



C.L.G. Coiste Chontae Uíbh Fhailí
2024 CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS
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1. A Committee to review Championship Structures for the following year shall be appointed at the May County Committee meeting. The Committee shall comprise of the Chairperson and Secretary of the CCC, the Fixtures Analyst, two members of the Management Committee, nominated by the County Chairperson and four club representatives nominated by the County Chairperson.

Proposals for the following years Championships, from Clubs, may be submitted to the Committee up to and including the 31st of July. The Committee shall make its recommendations to clubs 14 days in advance of the October County Committee meeting, at which the final decision in relation to the Championship structures for the following year shall be made.

2. Players who played on the winning team in Senior B, Intermediate and Junior championship finals shall be considered to be of Senior, Senior B and Intermediate status respectively for the following year's championships, unless they have been regraded.
3. Where a club fields teams in two grades of Junior in a particular year, a player who plays in the higher grade of Junior cannot subsequently play in the lower grade in that same year.
4. Club championship games must be played in accordance with fixtures. A postponement may only be granted by the Competitions Control Committee following a written application from the Cathaoirleach or Runáí of the Club requesting the postponement and for the following grounds.
 - a) Death of Father, Mother, Brother, Sister, Spouse, Child, or Grandparent of a player.
 - b) Death of a Club President, Officer (Eight Elected Officers as defined in 7.2 of the 2022 Club Constitution or Clergyman.
 - c) Exceptional circumstances, at the discretion of the Competitions Control Committee.
 - d) Games postponed for the above reasons will be re-fixed for a date within 96 Hours from the Original fixture, provided required notice is given as outlined in Code 11.3 of Codes 2023.
5. If a club has three or more teams in a Championship, in either code, and is unable to field all teams due to numbers, it is the lowest grade team that must withdraw from the Championship.
6. If a pitch is unplayable, a club championship game may only be transferred to another venue by the Competitions Control Committee, except for Championship Games covered in Regulation No. 23 which automatically switch to the venue of the opposing team.



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7. Adult Club championships shall commence in the following order: (1) Senior, (2) Senior B, (3) Intermediate and (4) Junior, at the discretion of the CCC.
8. In the event of a draw in an U-20 Hurling or U-20 Football championship knock-out game (Play-Off, Semi-Final, Final), extra time and Winner on the Day Regulations (where necessary), will apply.
9. If an adult knock-out championship play-off, quarter-final or semi-final ends in a draw, extra-time and “Winner on the Day” Regulations (where necessary) will apply.
10. If an adult championship final ends in a draw, a replay will take place on a date to be confirmed by the Competitions Control Committee.
11. If an adult championship final replay ends in a draw, extra-time and “Winner on the Day” Regulations (where necessary) will apply.
12. If an adult relegation final ends in a draw, a replay will take place on a date to be confirmed by the Competitions Control Committee. Where sides are level at the end of normal time, in a replay, extra-time and “Winner on the Day” (Where necessary) will apply.
13. Where teams finish with equal points for qualification for the Concluding Stages, or for Promotion or Relegation, the tie shall be decided by the following means and in the order specified:
 - (i) The higher number of League Points obtained in the 'Head-to-Head' games (i.e. games in which the teams involved in the tie have played each other).
 - (ii) The higher Scoring Difference (i.e., Subtracting the total Scores Against from total Score For) in the 'Head-to-Head' games.
 - (iii) The higher Scores For in the 'Head-to-Head' games.
 - (iv) ***If, having applied criteria (i) to (iii) inclusive, there are still teams with an equal ranking, criteria (i) to (iii) are applied to the ‘Head to Head’ games between the teams which remain tied.***
 - (v) The higher Scoring Difference in all games in the League Group.
 - (vi) The higher Scores For in all games in the League Group.
 - (vii) A Play-Off.

Games Awarded Without Score (e.g., a walk -over) Involved in a Tie-Breaker

Team Awarded Game

Its 'Average Score For' and 'Average Score Against' achieved in games played (in Head-to-Head or All the Group, as applicable) shall be added to its 'Score For' and 'Scores Against' totals.



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Team Against whom Game was Awarded.

It shall have zero added to its 'Score For'. Its 'Average Score Against' conceded in games played (in Head-to-Head or All Group, as applicable) shall be added to its 'Score Against' total.

14. Requests to bring a fixture forward or a time change, must have the agreement of both clubs and will only be accepted for consideration following an email from both clubs, not later than 72 hours before the starting time of the fixture

Exception

Request for postponement in accordance with Co. Board Regulation No. 11.4.

15. Except in urgent cases (venue unplayable, referee unavailable, postponement in accordance with Regulation No. 4), fixtures and disciplinary queries shall be by email only, from the Club/Team Secretary or Chairperson.
16. The Competitions Control Committee (CCC) may fix Championship games under floodlights.
17. If a club has no floodlights, they must nominate a pitch for home games, if required. Failing to do so, the Competitions Control Committee (CCC) will nominate a pitch.
18. Championship games to be played on week days if necessary.
19. If games are postponed, for any reason, they will be re-fixed within 96 Hours from the Original fixture, provided required notice is given as outlined in Code 11.3 of Codes 2023 (To be decided by the CCC)
20. All games in the Junior C football & Hurling Championship shall be 13-a-side.
21. If home teams in the U20 championships (hurling & football) have no access to Floodlights, they will have to travel to the opposition venue or to a venue nominated by the C.C.C.
22. All U-20 Football & Hurling Championships games to be played home or away except Semi-Finals & Final. If the home venue is unplayable, or if floodlights are required and not available, the game will automatically switch to the venue of the opposing team or if opposing team has no floodlights to a neutral venue, confirmed by the CCC.
23. Fixtures in the League Section of Senior, Senior B and Intermediate Championships, in Hurling & Football, to be played at venues arranged by the Competitions Control Committee (CCC).



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- 24.** Fixtures in the League Section of Junior A, B and C Championships, in Hurling & Football, to be played home or away. If the home venue is unplayable the game will automatically switch to the venue of the opposing team or to a neutral venue, confirmed by the CCC, if floodlights are required and the opposing team's venue has no floodlights.
- 25.** If a pitch is unplayable, a club championship game may only be transferred to another venue by the Competitions Control Committee.
- 26.** A fine will be imposed by the Competitions Control Committee, where a club:
- Enters a team in a championship and withdraws the entry, after the Groups have been drawn and before the championship/commences. Fine: €200 for each scheduled fixture.
 - concedes a walk-over in respect of a championship fixture. Fine: €200 for each walk-over/fixture conceded.
- 27.** Applications to enter a Group/Divisional team in a championship must be submitted to the County Secretary not later than 6 days before the January County Committee meeting.
- 28. Match Referees**
- A referee who officiates at a Championship Final, where the sides finish level, shall not be appointed for the replay.
 - A referee from a club, which is part of an amalgamation, shall not be appointed to referee a championship Quarter Final, Semi-Final or Final if either or both of the teams in a fixture are included in the amalgamation.
 - Match Referees shall:
 - Text the match score to Servasport/Foireann immediately following the match.
 - Forward a completed Match Report, by email/electronic means only to the Competitions Control Committee Secretary within 24 hours of the end of the match.