

# **Disputes Resolution Authority**

An Córas Eadrána

In The Matter Of the Arbitration Acts 1954 and 1980.

Record No. : 9/2006

Between:

Clan na Gael GAA Club

Claimant

And

Louth Minor Board and Louth Senior Board

Respondents.

And

Na Piarsaigh CPG

Co-Respondent.

## **DECISION.**

1. This is an application brought by the Claimant arising out of the refusal by the Respondents to sanction the transfer of two named players, namely, Martin Dowling and Kiefer Dowling, from Na Piarsaigh CPG to Clan na Gael GAA Club.
2. A Request for Arbitration dated 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2006 was lodged with the DRA on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2006.
3. A Preliminary hearing was fixed for the 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2006 at The Ardboyne Hotel, Navan, County Meath and was attended by the Claimant and the Respondents. The Tribunal was satisfied that the Claimant had a substantive case for hearing and fixed Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2006 for the full hearing of the case. Na Piarsaigh CPG were added as co-Respondents. The Respondents and co-Respondent were allowed seven days in which to file their reply to the Claimant's claim.
4. A full hearing of the case was convened at The Castle Arch Hotel, Trim, County Meath on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2006. Submissions in support of the Claimant's claim were presented by Paddy McKeever and supplemented by Donagh Dowling and Kiefer Dowling. Martin Dowling was absent through illness.

5. Submissions on behalf of the co-Respondent were presented by Gerard O'Hare and Peter Begley.
6. Submissions on behalf of the Louth Minor Board were presented by Tomás O hEochaidh.
7. Having heard the various submissions and having reviewed the available documentation, the Tribunal afforded the parties an opportunity to consider the matter. After a short period the parties returned an announced that a settlement had been reached whereby Na Piarisagh CPG would consent to the transfers of Martin Dowling and Kiefer Dowling to Clan na Gael GAA Club.
8. The Tribunal directed that each party to the hearing should bear their costs and expenses and further directed that the costs and expenses incurred by the DRA be borne by the Louth Minor Board.

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2006.

Signed: .....

David Murphy

Signed: .....

Vincent Foley.

Signed: .....

Brendan Ward.