



WATERFORD GAA REGULATIONS 2025

*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:
 - i. The least number of games forfeited.
 - ii. 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.
 - iii. The higher Scoring Difference (subtracting the total Scores Against from total Scores For) in the 'Head-to-Head' games.
 - iv. The higher Scores For in the 'Head-to-Head' games.
 - v. The higher number of Goals For in the "Head-to-Head Games"
 - vi. The lowest number of Goals Conceded in the "Head-to-Head Games"
 - vii. 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.
 - viii. The higher Scoring Difference in all games in the League Group.
 - ix. The higher Scores For in all games in the League Group.
 - x. 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.

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.
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 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 an 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 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 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 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 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 breach of these Regulations to the stand/outside the pitch enclosure and that 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 two groups of 6 as follows:
Group A: Passage, Mt Sion, Dungarvan, Ferrybank, Lismore, Fourmilewater
Group B: Ballygunner, Abbeyside/Ballinacourty, De La Salle, Roanmore, Clonea, Brickey Rangers.
- 26.** The Championship shall be played on a round robin format
26.01 The top two teams in each group shall qualify for the Quarter Finals and are seeded.
26.02 The remaining teams qualify for the Preliminary Quarter-Finals drawn as follows:
A3 v B6; A4 v B5; A5 v B4; A6 v B3.
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 2026
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 of 4 as follows:
Group A: Rathgormack; Gaultier; An Rinn; Kilrossanty.
Group B: Abbeyside/Ballinacourty; The Nire; Roanmore; Clashmore
- 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 and are seeded.
31.02 The second placed teams in each group qualify for the Quarter-Finals and are seeded
31.03 The remaining teams qualify for the Preliminary Quarter-Finals drawn as follows:
A3 v B4 and B3 v A4
31.04 The Quarter-Finals are drawn as follows: A2 and B2 v Preliminary Qtr Final Winners
31.05 The Semi-Finals are drawn as follows: A1 and B1 v Qtr Final Winners
31.06 Repeat pairings avoided where possible in all knockout rounds.
31.07 Criteria as outlined under Regulation 1 shall determine placings.
31.08 One group notice to each participant shall cover each round.
31.09 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 The two defeated teams from the Preliminary Quarter-Finals shall contest the Relegation Final
33.02 The defeated team from the Relegation Final shall be relegated to Premier Intermediate Football Championship for 2026
33.03 In the event of a draw after normal time in the Relegation Final. 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: Affane/Cappoquin/Tourin; Portlaw; Tramore; Ballysaggart.
Group B: Shamrocks; Ballygunner; Tallow; Clashmore.
- 35.** The Championship shall be played on a round robin format
- 35.01 The top team in each group shall qualify for the Semi-Finals and are seeded.
 - 35.02 The second placed teams in each group qualify for the Quarter-Finals and are seeded
 - 35.03 The remaining teams qualify for the Preliminary Quarter-Finals drawn as follows:
A3 v B4 and B3 v A4
 - 35.04 The Quarter-Finals are drawn as follows: A2 and B2 v Preliminary Qtr Final Winners
 - 35.05 The Semi-Finals are drawn as follows: A1 and B1 v Qtr Final Winners
 - 35.06 Repeat pairings avoided where possible in all knockout rounds.
 - 35.07 Criteria as outlined under Regulation 1 shall determine placings.
 - 35.08 One group notice to each participant shall cover each round.
- 36.** All knock-out games shall be decided by Winner on the Day.
- 37. Relegation:**
- 37.01 The two defeated teams from the Preliminary Quarter-Finals shall contest the Relegation Final
 - 37.02 The defeated team from the Relegation Final shall be relegated to the Intermediate Hurling Championship for 2026
 - 37.03 In the event of a draw after normal time in the Relegation Final. the game shall go to a replay.

PREMIER INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

- 38.** The Championship shall be structured into two groups of 4 as follows:
Group A: Rathgormack; Modeligo; Portlaw; De La Salle
Group B: Stradbally; Brickey Rangers; Tramore; St Saviours
- 39.** The Championship shall be played on a round robin format.
- 39.01 The top team in each group shall qualify for the Semi-Finals and are seeded.
 - 39.02 The second placed teams in each group qualify for the Quarter-Finals and are seeded
 - 39.03 The remaining teams qualify for the Preliminary Quarter-Finals drawn as follows:
A3 v B4 and B3 v A4
 - 39.04 The Quarter-Finals are drawn as follows: A2 and B2 v Preliminary Qtr Final Winners
 - 39.05 The Semi-Finals are drawn as follows: A1 and B1 v Qtr Final Winners
 - 39.06 Repeat pairings avoided where possible in all knockout rounds.
 - 39.07 Criteria as outlined under Regulation 1 shall determine placings.
 - 39.08 One group notice to each participant shall cover each round.
 - 39.09 The CCC has the authority to alter the rounds of the Championship if required.
- 40.** All knock-out games shall be decided by Winner on the Day.
- 41.** One group notice to each participant shall cover each round.
- 42. Relegation:**
- 42.01 The two defeated teams from the Preliminary Quarter-Finals shall contest the Relegation Final
 - 42.02 The defeated team from the Relegation Final shall be relegated to the Intermediate Football Championship for 2026
 - 42.03 In the event of a draw after normal time in the Relegation Final. the game shall go to a replay.