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**DISPUTES RESOLUTION AUTHORITY**

Record No. DRA2/2008

IN THE MATTER OF THE ARBITRATION ACTS 1954 TO 1980  
AND  
IN THE MATTER OF AN ARBITRATION

**CORMAC O'TOOLE (AS NOMINEE ON BEHALF OF INSTITUTE OF  
TECHNOLOGY CARLOW GAA CLUB)**

Applicant

-and -

**ANTÓIN MAC SIÚRTÁIN (MAR IONADAÍ AR SON AN LÁR CHOISTE  
ACHOMHAIRC)**

Respondent

<b>Tribunal Members:</b>	<b>Colm Ó hOisín SC (Chairman) Kevin Heffernan Pat Purcell, B.L.</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> March 2008</b>
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>Dunboyne Castle, Dunboyne, Co. Meath.</b>

**DECISION OF THE TRIBUNAL**

1. On the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2008 the Institute of Technology GAA Club (IT Carlow) played the Garda College GAA Club in a Sigerson Cup Match. On the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2008 IT Carlow lodged an Objection with Comhairle Ardoideachais based on the alleged non-eligibility of one of the Garda College players, Graham Ó Dioliún, under Bye-law 31(b)(iii) of the Constitution and Bye-laws of Comhairle Ardoideachais. That Objection was upheld and IT Carlow were awarded the game. There followed an Appeal by the Garda College to the Central Appeals Committee of the GAA. In its Decision of the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2007 the Central Appeals Committee upheld the Appeal on the basis that there had been a clear misapplication of Bye-law 31(b)(iii) and that the Garda College had not been in breach.
2. The Claimant brought this request for arbitration on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2008 and alleged, in particular: -