**Amend Rule 402 to read as follows:**

402. A player who suffers a Blood Injury **or asthmatic compromise**, may be replaced by a Blood/**Compromised** Substitute, who shall notify the referee or fourth official in writing, that she is a Blood Sub/**Compromised** Sub. The Blood/**Compromised** Substitute shall NOT count as a substitute allowed under Normal Substitution rules. If the Blood/**Compromised** Injured player returns to the field of play as a direct replacement for the player who replaced her, her team shall not be deemed to have used a Normal Substitute.

**NB Compromised in this instance would be a player who is not immediately relieved by inhaler usage**

**Lost 15:76**

## **EXTRA TIME AND REPLAYS**

**Galway**

**Speaker: Dawn Delaney**

**Seconded by: Ted Maloney**

**Amend Rule 421 to read:**

In the case of **U-12** competitions, where teams are level at end of normal time, 2 x 10 min period of extra time is played. If teams are still level after extra time, golden score is used to determine the winners. Both teams toss for which way to play and play continues until first team to score a point or goal is determined the winner.

Amendment passed by show of hands: change 'underage' to 'U-12'

**Lost 34:58**

**Management**

**Speaker: Pat Quill**

**Seconded by: Billy Stafford**

**Amend Rule 421 to read:**

In exceptional circumstances, the Organising Committee, Board or Council may instruct teams to play One Period of Extra Time followed by a point shoot-out from 30 metres. **The kicks must be taken** between the two posts **and from** where indicated by the referee. In the case of Under 14 competitions and below, the point shoot-out shall be from the 20 metre line.

**Only players who are remaining on the field of play at the end of Extra Time are eligible to take the kicks.** Each team shall take 5 kicks at point scoring. If the scores are still tied after each team has taken their 5 kicks, sudden death procedure shall follow, using different players, until such time as there is a winner.

The ball must go directly over the crossbar, off the crossbar and over, or off the uprights and over the crossbar, to be counted as a point.

A ball that hops in front of the goal and goes over the bar shall not be counted as a point.

Any player that crosses the 20/30m mark while kicking for a point shall have her score disallowed.

The referee shall add the points scored by both teams in the shoot-out to the scores at the end of Extra Time in reporting the final score.

Extra Time shall consist of 10 minutes each way.

**Passed 82:8**  
**Effective immediately**

## **SCORES**

**Management**                      **Speaker: Hugh Devenney**                      **Seconded by: Keith Gilroy**

**Add to rule 468**

If the ball strikes anyone **or an object**, other than a player within the goal area, and in the referee's opinion a goal or a point was prevented, s/he shall allow such a score.

**Passed 82:8**

## **FOULS**

**Management**                      **Speaker: Dominic Leech**                      **Seconded By: Peter Jordan**

**Amend Rule 473 (e) to read**

**'A Sliding Tackle' – remove 'with the boot'**

**Passed 86:6**

**Management**                      **Speaker: Dominic Leech**                      **Seconded by: Gerry Doherty**

**Add new point to rule 473 (c) and move all listed accordingly to include:**

Charging of an opponent

**Passed 77:14**

**Management**      **Speaker: Liam McDonagh**      **Seconded by: Keith Gilroy**

**Remove Rule 474 (d) and Amend Rule 474 (g) to read:**

Deliberate charge, **including frontal charge, or jumping at** an opponent, colleague or official

**Passed 87:2**

**Management**      **Speaker: Liam McDonagh**      **Seconded by: Joe Fox**

**Add to Rule 474 (a)**

Striking or making a striking action towards an opponent or colleague with hand, **fist**, arm, elbow, head or knee

**Passed 88:3**

## **REFEREE**

**Leinster**      **Speaker: Finbarr O'Driscoll**      **Seconded by: Mary Shinnick**

**Add to Rule 506**

In Line 2 between 'Association' and 'shall' insert '.....and achieve the required standard in both the rules and obligatory fitness test'.

After 'Central Council' in line 4 attach the following 'Provincial Councils shall apply a similar procedure for training their panels of referees of their respective fixtures.

**Rule 506 to read as follows:**

'Neutral referees who have completed a recognised seminar and rules course of the Ladies Football Association and achieved the required standard in the rules test and obligatory fitness test, shall be appointed for all National fixtures where possible. Referees shall be subject to assessment from time to time as may be determined by Central Council, Provincial Councils shall apply similar procedure for training their panels of referees for their respective fixtures'.

**Passed 91:0**