



## All County League Regulations

### 1.0 Organisation

**1.01** The structure of the All County Hurling and Football Leagues shall be as determined by County Committee.

**1.02** The Competitions Control Committee (Coiste Cheannais na gComórtaisí) CCC shall arrange for the provision through the County Executive of one perpetual trophy and 24 individual trophies for the winners of each league and any other competitions as approved by County Committee

**1.03** All perpetual trophies to be returned by 31<sup>st</sup> March each year

**Penalty for failure to comply - £200 fine**  
**Repair or replacement of a trophy shall be the responsibility of the committee or club in possession of the trophy.**

**1.04** The Competitions Control Committee shall arrange that league tables be available on the County web, via Servasport, from the commencement of the leagues.

**1.05** As a condition of entry to any league, clubs must complete and return, electronically, the appropriate entry form for each league entered.

Clubs are required to list fifteen players for each 1<sup>st</sup> Team entered. Those named are deemed to be the grading list for that team and they will be freely available on the county website.

The players listed above and approved by CCC may not play in a lower grade of league.

The status of these listed players shall be subject to ongoing review by CCC and recommendations for amendment may be made to County Committee.



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Clubs may formally ask County Committee for players to be regraded e.g. those returning from long-term injury. Only County Committee, with advice from CCC, may make this decision.

Applications for all regrading must be submitted for approval at the first County Committee meeting of the year.

**1.06** A player shall not play in any of the league competitions of a lower grade than his current grade status as determined by the League Regulation 1.05.

**Exception;** In reserve league games 2 senior graded players per team may be used

### **Penalties for breaches:**

- **Player – 12 Week Suspension**
- **Team – loss of match**
- **Club – minimum fine £100 each occurrence**

**1.07** All county league competitions at U16, u18 and Reserve Hurling and Football may be played with a minimum of 13 players.  
If one team has 13 players both teams play with 13  
If one team has 14 players both teams play with 14  
If both teams have 15 players, they must play 15 aside.  
If additional players arrive after the start of the game the numbers may be increased by agreement up to a maximum of 15 a side

## **2.0 Conditions of Entry to All County Leagues**

**2.01** Entry shall, in every case, be subject to the approval of County Committee.

**2.02** As a prerequisite condition of entry to the leagues, each club shall be deemed to have affirmed that its players shall, at all times be available for selection on any county team panel and, subject to centrally issued guidelines, all league fixtures shall be fulfilled as arranged irrespective of any commitment of any member of the club concerned to any county team panel.



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**Penalty: Any club which, in the opinion of County Committee, seeks to avoid full compliance with this regulation shall have all teams participating in the All County League dismissed from the competitions forthwith.**

- 2.03** A club wishing to enter the leagues **must** affiliate to the Players Injury Insurance Scheme prior to participation in the competition. For clubs who are not covered within the scheme any games scheduled shall not be played and shall be deemed as a failure to field and penalties as per 3.03 imposed.
- 2.04** Entry fees for all sections of the leagues shall be determined annually by County Committee.
- 2.05** Entry fees will be allocated by the County Treasurer in the annual fees list and must be paid by a date determined annually by County Committee. Failure to comply will result in further scheduled games not being played and treated as failures to field in accordance with 3.03 until the fees are paid. Games treated as failures to field will not be rescheduled.
- 2.06** Fines imposed shall be paid within one month of the issue of an invoice. Failure to comply will be dealt with as per 2.05 *above with regard to the non-payment of fees.*
- 2.07** Any club that has been dismissed from any part of the previous year's leagues as a result of failure to fulfil arranged fixtures or withdraws from any part of the leagues competitions, and which wishes to compete in the current year's leagues must make a written application to the CCC. Such application shall be accompanied by a guarantee fee of £300 together with full payment of entry fees and all outstanding fees and fines due in accordance with regulations.



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### 3.0 Fixtures

- 3.01** The scheduling of all league fixtures is the sole prerogative of the C.C.C.
- 3.02** All fixtures (and any subsequent approved amendments / rescheduling) shall be arranged only by the C.C.C. and notified to the secretaries of participating clubs by the secretary of that committee.
- 3.03** A team failing to fulfil a fixture as arranged or subsequently amended by the C.C.C. shall be deemed to have failed to field and shall incur the following penalties:
- The game together with the points shall be awarded to the opposing team. The exception shall be when both teams are deemed to have failed to field.
  - Adult teams will incur a fine of £300 and underage teams will incur a fine of £100.
  - The team shall lose one league point and if both teams are deemed to have failed to field then both will lose one league point.
  - The team shall be liable for reasonable vouched expenses incurred by their opponents.
  - The team shall be liable for any costs involving the Public Parks.
- 3.04** A team failing to field on three separate occasions in any one division or section of the leagues shall, in addition to the penalties under 3.03 above, shall be dismissed from the relevant division or section of the league. The points from the remaining games shall be awarded to the relevant teams.
- 3.05** A team withdrawing from any section of the leagues before completing its arranged fixtures shall have each remaining fixture treated as a failure to field in accordance with regulation 3.03 and the relevant rule in An Treorai Oifigiúil.
- 3.06** All fixtures, apart from play-off games, shall be completed by a cut-off date. This date is to be determined annually, prior to the



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commencement of the leagues, by CCC. The point's position at that date shall determine the league placing irrespective of the number of games played.

**3.07** Where there is a need to differentiate between teams on equal points, the following criteria shall be used:

- a. Where teams finish with equal points the outcome of the meetings between the teams shall be the deciding factor, except for in a one round league where the deciding factors will be from **b** to **d** below .
- b. The highest scoring difference. That is points scored minus points conceded in the games played between the teams
- c. The highest score for'.
- d. Play off

Where more than 2 teams are on equal points the issue will be decided as per **b** above

**3.08** Play-off games shall be as determined by the CCC and failures will be subject to league regulation 3.03.

**3.09** Clubs shall NOT be required to fulfil a league fixture three clear days prior to a Club championship fixture in the same discipline.

**3.10** On the day of a fixture only the referee shall have the authority to declare the pitch unplayable. The C.C.C., where necessary, shall make arrangements for a pitch to be inspected by another referee as required.

**3.11** Should a pitch be deemed unplayable by a club or referee then the fixture will automatically be switched to their opponent's ground. If the fixture is in the second phase of the competition home venue will be forfeited. Should both pitches be unplayable the Competitions Control Committee shall have the power to play the game at a suitable venue.



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- 3.12** In the event of a team not having a pitch of their own the CCC may decide that the only venue available may be their opponent's pitch.
- 3.13** Late fielding and fines associated with late fielding will be in accordance with Rule 6.44 (d) An Treorai Oifigiuil.
- 3.14** The fine of £10 will be imposed on teams who fail to furnish a proper team sheet as generated by the GAA Servasport system.

### **4.0 Postponement of Games**

- 4.01** League games fixed by the Competitions Control Committee shall not be postponed or re-fixed except in the following circumstances as set out in regulations 4.02 and 4.03 below and then only at the discretion of the Chairman of the Competitions Control Committee following a request from the secretary of the club seeking the change..
- 4.02** A match may be postponed upon the death of a club officer, committee member or active player or in circumstances judged to warrant postponement on foot of representation being made to the Chairperson of CCC
- 4.03** The time limit for fixtures being postponed because of inter-county commitments is six days including the day of the county fixture. *Underage inter-county games are excluded.*
- 4.04** No league games shall be postponed due to club members being involved in other grades or codes of competition.
- 4.05** In exceptional circumstances a club secretary may request the agreement of the secretary of the Competitions Control Committee to change the scheduled start time of a fixture.



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### 5.0 Referees

**5.01** Each club participating in the league shall provide referee(s) approved by the Referees Committee and available to take charge for the duration of the league programme.

**Penalty:**

**A £400 fine shall be imposed for failure to supply a referee. This must be paid within one month from receipt of invoice.**

**5.02** The Referees Committee shall draw up a list of acceptable referees which shall be known as the 'Referees Panel' and furnish to club secretaries before the commencement of the league competitions. Such list shall be updated from time to time and amendments duly notified to club secretaries. *Where a club fails to provide a referee(s) acceptable to the Referees Committee, that club shall receive no further home games in the relevant league competition (hurling or football as appropriate) until a suitable referee(s) is provided.*

**5.03** The club of any referee failing to attend an arranged fixture without reasonable cause will be fined £50 per failure. If the referee fails, without reasonable cause, on three consecutive occasions then his club will be fined £400.00.

**5.04** In the event of the officially appointed referee failing to attend an arranged fixture (for whatever reason), the participating clubs shall proceed as follows:

- (a) If a neutral member of the referee's panel for that code is present and available to take charge of the match then the clubs must agree to that referee acting as the appointed referee.



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- (b) If a neutral referee is not present and if both clubs have a member (or members) of the referees panel present then clubs shall toss for choice of referee or mutually agree on a referee.
- (c) If a neutral referee is not present and one club has a member (or members) of the referees panel present, then that club shall have choice of referee and that referee shall act as the appointed referee.
- (d) If a neutral referee is not present and if neither club has a member of the referee's panel present then the clubs **MUST TOSS A COIN** for the choice of referee and the person nominated by the team winning the toss shall act as the officially appointed referee.

### **Penalty:**

***If one or both clubs fail to follow the said procedure then that club or clubs shall be held to have failed to fulfil the fixture as per regulations 3.03 above.***

**Note 1** See regulation 5.02 for the definition 'Referees Panel'.

**Note 2** Neutral here is defined as not being a member of either of the participating clubs.

## **6.0 Results**

- 6.01** The league Servasport text service will be used by the referees for communicating results of all matches. This must be done within 4 hours of the finish of the game.
- 6.02** Referees who fail to return a properly completed and signed referee's report may incur a fine of £50 against their club.