



Gaelic Games Europe – County Committee Operational Regulations - 2023

FINANCIAL

1. An annual Club “management” fee shall be payable to the County Committee in addition to any fees specified in the Official Guide. The amount of said fee shall be determined by Annual Convention in the year preceding payment (and will continue at the same rate in succeeding years, until amended).
2. A “Management Fee” of €10.00 per adult member per year, shall be payable by clubs to GGE and allocated as follows:
 - €2.00 to be forwarded to GAA as required by Official Guide
 - €8.00 to be retained by GGE of which an amount decided by County Committee shall be forwarded to the appropriate regional committee
3. Regional (or Sub-Regional) Committees may be authorised to jointly manage the collection and transfer of annual fees to GGE in accordance with arrangements specified by the County Committee.
4. Newly affiliated clubs who comply with Official Guide rules and County Regulations regarding registrations and payment of affiliation fees will be entitled to a one-time start-up grant to the value of €300 in cash or equipment.
5. Clubs shall pay the annual affiliation fee and management fees for a minimum of eleven full members not later than March 31st each year. Failure to comply with this regulation may result in:
 - exclusion of a club from county and regional competitions
 - exclusion in the All Ireland ticket distribution process
 - withholding of GAA or GGE grantsIn addition players from non-compliant clubs will not be eligible for selection on representative teams.
6. The following officers shall be entitled to an annual honorarium in respect of non-vouched expenses:
Chairperson - €400; Secretary - €600; Treasurer - €250
7. 10% of the annual GAA Games Development grant to GGE shall be set aside for a Development Fund to provide camogie/hurling equipment to clubs. Priority shall be given to clubs starting camogie/hurling activities for the first time.
8. A summary financial report shall be circulated to the County Committee on a quarterly basis.

COMMUNICATIONS & TRANSPARENCY

9. The following items shall be shared with clubs within 14 days of adoption:
 - Bi-annual report on implementation of GGE strategic plan
 - Summary of the annual work plan & budget
 - Terms of Reference & Membership of Sub-committees
 - Minutes of County Committee meetings
10. All written communications to or from the County Committee or any subsidiary committees shall be sent by email.
11. A club shall use an official GAA email account for correspondence between the Club and the County Committee, and/or any Sub-Committee thereof.
12. The official postal address of the County Committee shall be the home address of the Secretary.
13. The working language of the County Committee, and all subsidiary committees (except Regional Committees) shall be the English language. Regional Committees may decide on their own working language.
14. Clubs shall ensure that the names of all club executive members are entered (and updated within 14 days of any changes) in the Foireann registration system.
15. All current association Rules and County Bye-laws and Regulations:
 - (i) shall be published on the GGE website;
 - (ii) include date of last amendment; and,

(iii) changes notified to clubs by email within 14 days of adoption/receipt by county committee.

16. A summary guide to transfer procedures shall be published on the GGE website.

COUNTY COMMITTEE & CONVENTION

17. County Committee Operational Regulations shall include an Appendix listing “deviations” from Rules (Official Guides) granted by GAA, LGFA or CA Central Councils.
18. County Committee may grant a club which has not competed in a Championship in a given year the rights to participate in Conventions and other meetings or activities for up to two years after said year. A club must apply to retain such rights before March 31st of the year following non-participation.
19. The Assistant Treasurer shall also perform the role of Registrar and be responsible for overseeing club affiliations and member registrations.
20. Annual Convention shall be held a venue to be determined annually by the County Committee before March 31 of the year concerned. The venue will be rotated between regions based on the following (alphabetical) order and repeated thereafter:
- Nordics
 - North-west
 - Benelux
 - Central-East
 - Iberia
- If new regions are established, they shall be added to the end of the rotation list above and the rotation will continue.
21. No games (competition or otherwise) shall be allowed on the weekend of Annual Convention
22. The County Committee shall be responsible for the provision and payment of accommodation and meals for delegates attending County Conventions.
23. County Officers/Sub-Committees shall provide a written report for consideration at Annual Convention and shall have a maximum of ten minutes to expand upon, clarify or reply to questions on any aspect of their reports if requested by the County Committee or a club in advance of the Convention.
24. The County Committee (or relevant Sub-Committee) shall report back to clubs within three months on motions remitted by Annual Convention.

OTHER

25. The annual Master Fixtures Programme shall be adopted by County Committee and circulated to clubs no later than February 1st annually.
26. The County Committee shall propose dates two years in advance for the following competitions:
- (i) European Football Championships;
 - (ii) European Camogie/Hurling Championships (all rounds);
 - (iii) European Handball Championships; and,
 - (iv) Semi-finals & final of European 15-a-side Championships
27. The official “home” ground of the European County Committee shall be the facilities at “Sportpark West”, Negenputruwe1-5, 6218 RA, Maastricht, The Netherlands.
28. The safety of the County Committee trophies are the responsibility of the club/region to whom the trophy was last presented. All engraving of trophies is the responsibility of the County Committee, with the winning club/region in any given year bearing the cost of such engraving.

Holders of a competition trophy must arrange to have such trophy returned to the Secretary (or nominated recipient), in a clean and fit state for presentation, not later than either; (a) June 1st, or, (b) eight weeks before the final of the competitions concerned (if such date is before June 1st).

Where a club fails to comply with this Regulation, the Management Committee shall arrange the collection of the trophy (or trophies) and the club/region concerned shall be held responsible for any expenses so incurred.

The County Committee shall arrange for the replacement or repair of a trophy and the club/region concerned shall be responsible for any expenses so incurred.

29. A club's official name shall not include the name of country unless all active clubs within that country agree to its use or they are the only club in that country. If a club (using the country name) has existed alone in a country, they shall be obliged to change the club name if another club within that country requests same.
30. The ticket allocation policy for All Ireland Finals shall be as follows:
- a) members of County Committee - up to 8 tickets for each All Ireland final or less than 20% of the allocation to Europe, whichever is the lesser number.*
 - b) members of County Sub-Committees (e.g. Hearings, Appeals, Development Committees etc.), and recognised Regional Committees members of other subcommittees of the Board (Hearings etc) be entitled to no greater than a total of 10% of the allocation to Europe. No one Regional or Sub-Committee to be allocated more than one ticket per final.*
(Eligible persons are those members who, at time of allocation, have attended the last three meetings of the relevant body and have, in total, attended a minimum of 60% of meetings of said body in the year to date. No individual allocated a ticket under (a) or (b) above to receive more than one ticket per final)
 - c) eligible referees (as defined by the RAC) will be entitled to a maximum of 10% of the allocation. No referee shall receive more than one ticket per final.
 - d) remainder of tickets to be distributed to clubs in the following order of preference
 - i. Clubs that did not receive a ticket in the previous year
 - ii. Football tickets to clubs that do not/will not receive a hurling ticket, and vice versa
 - iii. Clubs hosting European Championship rounds
 - iv. Clubs hosting Regional League rounds
 - e) to be eligible to apply for tickets, a Club must:
 - i. be properly affiliated, have at least 11 full members registered and all fees paid on a date to be specified annually by the County Committee.
 - ii. have participated in a European, regional or sub-regional Championship, either as a full team or as part of an amalgamated or combined team in the 12 months immediately preceding the closing date for applications.

John White, Secretary, Gaelic Games Europe, 10th September 2023