

Comhairle Ardoideachais.

Deviation from Rules for 2017/2018 Academic Year

In accordance with Rule 3.59(b) Official Guide 2017 Comhairle Ardoideachais has been granted permission by Central Council for Deviation from a number of Rules as they apply to CA Competition. The approved deviations are as set out together with the reasons there for and an explanation of what it means for CA Clubs.

Rules 7.3, 7.10 and 7.11 T.O (Part 1) – Enforcement of Rules / Arbitration

7.3 (i) (4) - Remove the requirement to allow the list to be updated up to 24 hours before any Hearing.

7.3 (p) Change to read “Notwithstanding Rule 4.6(c) (iv), change three days to 24 hours from the date and time the Notice is sent.

7.3 (r) Change three days to 24 hours from the date and time the Notice is sent.

7.10 (c) Change three days to 24 hours from the starting time of the game. Also change three days to 24 hours of the date and time of receipt by the counter-objecting unit of the objection.

7.10 (g) Change 3 days to 24 hours.

7.11 (f) Change three days to 24 hours from the date and time on which notification of the decision is sent, or, where notification of the decision is not required in Rule, within 24 hours from midnight following the meeting at which the decision is made.

Reason: To enable Disciplinary matters to be dealt with in a procedurally correct manner with all reasonable speed so as not to unduly interrupt the progression of the Competition(s)

What this means for the CA Club:

With the approved Deviations:

- The CCC CA may change its list of witnesses from that listed on the Disciplinary Report, at any stage prior to any Hearing
- The Defending Party has 24 hours from the date and time the Notice of Disciplinary Action is sent to either accept the proposed penalty or request a hearing. Failure to reply to a Notice of Disciplinary Action within 24 hours from the date and time the Notice is sent shall constitute acceptance of the proposed penalty.
- An Objection can be lodged no later than 24 hours from the starting time of the game. A Counter-Objection shall be lodged within 24 hours of the date and time of receipt by the counter-objecting unit of the objection.
- A CA club has 24 hours from the date and time of notification of the decision to lodge an Appeal. Where notification of the decision is not required in Rule, a CA club has 24 hours from midnight following the meeting at which the decision is made to lodge an Appeal.

2. Rule 3.4 (d) T.O. (Part 2) – Rules of Specification

Change the above Rule to read: “Games which finish level should:

Phase 1; Proceed to Extra time as provided for in T.O Cuid II (two periods of ten minutes each way)

Phase 2: If teams are still level, an additional two periods of five minutes each way will be played.

Phase 3: If still level, a “Free taking competition” to decide the outcome:

- Each team will nominate 5 free takers for the competition and indicate to the referee in which order (1 to 5) the free takers will take the frees
- The 5 players above must be chosen from players who have participated in the game, either in normal time or in one of the periods of Extra Time.
- Players who receive a red card in Hurling or Football, and players who receive a black card in Football, in normal time or any of the four periods of Extra Time are not permitted to participate in the free-taking competition.
- The Referee will toss a coin for choice of ends in the presence of the Team Captains. The Captain who wins the toss will choose which end the free taking competition should be played into and will have the option of his team going 1st or 2nd.
- The Referee will ensure two goal umpires are in place at the end in which the competition is being played into.
- Frees will be taken by each of the five players from a position of their choosing on the 65 (Hurling) or 45 (Football) metre line. Frees in football may be taken from the hands or off the ground.
- In Hurling, frees shall be taken in accordance with the provisions of T.O 2017 Cuid II – Rules of Set Play Riail 2.5 (a) and (b) and Rules of Foul Play 4.24, 4.25 and 4.27. Breaches of these provisions will render frees null and void and they cannot be retaken.
- In football, frees shall be taken in accordance with the provisions of T.O 2017 Cuid II - Rules of Set Play - Rule 2.5 and Rules of Foul Play 4.23, 4.24 and 4.26. Breaches of these provisions will render frees null and void and they cannot be retaken.
- Frees will be taken for points only, with no goalkeeper / defenders facing the freetakers.
- With the exception of the player taking the free, all other players, managers, officials, backroom personnel etc should be at their designated sideline area, and off the field of play when the free-taking competition is taking place.
- The game is awarded to whichever team scores more of their 5 frees.
- If still level then sudden death frees to be taken using the same 5 players in order (i.e. first sudden death free is taken by the player who took the first free for each side, 2nd sudden death free if required to be taken by the player who took the 2nd free and so on).

- If a player scores in sudden death and his direct opponent misses, the game is awarded to the team of the player who has scored.

- The sudden death element will continue until such time as there is a definite outcome (i.e. returning to the first player(s) and repeating the sequence again if required)

Reason: To ensure that all Competitions are completed within the limited time-frames available.

What this means for the CA Club:

With the approved Deviations:

- Knockout stages of all League competitions and all knockout championship games shall finish on the day.

3. Rule 6.23 T.O. 2017 (Part 1) - Notice for Championship Games:

Change Replays and Refixtures – four days (96 hours) to read “Replays and Refixtures – 24 hours.”

Reason: To enable Notice of Refixtures and Replays to be given at shorter notice so that the Competition(s) are not unduly delayed.

What this means for the CA Club:

With the approved Deviations:

CCC CA are only required to give 24 hours’ notice in relation to Notice of Refixtures for Championship fixtures so that the Competition(s) are not unduly delayed.

4. Rule 2.4(i) – T.O.2017 (Part 2) Rules of Specification

Allow for unlimited substitutions in all 2017/2018 Higher Education GAA Football and Hurling Leagues.

5. Rule 2.4(ii) – T.O. 2017 Part 2 Rules of Specification

Allow for unlimited substitutions in all 2017/2018 Higher Education GAA Football and Hurling Leagues.

Reason for 5&6 above: To allow for increased participation by panel members

What this means for the CA Club:

With the approved Deviations:

CA clubs may make unlimited substitutions in all League fixtures for 2017/2018. This does not change the rule in relation to Red or Black Cards. Should a player receive a red or a black card, that player cannot return to the field of play for the remainder of the game, including any extra time. Should a team receive a fourth or more black card, then the player(s) may not be replaced.