

REGULATIONS FOR LEAGUE AND CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITIONS 2017.

1. The draws for the preliminary rounds of the Senior, Intermediate and Junior Football and Hurling Championships shall be made at a meeting of the County Committee on an open draw basis. Subsequent rounds shall be drawn as designated by the Coiste Cheannais Na gComortaisí (CCC).

2. (a) The winner of the Intermediate Football Championship will be promoted to play in the Senior Football Championship and the Senior Football League in the following year 2018.

(b) The winner of the Junior Football Championship will be promoted to play in the Intermediate Football Championship and the Intermediate League in the following year 2018.

3. The Senior, Intermediate and Junior Football Championship shall be organised as follows:

Preliminary Round and Round 1A - Ten teams enter the competition. Four teams are drawn into the preliminary round. Remaining six teams are drawn in round 1A. The winner of each preliminary round plays each other in round 1A.

Round 1B - The losers of the preliminary round (two teams). The losers of round 1A, but not that fixture which contains the preliminary round winners (three teams). A draw will be made to determine the two pairings, with the fifth team obtaining a bye into round 2B.

Round 2A - Each of the four teams who won their round 1A fixture. A draw will be made to determine the two pairings.

Round 2B - Each of the two teams who won their round 1B fixture. The team who received a bye from round 1B. The loser of the round 1A ties which contained the preliminary round winners. A draw will be made to determine the two pairings. Avoidance of a repeat pairing will be made where possible.

Round 3B - Each of the two teams who lost their round 2A fixture (one half of draw). Each of the two teams who won their round 2B fixture (second half of draw). Subject to the avoidance of Repeat Pairing where feasible, a draw will be made to determine the two pairings, with winners of round 2B against losers of 2A. In the event that a team from one half has played the two teams from the second half of the draw, they shall be paired with the team which they played at the earlier stage of the competition.

Semi Final - Each of the two teams who won their round 2A fixture (one half of draw). Each of the two teams who won their round 3B fixture (second half of draw). Subject to the avoidance of Repeat Pairing where feasible, a draw will be made to determine the two pairings, with winners of round 2A against winners of 3B. In the event that a team from one half has played the two teams from the second half of the draw, they shall be paired with the team which they played at the earlier stage of the competition.

Extra time will be played in all games of the Senior Football Championship, Intermediate Football Championship and Junior Football Championship prior to the Semi-Finals. Extra Time may also be required in Semi Finals and Finals as determined by the CCC.

4. (a). The Senior Football League comprises ten teams competing in the Senior Football Championship.

(b). The Intermediate Football League comprises ten teams competing in the Intermediate Football Championship

(c). The Junior Football League comprises ten teams competing in the Junior Football Championship.

(d) The last 2 rounds of the Senior Football League, Intermediate Football League and Junior Football Leagues must be played on the same date and at the same time as fixed by CCC. In exceptional circumstances, determined by CCC, this regulation may be waived.

(e). Senior Football League Intermediate Football league and Junior Football League will be played on a double league basis. The Top 4 team qualifies for Semi Final where First V Fourth, Second V Third. First and Second placed teams have home advantage in Semi Finals. The Final shall be played at a neutral venue.

Senior, Intermediate and Junior football league fixtures will not be played on the same day as a County Hurling Fixture should that club team have a graded player who is a ratified member of the County Hurling Panel

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(f) (Star games are matches that clubs must fulfil the fixture without their county players). County players are determined by Rule 6.22(d). In the event of a designated star game been postponed regardless of Monaghan status in the All Ireland series This game will remain a star game. 3 Star games will be played in the Senior, Intermediate and Junior Football League during June and July. Should Monaghan reach Round 4 /quarter final an additional star game will be required. Should Monaghan progress to Semi Finals/All Ireland Final additional star games maybe required.

In the event of Monaghan exiting the All Ireland series any pending star games will revert to normal fixtures.

For breach of this regulation 4(f) the penalty shall be loss of the match and points awarded to opposing team. If both teams are in breach of this regulation the game is Null and Void.

Reserve Football Leagues

(g) Reserve Football Leagues, Divisions 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B and Division 3 comprising of six teams in each division shall be played as a double league. Games in Division 1A, 1B & Division 2A shall be played at fifteen aside. Division 2B and Division 3 will be played at fifteen aside but may be played at thirteen aside if one of the participating teams has not got the required fifteen players. The referee will be sole adjudicator on this matter. This regulation does not apply to Semi Finals and Finals must be played at 15 aside

The top team in Divisions 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, and Division 3 will advance to the Final with the second and third placed team advancing to a play off for the final. Second place has home advantage

Final shall be played at a neutral venue.

5. In order to avoid clashes with club minor fixtures the following procedure will apply.

(a). Adult fixtures will have precedence on Wednesday evenings.

(b). Minor fixtures will have precedence on Tuesday evenings except during the Department of Education examination period, when it may be necessary to play a Senior, Intermediate or Junior fixture.

(c). When the county football team is playing at home all adult fixtures shall be played at a time earlier or later than the official inter-county fixture.

(d). In the event of a home venue clashing with a Allianz League (Football or Hurling) home fixture then that fixture shall be played at an alternative venue nominated by the home club or the fixture shall be reversed.

6. (a). Extra time shall be played in the event of a draw in all Junior Football, Intermediate Football and Senior Football League Semi-Finals and also Final of Senior League

(b). In the event of a pitch which is being used as a home venue for a play-off, semi final or final, being deemed unplayable the fixture shall be played at an alternative venue, nominated by the home club, and, failing this, it shall be played at the opposition venue. In the event of all such venues being unplayable CCC shall appoint a neutral venue.

(c). A Team in Adult Competitions failing to field for three fixtures in any league competition shall be deemed to have withdrawn from that competition.

(d). All Senior Intermediate and Junior League Final will be monitored by CCC and CCC reserves the right to monitor any other league fixture. Clubs participating in Championship matches and Semi Finals and Finals of League must forward a list of Officials on the sideline to treasurer.monaghan@gaa.ie at least 24 hours before match

(e). Clubs must get written permission **for each match to DVD / video any game from the Co. Treasurer.**

Penalty €100 Fine.

The original copy of video to be made available to CCC and the opposing club if requested within seven days of the fixture. Failure to provide DVD / video to CCC or opposing team within specified time will incur a fine of €500. The opposing club to pay half the cost if copy is required (max €100.)

7. (a). The semi-finals and finals of all competitions shall be played in enclosed pitches.

(b) The gate receipts shall be divided as follows for League Semi Finals and Finals and Reserves championship fixtures; €50 or 15% of gate (which ever is the greater) going to the home/host club, with the remainder being divided equally between both competing clubs.

Promotion and Relegation.

8. (a) The bottom two teams in the Senior Football League shall be relegated to the

Intermediate Football League for the following year. The eighth placed team shall be relegated in the event of either the bottom two teams winning the Senior Football Championship.

(b). The winner of the Intermediate Football League shall be promoted to the Senior Football League for the following year. The team with the highest number of points shall also be promoted to the Senior Football League if the winner of the Intermediate Football League also wins the Intermediate Football Championship.

(c). The bottom two teams in the Intermediate Football League shall be relegated to the Junior Football League. The eighth placed team shall be relegated in the event of either of the bottom two teams winning the Intermediate Football Championship.

(d). The winner of the Junior Football League shall be promoted to the Intermediate Football League for the following year. The team with the highest number of points shall also be promoted to the Intermediate Football League if the winner of the Junior Football League also wins the championship

(e). There can be no promotion from Reserve League Division 1A.

(f). Promotion in the Reserve Leagues shall be on a one up one down basis. The team winning the competition shall be promoted and the bottom placed team shall be relegated unless the CCC change the League structure.

(g) A Reserve team cannot be promoted to a higher division if that club has already a team in the higher division; if this occurs the reserve team with the highest number of points will be promoted. A Reserve team cannot be relegated to a lower Division, if that club has already a team in the lower division, if this occurs the reserve team with the lowest number of points will be relegated.

Dates and Times of Fixtures.

9. Hurling fixtures shall have precedence on Thursday evenings.

Special Knockout Adult Competitions.

10. The Reserve competitions shall be structured as follows;

(a). The O' Duffy Cup comprising of Reserve Football League Divisions 1A and 1B teams shall be played (15 aside) on a knockout basis. The first team drawn out shall have home venue, except in the final.

(b). The Crawley Cup comprising of Reserve Football League Divisions 2A and Division 2B team.(15 aside) The competition shall be played on a knockout basis. The first team drawn out shall have home venue for all rounds, except in the final.

(c) The Mc Keown Cup comprising of Reserve Football League Division 3 teams (15 aside) The competition shall be played on a knockout basis. The first team drawn out shall have home venue for all rounds, finals to be played at neutral venue.

(e). In the event of a draw in the Reserve Championship extra time shall be played in all rounds including the semi-finals. It shall consist of two periods of ten minutes each way. In the event of a draw after extra time the replay shall be at the venue of the other team

11 (a) The maximum number of players permitted to be substituted shall be two.

(b) When a Reserve 1B team play a Reserve 1A team in the Reserve Championship (O' Duffy Cup) they are permitted to use their two lowest graded players for that game. Senior clubs whose reserve team are playing in reserve league Division 1B are prohibited from using any graded player in the O'Duffy Cup competition as specified at 11(a).

When a Reserve 2B team play a Reserve 2A team in the Reserve Championship (Crawley Cup) they are permitted to use their two lowest graded players for that game. Senior clubs whose reserve team are playing in reserve league Division 2B are prohibited from using any graded player unless it Senior Clubs third team in the Crawley Cup competition except as specified at 11(b).

Under 21 Football Competitions.

12(a).The Competitions Control Committee shall group the affiliated teams and determine the structure.

(b). The Under Twenty-One Football games shall be played irrespective of County Teams' or Club Championships' commitments.

(c) Under Twenty-One football fixtures shall not be made for a 12 day period prior to the commencement of the Dept. of Education and Science examinations or during the period of the said examinations.

Minor Football Competitions

13. (a) The Competitions Control Committee shall group the affiliated teams and determine the structure.

(b) In the event of a draw in Minor Football Leagues and Championship to Semi Finals, extra time must be played.

(c) In the Minor Football Leagues the final league positions determines home advantage for semi-finals.

Games in Minor Division 1 league will be played at fifteen aside

Games in Division 2 league will be played at fifteen aside but may be played at thirteen aside if one of the participating teams has not got the required fifteen players. The referee will be sole adjudicator on this matter. This regulation does not apply to Semi Finals and Finals (must be played at 15 aside).All Championship matches to be played at 15 a side.

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Games in Minor Division 3 league will be played at thirteen aside but may be played at eleven aside if one of the participating teams has not got the required thirteen players. The referee will be sole adjudicator on this matter. This regulation does not apply to Semi Finals and Finals they must be played at 13 a side..