



**THE
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ASSOCIATION**
An Cumann Camógaíochta

An Treoir Oifigiúil

Cuid a Sé
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Official Guide

Part VI

Code for Camogie Supporters' Club



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(Code for Camogie Supporters' Club)

The other binding parts are as follows:

- Part I Official Guide
- Part II Official Playing Rules 2015/2018
- Part III Code of Practice for all Officers of the Association
- Part IV Disciplinary Code and THDC Mandatory Procedures
- Part V Association Code on Sponsorship
- Part VII Code of Best Practice in Youth Sport When Working with Underage Players, *Our Games Our Code*

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1. Name

- 1.1 The name of the Club shall be Camogie Supporters Club hereinafter referred to as the Club. This Club shall be a sub-committee of Coiste Contae

2. Objectives

- 2.1 The objectives of the Club shall be
- (a) to harness and strengthen goodwill for the Association in the County.
 - (b) to act as a fundraising unit with a view to maximising financial support for all Camogie activities in the county.
 - (c) to provide self-support structures for the organisation of Camogie in the County.
 - (d) to assist with the promotion of Camogie.
- 2.2 The Club shall be specifically precluded from involvement in the following areas:
- (a) County Board and team appointments
 - (b) Management and selection of County teams.
 - (c) Management and team expenses.

3. Membership

- 3.1 Membership of the Club shall extend to all whose interests coincide with the objectives of the Club.
- 3.2 The annual membership subscription will be determined at the Annual General Meeting each year.
- 3.3 The annual membership subscription for each member shall become due at the Annual General Meeting and shall cover membership until the next Annual General Meeting.

- 3.4 Application for membership must be made on the prescribed form, obtainable from the Honorary Secretary, and must be approved by the Executive Committee.
- 3.5 The application form must bear the signature of the applicant, proposer and seconder, who must be members of the Club.
- 3.6 The Executive Committee reserves the right to accept or refuse membership to anybody without prejudice to themselves.
- 3.7 The receipt of a membership card by the applicant shall be considered an intimation to them that they have duly been accepted as a member of the club. Each member of the Club is entitled to a copy of the Club constitution, once they apply for it to the Club Secretary.
- 3.8 Any member whose Annual Subscription has not been received within two months of the Annual General Meeting shall be deemed not to be a member of the Club.
- 3.9 The Executive Committee shall have the power to expel, suspend or otherwise deal with any member whose conduct or actions are in their opinion prejudicial to the interest of the Club or the interests of Camogie.
- 3.10 The Executive Committee shall have discretionary powers to reinstate to membership, under such terms as they think fit, any person who has been dealt with under 3.9 above.

4. Executive Committee

- 4.1 The Executive Committee of the club shall administer the affairs of the Club.
- 4.2 The Executive Committee shall consist of Cathaoirleach, Leas-Cathaoirleach, Rúnaí, Rúnaí Cúnta (Assistant Secretary), Cisteoir, P.R.O., and as many committee members as An Coiste Contae shall decide.

- 4.3 The Cathaoirleach, Rúnaí and Cisteoir of the Club shall be appointed by the Executive of An Coiste Contae each year prior to the Annual General Meeting. The Cisteoir of an Coiste Contae shall be the Cisteoir of the Camogie Supporters Club. These appointees shall take up office at the first meeting after the Annual General Meeting.
- 4.4 The first Executive Committee Meeting of the Club shall consider and where practicable elect its various sub-committees. These sub-committees shall be eligible for re-election each year at the discretion of the Executive Committee of the Club.
- 4.5 The officers of the Camogie Supporters Club i.e. the Cathaoirleach, Leas-Cathaoirleach, Rúnaí, Rúnaí Cunta, Cisteoir and P.R.O. shall meet and appoint the Officers, i.e. Cathaoirleach and Rúnaí of the various Sub-Committees. These appointees shall be eligible for reappointment each year at the discretion of the Officers of the Club.
- 4.6 The term of office of the Executive Committee shall be from the end of the meeting at which it was elected until the next Annual General Meeting.
- 4.7 Should a vacancy occur on the Executive Committee, i.e. Cathaoirleach, Rúnaí or Cisteoir, these positions shall be filled by appointment by the Officers of an Coiste Contae. Should a vacancy occur at Leas-Cathaoirleach or Rúnaí Cúnta level, these vacancies shall be filled by the Executive Committee of the Club.
- 4.8 Should a vacancy occur on the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee itself shall have the power to co-opt any member on to the committee to fill that vacancy.
- 4.9 The Executive Committee shall with the agreement of An Coiste Contae have the power to co-opt any member onto the committee as it might feel necessary from time to time.
- 4.10 All appointees, elected representatives and co-options shall end their term of office at the next Annual General Meeting.
- 4.11 Any member of the Executive Committee being absent from five meeting shall, in the absence of a satisfactory explanation, be deemed to have resigned from office.

- 4.12 The Executive Committee may establish whatever sub-committees which it considers are necessary for the efficient transaction of business. Such sub-committees shall be subject to the Executive Committee, shall be under the chairmanship of a member of the Executive Committee and shall include at least one of the Executive Committee appointed by an Coiste Contae.
- 4.13 The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a month. The quorum for a meeting of the Executive Committee shall be 50% of its members in addition to the officers present.
- 4.14 The Rúnaí will have the power to convene a Special Executive Meeting at their discretion should business necessitate.
- 4.15 After each meeting of the Executive Committee, an Rúnaí shall forward a report, including Resolutions passed, to an Rúnaí, an Coiste Contae.
- 4.16 The Executive Committee shall have the power, after consultation with an Coiste Contae, to remove from the Executive Committee any club officer or committee member who persistently fails to carry out any duties assigned to them.
- 4.17 At all meetings of the Executive Committee, the Cathaoirleach shall preside or, in their absence, the Leas-Cathaoirleach, Rúnaí or other member elected by the majority of those present and entitled to vote. The Cathaoirleach shall have a casting vote in addition to their own vote.
- 4.18 Each meeting will consider the minutes of the previous meeting. Resolutions may be passed by a simple majority. A resolution may be overruled by An Coiste Contae only where it deems the Resolution to be in contravention of the Rules of An Cumann Camógaíochta and/or the County Bye-Laws and/or not in the best interests of the Association. In such a case, an Rúnaí, an Coiste Contae shall notify the Executive Committee of the Club of such decision. The resolution shall be revoked at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

5. General Meetings and Meetings

- 5.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in the month of February on such date as shall be determined by the Executive Committee and in the same month annually thereafter.
- 5.2 A Special General Meeting may be called at any time by the Executive Committee or at the written request of not less than 25% of members of the Club or at the request in writing of the County Committee. Such a request shall state the nature of the matter or matters intended to be submitted to the meeting. Where a Special General Meeting has been convened at the request of the members the meeting shall be deemed invalid unless 90%, at least, of the signatories are present.
- 5.3 The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall elect the Leas-Cathaoirleach, Rúnaí Cunta (Assistant Secretary) and committee members other than the Cathaoirleach, Rúnaí or Cisteoir.
- 5.4 Persons being nominated at the Annual General Meeting for vacant positions on the Executive Committee must be present, unless an excuse has been received in writing and accepted by the meeting. The vacant positions on the Executive Committee shall be filled by secret ballot. Those receiving the majority vote of those present, eligible to vote, and voting shall be elected.
- 5.5 All motions to be moved at the Annual General Meeting, together with the name of the proposer and seconder, must be received in writing by the Rúnaí at least 14 days prior to the date of the meeting.
- 5.6 At least seven days beforehand members shall be notified by an Rúnaí of the date, time, venue and agenda for meetings, Special General Meetings and Annual General Meetings.
- 5.7 All members who are over the age of 18 on the first of January preceding the Annual General Meeting, and whose subscription at the prescribed rate is not in arrears, shall be eligible to vote on all matters appearing on the agenda of the Annual General Meeting.

- 5.8 The following business shall be transacted at the Annual General Meeting:
- (a) An Rúnaí shall submit a report of the proceedings of the Club for the preceding year.
 - (b) An Cisteoir shall submit the accounts, duly audited, for the calender year preceding the Annual General Meeting.
 - (c) The election of Executive Committee.
 - (d) General Business.
 - (e) The Cathaoirleach, Rúnaí and Cisteoir, as appointed by an Coiste Contae shall take office from the close of the Annual General Meeting.
- 5.9 The supreme authority of the Club shall be the Annual General Meeting subject to this constitution, and to the overall authority of an Coiste Contae and the rules of An Cumann Camógaíochta as defined in the Official Guide of An Cumann Camógaíochta.

6. Finances

- 6.1 The funds of the Club shall be lodged in such bank as is approved by the Executive Committee in the name of Camogie Supporters Club. All disbursements shall be signed by an Cisteoir and countersigned by either an Cathaoirleach or an Rúnaí.
- 6.2 As the Club is a sub-committee of the County Board it’s Annual Treasurer’s Report shall be considered by the Annual Convention of Coiste Contae and then be considered by the Annual General Meeting of the Club.
- 6.3 All matters incurring expenses on the Club shall be passed in advance and passed by the Executive Committee and shall be recorded.

- 6.4 Any member owing dues or monies for fundraising, social functions or any event, and who has been requested in writing by An Rúnaí to appear before the Executive Committee and fails to do so, shall be expelled from the Club unless sufficient reason is given for their non-appearance. Any person so expelled shall be precluded from any further membership of the Club. The Executive Committee shall reserve the right to litigate legal action to recover funds from any individual where it is satisfied that misappropriation of Club funds has occurred.
- 6.5 Only expenditure on running expenses of the Club shall be expended directly by the Club. All expenditure on the provision of support and development facilities for Camogie activities shall only be undertaken following consultation with an Coiste Contae and the funds provided to an Coiste Contae. No monies other than legitimate expenses shall be paid to any players, coaches or other officers or employees of An Cumann Camógaíochta and such legitimate expenses may be paid only through an Coiste Contae.

7. Rules of the Club

- 7.1 The rules of the Club shall be printed and a copy thereof available to each member on application.
- 7.2 A copy of all amendments and alterations to rules shall be available to all members on request as soon as possible after the Annual General Meeting at which such amendments or alterations have been adopted.
- 7.3 Alterations or additions to these rules may only be made at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special Meeting called for that purpose, provided that the requisite seven days notice has been given. Such alterations and additions shall be forwarded to an Coiste Contae for its approval or otherwise.
- 7.4 The foregoing rules shall be Laws of the Club and their acceptance a fundamental condition of membership.

- 7.5 The Executive Committee shall have the power to deal with any matters not provided for in these Rules and to take any action necessary or desirable for the improvement of the Club and benefit of its members, provided always that such actions are not in conflict with other rules of the Club or the rules of An Cumann Camógaíochta as defined in the Official Guide, County Bye-Laws or any defined policy of An Cumann Camógaíochta.
- 7.6 The decision of the Executive Committee on the interpretation of these rules and on matters arising therefrom shall be final except where such decision is held by the County Board to be in contravention of the Rules of An Cumann Camógaíochta. In such an instance, the informed interpretation of an Coiste Contae shall be final.

8. General

- 8.1 The Club may be dissolved only with the consent of two-thirds of its members and only on such terms and conditions as members may determine. Where the Club functions in contravention of a ruling of an Coiste Contae, an Coiste Contae may order the Club to dissolve and the Club shall comply with this order.
- 8.2 In the event of the Club being dissolved, the assets shall revert to an Coiste Contae in whom the ultimate control is vested.
- 8.3 Neither the Club nor any unit of An Cumann Camógaíochta shall bear responsibility for any misfortune, however caused, incurred by members of the Supporters Club.