

Comhairle Ardoideachais Competition Regulations 2017/18

Fixture Changes

- Fixture changes, except in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the CCC, must be agreed to by both clubs.
- Comhairle Ardoideachais is supportive of floodlit fixtures in both codes to avoid clashes with lectures– Clubs which have access to floodlit facilities are asked to schedule games for evenings or night-time
- Any changes as agreed by both clubs, must be e-mailed by the Home Club to:
 - brendan.connolly@gaa.ie
 - secretary.he@gaa.ie
 - the opposition
- In the event of any dispute regarding the timing or venue of a game, the final decision and determination shall be made by the Competition Control Committee (CA).

Comhairle Ardoideachais Match Regulations 2017/18

GAMES

(1) Referees:

(a) An Coiste Feidhmiúcháin shall appoint all Referees for knock-out stages of its league competitions and all rounds of Championship Competitions. The referee shall appoint his own umpires. Linesman shall be appointed by An Coiste Feidhmiúcháin where possible. In the absence of appointed linesmen, the referee shall appoint one linesman from each side.

Exception: If in the event of a re-fixture the referee is not available, the home team shall appoint a referee from the official national list of referees. Deviation from this list shall not be permitted.

(b) If the appointed referee is unable to officiate on the day of the game:

(i) Both teams shall make every effort to secure a neutral referee.

(ii) In the event of a neutral referee not being available then both teams must agree on a referee. This agreement shall be signed by an official of each club.

(c) In the group stage of League Competitions, the home team shall be responsible for payment of referee's travelling expenses which shall accompany the team-list submitted to the referee at the start of the game. CCC (CA) reserves the right to appoint and delegate appointment of officials for these games at short/notice in exceptional circumstances. Where games are played at a neutral venue, each team shall pay 50% of the referee's travelling expenses.

Penalties:

Failure to secure a neutral referee or to agree on a referee as outlined at (b) (i) and (ii) above – game shall not be re-fixed or awarded to either team.

A CA Club which fails to contribute appropriate referee's expenses shall incur a fine of €200; said fine shall be doubled with each repeat offence.

(2) Venues

(a) **Neutral Venues:** Unless there is agreement between both clubs and a suitable neutral venue is available, the following potential fixtures only will be played at neutral venues (and vice versa), where a neutral venue has not already been specified,:

Division 1 Senior Hurling / Fitzgibbon Cup / Fresher Division 1

None

Division 2 Senior Hurling / Ryan Cup / Fresher Division 2

UUJ/ St. Marys / Queens v IT Tralee / St. Pats Thurles / LIT Tipperary / Mary I Limerick
IT Sligo v IT Tralee
IT Tralee v NUIM/TCD

Division 3 Senior Hurling / Fergal Maher Cup

GMIT Letterfrack v Dublin Teams

Sigerson Cup

For all preliminary, first round and quarter-final fixtures in the Sigerson Cup, the venue will be decided on a home and away arrangement between all participating clubs beginning with the 2014 Sigerson Championship with a draw for home advantage to start each arrangement.

An Coiste Feidhmiúcháin will keep a record of fixtures and of the home and away arrangement.

Clubs hosting the Championship Weekend in the current competition year who are awarded home advantage for the rounds up to the semi-final, shall be away to the same opponent on the next occasion they meet.

Clubs travelling more than 300km for a Sigerson fixture may apply to An Coiste Feidhmiúcháin for a travel grant in advance of the fixture.

Senior Division 1 League Only / Fresher Division 1,2,3

UUJ / QUB / St. Marys v UL / NUIG / GMIT / IT Tralee / UCC / CIT
IT Sligo v IT Tralee /CIT/ UCC
IT Tralee v DCU/UCD/DIT/NUIM/TCD

Division 2 Senior Football /Trench Cup

Letterkenny IT/ UU Coleraine / BMC v WIT / UL / Limerick IT / Mary I/NUIG

Division 3 Senior Football / Corn na Mac Léinn

GMIT Letterfrack v Dublin Teams

Further Education League / Championship

None

Clarification on all other fixtures maybe sought from An Coiste Feidhmiúcháin. An Coiste Feidhmiúcháin reserve the right to add further fixtures which may arise to the above list.

All neutral venues shall be appointed by An Coiste Feidhmiúcháin.

(b) If a home team is unable to provide a venue the game will be played at the venue of the opposition's choice. Home Team must inform CA not later than midday on the day prior to the game of having to concede home venue. Astro turf, 3G & 4G pitches are approved pitches for the playing of Higher Education games. In the event that a CA Club cannot provide a home venue the nearest Astro turf, 3G & 4G pitches available becomes the home venue.

(3) List of Players

(a) In Championship matches and league finals players shall wear numbers in accordance with their numerical listing on the team-sheet given to the referee and which must be consistent with the match-programme.

Penalty: €200 for first offence.

€400 for second offence.

(b) In the case of clubs operating an Elite Entry Scheme or equivalent (as outlined in 31(c)(2) of the CA Constitution and Bye-Laws 2016/17) the club must use the Team Sheet template provided by Comhairle

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€200 for first offence.

€400 for second offence.

(c) For Sigerson/Fitzgibbon Championship matches & all League Finals numbered panels must be sent to the home side by the opposition 36

Hours in advance of the fixture.

Penalty: €200 for first offence.

€400 for second offence.

(4) Postponement/Pitch Availability:

(a) When a home team considers its pitch unplayable: It must inform An Oifig CA (Páirc an Chrócaigh), who, in consultation with An Cathaoirleach, CA, shall have the authority to call off the game before the referee's inspection.

(b) Where the home team does not have a pitch of its own or its home pitch is unavailable it shall acquire the use of another ground.

(c) Where there is a change of venue, the home CA Club must notify in advance An Oifig CA, the opposing team and the referee.

(d) Where permission to postpone is granted:

(i) The home team shall inform immediately the visiting team and the referee;

(ii) Both teams shall agree, in consultation with An Coiste Feidhmiúcháin, a revised date, venue and referee. Failing agreement, the time and venue shall be set by the Competitions Control Committee (CA).

(e) Where the home ground(s) of a CA Club are deemed to be of an unsatisfactory standard by the referee and An Coiste Feidhmiúcháin, that CA Club may forfeit home advantage for its remaining games of that season.

Penalty for non-compliance: €200.

(5) Drawn 'Knockout' Games:

Ard Chomhairle instructed at their meeting on November 19th 2016, that 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)

RESULTS

(6) Notification of Results:

It shall be the responsibility CA Clubs to inform An Oifig CA of the result of all fixtures within three days (and not later than seven days after the game).

Penalty: €200 Fine, Increasing by €200 for each repeat occurrence.

(7) Walkovers:

A club shall lose home advantage for its team in the next higher or highest grade of championship in the following championship season if it failed to field in any fixture when a team was entered in a league or championship competition in an academic year.

(a) An Coiste Feidhmiúcháin may also:

(i) impose a fine;

(ii) Consider disqualifying the team from competition(s) for the remainder of that academic year.

(b) In the event of a team conceding a second or further walkover(s) per academic season, An Coiste Feidhmiúcháin shall:

(i) impose a fine double the amount of the previous penalty;

(ii) Disqualify the team from all competitions in that academic year and relegate its League status for the following academic year

(c) Any team so disqualified must apply in writing for readmission to all competitions for the following year.

(d) If a team concedes a walkover in a knock-out league game, it shall not be given seeding in the relevant championship of that year.

CONDUCT

(8) Responsibility for Team Conduct:

(a) Each CA Club shall designate to CA, the persons in charge of each of its teams on each team list.

(b) The CA Club shall be fully responsible for any damage rendered by its members or guests on the property of a host college, hotel or rented accommodation.

Penalty: (i) Fine, (ii) in a case of serious damage(s) An Coiste Feidhmiúcháin shall have power to exclude the CA Club from the next academic year's competition(s).

(9) Promotion & Relegation:

(a) Where a CA Club team wins a Roinn 2 or 3 League competition, it shall be automatically promoted to the next highest grade of the competitions of the following academic year, unless the CA Club provides exceptional reasons why, in its own best interests and in the best interests of the game, the team should not be promoted. At all times An Coiste Feidhmiúcháin shall have total discretion on matters of promotion and relegation.

(b) A CA Club may request the relegation of its own team(s), if it provides exceptional reasons why, in its own best interests and in the best interests of the game, it should be relegated.

(i) All results must be declared before promotion or relegation (or play-offs) are determined. In the event that a team(s) has not completed fixture(s), this shall be taken into account by An Coiste Feidhmiúcháin when determining placings.

(ii) An Coiste Feidhmiúcháin reserves the authority to determine promotion/relegation (or promotion/relegation play-off) places in the event of an incomplete fixture schedule or dispute(s).

(10) Special Regulations for Championship Weekends

An Coiste Feidhmiúcháin shall issue special regulations for the organisation and presentation of the weekend stages of CA Championship competitions. These regulations shall be binding on host colleges and colleges participating in the weekend stages.

(11) Treatment of Cups and Trophies:

(a) CA Clubs in possession of a perpetual CA cup or trophy shall:

(i) Maintain the piece in a good condition;

(ii) Engrave the piece appropriately, with the name of the CA Club (and, if desired, the names of players on the winning team);

(iii) Return the piece in good condition, polished and cleaned, to CA before 30 November of the next academic year.

(b) In the event of any damage being rendered to a perpetual CA cup or trophy:

(i) The CA Club responsible shall ensure its repair to original standard;

(ii) Repair may only be authorized by CA.

Penalty: fine, appropriate to the cost of repairs or replacement.

(12) Substitutions

There will be unlimited substitutions in all Higher Education League Competitions so as to include all students who tog out for their HE club.

Specific Competition Regulations – CA Leagues 2017/18

HE GAA Senior Football League Division 1

- *League Quarter-Finalists will be seeded for 2018 Sigerson Cup First Round Draw.*
- *A Sigerson club which fails to field in an Intermediate League / Second Team fixture will forfeit home advantage to their opponents up to and including Quarter Finals.*

HE GAA Senior Hurling League Division 1

- *Seedings for 2018 Fitzgibbon Cup: 4 Fitzgibbon Cup Semi Finalists from 2017 plus the 4 next best performing teams in 2017/2018 Senior Hurling League Division 1.*
- *No relegation in 2017/18*
- *A Fitzgibbon club which fails to field in an Intermediate League / Second Team fixture will forfeit home advantage to their opponents up to and including Quarter Finals.*

HE GAA Senior Football League Division 2

- *Seedings for 2018 Championships to be based on league results.*

HE GAA Senior Hurling League Division 2

- *Seedings for 2018 Championships to be based on league results.*

HE GAA Senior Football League Division 3

- *League results will be taken into consideration for seedings for 2018 Championships if required.*
- *Fixtures a minimum of 11-a-side. If both club have 13 players present they must commence 13-a-side. If both club have 15 players present they must commence 15-a-side*

HE GAA Senior Hurling League Division 3

- *League results will be taken into consideration for seedings for 2018 Championships if required.*
- *Fixtures a minimum of 11-a-side. If both club have 13 players present they must commence 13-a-side. If both club have 15 players present they must commence 15-a-side*

HE GAA Senior Football League Division 4

- *League results will be taken into consideration for seedings for 2018 Championships if required.*

- *Fixtures a minimum of 11-a-side. If both club have 13 players present they must commence 13-a-side. If both club have 15 players present they must commence 15-a-side*

HE GAA Intermediate Football League

- *A Sigerson club which fails to field in an Intermediate League / Second Team fixture will forfeit home advantage to their opponents up to and including Quarter Finals.*
- *Fixtures a minimum of 13-a-side. If both clubs have 15 players present they must commence 15-a-side*

HE GAA Intermediate Hurling League

- *A Fitzgibbon club which fails to field in an Intermediate League / Second Team fixture will forfeit home advantage to their opponents up to and including Quarter Finals.*
- *Provincial Sections to be run by respective provincial CA committee.*
- *Fixtures a minimum of 13-a-side. If both clubs have 15 players present they must commence 15-a-side*

HE GAA Junior Football League-Championship

- *Provincial Sections to be run by respective provincial CA committee.*
- *Fixtures a minimum of 11-a-side. If both club have 13 players present they must commence 13-a-side. If both club have 15 players present they must commence 15-a-side*

HE GAA Fresher Football League Division 1

HE GAA Fresher Hurling League Division 1

HE GAA Fresher Football League Division 2

- *Fixtures a minimum of 11-a-side. If both club have 13 players present they must commence 13-a-side. If both club have 15 players present they must commence 15-a-side*
- *If a club fails to field a Fresher team in a League fixture permission will have to be sought by that club to play its Fresher's in the Senior Championship Competitions.*

HE GAA Fresher 'B' Hurling League

- *Fixtures a minimum of 11-a-side. If both club have 13 players present they must commence 13-a-side. If both club have 15 players present they must commence 15-a-side*

HE GAA Fresher Hurling League Division 2

- *Fixtures a minimum of 11-a-side. If both club have 13 players present they must commence 13-a-side. If both club have 15 players present they must commence 15-a-side*
- *If a club fails to field a Fresher team in a League fixture permission will have to be sought by that club to play its Fresher's in the Senior Championship Competitions.*

HE GAA Fresher Football League Division 3

- *Fixtures a minimum of 11-a-side. If both club have 13 players present they must commence 13-a-side. If both club have 15 players present they must commence 15-a-side*