



**Motions**  
**Cork County Athletics board**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**12/02/2011**



**Administrative / General**

That the ultimate responsibility for ensuring that a Club & all its members are/become aware of & operate within all the Rules, Regulations & Bye-Laws in force at County, Provincial & National Level, should be that of the Secretary & Chairman of the Club at the time (County & Munster).

*[Liscarroll AC]*

That there would be only one Club to Club Transfer Period/Window for Clubs within the County each year e.g. March (not to affect Inter County Transfers as at present). (County)

*[Liscarroll AC]*

That where it relates to Inter Club Transfers within a County the following should be added, as Bye Law 1.2.(d):

The Transfer Application shall be considered immediately on receipt, by the Hon.Registrar of the County Board for the Club to which the athlete wishes to transfer and if it appears to him to be in order he shall record such transfer. The date of recording shall be regarded as the date from which the 30 days waiting time shall commence, provided that the date of such recording shall be within the Transfer Period specified under individual Co.Board Bye Laws. The Hon Registrar shall notify the following of the Transfer; The National Registration Officer & The Hon.Secretary of the Club which the athlete has now joined. (To National)

*[Liscarroll AC]*

That (a) any act or action by a Club within the County or by any individual on behalf of that Club, e.g. approaching, or partaking in any discussion/s with an athlete from another Club, directly or indirectly, with the intention of poaching, enticing or encouraging him/her to leave that Club of which he/she (the athlete) is already a registered member to join a different Club, be deemed to be conduct of an unsporting & unfriendly nature (contrary to Article 3.1 Constitution 2008) & to be interfering in the affairs & rights of a Club to participate in Athletics on equal terms with other Clubs without having their best athletes targeted.

That (b) such conduct or behaviour to be deemed improper (contrary to Article 4.1 Constitution 2008) & contrary to the spirit & fair play of a sporting organisation, in this case the Cork County Board of AAI, and resulting in bringing the sport of Athletics into disrepute & be punishable by whatever penalty or sanctions the County Board might apply/impose according to Bye Law 8.11.(AAI Constitution & Bye Laws 2008). (County)

*[Liscarroll AC]*

That motions defeated at County AGM cannot be re-introduced for at least 3 years

*[Bandon AC]*

That the Cork County Board adopt a Constitution to govern its activities.

*[Eagle AC]*

Pending the adoption of a constitution, the Board shall have to power and authority to impose sanction, fine, suspension or other penalty, as seen fit, for any breach of its constitution, rules, bye-laws or regulations.

*[Eagle AC]*

### Poaching

The foundations of any sport include respect and integrity. It is recognized that Poaching undermines these principles and, therefore, it is an offence against Cork AAI rules to solicit any athlete that is registered to any other club in Cork to join another Club.

'Athlete Poaching' is a serious offence. It is therefore not acceptable to make direct contact with any athlete currently registered with any club, with a view to them joining another club.

### Inducements

Notwithstanding that such an approach breaches Cork AAI rules, where an inducement, e.g. an offer to pay training expenses, waiver of membership fees, etc, has been offered to any registered athlete to join another Club, such inducement shall be offered to all athletes currently registered with the Club making such an offer.

### Penalties

Any individual, Club, Coach or official deemed to have contravened the Poaching rules and regulations shall be liable to the imposition of penalties, as shall be decided by Cork AAI Co Board. Such penalties shall include reprimand, fine, suspension or outright ban and may include exclusion of the individual(s) from any competition or event. A Board Officer who contravenes this rule/regulation/bye-law shall be required to vacate his/her position.

### Contact with Young Athletes

Cork AAI is keen to safeguard the welfare of young athlete and to respect their individual rights and any contact from a third party should be made in the first instance via the athlete's current club, prior to contacting the athlete's parents/guardians. Any contact should be for legitimate athletic reasons only. Equally, it is essential that anyone holding personal information about young athletes respects the confidentiality of such information and does not disclose this without the proper authority.

*[Eagle AC]*

That the County Board set up a system for Clubs promoting AAI approved races where Clubs can access a data base of registered athletes, or other system of verification for registered athletes (Cork, Munster, National).

*[Grange Fermoy AC]*

### Competition

That all clubs seeking to hold a local Athletic event or host a National or International Event within Cork County should make their application to hold this event through the County Board (County).

*[Liscarroll AC]*

That the gate fee for entrance by adults to all national level competitions be removed.

*[Bandon AC]*

That an over 60 team category be introduced in both men's and women's championship events, where over 50 teams already exist. i.e. team championships be in 10 year groups; O/40, O/50, O/60 (Cork, Munster, National)

*[Eagle AC]*

That where individual finishing times are available, team competitions may be calculated by the cumulative time of the scoring members.

*[East Cork AC]*

## **Cross Country/Road**

In the interests of parents and young athletes that the presentation of team medals at Cross Country Championships takes place after the results are confirmed for each race.

*[Carrignavar AC]*

That the Munster Cross Country Championships be held in the following order:

Day 1, U23 & veterans  
Day 2, Novice  
Day 3, Intermediate  
Day 4, Senior and Junior

*[Bandon AC]*

That all road races display a copy of the AAI permit at the point of registration.

*[Bandon AC]*

In County B Cross Country Championships that a team of 3 may qualify for a team prize in the absence of 3 full teams of 4

*[Youghal AC]*

That Cross Country race distances be reduced for girls. The proposed distances are as follows:

Girls Under 11 – 1000m  
Girls Under 12 – 1500m  
Girls Under 13 – 2000m  
Girls Under 14 – 2500m  
Girls Under 15 – 3000m  
Girls Under 16 – 3500m  
Girls Under 17/18 – 4000m

*[Middleton AC]*

That next year Cork AAI would appoint an number of team managers for the cross country season. The categories that immediately spring to mind are:

Junior & U23  
Novice & Intermediate  
Senior  
Masters

I would suggest that whomever these managers are that they would look after both the men and women in the category.

As you are fully aware yourself the current set up results in a situation where the volunteer manager is flat out simply picking teams and handing out vests and numbers at the championships. The role should encompass a whole lot more ie building up a relationship with the athletes, fostering a team ethos, building up contacts and ultimately developing the strength of the categories within the county.

*[Ian O'Sullivan, CIT/East Cork]*

That Cork and Munster AAI would invest in some colour coded race numbers that are designed to be worn front and back by the athlete. The colour codes could then be utilized to indicate which race category an athlete is in. The concept of amalgamating fields for races is very sensible but it is very frustrating for the athletes when they cannot tell who they are racing directly against. An athlete running in the munster novice could theoretically be taking part in two categories and be on 4 teams!!!! Should there be an interest in this idea I would be happy to investigate options.

*[Ian O'Sullivan, CIT/East Cork]*

### **Track & Field/Indoor**

That Hammer Competition be re-introduced for Masters Men at Munster Level T & F ( County to Munster).

*[Liscarroll AC]*

That prior to County Juvenile T&F competitions the County Board hold a workshop for juveniles in all technical events such as field and hurdles events.

*[Bandon AC]*