

**WATERFORD GAA REGULATIONS 2024**

*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. When Teams finish with equal points for Qualification for the Concluding Stages, the tie shall be decided by the following means and in the order specified:
2. Least number of games forfeited.
3. The higher number of League Points obtained in the ‘Head-to-Head’ games defined as the games in which the teams involved in the tie have played each other.
4. The higher Scoring Difference (subtracting the total Scores Against from total Scores For) in the ‘Head-to-Head’ games.
5. The higher Scores For in the ‘Head-to-Head’ games.
6. The higher number of Goals For in the “Head-to-Head Games”
7. The lowest number of Goals Conceded in the “Head-to-Head Games”
8. If the application of criteria (i) to (vi) results in a team(s) being successful or eliminated but there is still a relevant tie to be decided, criteria (i) to (vi) are to be repeated for the ‘Head-to-Head’ games only of the still tied teams.

 For clarification, in the case of a tie between three or more Teams at the end of the group

 stage, once the highest ranked Team has been determined following the above criteria, to

 determine the next higher ranked Team the process would repeat, starting at criterion i.

1. The higher Scoring Difference in all games in the League Group.
2. The higher Scores For in all games in the League Group.
3. In the event teams qualifying for the knockout stages of a competition and who can’t be separated using the above a draw shall take place to determine the qualifying places.

1. 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 games, the ‘next available date’ should be taken to mean the

 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 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 of 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 a 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 the 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 Maoir 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 and 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. 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**

 **21**. 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.

 **22**. 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.

 **23**. Maximum fines for breaches of Regulations shall be €200.

 Exception: The penalty for breach of Regulation 6 shall be €1000

 **24.** The provisions of Riail 7.2(c) T.O. 2024 with regard to Misconduct at Games by Team Officials shall

 also apply.

 **SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP**

 **25**. The Championship shall be structured into four groups of 3 as follows:

 Group A: Roanmore; Clonea; Tallow.

 Group B: De La Salle; Mount Sion; Passage.

 Group C: Ballygunner; Dungarvan; Lismore

 Group D: Fourmilewater; Abbeyside/Ballinacourty; Ferrybank

**26**. 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 are 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 Regulation 1 shall determine placings.

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

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

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

 **29**. **Relegation:**

 29.01 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.

 29.02 The two play-off losers will contest the Relegation Final

 29.03 The loser of the Relegation Final will be relegated to the Premier Intermediate

 Championship for 2024

 29.04 The Relegation Play-off games shall be decided by Winner on the Day.

 29.05 In the event of a draw in the Relegation Final, the game shall go to a replay.

**SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

 **30.** The Championship shall be structured into two groups as follows:

 Group A: Clashmore; Roanmore; The Nire; An Rinn; Gaultier

 Group B: Rathgormack; Kilrossanty; Abbeyside/Ballinacourty; Brickey Rangers

 **31.**The Championship shall be played on a round robin format

 31.01 The top team in each group shall qualify for the Semi-Finals with Group and are seeded.

 31.02 The second and third placed teams qualify for the Quarter-Finals drawn as follows:

 A2 v B3 and B2 v A3

 31.03 The two winners of the Quarter Finals qualify for the Semi-Finals with repeat pairings

 avoided where possible.

 31.04 Criteria as outlined under Regulation 1 shall determine placings.

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

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

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

 **33**. **Relegation:**

 33.01 Relegation from the Senior Football Championship will involve the three-remaining group

 teams – A4; A5 and B5 and the 2024 Premier Intermediate Championship winners.

 33.02 The Senior teams - A4; A5 and B5 are drawn into two play-off games as follows:

 Play-off Game 1 – winner retains Senior status

 Play-off Game 2 – bye team v defeated team from Play-off Game 1

 33.03 The defeated team from Play-off Game 2 is relegated to Premier Intermediate for 2025.

 The winner of Play-off 2 shall play the 2024 Premier Intermediate Football Championship

 winners to decide who participates in the 2025 Senior Football Championship.

 33.04 In the event of a draw in normal time in Play-off Game 1, the game shall go to extra time.

 Should the teams be level at the end of extra time, the game shall go to a replay.

 33.05 In the event of a draw at the end of normal time in the Play-off Game 2 the game shall go

 to a replay.

 33.06 In the event of a draw at the end of normal time in the Promotion / Relegation the game

 shall go to a replay

 **PREMIER INTERMEDIATE HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP**

 34. The Championship shall be structured into two groups of 4 as follows:

 Group A: Dunhill; Shamrocks; Ballygunner; Ballysaggart

 Group B: Brickey Rangers; Affane/Cappoquin/Tourin; Tramore; Clashmore

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

 35.01 Quarter-Finals: A1 v B4; A2 v B3; B1 v A4; B2 v A3

 35.02 Criteria as outlined under Regulation 1 shall determine placings.

 35.03 Semi-Finals: the pairings shall be determined by a draw between the four Quarter-Final

 Winners with repeat pairings avoided where possible.

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

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

 38. **Relegation:**

 38.01 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.

 38.02 The two play-off defeated teams shall contest the Relegation Final

 38.03 The defeated team in the Relegation Final will be relegated to the Divisional Intermediate

 Hurling Championship for 2025

 38.04 The Relegation Play-off games shall be decided by Winner on the Day.

 38.05 In the event of a draw in the Relegation Final, the game will go to a replay.

 **PREMIER INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

 39. The Championship shall be structured into two groups as follows:

 Group A: Ballinameela; De La Salle; St Saviours

 Group B: Rathgormack; Portlaw; Modeligo; Stradbally

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

 40.01 The top 2 teams in Groups A and B qualify for Semi-Finals and the draw will be as follows:

 A1 v B2 and B1 v A2

 40.02 Criteria as outlined under Regulation 1 shall determine the placings.

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

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

 43. **Relegation:**

 43.01 Relegation from the Premier Intermediate Football Championship will involve the three

 remaining group teams – A3; B3 and B4 in two play-off games.

 43.02 The Relegation Play-off Game – two teams drawn from A3; B3; and B4

 43.03 The Relegation Final will be contested by the bye team and the defeated team from the

 Play-off game.

 43.04 The defeated team in the Relegation Final will be relegated to the Divisional Intermediate

 Football Championship for 2025

 43.05 The Relegation Play-off game shall be decided by Winner on the Day.

 43.06 In the event of a draw in the Relegation Final, the game will go to a replay.