

2014 NACB CONVENTION ORLANDO FLORIDA NOV 7TH - 8TH 2014

Convention 2014 took place in Orlando, Fla hosted by the Orlando Hurling Club and South East Division. Delegates and NACB Officers were joined by GAA President Liam O'Neill and Munster Council Chairman Robert Frost. Also present were Pat O'Shea and Joe Carton , Munster Games Managers.

On Friday night a workshop was held, led by Joe Carton and Pat O'Shea. This included a SWOT exercise and various group themes with a goal of using the feedback in the fabrication of a new 3 year workplan.

On Saturday the NACB Officers presented reports and Convention was addressed by NACB Chairman Gareth Fitzsimons, GAA President Liam O'Neill and Munster Chair Robert Frost. Following presentation and debate on motions the election of officers was held with all but 2 positions returned unopposed. Convention 2016 was awarded to Austin Celtic Cowboys, Texas.

Thanks to Harry Costello who deputised for outgoing Secretary Tim Flanagan and Eamonn Kelly who acted as Secretary of Election. Recording of Motions and Elections courtesy Harry and Eamonn respectively.

NACB 2015 Convention Motions

Motion 0: NCGAA . This motion was ruled out of order by the rules committee, but after considerable discussion regarding the status of the NCGAA, with the NACB, it was decided that the NCGAA were a sub-committee of the NACB as directed by Pat Daly from Croke Park. The motion lost.

Playoffs: Host minimum requirements and playoff fee:

The NACB fee for all playoff 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 Playoff's as part of their minimum big package, must commit to the following:

Amend to read:

The NACB fee for all playoff finals shall be \$16,000 ...\$10,000 payable to the NACB Treasurer, \$4,000 payable to the NACB Youth Board treasurer and \$2,000 payable to the NCFAA. Any division or Club bidding to host the NACB National Playoff's as part of their minimum big package, must commit to the following:

Motion 1: NACB Passed without discussion since the NACB regulation was in conflict with the Ladies official guide.

1.f.(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.

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

Amend to read:

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Registrar, through the Divisional Committee Registrar, its players, officials and colors players no later than **April 30th**. All affiliating and/or registering clubs shall be required to register at least 13 (thirteen) eligible players.

1.f.(ii) All Ladies club affiliations and/or registrations shall have reached the NACB Registrar's address, no later than **May 15th**.

Motion 2: NACB passed without discussion

1.(ii).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 15th. Non Irish Born players must be clearly identified and all players' grades listed.

Amend to read:

1.(ii).c Registering Players: All players (**Resident, Sanction, American Born, Non Irish**) shall be individually registered in **the online registration system** by listing the player's names, **type of registration, country of birth**, code and grade, photo, plus the last 4 digits of the player's US Driver's License # and/or Passport #. **All Sanction players must register with their Passport.** Non Irish players who have never previously registered with an adult GAA club may registrar with an NACB club on or before **August 1st. A player's registration is not accepted until all necessary information is entered into the online system.**

Motion 3: NACB passed without discussion

1.(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.

Amend to read:

1.(I) All divisions must maintain a digital division registration book that **must be shared with the NACB registrar. All players must have a completed player's registration form and signed NACB waiver on file with their division before that player's registration can be accepted. **The divisional registrar must enter the player's information into the divisional book and online registration system within 7 days of receiving the forms.****

Motion 4: NACB passed without discussion

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

Remove rule and replace with:

1.(j) The Divisional registrar shall compile all completed player's registration forms and signed NACB waivers into a Divisional binder or scan into a divisional file that is to be shared with the NACB registrar. The divisional binder and/or file must be brought to the NACB playoffs by the Divisional Registrar to verify signatures.

Motion 5: NACB passed without discussion

1.(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.

Amend to read:

1.(g). Once verified, the NACB Registrar will send an electronic copy with NACB registrar signature to the club and divisional registrar. Any club in the NACB area may request a copy of a club's official resident registration list.

MOTIONS 1 THRU 5 PASSED WITHOUT DISCUSSION....GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS

Motion 6(a) : NACB Youth Committee

(Motion passed)

Amend By-Law 5

In accordance with Rule 3.21 & 3.22 T.O. 2013 the Co. Committee shall appoint the following additional subcommittees whose membership and functions shall be as set out in Bye-Laws:

(h) Youth Committee: *It shall consist of the Youth Officer (as its Chair) and 6 other members elected, by Youth Clubs at the Annual Youth meeting, from candidates nominated by the various Youth Committees throughout the NACB. Subject to the overall authority of the NACB this committee shall initiate and coordinate all youth activities within the NACB area.*

Amend to read:

In accordance with Rule 3.21 & 3.22 T.O. 2013 the Co. Committee shall appoint **(with exception of the Youth Committee)** the following additional subcommittees whose membership and functions shall be as set out in Bye-Laws:

(h) Youth Committee: It shall consist of the Youth Officer (as its Chair) and **5** other members elected, by Youth Clubs at the Annual Youth meeting, from candidates nominated by the various Youth Committees throughout the NACB. Subject to the overall authority of the NACB this committee shall initiate and coordinate all youth activities within the NACB area.

Motion 6: NACB Youth Committee

(Motion passed)

Amend By-law 7(b)

The AGM shall elect the following officers who shall hold office until the end of the next AGM: Chairperson, Vice-chairperson, Secretary, Assistant secretary (if needed), Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer (if needed), PRO, Registrar, and Youth officer.

Amend to read:

The AGM shall elect the following officers who shall hold office until the end of the next AGM: Chairperson, Vice-chairperson, Secretary, Assistant secretary (if needed), Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer (if needed), PRO, Registrar, and Youth officer. **The Youth Officer must be involved in the Youth program in his/her divisional area.**

Motion 7: NACB Youth Committee.

The motion lost on a vote.

Any city who does not have a Youth Program in place by December 31, 2015 will forfeit their balance in the NACB escrow account to their respective Division. The balance will remain in the NACB escrow account and distributed to Youth Programs within each Division as deemed appropriate by the North American Youth Committee.

Motion 8: NACB Youth Committee (withdrawn)

Any Division who does not have a Youth Program in place by December 31, 2016 will forfeit their balance in the NACB escrow account to the North American Youth Committee. The balance will remain in the NACB escrow account and distributed to Youth Programs within NACB as deemed appropriate by the North American Youth Committee.

Motion 9: Naperville HC—Central Division (passed)

The regulations were never updated, since this motion was passed several years ago.

That the following sentence of Section 4(c)(v) of the NACB Regulations be stricken from the rules:

“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.”

Motion 10: Denver Gaels—Southwest Division

(Motion passed)

Amend Regulation 7(d) as follows:

Original: (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.

Amend to read:

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

Motion 11: Denver Gaels—Southwest Division

(Motion passed)

Current: 20 (k) NON-PARTICIPATION PENALTY:

(i) A club that qualifies, and refuses to play, at the NACB Playoffs, will be fined up to \$2500, and sanctioned at the discretion of the Committee in Charge. The club shall stand suspended until all fines are paid and other conditions fulfilled.

(ii) A club that enters the NACB playoffs and fails to attend will be fined up to \$2500 and sanctioned at the discretion of the Committee in charge.

Amend to read:

20 (k) Non-Participation Penalty:

(i) If a club who has entered the NACB playoffs and withdraws more than thirty days before the first day of the NACB playoffs, such club may be fined in an amount to be determined by the Hearings Committee, up to \$1,500.00. The club shall stand suspended until all fines are paid and other conditions fulfilled.

(ii) If a club who has entered the NACB playoffs and withdraws less than thirty days before the first day of the NACB playoffs, such club may be fined in an amount to be determined by the Hearings Committee, up to \$2,500.00. The club shall stand suspended until all fines are paid and other conditions fulfilled.

(iii) In the event a Hearings Committee imposes a fine upon a club for violation of this Bylaw 20(k), such fine shall be split evenly between the Host Committee and the club who had been scheduled to play the withdrawn club.

Motion 12: Tipperary HC—Northeast Division

(Motion lost on a vote)

Currently under the Heading 4-Sanctions, section (C) Hurling, subsection (i) Senior, the rule states:

- Each team shall have no more than 7 NON-RESIDENT players on the field at one time.

Amend to read:

- Each team shall have no more than 8 NON-RESIDENT players on the field at one time.

Motion 13: Aisling Gaels—Central Division

Ruled out of order since Club not present.

1. AFFILIATION AND REGISTRATIONS (i) CLUB (f) LADIES CLUBS:

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

Amend to read:

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Ladies football and Camogie teams shall register with the NACB Registrar, through the Divisional Committee Registrar, its players, officials, and colors, no later than June 10th. All affiliating and/or registering clubs shall be required to register at least 10 (thirteen) eligible players. (Resubmit into 2015 Regulations as the date was changed to April 30th for Ladies football and Camogie teams since last Convention.)

Motion 14: Aisling Gaels—Central Division

Ruled out of order since Club not present.

NACB REGULATIONS

4. Sanctions (d) Ladies Football (i) SENIOR:

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

Amend to read:

4. Sanctions (d) Ladies Football (i) SENIOR:

Each team shall be limited to no more than 7 NON-RESIDENT (sanction) on the field at one time. Each Senior team shall select 3 additional NON-RESIDENT (sanction) to be named as RESIDENT players by June 10th.

Motion 15: Aisling Gaels—Central Division

Club not Present.....Out of Order

NACB BY-LAWS

NEW RULE: REGRADING: Ladies Football

All RESIDENT players who participated at the Senior or Intermediate level in the previous year shall be automatically re-graded to Junior level on January 1st, for the upcoming year.

Motion 16: Aidan McAnespies—Northeast Division (passed)

Amend to read: O.G. Part 2; Rules of Specification Rule 2 (v) A Substitution may only be made during a break in play, after the player has given a substitution note to the Referee, or in the case of an Inter-County Senior game, to the Sideline Official. This shall also apply to a Temporary Substitution allowed under Rule 1.5 (b), Rules of Control - Injuries: Blood/**Concussion**.

1.5 INJURIES (a) Injuries: General - Play shall not be stopped for injury to a player, except in exceptional circumstances to enable a seriously injured player to be treated on the field or removed from the field of play. All other Injuries shall be treated off the field of play.

(b) Injuries: Blood - A player who is bleeding or who has blood on any part of his body, playing attire or playing equipment, as a result of an injury sustained during play, shall on the instruction of the Referee, immediately leave the field of play to receive medical and/or other attention. He shall not be allowed to return to the field of play until the bleeding has stopped, all blood has been cleaned off and, where possible, the injured area has been covered, any blood-stained playing attire has been replaced and any blood-stained equipment has been fully cleaned. In that circumstance, a Temporary Substitute may be used, and the following acts shall not count as substitutions under Rule 2.4 (i) and (ii), Rules of Specification.

Injuries: Concussion: A Player who has received a blow/hit to the head (a suspected concussion) shall immediately leave the field of play to receive professional medical attention. He shall not be allowed to return to the field of play that day and should seek professional medical attention before he plays again.

(1) The use of the Temporary Substitute for a player instructed to leave the field under the Rule.

(2) The return to the field of play of the injured (blood) player as a direct replacement for the Temporary Substitute.

(3) The return to the field of play of the injured (blood) player as a replacement for any other player if the Temporary Substitute has previously been sent off or substituted.

Motion 17: Aidan McAnespies—Northeast Division (passed)

O.G. 6.11 (c): Authorizations and Sanctions, as outlined in (a) and (b) above, are available only to players who are current members of Clubs in Ireland. Members of Clubs in Britain are not entitled to such Authorizations or Sanctions and if such a Player obtains an Inter County transfer to a County in Ireland, he shall not be eligible to obtain an Authorization or Sanction within twenty four weeks from the date of transfer being granted.

Amend to read:

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Motion 18: Chicago Wolfe Tones — Central Division

Ruled out of order since Club not present.

(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.

Amend to read:

(i) Club (a) Each club shall register with the NACB Registrar, through the Divisional Committee Registrar, its player's, official's and colors, 85 days prior to end of north american finals. All affiliating and/or registering clubs shall be required to register at least 13 (thirteen) eligible players.

Motion 19: NACB. After considerable discussion, standing orders were suspended and a motion was made to increase the registration fee to \$600, since the NACB did not have a good handle on how many players were actually registered. The chairman stated the NACB for the past five years had actually lost \$75,000 and that we could not continue to operate if changes were not made. The delegates complimented the Chairman on addressing this very complicated financial issue. The Chairman stated the NACB would again look at the issues involved with regard to the getting actual number of players registered, since he was on his club registration and has not played a game in four years. This motion passed.

12. REGISTRATION (a) Each club shall register with the NACB Registrar through its Divisional Registrar according to the NACB requirements set out in NACB Regulations. THE NACB fee for registration for all clubs shall be \$400.00. The registration fee for a newly formed club shall be \$100.00 for the first three years , and it will revert to the current registration fee after that time.

Amend to read:

Each club shall register with the NACB Registrar through its Divisional Registrar according to the NACB requirements set out in NACB Regulations. The NACB fee for registration shall be \$40.00 per player, registered online on or before April 30th each year. The registration fee for newly formed clubs shall be \$350.00 for the first two years, and it will revert to the current registration process after that time.

*** See next page for the proposed dispersment of registration revenue**

PROPOSED DISPERSMENT OF REGISTRATION REVENUE

Based on \$40 per registered player at approx. 4500	Gross - \$180,000
NACB - Regular operating account.	\$ 65,000 (37%)
G.L INSURANCE - Umbrella Policy for all 9 Divisions.	\$ 20,000 (12%)

GAMES DEVELOPMENT -	\$ 20,000 (12%)
YOUTH - Youth escrow account	\$ 12,000 (7%)
CROKE PARK DUES -	\$ 12,000 (7%)
RIEMBURSEMENT TO DIVISIONS - Based on number of registered players,	
Central	\$ 8500
Mid Atlantic	\$ 3000
Midwest	\$ 4000
Northeast	\$ 8500
Northwest	\$ 2500
Philadelphia	\$ 3000
Southeast	\$ 3500
Southwest	\$ 5000
Western	\$ 7000
TOTAL -	\$ 45,000 (25%)

All Divisions would be required to submit a financial report annually showing how their funds were allocated.

Nominations to Host 2015 NACB Convention:

In keeping with past practice, this item will be open to the floor for nominations.

Following proposals from floor, Austin Celtic Cowboys will host 2016 NACB Convention.

NACB 2014 CONVENTION MINUTES (ELECTION OF OFFICERS)

Following the conclusion of old business, Harry Costello (Chicago), who performed the duties of secretary in the absence of elected secretary Tim Flanagan, stayed on as convention chairman to conduct the election of new offices for 2015. Upon a request from the floor Eamonn Kelly (Chicago) agreed to perform the duties of Convention secretary.

It was determined that there was a total 105 votes to decide the elections.

Voting was required for only two positions on the board, that of secretary and Central Council Delegate. The other seven positions went uncontested. Joe Lydon (Boston), who was nominated along with Bill Flanagan (San Francisco) for the position of Honorary Chairman declined the nomination.

There were four nominees for the position of secretary, Tim Flanagan (buffalo), Liam Maloney (San Francisco), Paul McCarthy (Philadelphia), Mary Prendiville (Chicago). With Tim Flanagan not present and Paul McCarthy declining the nomination there was a voting runoff between Liam Maloney and Mary Prendiville with Liam Maloney becoming the new secretary by a vote of 60 to 45.

Likewise, there were four nominees for the position of Central Council, Malachy Higgins (San Francisco), Paul McCarthy (Philadelphia), Peter Murray (Boston), Eamonn Tohill (San Francisco). Peter Murray was not present and Paul McCarthy declined the nomination. In the voting process Malachy Higgins defeated Eamonn Tohill 73 to 31 to retain the Central Council position.

Following is the complete list of 2015 NACB officers:

CHAIRMAN: Gareth Fitzsimmons (Chicago)

VICE CHAIRMAN: Bernie Connaughton

SECRETARY: Liam Maloney (San Francisco)

TREASURER: Paddy McDevitt (Boston)

REGISTRAR: Lizzy O'Connor (Chicago)

PRO: Mark Owens (Cleveland)

YOUTH OFFICER: Liam Hegarty (Philadelphia)

CENTRAL COUNCIL DELEGATE Malachy Higgins (San Francisco)

HONORARY PRESIDENT: Bill Flanagan (San Francisco)

Before the commencement of new business the board conducted a free raffle for three GAAGO membership passes for the 2015 GAA TV season. Following are the 3 winners:

1st Sheila McLaughlin (Boston); 2nd Scott Cooper (Tampa); 3rd Ted Jennings (Chicago)

The new board took office with the commencement of initial business.

Eamonn Kelly,

Convention Elections Secretary

Following the Elections the New Board dealt with some new business and questions from delegates.

- Complimentary GAAGO Season passes were raffled among delegates.
- Paul Keane raised a question re: participation of Canadian clubs in NACB National Finals whose qualification requirements were perceived as non existent or less stringent than those applied to some of our own NACB Clubs. The Chairman indicated that a Committee would look at qualification requirements for NACB Clubs in 2015 and then make a decision on entry for Canadian teams.
- Paul Keane also raised the issue regarding the number of Non-Resident players for Senior Hurling and an agreement between Senior Clubs that has been in effect for several years. It was determined that HDC would review with Senior Clubs at earliest convenience in 2015.
- John Cunningham invited all delegates to attend the All-Star weekend in Canton Ma. A festival of Gaelic games including Boston vs New York Senior teams and several Youth competitions would take place on Thanksgiving weekend.

Convention was then adjourned.