

MOTION 1

That Rule 6.28(A), Official Guide 2019 be amended to read:

All-Ireland Senior Football Championship - Tier 1 (Sam Maguire Cup).

- (i) **Provincial Championships**
No change from current Rule
- (ii) **All-Ireland Qualifiers**

Counties Participating

The following Counties shall be eligible to participate in the All- Ireland Championship Qualifiers:

- (a) The National League Divisions 1 and 2 Counties excluding the four Provincial Championship Winners in the Competition Year.
- (b) Any League Division 3 or 4 County that has qualified for its Provincial Championship Final in the Competition Year.
- (c) The previous year's Tier 2 Championship Winners if not already qualified for a National League Division higher than Division 3. (Applicable from year 2021)

(Note to Special Congress – A clarifying provision based on the outcome of Motion 2 is to be inserted here.)

Preliminary Round

A Preliminary Round shall be played to reduce the number of teams to eight.

The Preliminary Round shall be confined to Counties that have not qualified for their Provincial Championship Semi-Finals in the Competition Year.

Byes are permitted in the Preliminary Round Draw where an uneven number of teams are involved.

Round 1

There shall be four pairings.

An Open Draw shall be made to determine the pairings.

Round 2

Each of the four defeated Provincial Championship Finalists shall play against one of the four Winners from Round 1.

An Open Draw shall be made to determine the pairings.

(iii) **All-Ireland Quarter-Final Group Stage**

As in current Experimental Rule.

(iv) **All-Ireland Semi-Finals**

As in current Experimental Rule.

(v) **All-Ireland Final**

Venues for Tier 1 Games

Home Venues shall be used for the Preliminary Round and Round 1 games of the All-Ireland Qualifier Series, with the first team drawn having Home Advantage.

Venues for Round 2 shall be determined by the Central Competitions Control Committee.

Tier 2

Counties Participating

The following Counties shall be eligible to participate in this Championship:

All National League Division 3 and 4 Counties excluding the following:

- Counties that are qualified for their respective Provincial Championship Finals in the Competition Year.
- The previous year's Tier 2 Championship Winners, if still a National League Division 3 or 4 County

(Applicable from year 2021).

(Note to Special Congress – A clarifying provision based on the outcome of Motion 2 is to be inserted here.)

Format

The Championship shall be played on a knock-out basis.

Round 1 and the Quarter Finals shall be organised on a geographical basis with Northern and Southern Sections.

The Central Competitions Control Committee shall decide on an annual basis which Counties shall be included in each Section.

The Draws shall be conducted by the Central Competitions Control Committee.

Round 1

Where less than sixteen teams are involved, Bye(s) shall apply.
This Round shall be played to reduce the number of teams to eight.

Quarter-Finals

This stage shall be comprised of the Winners and any Bye Team(s) of Round 1.
The Winners of the four pairings shall qualify for the Semi-Finals.

Semi-Finals

An Open Draw shall determine the two pairings.

Final

Venues for Tier 2 Games

Home Venues shall be used for Round 1 and Quarter-Final games, with the first team drawn having Home Advantage.
The Venues for the Semi-Finals shall be determined by the Central Competitions Control Committee.

Scheduling for Tiers 1 and 2

Qualifier Games shall be played on Saturdays/Sundays as deemed appropriate by the Central Competitions Control Committee, but the Schedule of Games shall avoid conflict with the Provincial Championships schedules (including Replays) and shall also allow sufficient dates for Club Championship fixtures. Consideration shall be given to the dual involvement of Counties in both Hurling and Football, and, where feasible, avoid the same weekend.
Provincial Runners-Up shall be allowed, where feasible, a thirteen-days gap between their Provincial Final and their participation in the All-Ireland Qualifier Series.
All Games in each Round of the All-Ireland Qualifier Series shall be played over not more than two consecutive weekends, save in exceptional circumstances.

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MOTION 2

Options on Sections “Counties’ Participation” for insertion in proposed amendments to Rule 6.28 (A), Official Guide, as referred to in the Notes in Motion 1.

OPTION 1.

“Tier 1 – The composition of the respective Divisions of the National League referred to in (a), (b) and (c) above shall be on the basis of the composition of these Divisions of the National League as played in the Competition Year.”

“Tier 2 – The composition of the respective Divisions of the National League referred to above shall be on the basis of the composition of these Divisions of the National League as played in the Competition Year.

Note to Special Congress – In this Option 1, the compositions of the Divisions of the National League will be on the basis of the outcomes, including those of Promotion and Relegation, determined in the National League in the year **prior** to the Competition Year.

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OR

OPTION 2

“Tier 1 – The composition of the respective Divisions of the National League referred to in (a), (b) and (c) above shall be on the basis of the composition of these Divisions as determined for the National League of the following year on the basis of the outcomes of the National League, including those of Promotion and Relegation, of the Competition Year.”

“Tier – 2 The composition of the respective Divisions of the National League referred to above shall be on the basis of the composition of these Divisions as determined for the National League of the following year on the basis of the outcomes of the National League, including those of Promotion and Relegation, of the Competition Year.”

Note to Special Congress – In this Option 2, the compositions of the Divisions of the National League will be on the basis of the outcomes, including those of Promotion and Relegation, determined in the National League in the **current** Competition Year.

Thus, the two counties promoted from Division Three in the competition year will be eligible for Tier 1, and the two counties relegated from Division Two in the competition year will be eligible for Tier 2, unless otherwise provided for above.

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MOTION 3

THE ADVANCED MARK

Amend Rule 2.12 Mark - Rules of Football – Official Guide 2019 (Part 2) as follows:

(1) **2.12 Mark**

The Referee shall award a Mark in either of the following circumstances:

(i) When a player catches the ball cleanly from a kick-out, without it touching the ground, on or past the 45m line nearest the kick-out point.

or

(ii) **When a player catches the ball cleanly on or inside a 45m line from a kick in play (i.e. not from set-play) delivered by an attacking player on or beyond the opposing team's 45m line, that travels at least 20m and without it touching the ground.**

(2) **In Section (a) Free-kick**

(i) The first paragraph to read:

The player shall signify to the Referee if he is availing of the free-kick by immediately raising his arm upright and then taking the kick himself from the hands. The free kick shall be taken from the point where the Mark is awarded except in the case of a Mark awarded to an attacking team inside a 13m line when the free shall be taken from the point on the 13m line directly in line with where the Mark is awarded.

(ii) In the second paragraph amend
"5 seconds" to "15 seconds"

(iii) In the third paragraph:

- In third line amend **"10m" to "13m"**
- In final line add the words **"up to opponents' 13m line"**

(iv) Amend final paragraph to read:

If the Referee determines that the player who makes the Mark has been injured in the process and is unable to take the kick, the Referee shall direct the player's nearest team mate to take the kick, but this may only be allowed in exceptional circumstances.

A score may be made from a free awarded for a Mark.

No other change to the wording of the existing Rule is proposed.

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MOTION 4

SIN BIN

(1) Amend Rule 1.2(ix) (d) - Rules of Control – Official Guide 2019 (Part 2) as follows:

- (d) To order off, for ten minutes in a Sin-Bin, a player who commits a Cynical Behaviour Foul/Infraction by taking his name and showing him a Black Card, provided the player has not committed a Cautionable Infraction (Yellow Card) previously in the game.

If on resuming play, the player commits a further Cynical Behaviour Foul/Infraction, he shall be ordered off by showing him a Black Card, followed by a Red Card.

The time period in the Sin-Bin shall be of 10 minutes duration, irrespective of delays.

The ten minutes shall traverse normal time (which includes additional time) and Extra Time, if played.

Rules affected: Rules 1.2(ix)(e) and 4.1, Rules of Control; Rules 2.4(i) and (iv), 2.6 Rules of Specification; Rules 5.10 – 5.14 inclusive, Rules of Football.

(2) Amend Rule 2.6(a) - Rules of Specification – Official Guide 2019 (Part 2) as follows:

- (a) Any fifteen players may start Extra Time.

Exceptions

- (i) As provided in (b) and (d) below.
(ii) A player in receipt of a Black Card and ordered to the Sin-Bin for ten minutes with less than ten minutes remaining in normal time shall be one of the fifteen players but shall serve his remaining time in the Sin-Bin in the Extra-Time.

(3) Add to Rule 4.1 – Duties of Sideline Official - Rules of Control – Official Guide (Part 2) as follows:

- (f) To monitor and control the operation of the Sin-Bin.

Rules affected: Rules 1.2(d)(e), Rules of Control; Rules 2.4 (i) and (iv), 2.6, Rules of Specification; Rules 5.10 – 5.14 (inclusive), Rules of Football.

(4) Amend Rule 2.4 The Players - Rules of Specification – Official Guide (Part2) as follows:

- (i) The maximum number of substitutions permitted during the playing of normal time shall be **five**.
- (ii) No change proposed.
- (iii) No change proposed.
- (iv) A Substitution is not allowed in the case of a player ordered off except as permitted by Rule 2.6(d), Rules of Specification.
- (v), (vi) and (viii) No changes proposed.

Rules affected: Rule 1.2(ix) (d) and (e); Rules 5.10 to 5.14 (inclusive), Rules of Football.

(5) Amend Rules 5.10 to 5.14 (inclusive) - Rules of Football – Official Guide 2019 (Part 2) by altering Penalties to read: Order the offender off by showing him a Black Card.

- (i) Order the offender off for ten minutes in the Sin-Bin by showing him a Black Card.
Exception:
If the offender has previously in the game received a Yellow Card for committing a Cautionable Infraction, he shall be shown a Black Card, followed by a Red Card, and ordered off for the remainder of the game, including any Extra-Time when played.
- (ii) If, on resuming play after serving ten minutes in the Sin-Bin, a player commits a further Cynical Behaviour (Black Card) or Cautionable Infraction (Yellow Card) Infraction he shall be shown a Black or Yellow Card, as appropriate, followed by a Red Card, and ordered off for the remainder of the game, including any Extra-Time when played

Penalties listed in (iii) in current above Rules to be unchanged.

Rules affected: Rules 1.2(ix) (d) and (e) and 4.1, Rules of Control; Rules 2.4 and 2.6, Rules of Specification.

(6) Amend Rule 7.2 Category II - Penalties – Official Guide 2019 (Part 1) as follows:

Penalties:

- (i) Fixed Penalty for 1st Infraction – the offender shall serve ten minutes in the Sin-Bin.

Exception:

If the offender has previously in the game received a Yellow Card for committing a Cautionable Infraction, he shall be debarred from playing for the remainder of the game, including any Extra-Time when played.

- (ii) Fixed Penalty – If on resuming play after serving ten minutes in the Sin-Bin, a player commits a further Cynical Behaviour or a second Cautionable Infraction, he shall be debarred from playing for the remainder of the game, including any Extra-Time when played.
- (iii) Fixed Penalty for an accumulation of three ordering-offs for Cynical Behaviour or Second Cautionable Infractions committed in the same year in the National Football League, the Inter-County Senior Football Championship or in a combination of both Competitions:

A One Match Suspension applicable to the next game in the combination of the National Football League-Inter-County Senior Football Championship, even if that game occurs in the following year.

The serving of the ten minutes in the Sin-Bin shall not count as an “ordering off” under this provision of Rule.

The above Penalties shall be noted under ‘For Information Purposes Only’ after Category II Infractions in Official Guide Part 2, 2019.

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MOTION 5

KICKOUT FROM 20m LINE

(A) Amend Rule 2.7(a) - Rules of Football – Official Guide 2019 (Part 2) as follows:

- (1) In first paragraph amend the words:
“from the 13m line and within the large rectangle.”
to read
“from the centre point of the 20m line and shall be kicked forward.”
- (2) In second paragraph amend the words:
“shall be outside the 20m line and 13m from the ball until it has been kicked.”
to read
“shall be outside the 20m line, outside the semi-circular arc and 13m from the ball until it has been kicked.”
- (3) No change to the third and fourth paragraphs.

(B) Amend Rule 4.14, Rules of Football – Official Guide 2019 (Part 2) to read:

“To be inside opponents’ 20m line, inside the semi-circular arc or nearer than 13m from the ball until a kick-out is taken.

Penalty – Free-kick 13m more advantageous than place of original kick-out.”

(C) Amend Rule 4.28, Rules of Football – Official Guide 2019 (Part 2) to read:

“To be inside own 20m line (except as provided in Rule 2.7) or semi-circular arc when one’s team is taking a kick-out.”

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