

# **Transfer Policy Statement**

#### **Introduction**

As the GAA and LGFA are community centred, based on the allegiance of members to their local Clubs and Counties, the Transfer Rules in the Official Guides and in County Bye-Laws as appropriate reflect that ethos. A player is considered to owe allegiance and loyalty to their First Club, Home Club, and County as defined in the Rules.

### Suncroft GFC Policy

The GAA and LGFA are community centred, based on the allegiance of members to their local Clubs and where players are considered to owe allegiance and loyalty to their First Club and Home Club.

Suncroft GFC will resist, and object to, any transfer application that is made by one of its players to transfer to another Club within the County if Suncroft GFC is in a position to facilitate football, at appropriate age grade/s, for the player applying for the transfer.

Inter-County transfer applications will be considered on a case by case basis.

### **GAA Definitions:**

**First County**: The County in which a Player's First Club (or Club with an Independent Team) is located.

**First Club**: The Club (or Club with and Independent Team) with which a player first legally (i.e. in accordance with Rule and Bye-Law) participated in Club competition at Under 12 Grade or over (including Go-Games), organised by the County Committee or one of its Sub-Committees in the County of his permanent residence, subject to that participation being at an age not more than two years younger than the designated age level of the competition.

A full set of Rules and Definitions are available in the Official GAA Guide.

### **GAA Transfer Within County Process Overview**

A member who wishes to leave one Club to join another in the same County must apply to the County Committee for a transfer.

Any application must be submitted to the County Committee before the 1<sup>st</sup> February. Any application submitted on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> February will not be considered until after the 1<sup>st</sup> of February of the following year.

The County Committee shall delegate consideration of Applications to its Competitions Control Committee. If requested by any party involved, the Committee shall give the applicant and the two Clubs concerned the opportunity of attending a convened hearing to outline their respective positions on the application.





# SUNCROFT GFC

The Club of the member seeking a transfer shall be notified of the application and its observations shall be considered if received within such time as may be directed by the Competitions Control Committee.

The Competitions Control Committee shall make its decision in accordance with Rule and any current County Bye-Law.

An appeal against a decision on a Transfer may be made in writing by an aggrieved party to the County Hearings Committee. It shall be made within three working days of the receipt of notification of the decision, it shall state the grounds on which the appeal is being made and shall be signed by the appellant player or in the case of a Club, by its Secretary.

Full details of the Rules and process are available in the Official GAA Guide. Contact the County Committee for a copy of any current County Bye-Law.

#### **GAA Inter-County Transfers**

A member who wishes to join a Club in another County must apply for a transfer to the Provincial or Central Council, as appropriate.

The system for submitting and processing Intercounty and International Transfers are online. Inter Club transfers must be submitted on the appropriate County form.

A full set of the current LGFA and GAA Rules, Official Guides, and Kildare GAA/LGFA By-Laws, can be viewed on the relevant association's website.

#### **LGFA Definitions:**

**Home Club:** A Home Club means the Club in the Club Catchment Area (CCA) in which the player resides, or the First Club with which she legally played in an officially recognised Club Competition, or the CCA in which her parents resided at the time of her birth.

A CCA comprises of the list of townlands under existing traditional parish boundaries from which the Club is entitled to draw its players and shall be subject to county boundaries.

#### LGFA Inter-Club Transfer Process Overview

All players of all ages, who wishes to leave one Club to join another in the same County, must apply to the County Board on the official transfer form for a transfer. This also applies to a disbanded Club unless governed by separate Rule.

The LGFA currently considers transfers at any time during the year. Some County's have By-Laws restriction the time window to one period per year. At time of going to print Kildare LGFA had no time of year restriction, however if applying for a transfer check to see what the current rules are. The County Board shall have power to refuse or grant such transfers taking into account the best interests of the Association.





# SUNCROFT GFC

A player seeking an Inter–Club transfer outside the County in which she last played, must seek her release from her former Club by completing the official transfer form. The form must be signed by her former Club and County Secretaries, who must forward it to the Secretary of the County to which she is transferring, who in turn must forward to the relevant Provincial Secretary or CEO. If the player is residing in the CCA of the Club to which she is transferring, or if she is returning to her Home Club, the County Secretary may sign the transfer form and forward it to the Provincial or National Secretary.

If the player is NOT residing in the CCA of the Club to which she is transferring, or if she is not returning to her Home Club, the transfer must be:

(a) Discussed and approved by the County Board to which she is transferring.

(b) The transfer form endorsed to that effect, signed by the County Secretary

and

(c) Forwarded to the Provincial Secretary or CEO.

Where a players former Club or County Secretary refuses to sign the transfer form, the player should contact the County or Provincial Secretary or the National CEO as appropriate.

When the transfer has been sanctioned, one copy will be returned to the applicant, who shall present it to the Club to which she has been transferred. The Club shall register the player in the usual manner.

### LGFA Inter-County Transfer Overview

The procedure to be followed to obtain an Inter-County Transfer is:

(a) The player must seek her release from her former County Secretary by completing the official transfer form.

(b) The Secretary shall sign it and forward it to the Secretary of the relevant Committee, Board or Council.

An Inter County transfer becomes effective as soon as it is approved by the appropriate authority. The appropriate Secretary or CEO shall sign the transfer form and return a copy to the applicant and the County Secretary.

In all applications for transfers, the status of the player shall be specified. The transfer application must also show the date of the last competitive and Championship matches in which she played. Schools and Colleges competitions are exempted.

A player cannot play for two different Counties in the same competition.

A full set of the current LGFA and GAA Rules, Official Guides, and Kildare GAA/LGFA By-Laws, can be viewed on the relevant association's website.



# **Coiste Chontae Chill Dara**

## Foirm Aistrithe Inter-Club Transfer Form

Please Return To:

County Secretary / Rúnaí, Kildare GAA, Hawkfield Centre of Excellence, Newbridge, Co. Kildare.

| Transfer From Club:                | To Club:   |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| 1. Players Name:                   | Signature: |
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| 2. Players Full Address:           |            |
| 3. Players e-mail address:         |            |
| 4. Date of Birth:                  |            |
| 5. Date of Last Competitive Match: |            |
| Reasons For Transfer:              |            |

#### Notes:

- Transfer applications must be submitted to the Co. Runaí not later <u>than</u> <u>February 1<sup>st</sup> – 20</u>
- 2. Transfer Applications will be dealt with by CCC
- 3. If you are unhappy with the decision of the CCC an appeal can be made to the County Hearings Committee. This appeal must be made within 3 days of receipt of the CCC decision



## Inter Club Transfer

| Name:   |      |
|---|------|
| Unique ID:                                      |      |
| Address:  |      |
|   |      |
| Eircode:  |      |
| I wish to transfer from                         | to   |
| Date of last Championship match with            | was  |
| Date of last competitive match with             | was  |
| Name of Competition                             | Date |
| Signature of Applicant                          | Date |
| Signature of Approval of Current Club Secretary | Date |
| Signature of Approval of New Club Secretary     | Date |
| Signature of Current County Secretary           | Date |
| Signature of approval of new County Secretary   |      |
| Transfer approved / refused                     |      |
| If refused, please state reason (s)             |      |
| Signature of National /Provincial Secretary     | Date |
|   |      |



# Inter County Transfer

### **OVERAGE ONLY**

### (Only to be filled in when transferring to play county football)

| Name:   |          |  |
|---|----------|--|
| Unique ID:  |          |  |
| Address:  |          |  |
|   |          |  |
| Eircode:  |          |  |
|   |          |  |
| I wish to transfer from   | to       |  |
| Date of last Championship match with  | was      |  |
|   |          |  |
| Date of last competitive match with   | was      |  |
| Home club: County of ho   | ome club |  |
|   |          |  |
| Name of Competition   | Date     |  |
|   |          |  |
| Signature of Applicant  | Date     |  |
|   |          |  |
| Signature of County Secretary   | Date     |  |
| Signature of approval of new County Secretary                               | Date     |  |
| This transfer must be approved at a County Board meeting in your new county |          |  |
| Transfer approved / refused   |          |  |
|   |          |  |
| If refused, please state reason (s)   |          |  |
|   |          |  |
| Signature of National /Provincial Secretary                                 | Date     |  |
|   |          |  |



## <u>Underage</u> Inter Club Transfer

| Name:  |      |  |
|--|------|--|
| Unique ID:   |      |  |
| Address:   |      |  |
|  |      |  |
| Eircode:   |      |  |
| Date of Birth:   |      |  |
| I wish to transfer from  | to   |  |
| Date of last Championship match with   | was  |  |
| Date of last competitive match with  | was  |  |
| Name of Competition  | Date |  |
| Signature of Applicant   | Date |  |
| Signature of Applicant's Parent/Guardian   | Date |  |
| Signature of Approval of Current Club Secretary  | Date |  |
| Signature of Approval of New Club Secretary  | Date |  |
| Signature of Current County Secretary  | Date |  |
| Signature of approval of new County SecretaryDateDate<br>(This transfer must be approved at a County Board meeting in your new county) |      |  |
| Transfer approved / refused  |      |  |
| If refused, please state reason (s)  |      |  |
| Signature of National /Provincial Secretary  | Date |  |



## <u>Underage</u> Inter County Transfer

(Only to be filled in when transferring to play county football.)

| Name:  |      |  |
|--|------|--|
| Unique ID:   |      |  |
| Address:   |      |  |
|  |      |  |
| Eircode:   |      |  |
| Date of Birth  |      |  |
| I wish to transfer from  | to   |  |
| Date of last Championship match with   | was  |  |
| Date of last competitive match with  | was  |  |
| Home club: County of home club   |      |  |
| Name of Competition  | Date |  |
| Signature of Applicant   | Date |  |
| Signature of Applicant's Parent/Guardian   | Date |  |
| Signature of County Secretary  | Date |  |
| Signature of approval of new County SecretaryDate<br>This transfer must be approved at a County Board meeting in your new county |      |  |
| Transfer approved / refused  |      |  |
| If refused, please state reason (s)  |      |  |
| Signature of National /Provincial Secretary  | Date |  |
|  |      |  |