



County Competition Regulations 2022 Rialúcháin na gComórtas

As approved by Coiste Chontae an Dúin on 10ú Feabhra 2022.

1. The County Committee shall present a trophy to the winning team immediately after each Championship and League final.

Clubs in possession of county league and championship cups/trophies shall return the cup/trophy in good condition to the County Office no later than 1 August of the following year.

In the event of any damage being rendered to a cup or trophy, the Club responsible shall ensure its repair to original standard or the repair(s) may be authorized by Competitions Control Committee (CCC). A Cup/Trophy remains the property of Coiste Chontae an Dúin at all times and can be recalled from a Club at any time by Coiste Chontae an Dúin.

Penalty: Fine, appropriate to the cost of repairs or replacement.

2. The County Committee shall have power to order County Championship games to be played on enclosed pitches.

All games in the Senior, Intermediate and Junior Football Championships and Senior, Intermediate and Junior Hurling Championships must be played at enclosed grounds.

3. Teams from outside the county wishing to compete in tournaments, including seven a side tournament, must have their lists of players certified as correct by the County Secretary of the county to which they belong. All clubs competing in tournaments shall be furnished with a guarantee that the tournament is sanctioned, and teams are covered by the G.A.A. Injury Scheme before the tournament begins.

- a) All applications for tournament games shall be made in the first instance to the County Committee of the place at which it is proposed to hold the tournament. All such applications must come through the secretary of an affiliated club and shall in the case of inter-county games reach the County Secretary not less than one month before the date proposed for the first match.

- b) Referees for all tournament games shall be appointed/ratified by the Divisional Committee or County Committee as the case may be and such referees shall furnish their reports to the appropriate body.

- c) In the event of the sanctioning committee not being satisfied with the manner in which a tournament is being conducted, such committee shall have the right to withdraw its sanction, to suspend the tournament and to decide what is to be done with the trophies and to take other measures which it deems appropriate.

- d) The Committee sanctioning a tournament shall have full power to lay down any special conditions it may deem appropriate to govern such a tournament.
- e) The rules for tournaments shall also apply to friendly and challenge games, though only seven days prior notification is required to be given to the sanctioning body in such instances.

Note: Refer to Rules 6.40 and 6.41 Treoraí Oifigiuil 2021 for Rules governing Tournament and Challenge Games.

4. Where clubs field a second or 'B' team in All-County competitions, they must supply a list of thirteen players for approval by CCC. Listed players may not play for the second or 'B' team in that year.

The Father Davies Shield and Felix Darby Cup competitions are under the auspices of CCC.

Clubs will be required to choose their listed thirteen players from the list of players who played in two or more championship fixtures from the previous year's championship.

Clubs shall submit their list of thirteen players to CCC before the commencement of the leagues.

Where a club fields a third adult team a further list of 10 players must be supplied and these players are not eligible to play for the 'Third' team in that year.

No list may be amended by a club after the commencement of the leagues without the approval of CCC.

If a club has two or more players of the same name, the full name, address, and registration number of the 'excluded' player must also be furnished.

PENALTY FOR BREACH:

On a Proven Objection – Award of Game to the Opposing Team.

On an Inquiry by Committee in Charge – Forfeiture of Game without Award of Game to the Opposing Team, or Fine, depending on the circumstances.

5. Where only one team fields and the official referee does not appear 15 minutes after the time fixed for the commencement of the game, the Secretary of the fielding team must inform the Secretary of the appropriate organising committee within two days.

6. All County Football Leagues 2022

- a. ACL Division 1 shall consist of twelve teams.

FIRST STAGE: One set of rounds (Rounds 1-11).

SECOND STAGE (Division 1A): The teams that are placed in the top four positions after Round 11 will play each other on a home and away basis (Rounds 12-17).

The teams that finish in first and second places will qualify for the ACL Division 1 final.

SECOND STAGE (Division 1B): The teams that are placed in positions 5-12 after Round 11 will play each other (Rounds 12-18). The teams that finish in 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th places will be relegated to Division 2.

- b. ACL Division 2 shall consist of ten teams with two sets of rounds (Round 1-18) on home and away basis.
 The team that finishes in first place will be promoted to ACL Division 1 and will be awarded the ACL Division 2 title.
 The team that finishes in 2nd place will be promoted to ACL Division 1.
 The teams that finish in 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th places will be relegated to ACL Division 3.
- c. ACL ACL Division 3 shall consist of twelve teams.
 FIRST STAGE: One set of rounds (Rounds 1-11).
 SECOND STAGE (Division 3A): The teams that are placed in the top four positions after Round 11 will play each other on a home and away basis (Rounds 12-17).
 The teams that finish in first and second places will qualify for the ACL Division 3 final.
 SECOND STAGE (Division 3B): The teams that are placed in positions 5-12 after Round 11 will play each other (Rounds 12-18). The teams that finish in 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th places will be relegated to Division 4.
- d. ACL Division 4 shall consist of nine teams.
 FIRST STAGE: Two groups (One group of 5 teams and one group of 4 teams) based on final positions from the 2021 ACL Division 4. Teams in each group will play each other on a home and away basis. (The teams in first position in each group after this stage will receive a bye to the quarter-finals of the 2022 Junior Football Championship).
 SECOND STAGE: One set of rounds for nine teams (Rounds 1-8). Teams will carry forward their accumulated points from the First Stage.
 The team that finishes in first place will be awarded the ACL Division 4 title and will be promoted to ACL Division 3.
- e. The formats for all other league competitions to be determined by CCC
- f. Where teams finish on equal points for qualification for the concluding stages (of a championship organised partly on league basis), or in relation to league promotion/relegation, finishing positions shall be decided by the following means and in the order specified:
- (i) Where two Teams only are involved - the outcome of the meetings of the two teams in the previous games in the Competition.
 - (ii) Scoring Difference (Subtracting the total Scores Against from the total Scores For);
 - (iii) Highest Total Score For;
 - (iv) A Play-Off.

In the event that two teams or more finish with equal points, but have been affected by a disqualification, loss of game on a proven objection, retirement or walk over, the tie shall be decided by the following means:

- (i) Score Difference from the games in which only the teams involved, (teams tied on points), have played each other. (Subtracting the total Scores Against from total Scores For).
- (ii) Highest Total Score For, in which only the teams involved, have played each other, and have finished equal in (i).
- (iii) A Play-Off

Regulation 7(f) shall apply to all competitions at Under 15 and older age grades, in accordance with the provisions of Rial 6.21(4)(c) Treoraí Oifigiúil.

- g. In the event of any of the Play-off games for promotion or relegation or league finals ending in a draw, extra time of ten minutes each way will be played. If teams are level after extra time, an additional two periods of five minutes each way will be played. If teams are level after the additional period of extra time, the tie will be replayed.
- h. Subject to Regulation 9, in the event of a postponement in league competitions, the re-fixtures must take place prior to the original date of the fixture or within seven days of the date of the original fixture (Subject to Regulation 6(i)).
- i. All outstanding league-round games must be fulfilled before the last round of games in a competition.
EXCEPTION: A game that has been postponed under Regulation 9 and cannot be re-fixed by CCC before the last round of games in a competition, may be fixed by CCC after the last round of games.

7. Postponements, Forfeitures and Withdrawals:

- a. Subject to Regulation 9, postponements of fixtures under the control of CCC will only be permitted in the event of agreement from both clubs involved in the fixture.
- b. In the event of rearrangement under this regulation, the fixture(s) must be played prior to the original date of the fixture(s) or within seven days after the date of the original fixture(s).
- c. In the event of a postponement in championship competitions, the re-fixtures must take place before the scheduled next round.
- d. The Secretary of the Club postponing the game will be responsible for notifying the referee, the opposing team and the CCC and for giving them the reason for the postponement.
- e. The onus on ensuring the game is re-fixed will rest with the requesting club (ie, the club that requests the postponement).

Penalty for forfeiture or failure to fulfil a fixture in ACL Division 1, 2, 3 and 4 will result in an automatic two-point deduction for the team/club in the following year's league.

Penalty for forfeiture or failure to fulfil a fixture in all other competitions is £100 (£50 for underage games).

- f. If a club/team forfeits (or fails to fulfil) 3 fixtures within a competition, they shall be deemed to be withdrawn from the competition.
Penalty: £100 per game for each remaining game on the programme.

g. All fines must be paid within one month of being issued by CCC.

8. Games under the control of the County Committee may be postponed for the following reasons:

a. Death in the immediate family circle (father, mother, wife, husband, brother, sister, or child) of a player or registered officer. A game due to have been played up to and including the day of the funeral may be postponed under this Rule. Any other case in which a club feels it necessary to postpone a game, due to a death, will be considered by the Committee and judged on its merits.

The Officers to whom the Rule governing postponements applies shall be: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary as elected at the previous Annual General Meeting.

A game due to have been played up to and including the day of the funeral may be postponed under this Regulation.

b. Any of the religious services listed below, provided such services are being held in the parish at the time at which the game is due to be played within the parish:

a) A Cemetery Service.

b) A Mission.

The CCC Secretary must be notified, IN WRITING, at least SEVEN DAYS in advance, of all postponements under this regulation.

c. If a club considers their pitch to be unplayable e.g. water-logged, snow-covered or frozen, they may have a game postponed provided they notify the CCC Secretary before 12pm to give him an opportunity to have the pitch inspected by a County Committee Official who shall be independent of either club. The C.C.C. Secretary, acting on this report, will make the final decision as to whether the game will stand.

d. Fixtures that are postponed under this regulation will be rearranged by CCC, subject to Regulation 6(i).

9. A game may be abandoned and rescheduled where an ambulance is required for an injured player(s), unless continuation of the game is requested by BOTH clubs involved in the game.

10. Clubs competing in Senior, Intermediate, Junior, Minor and U15 Championship competitions, where possible, shall not be allocated league competition games in the relevant competition for at least five days prior to a championship fixture.

11. If a Championship is organised on a league and knock-out combination, two teams from the same group shall not meet in the first knock-out stage of the competition.

12. Premier Reserve Football Championship

All players are eligible to participate in the Premier Reserve Football Championship except the 13 players listed for leagues (as per Regulation 4) and those who have played on a club Senior, Intermediate or Junior team in the current year's Football Championship.

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13. Reserve Football Championship

All players are eligible to participate in the Reserve Football Championship except the 23 players listed for leagues (as per Regulation 4) for league purposes and those who have played on a Club Senior, Intermediate, Junior or Premier Reserve team in the current year's Football Championship.

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14. The CCC may fix Championship games or League play-offs to be played under floodlights at suitable venues. Ordinary round league games may also be fixed under floodlights if deemed appropriate.

15. All fines issued by CCC shall be paid in full within Ten Days of being issued.

16. Táille Iontrála

a. Admission to All County League games shall be.

£4.00 for Division 1 and Division 2.

£3.00 for Division 3 and Division 4.

b. Admission prices to stand-alone fixtures at U17 level or below shall be determined by the County Finance Team.