



## WATERFORD GAA REGULATIONS 2021

*Championships and Leagues shall be run in accordance with Rule and these Regulations.  
These Regulations shall remain in force until altered by Coiste Chontae Phort Láirge.*

1. All Club Championships shall be played in accordance with Rule 6.21 T.O. 2021.

2. Championship games shall be played under floodlights when required.

### 3. Postponements

Postponed games shall be re-fixed by the CCC for the next available date.

In the case of Friday/Saturday night games, the 'next available date' should be taken to mean the following day.

### 4. Postponements for bereavements:

(a) on the death of a playing member or a parent, wife, partner, child, brother, or sister of a playing member or of either team involved in the fixture, occurring within two days prior to the date of the fixture.

(b) in the case of the death of a grandparent all competitions shall proceed as per the original fixture unless the funeral is taking place on the day as the game.

(c) applications shall be considered for other bereavements. However, there shall be agreement between both clubs for an alternative date for the fixture and approved by the CCC. Should such agreement not be forthcoming then the game shall be played on the date of the original fixture.

Postponements are subject to Regulation 3 above.

### 5. Free Dates:

- Applications for free dates must be in writing in advance of the commencement of the Championship.
- Regarding applications for a free date for a club wedding it shall be for the day of the wedding only and not a full weekend.
- If an alternative date cannot be agreed with the opposing team the game shall be scheduled as follows:
  - if wedding is on a Friday, the game shall be played on the previous Thursday or the following Sunday.
  - if wedding is on a Saturday, the game shall be played the previous Thursday or Friday.

Regulation 3 shall apply in all cases.

## **6. Recording of Games:**

Applications to record games under the control of the CCC of An Choiste Chontae shall be made in writing by the participating clubs 72 hours before the commencement of the game.

Permission is subject to the following conditions:

- (i) both participating clubs approve of the game being recorded.
- (ii) that the recording is used solely for training and analysis purposes and that an unedited copy of the recording is immediately made available to the CCC if requested.

Penalty for not making the recording available shall be a fine of €1000 and the withdrawal of recording permission for the club and for the company/individual who records the game for a time determined by the CCC.

7. In the event of the closure of Walsh Park for redevelopment the CCC shall have the final authority on deciding the venue for all Championship County Finals.

8. Club training sessions or club challenge games are not permitted in Walsh Park or Fraher Field.

## **MATCH REGULATIONS**

9. Regulations governing the organisation of games shall be determined by the CCC.

### **10. Programmes/ Team Sheets**

- Team panels for championship games shall be with the County PRO/Runai by 1pm on the Wednesday prior to a weekend game.
- Teams shall line out as per team sheet/programme.

### **11. Entry to Venue**

Only those named on the Official Team lists shall be allowed entry to the venue and pitch enclosure and is subject to Government & GAA Guidelines at the time.

12. 40 people will be allowed entry at the Players & Officials Gate. The 40 people consists of players, backroom team members and 2 Club Officers. Any person (panel member, backroom team member or Club Officer) outside of this group entering the ground must have a match ticket.  
A list of the Team Party of 40 must be with the County Secretary by the date specified

### **13. Pitch Enclosure**

- The maximum number of Team Officials permitted within the pitch enclosure during the game shall be SEVEN in hurling and FIVE in football.
- The Bainisteoir shall wear a designated distinctive top and is not permitted to enter the field of play and may move along the sideline from the 65m line to the 20m line.
- No other team official is permitted along the sideline.
- The remaining officials shall remain in the designated area.
- Clubs shall provide Team Officials with distinctive bibs which shall not clash with club jerseys or opposing team bibs.
- The Referee, County Board Officer or a person appointed by the CCC shall have the authority to send a person outside the pitch enclosure for failing to comply with the wearing of a distinctive bib.

14. As per rule a Team Official shall not enter the field of play -

Exception: The Referee may give his permission to a Team Medical Officer or one authorised official to enter the Field of Play to examine an injured player.

### **15. Hurley Carriers**

- Two Hurley Carriers who must be over 18 years of age are permitted per team.
- One shall be located at 45m line of their own team dug out and the second hurley carrier at the 45m line diagonally opposite hurley carrier one on the other side of the pitch.
- The Hurley Carriers are not allowed to carry water into the players and may enter the field of play only with a replacement hurley when necessary.
- Official team personnel (Selectors/Coaches) may act as Hurley Carriers but substitutes, injured players or members of the extended panel may not.

### **16. Medics**

- Medical personnel shall wear clear identification and may only enter the field of play to attend to injured player(s).
- Selectors/Coaches cannot act as a medic person, without advance approval from the CCC.
- Medical personnel while performing their duties are required to wear PPE

### **17. Substitutes**

- A maximum of three (including a trainer) wearing distinctive tops may warm up on the sideline at any one time at their designated half of the field.
- No hurleys or ball playing allowed during the warm-up.
- Substitutes should not swap bibs or tops.
- Substitutes must remain in the designated area at all other times.

### **18. Water Breaks**

- One water break will take place between the 15th & 20th minute in each half, which the referee will signal for only when the ball has gone out of play following a score, wide or during a stoppage called by the Referee.
- The breaks should last no longer than a minute, with players coming to the area in front of their team zone and using clearly marked Personal bottles, or Single-use bottles should be used for fluid intake.
- The referee & any match day clocks shall be stopped for the duration of the water break. The referee shall signal when he restarts his watch.
- Players are permitted to position their clearly marked Personal bottles or Single-use bottles around the outside of the pitch.
- Maor Uisce is not permitted in either Football or Hurling.

### **19. Child Welfare and Protection**

To comply with Child Welfare and Protection legislation and guidelines no children under 17 years of age are permitted in the Dressing Rooms or within the pitch enclosure during adult games.

### **20. Covid-19 Guidelines**

All players and officials should follow the guidelines issued by the GAA Covid Advisory Group as outlined in the Covid-19: Return to Training and Play Guidelines for Inter-County Teams document

### **21. Matters not provided for**

Matters not specifically provided for in these regulations shall be dealt with by the referee and his team of officials on the day, and then by the CCC when reported via either the Referee or Sideline Official.

## **PENALTIES**

22. Penalties for breaches of Regulations shall be at the discretion of the CCC and may include warnings, fines, the withdrawal of sideline privileges or suspension as considered appropriate. The frequency and gravity of the breaches shall be taken into account and may lead to increased penalties.
23. The Referee has the authority during the game to send any person in repeated breach of these Regulations to the stand/outside the pitch enclosure and such person cannot be replaced.
24. Maximum fines for breaches of Regulations shall be €200.  
Exception: The penalty for breach of Regulation 6 shall be €1000
25. The provisions of Riail 7.2(c) T.O. 2021 with regard to Misconduct at Games by Team Officials shall also apply.

## **SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP**

26. The Championship shall be structured into three groups of 3 and one group of 4 as follows:  
Group A: Lismore; Fourmilewater; Ballysaggart; Tallow  
Group B: Ballygunner; Abbeyside; Ballyduff Upper  
Group C: Mount Sion; De La Salle; Dungarvan  
Group D: Passage; Roanmore; Clonea
27. The Championship shall be played on a round robin format
  - 27.01 The top two teams in each group shall qualify for the Quarter Finals with the top team seeded and repeat pairings avoided.
  - 27.02 Criteria as outlined under Rule 6.21(4)(c) shall determine placings.
  - 27.03 Where two teams in the group are level on points for first and second place and cannot be separated by the criteria as set out in Rule 6.21 a draw shall take place to determine the placings.
  - 27.04 Where teams in the group are level on points and cannot be separated by the criteria as set out in Rule 6.21 and where a team may be exiting the Championship a play-off shall take place.
28. The Semi-Finals pairings shall be decided by an open draw and repeat pairings avoided where feasible.
29. All knock-out games shall be decided by Winner on the Day
30. **Relegation:**
  - 30.01 The Relegation from the Senior Hurling Championship will involve the following teams in two play -off games:  
Fourth placed team in Group A  
Third placed team in Group B  
Third placed team in Group C  
Third placed team in Group D
  - 30.02 The two play-off losers will be relegated to the Intermediate Championship for 2022
  - 30.03 In the event of a draw in the Relegation Play-offs the game(s) shall go to a replay.
31. One group notice to each participant shall cover each round.

## **SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

32. The Championship shall be structured into four groups of 3 as follows:  
Group A: Ballinacourty; An Rinn; Stradbally.  
Group B: Gaultier; Kilrossanty; St Saviours.  
Group C: The Nire; Brickey Rangers; Kilmacthomas.  
Group D: Rathgormack; Clashmore/Kinsalebeg; Ardmore.
33. The Championship shall be played on a round robin format.  
33.01 The top two teams in each group shall qualify for the Quarter Finals with the top team seeded and repeat pairings avoided.  
33.02 Criteria as outlined under Rule 6.21(4)(c) shall determine placings.  
33.03 Where two teams in the group are level on points for first and second place and cannot be separated by the criteria as set out in Rule 6.21 a draw shall take place to determine the placings.  
33.04 Where teams in the group are level on points and cannot be separated by the criteria as set out in Rule 6.21 and where a team may be exiting the Championship a play-off shall take place.
34. The Semi-Finals pairings shall be decided by an open draw and repeat pairings avoided where feasible.
35. All knock-out games shall be decided by Winner on the Day.
36. **Relegation:**  
36.01 The Relegation from the Senior Football Championship will involve the third placed team in Group A, Group B, Group C and Group D in two play-off games  
36.02 The two play-off losers will contest the Relegation Final  
36.03 The loser of the Relegation Final will be relegated to the Intermediate Championship for 2022  
36.03 The Relegation Play-off games shall be decided by Winner on the Day.  
36.04 In the event of a draw in the Relegation Final, the game will go to a replay.
37. One group notice to each participant shall cover each round.

## **JUNIOR B FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

38. The Championship shall be structured into two groups of 4 as follows:  
Group A: Rathgormack; Stradbally; Kilrossanty; St Saviours.  
Group B: The Nire; An Rinn; Brickey Rangers; Clashmore
39. The Championship shall be played on a round robin format.  
39.01 The top two teams in Group A and Group B shall qualify for the Semi-Finals and paired as follows: A1 v B2 and B1 v A2  
39.02 Criteria as outlined under Rule 6.21(4)(c) shall determine placings.
40. All knock-out games shall be decided by Winner on the Day.
41. Should the venue of the home team be unavailable or unplayable the game shall move to the venue of the opposing team.
40. One group notice to each participant shall cover each round.

## LEAGUE REGULATIONS

41. Placings shall be decided as per Rule 6.21.T.O 2021.
42. Should the venue of the home team become unavailable the game shall move to the venue of the opposing team. Late notice of unavailability may occur Forfeiture of fixture.
- 43 Winner on the Day shall apply to all knock-out games.
44. Challenge Games are not permitted on the weekend of League fixtures in that respective code.
45. One group notice to each participant shall cover the competition.
46. Clubs with a second team in the League shall submit a list of 18 players who shall be eligible to play for the higher division team only.  
Players on the lower division team may participate on the higher division team and return to the lower division team for the league section of the competition. This shall not apply for play-offs or finals.  
Clubs with three teams in the League shall submit a list of 18 players for the two higher division teams, respectively.
47. The maximum number of substitutes permitted in the League shall be seven.
- 48. It is the responsibility of the home club to ensure all the GAA Return to Play Guidelines and HSE Guidelines in place at the are adhered to.**

### **49. Football League:**

- Division 1  
Top Team in Groups A and B qualify for the Final
- Division 2  
Top Team in Groups A and B qualify for the Final
- Division 3  
Top Team in Groups A and B qualify for the Final
- Division 4  
Top Team in Groups A and B qualify for the Final

### **50. Hurling League:**

- Division 1  
Top Team in Groups A and B qualify for the Final
- Division 2  
Top Team in Groups A and B qualify for the Final
- Division 3  
Top Team in Groups A and B qualify for the Final
- Division 4  
Top Team in Groups A and B qualify for the Final
- Division 5  
Top Team from Groups A, B and C Qualify for Play-Offs  
One Group winner drawn to final, remaining 2 Group winners in Semi-Final
- Division 6  
Top Team in Groups A and B qualify for the Final