

# 1998 BY-LAWS REVIEW COMMITTEE

The attached contains the existing NACB By-Laws and Regulations (including NACB Playoff Regulations) with revisions proposed by the 1998 By-Laws Review Committee. The goal of the By-Laws Review Committee was to tidy up the wording and format, etc., rather than to propose major changes.

In this document, the original By-Law or Regulation wording is underlined, the proposed changes are marked with ♣♣ characters, are underlined, and are also written in *italics*. All of these proposed changes must be approved by delegates at the NACB Convention before they take effect.

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# BY-LAWS

## 1. NAME

The name of the Gaelic Athletic Association, as it applies to North America, except the New York Metropolitan area and New Jersey as defined by Central Council, shall be known as the North American County Board, Incorporated (NACB).

## 2. BASIC AIM

The basic aim of the NACB is to preserve and promote Gaelic Games and pastimes in North America.

## 3. UNITS

The NACB is a democratic organization comprised of the following units. (a) Clubs, (b) Divisional Boards, and (c) County Committee.

## 4. CONTROL

All Clubs and Divisional Boards shall come under the direct control of the NACB

## 5. JURISDICTION

- a. The NACB, as approved by Central Council and congress, shall be the final authority on all matters within its jurisdiction.
- b. There shall be no appeal to Central Council from decisions of the NACB.

## 6. MEMBERSHIP

- a. Membership of the NACB shall be granted only by a club.
- b. The rules regarding application for admission to membership and suspension or expulsion from club activities shall be as set out in the Official Guide.

## 7. DIVISIONS

The clubs of the NACB shall be formed into Divisions, which shall be known as follows:

CENTRAL: Chicago area.

MIDWEST: Detroit, Toledo, Cleveland, and Pittsburgh areas.

NEW ENGLAND: Boston area.

♣♣ NORTH EAST: Boston area.

NORTH WEST: Portland and Seattle areas.

PHILADELPHIA: Philadelphia and Washington area.

FLORIDA: Florida area.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA: Los Angeles and San Diego areas.

WESTERN: San Francisco and the Bay area.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN: Denver area.

SOUTHERN: Atlanta area.

♣♣ SOUTHWEST: Texas and Arizona area.

## 8. DIVISIONAL BOARD FAILURE

When a Divisional Board fails to function, the NACB through its chairman and secretary shall assume full control of that Division.

## 9. AFFILIATION AND REGISTRATIONS

- a. Each club shall register with the NACB Registrar, through the Divisional Board Registrar, its players, officials and colors, no later than April 15th.
- b. The NACB affiliation fee or registration fee for all clubs be \$400.
- c. All affiliations and/or registrations shall have reached the NACB Registrar's address, no later than May 1st.
- d. No affiliation and/or registration shall be accepted by the Divisional Board or NACB unless it is accompanied by the proper fees.
- e. No registration of a player shall be accepted, unless the player is a resident of the Division from which he/she is registering, for the first time.
  - ♣♣\_e. *No registration of a player shall be accepted, unless the player is a resident of the Division from which he/she is registering.*

## 10. TRANSFERS

- a. A player must be a resident of the Division into which he/she applies to transfer to.
  - ♣♣\_a. *A player must be a resident of the Division into which he/she applies to transfer.*
- b. Players applying to transfer to a club in the NACB area, from outside the NACB, must complete an Inter-county Transfer form, no later than April 15th
- c. **SANCTIONED PLAYERS:** All sanctioned players remaining in the NACB area, who intend to join another NACB club the following season on an Inter County transfer, must notify an officer of the club they played for the previous season while on a sanction, and the Divisional Board Secretary, no later than January 15th, of their intention to transfer.

d. **HOME BASE PLAYERS:** All home based players residing in the NACB area and registered with the same club as a base players for a period of 2 seasons or less, that wish to transfer to another club by April 15th, must notify an officer of their current club and the Divisional Board Secretary, no later than January 15th, of their intention to transfer (Note; This rule applies to players transferring to Ireland from the NACB area and returning to play for a new club the following season).

e. **CLUBS:** Clubs must approve all transfers that apply to 10c. and 10d. above no later than February 15th or they must state their reason in writing for refusal to the NACB Secretary by February 15th, otherwise the player will automatically be transferred by the NACB on April 15th (NOTE: The transfer application may be refused by the NACB until such time as all verified out of pocket expenses incurred by the club due to the player, are paid by the player, if required to do so by the club).

f. **CLUB TO CLUB TRANSFERS:** In all other cases, players wishing to change clubs within a Division or the NACB area, must complete a club-to-club transfer no later than April 15th or earlier if the Divisional regulations require so.

## 11. SANCTIONS

a. Players who are students or other bona fide persons, sanctioned by Central Council, intending to play in the NACB area from April 15th to September 30th, must obtain an Official Sanction Form in duplicate, signed by the Club Secretary and County Secretary and the Director Generals Office.

b. A sanction shall not be granted later than July 20th in any given year.

c. A sanction when issued shall not be valid unless the player has remained in the NACB area for a period of not less than 28 days.

♣♣ c. *A sanction when issued shall not be valid unless the player has remained in the NACB area for a period of not less than 60 days.*

d. A player on a sanction, once he returns to Ireland, (except in the case of the death of a brother, sister, or parent), cannot afterwards in the same year return to the NACB area to play in NACB competition.

PENALTY for c & d above: Club: loss of game, Player: 6 months suspension.

e. A player on a sanction may return to Ireland and play for his club or county in their respective championships, but may not return to play with his club in the NACB area in the same year. PENALTY: Club: loss of game, Player: 6 month's suspension.

f. **PASSPORTS:** All sanctioned players must provide their passports for inspection at the NACB playoffs and at Divisional Board games where card inspection occurs, if requested to do so by a Board member in charge of the fixture. Passports if requested must be produced at

the card inspection prior to the fixture and at any hearing thereafter as a result of an objection. Failure to provide a passport at the time of card inspection 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 be liable to disciplinary action.

## 12. ANNUAL CONVENTION

a. (1) The NACB Annual Convention shall consist of all of the officers and members of the outgoing committee (voting rights as on the committee) and 2 delegates from each club which competed in a Junior or higher grade competition (American League) of the preceding year.

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a. (2) Cities with established underage programs which are registered as clubs be entitled to 2 votes at convention.

♣♣ b. *Divisions with established underage programs which are registered as clubs shall have 2 votes at NACB and Divisional Board conventions.*

b. A delegate to the NACB Convention must be a member of the club he represents, and duly authorized in writing to represent that club at convention.

♣♣ c. *A delegate to the NACB Convention must be a member of the club he/she represents, and must be duly authorized in writing to represent that club at convention.*

c. No motion shall be accepted from the floor of the Annual Convention unless pre-submitted in writing to the NACB secretary for circulation to the affiliated clubs and for review by the Motions Committee.

♣♣ d. *Nominations or motions shall not be accepted from the floor of the Annual Convention. All nominations and motions must be submitted in writing to the NACB secretary no later than four weeks before the Convention for circulation to the affiliated clubs and for review by the Motions Committee.*

d.

♣♣ d. ***DELETE***

e. The NACB Convention shall elect the following Officials of the County Committee for the ensuing year: CHAIRPERSON, VICE CHAIRPERSON, SECRETARY, TREASURER, REGISTRAR, PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER, YOUTH OFFICER, AND HONORARY PRESIDENT, who shall hold office until the election of Officers at the next Annual Convention. (All Officers with the exception of the Honorary President shall be entitled

to vote. Please note that the Youth Officer must be involved in the underage program in their city).

♣♣\_e. *The NACB ..... Youth Officer must be involved in the underage program in their division).*

f. On the eve of the Annual Convention, the NACB shall consider and adjudicate on the recommendations for reinstatement made by the special Reinstatement Committee appointed by it. The reinstatement committee shall only consider applications made in writing, which must be submitted at least 2 weeks prior to the convention.

♣♣\_f. *On the eve of the Annual Convention, the NACB shall rule on the recommendations..... to the convention.*

## REGULATIONS

### R1. COMPETITION

a. **NAME:** The name of the competition in areas under the jurisdiction of the NACB shall be known as THE NORTH AMERICAN LEAGUE.

b. **DIVISIONS:** The North American League, consisting of affiliated Hurling and Football clubs from the various cities, shall be divided into Divisions with each Division governed by a Divisional Board. .

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

d. **TROPHY:** The trophy for the NACB League winners shall be perpetual. The trophy shall be handed back to the winning club's Divisional Board, which in turn shall return it to the NACB in time for repair if necessary and for presentation at the following year's playoffs.

♣♣\_d. *TROPHY: The trophy for the NACB League winners shall be perpetual. The trophy shall be handed back to the winning club's Divisional Board, which in turn shall return it to the NACB in time for repair if necessary and for presentation at the following year's playoffs.*

*PENALTY: Club or Division \$500*

e. **TOURNAMENT GAMES:** To participate in a game, other than a league game scheduled by the Divisional Board or the NACB, a club must apply in writing for permission of the Divisional and NACB Chairpersons.

f. **EXCEPTION:** Official Guide rules pertaining to foreign games, Irish manufactured goods and the size of playing fields, shall not be enforced within the NACB area.

### R2. TERRITORIAL AREAS

a. **HALF WAY POINT:** The territorial area of a club shall be up to the half way point to the surrounding cities, which have a club or clubs affiliated with the NACB

b. **IRISH PARISH:** The territorial area of 1 club affiliation shall be deemed an Irish Parish for either code. In cities with more than 1 club affiliation, the parish rule of the Official Guide shall not apply.

♣♣\_b. *DELETE RULE*

c. **REGULATIONS:** Each Divisional Board shall form the necessary regulations to govern its respective Divisional needs. Such regulations not rejected within 30 days of receipt for ratification by the NACB shall be considered ratified.

♣♣\_b. *REGULATIONS: Each Divisional Board may form the necessary regulations to govern its respective Divisional needs. Such regulations not rejected within 30 days of receipt for ratification by the NACB shall be considered ratified.*

♣♣\_c. *NOTIFICATION: A club that fails to give 1 week written notification of its intention not to fulfill a fixture, excluding the NACB Finals, shall be suspended for the duration of the season and until a \$100 fine plus stipulated traveling expenses are paid through the Board to the Board of the opposing team. (MOVED FROM R 9 g, PAGE 8)*

♣♣\_d. *RETURN GAME: A club that fails to travel for a return game as scheduled in league competition within a Division, shall pay the greater of (1) a \$500 fine, or (2) all verifiable expenses incurred by the opposing club for the first game. PENALTY: 12 months suspension and further until the fine has been paid. (MOVED FROM R 9 h, PAGE 8)*

♣♣\_e. *NEW YORK. No player registered with the NACB is allowed to play in New York. PENALTY: In accordance with R. 33, 1997 Official Guide: - Player: 12 months, Team: loss of game, Club Chairman and Secretary: 12 months. ((MOVED FROM R 17, PAGE 10)*

♣♣\_f. *ALL-STAR TOURS. The GAA shall be the sole sponsors and host to the GAA All-Stars in any of their trips to any area under the jurisdiction of the NACB. (MOVED FROM R 19, PAGE 10)*

### R3. AFFILIATION AND REGULATIONS

a. Each club shall register with the Registrar, through the Divisional Board Registrar, its players, officials, and colors no later than April 15th

♣♣\_a. *DELETE RULE (DUPLICATE – BY-LAW 9)*

b. **FEES:** The NACB affiliation/registration fee for all clubs shall be \$300. (Affiliation/registration shall not be accepted unless accompanied by the proper fees.)

♣♣\_b. *DELETE RULE (DUPLICATE – BY-LAW 9)*

c. **DEADLINE:** All affiliations shall have reached the NACB Registrar's address not later than May 1st.

♣♣\_c. *DELETE RULE (DUPLICATE – BY-LAW 9)*

**d. RESIDENCY:** No registration of a player shall be accepted unless the player is a resident of the Division from which he is registering.

♣♣ d. DELETE RULE (DUPLICATE – BY-LAW 9)

**e. DOCUMENTATION:** Names submitted without proper documentation (completed sanctions and transfers, etc.) or where the residence of the player is not known to the Divisional Board, shall be struck off the registration sheets prior to forwarding to the NACB. The clubs involved shall be notified in writing by the Divisional Board about such players.

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

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**g. LISTED PLAYERS:** All players must be listed on the affiliation/registration form. American Born players shall be marked AB on the affiliation form. Junior players shall be listed JR on the affiliation form.

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**h. INTER COUNTY TRANSFERS:** A player registered the previous year on a sanction, and who remains in the NACB area, must obtain an Inter-County Transfer out of the county of the last club with which he was registered, in order to transfer to the NACB as a home based player. Such a player shall submit 2 new photographs, together with his Inter-County Transfer, to the Divisional Board Registrar no later than April 15th.

♣♣ d.

**i. LADIES FOOTBALL CLUBS:** Ladies football 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 football or hurling club.

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**j. LADIES FOOTBALL:** Ladies football players shall register on white or green ID cards in accordance with NACB Regulation 4 (Inter county transfers and / or sanctions are not required).

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**k. LADIES FOOTBALL:** Deliberate shoulder-to-shoulder contact is permitted in Ladies football in the NACB.

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#### **R4. REGISTRATION CARDS**

a. **PHOTOGRAPHS:** Clubs must submit 2 registration cards for every player registered with their club, signed by the player and club registrar. Each card shall have a properly adhered, clear facial frontal view of the player.

b. **GREEN CARDS:** Players registering on Inter County Transfers shall apply on a green card.

c. **WHITE CARD:** Players applying on a sanction shall apply on a white card.

d. **SIGNATURE:** The Divisional Board Registrar shall sign the registration cards.

e. **SERIAL NUMBER:** The NACB registrar shall assign a serial number and sign the cards, one of which he / she shall keep for NACB records, the second card shall be returned to the Divisional Board Registrar.

f. **AMERICAN BORN PLAYERS:** American born players shall apply on a green card.

**g. 3 CONSECUTIVE YEARS:** Cards for players who have been permanently residing and registered in his / her Division for the previous 3 consecutive years need not be sent to the NACB Registrar, but shall be processed at Divisional level.

♣♣ g. DELETE

**h. BASE PLAYERS REGISTERED FOR 3 YEARS:**

That the green registration cards for home base players be renewed every 3 years with a new photograph ID for every player.

♣♣ g.

**i. REGISTRATION LISTS:** The local Divisional Registrar will furnish all clubs with copies of all the club registrations by April 22nd. Clubs will have until April 29th to question the residency or legality of any player on the list. Players questioned will have 48 hours to appear in front of the Divisional Board (Clubs questioning players must do so in writing). Should the player fail to appear he / she will be ineligible to play until such time as their status is determined by the Divisional Board.

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**j. ALL PLAYERS REGISTERED WITH THEIR CLUB FOR LESS THAN 1 YEAR:**

Clubs may question the residency or legality of these players up to a total of 3 times a year for any given individual. When a player has been questioned in writing by a club, he / she must appear in front of the Divisional Board within 48 hours. A player who fails to appear will be ineligible to play until such time as he / she appears at a Divisional hearing to determine their status. Notification requiring a player to appear may be given by the Board over the phone. Those players who have been registered with their club for less than one year must inform the local Divisional Board in writing of their intent to travel outside the jurisdiction of the Board for approval. Players failing to give notice of their intent to travel or who do not obtain approval could be ruled ineligible to play by the Divisional Board.

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#### **R5. REGRADING**

a. **JUNIOR:** All Senior and Intermediate players, intending to play with a Junior club shall regrade no later than April 15th.

b. **INTERMEDIATE:** A Senior player, intending to play with an Intermediate club, shall regrade no later than July 20th.

## **R6. TEAM COMPOSITION**

a. **THIRTEEN PLAYERS:** All teams with the exception of Ladies and Minor football shall consist of 13 players. Ladies and Minor shall consist of 15 players.

♣♣ a. THIRTEEN PLAYERS: *All teams, including U-21, with the exception of Ladies and Minor football, shall consist of 13 players. Ladies and Minor shall consist of 15 players.*

b. **SUBSTITUTES:** In all North American playoff games (Minor excluded), 5 substitutes shall be allowed. In Divisional games, substitutes may be in accordance with Divisional Board By-Laws or regulations.

## **R7. SUMMER VISITOR PLAYERS**

a. **JUNIOR HURLING & JUNIOR "A" & "B" FOOTBALL:** Each team shall have no more than 3 SUMMER VISITOR PLAYERS on the field at any one time.

♣♣ a. JUNIOR HURLING & ALL FOOTBALL COMPETITIONS: *Each team shall have no more than 3 SUMMER VISITOR PLAYERS on the field at any one time.*

b. **SENIOR & INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL:** In Senior and Intermediate football each team shall have no more than 3 SUMMER VISITOR PLAYERS on the field at any one time.

♣♣ b.: DELETE (INCLUDED ABOVE).

c. **SENIOR HURLING:** In Senior Hurling, each team shall have no more than 5 SUMMER VISITOR PLAYERS on the field at any one time.

♣♣ b.

d. **LADIES FOOTBALL:** In both ladies senior and junior football, each team shall be limited to no more than 3 SUMMER VISITOR PLAYERS on the field at any one time.

♣♣ d.: DELETE (INCLUDED ABOVE).

## **R8(1). JUNIOR "A" & "B" FOOTBALL AND JUNIOR HURLING**

♣♣ R8. JUNIOR GRADES

a. **ELIGIBILITY:** All players must be Junior grade.

b. **REGRADING APPLICATIONS:** All applications from Senior / Intermediate players and/or Clubs for regrading to Junior grade, must be applied for no later than April 15th.

♣♣ b. DELETE (COVERED BY R5, PAGE 7).

c. **MAXIMUM SANCTIONED PLAYERS:** In Junior American League Competition, each team shall have no

more than 3 SUMMER VISITOR PLAYERS on the field at any one time.

♣♣ c. DELETE (COVERED BY R7, PAGE 7).

d. **ELIGIBILITY:** No player who has played at County Senior level in the current or prior year is eligible to partake in that North American Junior League Competition (unless he complies with R8(b) or R8(e)).

♣♣ d. DELETE (COVERED BY R5, PAGE 7).

e. **EXCLUSIVELY JUNIOR DIVISIONS:** Senior club or County Summer visitor players, residing in an EXCLUSIVELY JUNIOR DIVISION, may apply to the NACB for regrading no later than July 20th.

♣♣ b.

## **R8(11). YOUTH FOOTBALL**

♣♣ R9. YOUTH LEAGUE FOOTBALL

a. **AGE LIMITS:** Players must be under 18 years of age on January 1st of the year they wish to play in (Birth certificate or passport to be used as proof of age).

♣♣ a. AGE LIMITS: *Age restrictions are as of January 1 of the current year. Birth certificate or passport to be used as proof of age).*

b. **RESIDENCY:** Players must be residents on January 1st of the year they wish to play in (Passports or official school ID to be used as proof of eligibility to play).

♣♣ b. RESIDENCY: *Players must be residents of the Division on January 1 of the current year (Passports or official school ID to be used as proof of eligibility to play).*

c. **REGISTRATION:** Team to be registered on or before July 20th of each year.

♣♣ c. REGISTRATION: *Team to be registered on or before July 20th of each year. The annual NACB registration fee for Youth clubs is \$100.*

d. **REGISTRATION:** Players must submit one green ID card, one filled out parental consent form, and 4 copies of the Birth Certificate, to the Youth Board Registrar.

e. **TEAMS:** Divisional teams may enter, but in the case of individual major cities within a Division, then individual cities may enter.

♣♣ e. TEAMS: *Combined Divisional teams are permitted.*

f. **INSURANCE:** All players must be covered by team insurance irrespective of what personal insurance is held by players.

g. **PLAYING RULES:** Same playing rules as Senior Football:

Unlimited substitutions.

15 a side.

Games to be played with size 5 ball.

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*Unlimited substitutions.*

*15 a side.*

*Games to be played with size 5 ball.*

h. **YOUTH GRANTS:** The NACB Treasurer shall allocate \$100 per club registered in a Division / city to the Youth Board in that Division / city. This \$100 will be taken directly out of the registration fee. The Youth Board must have an established program and be registered with the NACB. Those Divisions / cities that do not have an established program will have this money held by the NACB until such time as a Youth program is established.

♣♣\_h. **YOUTH GRANTS:** *The NACB Treasurer shall allocate \$100 per non-Youth Club registered in a Division to the Youth Board in that Division. This \$100 will be taken directly out of the registration fee. The Youth Board must have an established program and be registered with the NACB. Those Divisions that do not have an established program will have this money held by the NACB until such time as a Youth program is established.*

i. **NACB YOUTH BOARD:** A national Youth Board is established with the NACB Youth Development Officer as Chairperson. The remaining officers will be selected from candidates put forward by the various Youth Boards throughout the NACB area.

k. **U-21 COMPETITIONS:** Under-21 Football competitions for men and women are established under rules to be determined by the NACB Youth Board.

k. **DIVISIONAL YOUTH OFFICER:** Any city or Division which has a youth program shall have a Youth Officer as one of it's Board Officers. This officer must be a member of the Youth League and shall be elected at the Divisional Board AGM.

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## R9. NACB PLAYOFF GAMES

### ♣♣\_R10.....

a. **CONTROL:** The NACB shall attend all playoff games in an official capacity.

b. **REGISTRATION RECORDS:** The NACB shall have the relevant registration records available for all competing teams at the annual playoff and at all playoff games.

c. **DIVISIONAL WINNERS:** The Divisional Board must forward to the NACB Registrar a panel of players for each Divisional Board winners for each grade of competition at least 5 days prior to the NACB playoffs, or earlier if Divisional finals have been played.

PENALTY: Divisional Board, \$1000 fine.  
Club, forfeit of game.

d. **TEAM LISTS:** The Divisional Board Registrar or Secretary must forward 'to the NACB Registrar the substitution and team sheets for all Senior and Intermediate clubs that may also have a Junior team

affiliated with their club after each game is played during the season and at least 5 days prior to the NACB playoffs.

PENALTY: Divisional Board, \$1000 fine.  
Club, forfeit of game.

♣♣\_d **TEAM LISTS:** *The Divisional Board Registrar or Secretary must forward 'to the NACB Registrar the substitution and team sheets from all Senior and Intermediate Championship games within five days after each game is played during the season.*

PENALTY: Divisional Board, \$100 fine per occurrence

e. **KNOCK OUT SYSTEM:** All games up to and including the North American finals shall be on a knockout system.

f. **EXTRA TIME:** In the event of a tie or draw in playoff games the teams involved shall play 2 periods of 15 minutes per period until a decision is reached.

g. **NOTIFICATION:** A club that fails to give 1 week written notification of its intention not to fulfill a fixture, excluding the NACB Finals, shall be suspended for the duration of the season and until a \$100 fine plus stipulated traveling expenses are paid through the Board to the Board of the opposing team.

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h. **RETURN GAME:** A club that fails to travel for a return game as scheduled in league competition within a Division, shall pay the greater of (1) a \$500 fine, or (2) all verifiable expenses incurred by the opposing club for the first game.

PENALTY: 12 months suspension and further until the fine has been paid.

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i. **TRAVELING EXPENSES:** The home team involved in a NACB league playoff game, shall deposit with its Divisional Board, 1 / 2 of the stipulated traveling expenses of the traveling team 1 week in advance of the scheduled game. PENALTY: 12 months suspension and further until fine has been paid.

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j. **NON PARTICIPATION PENALTY:** A qualifying team which refuses to play in the NACB playoff finals shall be fined \$500 and shall be suspended for 12 months.

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k. **CARD INSPECTION:** Player registration ID cards shall be made available to the teams by the Divisional Board(s) at all Divisional games and pre-playoff final games, and by the NACB Registrar at the NACB playoffs. Opposing teams shall have the right to request inspection of cards for any, and / or all players that participate in the game. The referee shall note the requests and report any irregularities to the NACB concerning cards.



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m. DRAWS FOR PLAYOFFS: In the event that only 3 Divisions enter any specific NACB championship, a fourth team consisting of a defeated Divisional finalist in that grade of competition shall be entered. The Division from which this 4th team shall come will be drawn when needed at the pre-playoff meeting. Please note that this regulation is only in effect until such time as the NACB playoff weekend is restructured).

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## **R10. OBJECTIONS, APPEALS, & INVESTIGATIONS**

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a. **PROCEDURE:** All objections, Counter-objections, and appeals shall be lodged in accordance with NACB regulations and the Official Guide.

b. **DIVISIONAL BOARD:** All objections and counter objections lodged by clubs shall be heard by the Divisional Board in the club's area. The Divisional Boards verdict may be appealed to the NACB

c. **CHAIRMAN:** The Chairman of the Divisional. Board shall remove himself from the hearing committee in a hearing involving his / her club.

## **R11. TIME LIMITS & FEES**

♣♣ R12. ....

a. **FEES:** A fee of \$100 shall accompany all objections, counter-objections, and appeals to the NACB

b. **TIME LIMITS OBJECTION:** All objections to the Divisional Board shall be lodged within 4 days of the starting time of the game in question.

c. **TIME LIMITS COUNTER-OBJECTIONS:** All counter-objections shall be lodged with the Divisional Board within 4 days of receipt of notice of the original objection from the Divisional Board Secretary.

d. **TIME LIMITS APPEALS:** An appeal to the decision against the decision of the Divisional Board shall be lodged with the NACB Secretary within 4 days of the

receipt of the decision in writing from the Divisional Board Secretary.

## **OBJECTIONS, COUNTER-OBJECTIONS, & APPEALS DURING PLAYOFF WEEKEND**

### **R12. OBJECTIONS**

♣♣ R13. ....

a. **NOTICE OF INTENT** to lodge an objection must be given to the NACB Secretary or Chairman, no later than 15 minutes after the end of the game in question.

b. **TIME LIMIT:** Such objections shall be lodged in accordance with NACB regulations and the Official Guide, not later than 60 minutes after the game in question.

### **R13. COUNTER-OBJECTIONS**

♣♣ R14. ....

a. Notice of intent to lodge a counter-objection must be given to the NACB Secretary or Chairman, no later than 70 minutes after the game in question.

b. **TIME LIMIT:** Such counter-objections must be lodged with the NACB no later than 120 minutes after the end off the game in question.

### **R14. APPEALS**

♣♣ R15.....

a. All appeals pertaining to quarter finals and / or semi-finals must be lodged with the NACB Secretary within 30 minutes of receipt of the decision in writing from the NACB Sub-Committee which heard the objection or counter-objection.

b. All appeals pertaining to playoff finals must be lodged with the NACB Secretary within 30 minutes of receipt of the decision in writing from the NACB Sub-Committee which heard the objection or counter-objection.

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### **R15. OBJECTIONS AND COUNTER-OBJECTIONS**

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**ALL OBJECTIONS AND COUNTER-OBJECTIONS** during the playoff weekend will be heard by a Sub-Committee appointed by the NACB.

**R16. APPEALS FROM SUB-COMMITTEE**♣♣ R17.....

**ALL APPEALS** from the decision of the Sub-Committee will be heard in accordance with regulation 14a. & 14b. above, and be heard by the current Officers of the NACB

**R17. NEW YORK**

That no player registered with the NACB be allowed to play in New York.

**PENALTY:** In accordance with rule #33 1994 Official Guide: - Player: 12 months, Team: loss of game, Club Chairman and Secretary: 12 months.

♣♣ DELETE HERE (MOVE TO R2 e, PAGE 5).**R18. NACB CONVENTION REGULATIONS**♣♣ R18.NACB CONVENTION STANDING ORDERS

**PLEASE NOTE:** The following regulations are in conflict with the official Guide and were ruled accordingly by Central Council in 1991, and so therefore cannot be made part of the NACB By-Laws. They will, however, be observed together with the Convention By-Laws relating to the Annual NACB Convention By-Law #12, until changed by Delegates attending the Annual Convention.

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- a. **DIVISIONAL CHAIRMAN:** The Chairman of each Divisional Board shall have 1 vote at the Annual Convention.
- b. **CLUB VOTE:** Each affiliated club shall be entitled to 2 votes at the Divisional and NACB conventions, even if only represented by 1 delegate at such conventions.
- c. **REVISION:** The NACB By-Laws shall be revised every 3 years. The NACB Chairman shall appoint a committee of 3, which shall include an NACB officer for the purpose of revising the By-Laws. The By-Law proposals shall be circulated to the clubs and the By-Law Committee report shall be voted on at Convention.
- ♣♣ c. REVISION: *The NACB By-Laws shall be revised every 3 years. The NACB Chairman shall appoint a committee, which shall include an NACB officer, for the purpose of revising the By-Laws. The By-Law proposals shall be circulated to the clubs and the By-Law Committee report shall be voted on at Convention.*
- d. **CONVENTION DATE:** The NACB Convention shall be held on the 2nd Weekend before Thanksgiving.
- e. The Convention is to be held in a city that has affiliated GAA Clubs.

**R19. ALL-STAR TOURS**

The GAA shall be the sole sponsors and host to the GAA All-Stars in any of their trips to any area under the jurisdiction of the NACB.

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# 1998 NACB PLAYOFF REGULATIONS

## 1. DIVISIONAL BOARDS

a. The Divisional Board must forward to the NACB Registrar the complete panel of players for each Divisional Board winner for each grade of competition, at least 5 days prior to the NACB playoffs, or earlier if Divisional finals have been played.

b. The Divisional Board registrar or secretary must forward to the NACB registrar or secretary the substitution and official team lists for all NACB League Championship games played by all Senior and Intermediate clubs that may also have a Junior Tam affiliated with their clubs, at least 5 days prior to the NACB playoffs.

c. All Divisions having more than 3 teams entered in the Playoffs must provide the NACB with the names of 6 officials for umpires and linesmen duty at least 5 days prior to the playoffs. Those Divisions entering the hurling competition must include and identify at least 3 hurling officials. Those Divisions entering less than 3 competitions must provide the names of 3 officials available for duty. The host Division will be asked to supply a list of 9 officials with a minimum of 3 available for hurling. All names must be submitted to the NACB secretary at least 5 days prior to the playoffs. It will be the responsibility of each Division to ensure that appointed officials officiate at appointed games.

PENALTY FOR 1a, 1b, or 1c: Divisional Board \$300 per incident.

Please note that Divisions will be notified by either fax, telephone, or during playoff weekend verbally of their duties. The NACB will appoint a coordinator for officials during the playoff weekend. It will be the responsibility of the Division to inform this coordinator of any changes in names submitted.

## 2. CARD and PASSPORT INSPECTION

2a. Player identity card inspection will take place on the field at least 10 minutes prior to the official starting time of each game. The Divisional Board's copy of the players identity cards will be used for card inspection, with the NACB copy being used to cross check in the event of a query. Divisional Boards are required to bring the divisional board cards for the winners to the playoffs. PENALTY: DIVISIONAL BOARD \$300. CLUB \$300.

2b. SANCTIONED PLAYER'S PASSPORTS (BY-LAW 11F)

All sanctioned players must provide their passports for inspection at the NACB and at Divisional board games

where card inspection occurs, if requested to do so by a board member in charge of the fixture. Passports, if requested, must be produced at card inspection prior to the fixture and at any hearing thereafter as a result of an objection. Failure to provide a passport at the time of card inspection 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 be liable to disciplinary action.

## 3. TEAM PASSES and TEAM REFUNDS

3a. A total of 20 passes per team will be provided by the host Divisional Board for all Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals and Finals. These passes may be collected from the NACB secretary on the day of the Quarter-Finals, and on the eve of all Semi-Finals and Finals.

3b. The host city may if they wish charge all teams entrance fees and refund all teams accordingly within 1 month of the date of the final games (refunds based on 20 member team panels).

PENALTY: 3b: Host Division fined \$500 per month overdue; payable to playoff fund for distribution to traveling teams. Please note that the host division may refund a team for admission through the team's Divisional Board.

## 4. TEAM OFFICIALS

A total of 3 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.

## 5. DRESS

a. Jerseys must be numbered in accordance with official team list, as submitted to the referee.

b. All players shall comply with proper dress code, i.e. uniform color of Jerseys, socks, and shorts.

PENALTY for 5a and 5b: \$200.

## 6. PUNCTUALITY

Team are instructed to take the field at least 15 minutes prior to the starting time of their games for warm up and card inspection. PENALTY: \$200 fine.

## 7. SUBSTITUTIONS

a. A maximum of 5 substitutions shall be allowed. A substitution is not allowed in the case of a player ordered off ( a player ordered off in regular time may be replaced in extra time).

b. A substitution may only be made during a stoppage in play. The player must give his/her substitution slip along with his/her registration card to the referee.

PENALTY for 7a and 7b: forfeiture of game.

## 8. 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.

## 9. CLASH OF COLORS

In the event of a clash of colors between opposing teams, both teams will be instructed to change colors.

PENALTY: \$200 fine.

## 10. TROPHY PRESENTATION

a. Clubs should instruct captains to have a short acceptance speech, having regard for the dignity of the occasion.

b. Immediately following the acceptance speech, the trophy must be returned to the NACB Chairman for presentation at the awards banquet later that evening.

c. The captain of a winning team, or designated club member must attend the awards banquet for the presentation of the trophy.

PENALTY for 10a, 10b, and 10c: \$500 fine.

## 11. MVP AWARDS and BANQUET TICKETS

a. An MVP award will be presented to the best players in each grade of competition. The 6 winners will be notified on Sunday evening prior to the awards banquet. All recipients must attend the awards banquet to accept the trophy. Failure to comply will result in an alternative MVP being chosen.

b. Each Division is required to purchase a minimum of 10 tickets for each level of competition they are entering (excluding minor). These tickets must be prepaid 2 weeks prior to the banquet by the Divisional Boards.

PENALTY: DIVISIONAL BOARD \$500 FINE.

## 12. OBJECTIONS (R12)

a. **NOTICE OF INTENT** to lodge an objection must be given to the NACB Secretary or Chairman, no later than 15 minutes after the end of the game in question.

b. **TIME LIMIT:** Such objections shall be lodged in accordance with NACB regulations and the Official

Guide, not later than 60 minutes after the game in question.

## 13. COUNTER-OBJECTIONS (R13)

a. Notice of intent to lodge a counter-objection must be given to the NACB Secretary or Chairman, no later than 70 minutes after the game in question.

b. **TIME LIMIT:** Such counter-objections must be lodged with the NACB no later than 120 minutes after the end of the game in question.

## 14. APPEALS (R14)

a. All appeals pertaining to quarter finals and / or semi-finals must be lodged with the NACB Secretary within 30 minutes of receipt of the decision in writing from the NACB Sub-Committee which heard the objection or counter-objection.

b. All appeals pertaining to playoff finals must be lodged with the NACB Secretary within 30 minutes of receipt of the decision in writing from the NACB Sub-Committee which heard the objection or counter-objection.

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## 15. OBJECTIONS AND COUNTER-OBJECTIONS (R15)

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## 16. APPEALS FROM SUB-COMMITTEE (R16)

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## 17. GENERAL RULES (R9)

### a. CONTROL

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### b. REGISTRATION RECORDS

The NACB shall have the relevant registration records available for all competing teams at the annual playoff and at all playoff games.

### c. DIVISIONAL WINNERS

The Divisional Board must forward to the NACB Registrar a panel of players for each Divisional Board winners for each grade of competition at least 5 days prior to the NACB playoffs, or earlier if Divisional finals have been played.

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Club, forfeit of game.

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The Divisional Board Registrar or Secretary must forward to the NACB Registrar the substitution and team sheets for all Senior and Intermediate clubs that may also have a Junior team affiliated with their club after each game is played during the season and at least 5 days prior to the NACB playoffs.

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Club, forfeit of game.

### e. KNOCK OUT SYSTEM

All games up to and including the North American finals shall be on a knockout system.

### f. EXTRA TIME

In the event of a tie or draw in playoff games the teams involved shall play 2 periods of 15 minutes per period until a decision is reached.

### g. NOTIFICATION

A club that fails to give 1 week written notification of its intention not to fulfill a fixture, excluding the NACB Finals, shall be suspended for the duration of the season and until a \$100 fine plus stipulated traveling expenses are paid through the Board to the Board of the opposing team.

### h. RETURN GAME

A club that fails to travel for a return game as scheduled in league competition within a Division, shall pay the greater of (1) a \$500 fine, or (2) all verifiable expenses incurred by the opposing club for the first game.

PENALTY: 12 months suspension and further until the fine has been paid.

### i. TRAVELING EXPENSES

The home team involved in a NACB league playoff game, shall deposit with its Divisional Board, 1 / 2 of the stipulated traveling expenses of the traveling team 1 week in advance of the scheduled game.

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### j. NON PARTICIPATION PENALTY

A qualifying team which refuses to play in the NACB playoff finals shall be fined \$500 and shall be suspended for 12 months.

### k. CARD INSPECTION

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### l. PLAYOFF FEE

The NACB fee for all playoff finals, shall be \$10,000, payable to the NACB Treasurer at the Annual Convention prior to the playoffs.

### m. DRAWS FOR PLAYOFFS

In the event that only 3 Divisions enter any specific NACB championship, a fourth team consisting of a defeated Divisional finalist in that grade of competition shall be entered. The Division from which this 4th team shall come will be drawn when needed at the pre-playoff meeting (PLEASE NOTE: that this regulation is only in effect until such time as the NACB playoff weekend is restructured). Where possible, teams which qualify for the Playoffs without competition will not receive a bye on the Playoff weekend.

## 18. TROPHIES

The trophy for the NACB League winners shall be perpetual. The trophy shall be handed back to the winning clubs Divisional Board, which in turn shall return it to the NACB in time for repair if necessary and for presentation at the following years playoffs.