



## WATERFORD GAA REGULATIONS 2023

*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. 2022.
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:**

Teams have permission to record games for training and analysis purposes only provided there is no interference or obstruction to an official live streaming of the game.

A full unedited copy must be made available to the CCC, on request.

The 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. Clash of Jerseys**

Should there be no agreement between clubs in the event of a clash of jerseys then both teams shall wear alternative colours approved by the CCC.

Where a competition takes place at the home venue of a club, the visiting team shall wear alternative colours unless there is prior agreement.

8. 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.

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

## **MATCH REGULATIONS**

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

### **11. Programmes/ Team Sheets**

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

### **12. Entry to Venue**

Only those named on the Official Team lists shall be allowed entry to the venue and pitch enclosure.

13. 42 people will be allowed entry at the Players & Officials Gate. The 42 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 42 must be with the County Secretary by the date specified. The CCC may alter the number permitted throughout the year.

### **14. Pitch Enclosure**

- The maximum number of Team Officials permitted within the pitch enclosure during the game shall be SEVEN.
- 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.

15. 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.

## **16. Maor Uisce / Hurley Carriers**

- Two Maor Uisce who must be over 18 years of age are permitted per team.
- In Hurling the Maor Uisce will also act as Hurley Carriers & may enter the field of play with a replacement hurley when necessary.
- Maor Uisce / Hurley Carriers may not bring water into the players.
- One Maor Uisce / Hurley Carriers shall be located at 45m line of their own team dug out and the second Maor Uisce / Hurley Carrier at the 45m line diagonally at the other side of the pitch.
- Official team personnel (Selectors/Coaches), substitutes, injured players or members of the extended panel may not act as Maor Uisce / Hurley Carriers

## **17. 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

## **18. 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 must remain in the designated area at all other times.

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

To comply with Child Welfare and Protection legislation and guidelines no children under 18 years of age are permitted in the Dressing Rooms or within the pitch enclosure during adult games.

## **20. Covid-19**

All players and officials should continue to follow the guidelines in relation to Covid-19.

Should a team be affected by a Covid-19 outbreak, the CCC has the authority to decide if the fixture proceeds, is postponed or awarded to the opposing team.

## **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 four groups of 3 as follows:
  - Group A: Ballygunner; Abbeyside; Passage;
  - Group B: Mount Sion; Fourmilewater; Tallow.
  - Group C: Roanmore; Lismore; Clonea.
  - Group D: De La Salle; Dungarvan; Dunhill
  
27. The Championship shall be played on a round robin format
  - 26.01 The top team in each group shall qualify for the Quarter Finals and seeded.
  - 26.02 Second placed teams shall play third placed teams in the Preliminary Quarter-finals and repeat pairings are not permitted.
  - 26.03 The winners of the four Preliminary Quarter-Finals qualify for the Quarter-Finals with repeat pairings avoided where possible.
  - 26.04 Criteria as outlined under Rule 6.21(4)(c) shall determine placings.
  - 26.05 Where teams in a group are level on points and cannot be separated by the criteria as set out in Rule 6.21 a draw shall take place to determine the placings.
  - 26.06 One group notice to each participant shall cover each round.
  
28. The Semi-Finals pairings shall be decided by a draw and repeat pairings avoided if possible.
  
29. All knock-out games shall be decided by Winner on the Day
  
30. **Relegation:**
  - 30.01 Relegation from the Senior Hurling Championship will involve the four Preliminary Quarter Final losers in two play-off games and repeat pairings avoided where possible.
  - 30.02 The two play-off losers will contest the Relegation Final
  - 30.03 The loser of the Relegation Final will be relegated to the Premier Intermediate Championship for 2024
  - 30.04 The Relegation Play-off games shall be decided by Winner on the Day.
  - 30.05 In the event of a draw in the Relegation Final, the game will go to a replay.

## SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

31. The Championship shall be structured into three groups as follows:

Group A: Ballinacourty; Kilrossanty; Clashmore.

Group B: Rathgormack; The Nire; Stradbally; An Rinn

Group C: Gaultier; Brickey Rangers; Portlaw

32. The Championship shall be played on a round robin format

32.01 The top teams in each group shall qualify for the Quarter Finals with Group winners seeded. The fourth seeded Quarter-Finalist will be drawn from the second-place teams.

32.02 The four remaining teams play-off with the two winners qualifying for the Quarter-Finals and the two losing teams in the Relegation Play-off.

Repeat pairings avoided where possible.

32.03 Criteria as outlined under Rule 6.21(4)(c) shall determine placings.

32.04 Where teams in a group are level on points and cannot be separated by the criteria as set out in Rule 6.21 a draw shall take place to determine the placings.

32.05 One group notice to each participant shall cover each round.

32.06 The CCC has the authority to alter the rounds of the Championship if required.

33. The Semi-Finals pairings shall be decided by a draw and repeat pairings avoided if possible.

34. All knock-out games shall be decided by Winner on the Day.

### 35. Relegation:

35.01 Relegation from the Senior Football Championship will involve the two Preliminary Quarter Final losers and the 2023 Premier Intermediate Championship winners.

35.02 The losing team in the Senior Football Relegation Play-off will be relegated to the Premier Intermediate Championship for 2024

35.03 The Senior Football Relegation Play-off winners shall play the 2023 Premier Intermediate Football Championship winners to decide who participates in the 2024 Senior Football Championship.

35.04 In the event of a draw in either Play-off, the game(s) shall go to a replay.

## **PREMIER INTERMEDIATE HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP**

36. The Championship shall be structured into two groups of 4 as follows:  
Group A: Ferrybank; Ballygunner; Clashmore; Ballysaggart  
Group B: Tramore; Ballyduff Lower; Cappoquin; Shamrocks
37. The Championship shall be played on a round robin format.  
37.01 Quarter-Finals: A1 v B4; A2 v B3; B1 v A4; B2 v A3  
37.02 Criteria as outlined under Rule 6.21(4)(c) shall determine placings.  
Where teams in a group are level on points and cannot be separated by the criteria as set out in Rule 6.21 a draw shall take place to determine the placings.  
37.03 Semi-Finals: the pairings shall be determined by a draw between the four Quarter-Final Winners with repeat pairings avoided where possible.
38. All knock-out games shall be decided by Winner on the Day.
- 39 One group notice to each participant shall cover each round.
- 40. Relegation:**  
40.01 Relegation from the Premier Intermediate Hurling Championship will involve the four Quarter Final losers in two play-off games with repeat pairings avoided where possible.  
40.02 The two play-off losers will contest the Relegation Final  
40.03 The loser of the Relegation Final will be relegated to the Divisional Intermediate Hurling Championship for 2024  
40.04 The Relegation Play-off games shall be decided by Winner on the Day.  
40.05 In the event of a draw in the Relegation Final, the game will go to a replay.

## **PREMIER INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

41. The Championship shall be structured into two groups of 3 as follows:  
Group A: Roanmore; St Saviours; Kilmacthomas  
Group B: Ballinameela; Rathgormack; Modeligo
42. The Championship shall be played on a round robin format.  
42.01 Top team in A and B qualify for Semi-Finals and seeded.  
Quarter-Finals: A2 v B3 and B2 v A3  
42.02 Criteria as outlined under Rule 6.21(4)(c) shall determine placings.  
Where teams in a group are level on points and cannot be separated by the criteria as set out in Rule 6.21 a draw shall take place to determine the placings.  
42.03 Semi-Finals: the pairings shall be determined by a draw between the seeded teams and the two Quarter-Final Winners with repeat pairings avoided where possible.
43. All knock-out games shall be decided by Winner on the Day.
44. One group notice to each participant shall cover each round
- 45. Relegation:**  
45.01 Relegation from the Premier Intermediate Football Championship will involve the two Quarter Final losers in a Relegation Final  
45.02 The loser of the Relegation Final will be relegated to the Divisional Intermediate Football Championship for 2024  
45.03 In the event of a draw in the Relegation Final, the game will go to a replay.