



2014 REGULATIONS

03.03.'14 : At its meeting on 22.02.'14 Coste Bainistí approved your regulations as follows :

1. AFFILIATION AND REGISTRATIONS

(i) CLUB

(a) Each club shall register with the NACB Registrar, through the Divisional Committee Registrar, its player's, official's and colors, no later than April 30th. All affiliating and/or registering clubs shall be required to register at least 13 (thirteen) eligible players.

(b) All Men's club affiliations and/or registrations shall have reached the NACB Registrar's address, no later than May 15th.

(c) No club affiliation and/or registration shall be accepted by the Divisional Committee or NACB unless the proper fees accompany it.

(d) No registration of a player shall be accepted, unless the player is a resident of the Division in which he/she is registering.

(e) Club or player registrations that are submitted to the Divisional Board past the appropriate deadline cannot be accepted. Divisions shall have two weeks past the appropriate deadline to forward all registration to the NACB.

Penalty: Registrations that are forwarded to the NACB more than two weeks past the deadline will not be accepted unless accompanied by a fine of \$100 per day late.

(f) LADIES CLUBS:

Ladies football and Camogie clubs shall affiliate separately with the NACB and shall pay a separate affiliation/registration fee, whether or not they are affiliated with a men's club.

(i) Ladies Football and Camogie teams shall register with the NACB Registrar, through the Divisional Committee Registrar, its players, officials and colors players no later than June 10th. All affiliating and/or registering clubs shall be required to register at least 13 (thirteen) eligible players.

(ii) All Ladies club affiliations and/or registrations shall have reached the NACB Registrar's address, no later than June 20th

(ii) PLAYER

DOCUMENTATION:

(a) Names submitted without proper documentation (completed Sanctions and transfers, etc.) or where the residence of the player is not known to the Divisional Committee, shall be struck off the registration sheets prior to forwarding to the NACB. The club/s and individual/s involved shall be entitled to a hearing by the Divisional Committee before such action is taken and shall be notified in writing of the outcome.

(b) FIRST TIME REGISTRATION: A player applying for registration for the first time in a Division, must present himself/herself to 2 neutral Divisional Committee Officers, at least 3 days prior to a game.

(c) REGISTERING PLAYERS: All players shall be individually registered by listing on the registration sheet the player's name, place of birth, code and grade, plus the last 4 digits of the player's Driver's License # (e.g., either Irish or US) and/or Passport # (e.g., either Irish or US). Non-Irish players who have never previously registered with an adult GAA club may register with an NACB club on or before August 15. Non Irish Born players must be clearly identified and all players' grades listed.

(d) The Player Registration Form must be signed by the club registrar and submitted to the Divisional Registrar.

(e) In addition to a signed paper copy of club and player registrations, clubs must also submit all Player Registrations via email to the Divisional Registrar.

(f) Within 7 days of receipt of the Club Registration list, the Divisional Registrar will verify and email the entire list of Player Registrations to the NACB Registrar with a copy back to each club in the Division.

(g) Once verified, the NACB Registrar will, within two (2) weeks, print, sign and mail back to the Divisional Registrar, and also put online a copy of the official (home based) Registration list received from the Divisions.

(h) New player registrations can be added at any time, but a signed complete listing will be mailed back by the NACB Registrar each time a player is added to the Registration list

(i) All divisions must maintain a digital division registration book. The four major cities (Boston, Chicago, Western and Philadelphia) must also have a Divisional Registration Book that must be signed in person by each new player before that player's registration can be accepted.

(j) The Divisional Registration Book must be brought to the NACB Playoffs by the Divisional Registrar to verify signatures.

(k) The NACB Registrar shall sign and date each club's Player Registration Form. A signed copy shall be kept for NACB records, and a second signed copy shall be mailed to the

Divisional Registrar. The verification of a player's identification and registration by the Committee in charge before a game will involve inspection of the Club Registration sheet signed by the NACB Registrar plus the player's listed ID. Only an ID that is listed on the club registration sheet is acceptable as proof of ID for any player.

(l) As soon as possible after the conclusion of each Registration period each club's updated list of Registrations shall be made available upon request for inspection by all other NACB clubs, by providing via email the full name and club of each player.

(m) RESIDENCY: By May 7th, the local Divisional Registrar will furnish all clubs within the Division with copies of all Divisional registrations as of April 30th. Clubs will then have fourteen days to question in writing the residency or legality of any player on the list. Players questioned will have 48 hours to appear in front of the Divisional Committee. Should the player fail to appear, he/she will be ineligible to play until such time as the player's status is determined by the Divisional Committee. **Exception:** By June 17th, the local Divisional Registrar will furnish all ladies football clubs within the Division with copies of all ladies senior football team registrations as of June 10th.

(n) REGISTERED LESS THAN ONE YEAR: A Club may 3 times a year question in writing the legality of any player who has been registered with another club for less than 1 year. When a club has questioned the legality of a player, the player in question must appear in front of the Divisional Committee within 48 hours. A player who fails to appear will be ineligible to play until such time they appear at a Divisional Committee hearing to determine their status. Notification for a player to appear may be given via telephone.

2. COMPETITION:

(a) NAME: The name of the competition in areas under the jurisdiction of the NACB shall be known as the NACB Championships.

(b) DIVISIONS: The NACB, consisting of affiliated Hurling, Football and Camogie clubs from the various cities, shall be divided into Divisions with each Division governed by a Divisional Committee.

(c) MEDALS: The NACB shall provide a set of medals to the winner of each grade of competition in the NACB Championships (Consistency in the quality of the medals shall be maintained from year to year).

(d) TROPHY: The trophy for the NACB Championship winners shall be perpetual. The trophy shall be handed back to the winning club's Divisional Committee, who in turn shall return it to the NACB at the following year's pre-playoff meeting (*or on an alternate date*) in time for repair if necessary and for presentation at the Playoffs. ***Any Trophy/Shield not returned on time will result in a \$500 fine.***

3. SANCTIONED PLAYERS

(a) Mens Clubs Only

Sanctions shall not be granted later than July 20

(Per. 6.11(b), (iv), T.O. 2012.

(b) Ladies Football & Camogie

Sanctions shall not be granted later than July 1st.

(c) A player on a sanction, once he or she returns to Ireland cannot afterwards, in the same year, return to play in NACB competitions with the following exceptions:

1) The death of an immediate family member of the player, (specifically, a parent, brother, sister or grandparent);

2) To repeat a Third-Level Examination;

3) To enroll/register for a Third-Level Course of Education;

4) To start a Third-Level Course of Education;

(c) The player shall notify the controlling body before leaving for Ireland

(d) The player may not play Hurling, Footballer Handball while in Ireland.

N.B. Any other “exceptional circumstance” must have the approval of Central Council (R. 6.11 (b) (viii), T.O. 2012, before it is allowed

(c) SANCTION PLAYERS’ PASSPORTS:

All Sanction players must provide their passports for inspection at the NACB Playoffs and at Divisional level games, if requested to do so by a Committee member in charge of the fixture. Passports, if requested, must be produced prior to the game and at any hearing thereafter as a result of an objection or counter-objection. Failure to provide a passport when requested will render the player ineligible to participate in that particular game until such time as the player's passport has been provided for inspection.

Note: The number on the passport must correspond with that on the Sanction form. If the numbers do not correspond then the player is ineligible to play and may also be liable to disciplinary action. On Passport inspections, only Divisional Officers at Divisional games, or NACB Officers at the Playoffs, are allowed to handle Passports.

(d) **ID INSPECTION:** Official Registration Forms shall be made available at all games. Before all Playoff games, players will be required to produce for inspection by an NACB Officer the government-issued picture ID listed on the Player Registration Form submitted by their club, e.g., Driver's License or Passport. Failure to provide the listed ID will render the player ineligible to participate until such time as the listed ID has been provided for inspection by an NACB Officer.

The referee shall note the requests and report any irregularities to the NACB.in any given year.

4. SANCTIONS

(a) A Player on a sanction to an exclusively Football Club be allowed play for an exclusively Hurling Club and vice-versa once the grade in the other code has been established through the NACB and Croke Park.

(b) MENS FOOTBALL

(i) **SENIOR.-** Each team shall have no less than 5 RESIDENT PLAYERS on the field at any one time.

(ii) **INTERMEDIATE** – Each team shall have no less than 8 RESIDENT PLAYERS on the field at any one time

(iii) **JUNIOR ‘A’-** Each team shall have no more than 5 NON-RESIDENT PLAYERS on the field at any one time

(iv) **JUNIOR ‘B’** – Each team shall have no more than 3 NON-RESIDENT PLAYERS on the field at any one time

(v) **JUNIOR ‘C’** – No Sanctioned players are allowed to participate in any Junior “C” or lower level competitions; only American-born and resident Irish-born players are eligible to play. Teams from Boston, Chicago, San Francisco and Philadelphia are restricted to playing only American-born players in competitions at these levels. All American-born players, from Boston, Chicago, San Francisco and Philadelphia, who have previously or are currently registered in the NACB Youth and are eligible to play on a 100% American team may also play at a higher grade level with another club in that division.

(vi) **JUNIOR ‘D’** – Only American and non-Irish born are eligible to compete at this level

NOTE: All Sanction numbers are to be maintained, inclusive of players being ordered off during the course of a game in all grades and in all codes.

(c) HURLING

(i) **SENIOR** – Each team shall have no more than 7 NON-RESIDENT players on the field at any one time

(ii) **INTERMEDIATE** – Each team shall have no than 5 NON-RESIDENT PLAYERS on the field at any one time.

(iii) **JUNIOR ‘A’** – Each team shall have no more than 4 NON-RESIDENT PLAYERS on the field at any one time

(iv) **JUNIOR ‘B’** – Each team shall have no more than 3 NON-RESIDENT PLAYERS on the field at any one time

(v) **JUNIOR ‘C’** –Each team will have no less than 10 NON-IRISH born players on the field at all times. No Sanctioned players are allowed to participate in any Junior “C” or lower level competitions; only American-born and resident Irish-born players are eligible to play. Teams from Boston, Chicago, San Francisco and Philadelphia are restricted to playing only American-born players AND players who can prove permanent residency in the USA prior to 10 years old, in competitions at these levels. All American-born players, from Boston, Chicago, San Francisco and Philadelphia, who have previously or are currently registered in the NACB Youth and are eligible to play on a 100% American team may also play at a higher grade level with another club in that division.

(vi) All American-born players, from Boston, Chicago, San Francisco and Philadelphia, playing at Junior Level hurling who have previously or are currently registered in the NACB Youth may also play at a higher grade level with another club in that division and retain their Junior Status. Players who avail of this rule must play with their club of registration in the event of a conflict of games.

NOTE: All Sanction numbers are to be maintained, inclusive of players being ordered off during the course of a game in all grades and in all codes. All hurling and players shall wear a helmet for all games.

(d) LADIES FOOTBALL:

(i) **SENIOR** - Each team shall be limited to no more than 7 NON-RESIDENT (sanction) on the field at one time at one time.

(ii) **INTERMEDIATE & JUNIOR** - Each team shall be limited to no more than 5 NON-RESIDENT (sanction) PLAYERS on the field at one time.

(iii) **JUNIOR B** - Teams will have at least three American-born players on the field at all times (in the event an American-born player is dismissed from the game for whatever reason that requirement has to be maintained).

(iv) Sanctions shall not be granted later than July 1

(v) The minimum age for any player shall be 15 years old on January 1st of the playing year.

NOTE: All Sanction numbers are to be maintained, inclusive of players being ordered off during the course of a game in all grades and in all codes.

(e) CAMOGIE

(i) **SENIOR** - Each team will be limited to no more than 5 NON-RESIDENT (sanction) PLAYERS on the field at any one time

(ii) **INTERMEDIATE** – Each team will be allowed to play 3 NON-RESIDENT (sanction) PLAYERS on the field at one time.

(iii) **JUNIOR** – NO sanctions are allowed to play.

(iv) Sanctions shall not be granted later than July 1st

(v) The minimum age for any player shall be 15 years old on January 1st of the playing year
NOTE: All Sanction numbers are to be maintained, inclusive of players being ordered off during the course of a game in all grades and in all codes. All camogie players shall wear a helmet for all games.

5. JUNIOR STATUS ELIGIBILITY:

All Players must be Junior Grade.

(a) **EXCLUSIVELY JUNIOR DIVISIONS:** Senior players, *residing full time* in an exclusively Junior Division, must apply to the NACB for re-grading no later than July 20th.

(b) All Divisions including major Divisions are eligible to compete at junior B, C or D grade. To be eligible, the participation of teams from Boston, Chicago, San Francisco or Philadelphia must be recommended to the NACB by the Divisional Committee, and must be approved by the NACB.

6. NACB PLAYOFF GAMES:

(a) **CONTROL:** The NACB Officers shall attend all Playoff games in an official capacity.

(b) **DIVISIONAL WINNERS:** The Divisional Committee must forward to the NACB Registrar a panel of 25 players for each grade of competition at least 3 weeks prior to the NACB Playoffs; teams may edit their players list up to 1 week before the playoffs. Only those players listed on the panel will be eligible to play at the Playoffs. Any division where the Division Championship is still underway will have until the Wednesday prior to the Playoffs to provide the player panel.

(c) **TEAM LISTS:** After each game is played during the season and at least 5 days prior to the NACB Playoffs, the Divisional Committee Registrar or Secretary must forward to the NACB Registrar the substitution and team sheets for all teams whose club also has a lower grade affiliated team. If the required team lists and other team documentation are not provided to the NACB, the team will be eliminated from the Playoffs. **PENALTY:** DIVISIONAL COMMITTEE \$1,000 FINE, CLUB FORFEIT OF GAME.

(d) **KNOCK OUT SYSTEM:** All Playoff games up to and including the North American Finals shall be on a knockout system.

(e) **DRAWS FOR PLAYOFFS:** In the event that only 3 Divisions enter any specific championship, a fourth team consisting of a defeated Divisional finalist in that grade of competition shall be entered. The Division from which this fourth team shall come will be drawn when needed at the Pre-Playoffs meeting.

(f) At the Playoffs, any player who lines up or deliberately attempts to play while illegal, as determined and agreed on the spot by at least three NACB officers, will be automatically debarred for the duration of the Playoffs pending an investigation. If a team lines up a player or attempts to play a player in a game who is later determined to be an illegal player, the club

shall be suspended for the remainder of the Playoffs and shall be fined \$2,000.00 per illegal player.

(g) UMPIRES & LINESMEN

(i) Neutral linesmen and umpires shall be used in games. If the Host City is playing in a game where appointed officials do not show up, for that game neutral officials will be used.

(ii) All participating clubs will be required to provide umpires and linesmen for Playoff games, and clubs will be fined \$100 if their assigned officials do not fulfill an officiating assignment.

(iii). Neutral linesmen and Umpires' assignments will be designated on the playoff schedule by club name.

(h) . Eliminated teams will have the option to request and play one (1) challenge match against another eliminated team. These challenge matches must be requested by a delegate of each team at that evenings playoff meeting and scheduled for the following day provided there is field availability. Teams must provide and arrange for their own linesmen, umpires and referee for these games are considered friendly matches and have no bearing on the outcome of the NACB playoffs.

(i) TEAM ADMISSION TO GAMES: Playoffs Host Divisions must charge reasonable admission charges to the games for players and spectators.

(j). TEAM OFFICIALS: A total of three club officials will be allowed entry to the sideline. Team substitutes will be required to remain in the designated area during the game. PENALTY: \$200 FINE

(k) DRESS:

(i) Jersey's must be numbered in accordance with official team list, as submitted to the referee.

(ii) All players shall comply with proper dress code, i.e. uniform color of Jerseys, socks and shorts. PENALTY for (i) & (ii) \$200 FINE

(l) PUNCTUALITY: Teams are instructed to take the field at least fifteen minutes prior to the starting time of their games for warm up and ID inspection. PENALTY: \$200

(m) A substitution may only be made during a stoppage in play. The player must present a substitution slip along with the registration ID to the referee. PENALTY: FORFEITURE OF GAME

(n) PARADE: Where a parade is organized, players should be instructed to march properly, keeping in step with the band. Teams should march in numerical order after the captain. Track suits/training tops are not to be worn during the parade. PENALTY: \$200 FINE

(o) CLASH OF COLORS: Playoffs teams must inform the NACB of their team colors a minimum one week prior to the finals. In the event of a clash of colors between opposing teams, both teams may be instructed to change colors. PENALTY: \$200 FINE

(p) TROPHY PRESENTATION: Clubs should instruct captains to have a short acceptance speech prepared, having regard for the dignity of the occasion.

7. PLAYOFFS - GENERAL RULES.

(a) RETURN GAME: A club that fails to travel for a return game as scheduled in Divisional competition shall pay the greater of (1) a \$2,500 FINE or (2) all verifiable expenses incurred by the opposing club for the first game. PENALTY: 48 WEEKS SUSPENSION OR UNTIL THE FINE HAS BEEN PAID.

(b) Draws made at Pre-Playoffs meetings shall stand. In the event of a club pulling out and another entering, there will be no re-draw of schedule and the new team shall fill the void. Divisional Delegates at the Pre-Playoff meeting will carry and control the same number of votes on behalf of their Division as were cast by that Division at the immediately previous NACB Convention

(c) The Pre-Playoff meeting is permitted to introduce on a temporary basis any changes it deems necessary in connection with the running of the current year's NACB Championships. Those changes must also be ratified at the NACB Convention the following November or the changes will no longer be valid.

(d) In junior competitions with 4+ teams. All teams knocked out in the first round of competition at the NACB playoffs must partake in a shield competition if time and facilities permit that shield competition to be officially scheduled.

8. PLAYOFF REQUIREMENTS

The hosting of the NACB playoffs will be on a rotational basis. Starting in 2011. The four major Divisions will be on a 6 year rotation while all others will bid for the playoffs every third year. Bids can only be submitted by Divisions, not from a club within a Division. In the event of a Division not meeting the playoff requirements, the rotation shall move to the next Division in line. (see website for full rotation)

PLAYOFFS: HOST MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS & PLAYOFFS FEE:

The NACB fee for all playoffs finals shall be \$14,000...\$10,000 payable to the NACB Treasurer, \$4,000 payable to the NACB Youth Board Treasurer. Any Division or Club bidding to host the NACB National Playoffs, as part of their minimum bid package, must commit to providing the following:

(a) Five co-located all-grass GAA fields in good condition, reserved for up to five days from Thursday through Monday of Labor Day, each measuring no less than 143 yards(130meters) X 80 yards (73 meters), with proper field markings, flags, goal-posts, nets, score-boards, etc. No Host Division will be required to provide more than 5 co-located fields.

(b) At least one of the fields no less than 150 yards (137meters) X 80 yards (73 meters) in size and all fields with adequate separation between them.

(c) Bleachers or other seating at the fields for at least 1,500 spectators.

(d) Appropriate changing rooms, restrooms, watering stations, staffed first-aid center(s), adequate sound system, etc.

(e) The ability to restrict and/or erect sponsor signs at the different events as required by NACB contracts.

(f) Hotel rooms within a maximum 30-minute drive of the fields, sufficient to provide an average of at least 12 rooms for each traveling team at reasonable rates, and NACB meeting facilities as required at no charge.

(g) Team transportation round-trip to the hotel from the airport for a flat fee of \$20 per person. Transportation to field at no charge

(h) A team of four substitute games officials available on-call to the NACB for the entire day on Saturday.

(i) Arrangements for airport pick-up for special guests, e.g. GAA President, Referees from Ireland.

(j) At no charge, timely bus transportation round-trip to the GAA fields from the hotels for all teams, provided they can show their airport pass at \$20. For those who have not, a onetime fee of \$10 can be charged by the host city for transportation from the hotel to the GAA fields.

(k) At no charge, 10 Hotel rooms to the NACB for officers and NACB guests for the duration of the Playoffs.

(l) At no charge, 25 Games Admission Passes for the NACB officers and NACB guests.

(m) At no charge, a 2-way Radio to each NACB Officer for each day of the Playoffs.

(n) Confirmation in writing to the NACB of all arrangements is required three months prior to the Playoffs.

(o) Any deviations from this list of Playoffs Host Minimum Requirements must be approved in advance at the Pre-Playoffs meeting.

(p) All teams entered into the NACB playoff draws must stay in the host city's designated hotels.

Penalty for non-compliance – Possible elimination following due process from all playoff competition.

(q) A set of nets suitable for hurling and football on all fields used during the playoffs.

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9. GENERAL:

(a) A new grade be established in the NACB at U21 level.

(b) Each club under the jurisdiction of the NACB shall receive a copy of the NACB Regulations and NACB Bye Laws following the annual convention

(c) NACB Officers/Divisional Board Officers will be responsible to maintain the tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code for the organization of American Gaelic Games. The NACB Treasurer/Divisional Treasurer will oversee the timely completion of the annual tax compliance with Federal and State Authorities.

(d) All NACB divisions participating in the CYC must send 2 qualified referees to the CYC tournament each year. Each division will be responsible for flights and hotels and any others costs. Names of referees need to be sent to the CYC Committee one month in advance of the tournament. Penalty for not complying will result in a \$1000.00 fine paid to the CYC board.

10. CONVENTION

A city hosting the annual NACB Convention shall incur the costs of any meeting room expenses along with any food and refreshments provided during the Convention. The cost would not be the responsibility of the NACB.

Penalty for non-compliance – Possible elimination following due process from all playoff competition