

GAELIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION NORTH AMERICAN COUNTY BOARD, Inc.

GUIDELINES FOR PLAYER REGISTRATIONS, ETC.

ALL PLAYERS

- Players are individually responsible for knowing and adhering to the rules.
- No players may play in any game in the North American County Board area before their registrations have been accepted and approved by the Registrar of the Divisional Board.
- No players may attempt to register unless they are physically residing at an address in that Division.

US HOME-BASED PLAYERS (including ALL TRANSFERS FROM IRELAND)

- This HOME-BASED category applies to all players who are physically residing at an address in the North American County Board area before April 15th, even if they have just recently moved here from Ireland.
- This HOME-BASED category also includes all Inter-County and Inter-Club TRANSFER players.
- These HOME-BASED players must be registered with their respective Divisional Boards no later than April 15th. After April 15th and before July 20th, these players can register ONLY as SANCTION players.
- These players register using two signed GREEN registration cards with two photographs attached.
- HOME-BASED players registering for the first time in a Division must also appear in front of the Divisional Board registrar with appropriate identification (e.g. Passport) before the registration can be accepted.
- HOME-BASED players who have played in a different County jurisdiction the previous year, whether in Ireland, New York, or elsewhere, must obtain an Inter-County TRANSFER before registering.
- HOME-BASED players who have competed in the North American County Board area the previous year on a SANCTION, must obtain an Inter-County TRANSFER from their County in Ireland before registering.
- HOME-BASED players who have played with a different Club in the North American County Board area during the previous year, must obtain an Inter-Club TRANSFER before registering.
- HOME-BASED players cannot play Club Championship Football or Hurling in Ireland in the same year after playing Club Championship Football or Hurling in the North American County Board area.

SANCTION PLAYERS (including ALL SUMMER PLAYERS FROM IRELAND)

- Players who register after April 15th and before July 20th MUST register as SANCTION players. This SANCTION category applies mainly to players who are coming from Ireland for the Summer months, but also applies to US resident players who have failed to register before the April 15th deadline.
- In order to register in a Division in the North American County Board, SANCTION players must secure duplicate SANCTION forms signed by both their Club and County Secretaries in Ireland, and also signed by the GAA Secretary General in Ireland.
- SANCTION players register using two signed WHITE registration cards with two photographs attached.
- SANCTION players registering for the first time in a Division must also appear in front of the Divisional Board registrar with appropriate identification (e.g. Passport) before the registration can be accepted.
- SANCTION players must have their passports available for inspection at all games. Otherwise, they can be stopped from playing in a particular game where the passport is not available.
- Depending on the competition and Division, there are restrictions on the number of SANCTION players who can be on the playing field for a team at any one time.
- All SANCTIONS expire on September 30th of each year.
- SANCTION players must remain in the North American County Board area for a minimum of 60 days.
- SANCTION players may not play again in Ireland until at least 60 days after the Sanction has been approved, regardless of the reason for which they returned to Ireland.
- SANCTION players who return to Ireland, except for the death of a brother, sister or parent, may not return to play in any further North American County Board games in the same year.

DEADLINES

- HOME-BASED registrations and/or TRANSFERS will not be accepted after April 15th.
- SANCTION players must register after April 15th but no later than July 20th.

REGISTRATION CARDS

- A Division's Player Registration Cards will be available for inspection at all games during the season. Passports of SANCTION players may also be requested for examination.

COMPETING IN NEW YORK OR CANADA

- Players who play in the North American County Board area are specifically prohibited from competing in the same year in any competition in the New York or Canadian County Board areas.

NORTH AMERICAN COUNTY BOARD CONTACTS

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Clarification of any of the rules governing registrations, etc., is available by contacting Sean Gannon, the NACB Registrar, at 216-531-5068, or contact John Keane, the NACB Secretary, at 425-315-0106, or via e-mail at jkeane@uswest.com, or write to:
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