



**GENERAL REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL
FOOTBALL AND HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITIONS 2017
COISTE NA NÓG CONTAE SHLIGIGH
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1. Respect must be shown at all times to match officials, and their decision is final.
2. All emails/correspondence will issue from Coiste na nÓg (secretarybng.sligo@gaa.ie) to Club Secretaries only. Only e-mails/correspondence from Club Secretaries will be dealt with.
- 3.a) The 10-day-rule in relation to unfulfilled or postponed fixtures will apply, subject to Rule 4 hereunder. In the event of a postponement being sought, other than under paragraph 3 (c) hereunder, the following shall apply:

Managers of the two teams involved shall make the necessary re-fixture arrangements following which the Secretary of Club 1 emails the Secretary of Club 2 seeking a postponement of fixture, outlines reason for same and offers alternative date. The Secretary of Club 2 emails Coiste na nÓg and also cc's the Secretary of Club 1, agreeing to the refixture and all on the one thread. This email is to be received by Coiste na nÓg at least 2 days (48 hours) before the scheduled throw in time of the original fixture. Clubs shall only make notifications for the postponement of fixtures using the official form for this purpose. The layout of this form is attached in Appendix 1. This form will be communicated by email separately to clubs. Coiste na nÓg will consider the request and if approved will notify both teams and will arrange a referee (subject to availability) for the revised agreed fixture. If approval is not granted, the game will go ahead on the original date.

Note

- 1) The master fixture calendar and the fixtures website where a search of fixtures by each club is available shall be consulted. Consideration shall also be given to hurling fixtures where players may be playing with another club at the same age level or at a level above or below that age group.
- 2) If both clubs cannot agree to a revised date the original fixture will go ahead as planned.

b) Where notifications are received by Coiste na nÓg inside the 2 day (48 hour) deadline, a fine of €50 euro shall be imposed for each offence.

c) Postponements other than for a final will only be granted where exceptional circumstances in the view of Coiste na nÓg arise. In such cases an email from the relevant Club Secretary applying for a postponement shall be submitted to Coiste na nÓg to include the details of the exceptional circumstances, and where bereavement is involved the name of the deceased and their connection to the club. Where approval is given, Coiste na nÓg will set the date for the re-fixture. A final will be moved to another date by Coiste na nÓg in exceptional circumstances only (generally bereavements)

4 The 10 day rule will not apply to Championship games, Play-offs, Decider Games, Quarter Finals, Semi-Finals if it would result in the Competition being put back.

5 In the event of failure to fulfil fixtures Rule 6.24 of the Official Guide shall apply and is set out below.

The Penalties for a Club failing to fulfil a Championship Game shall be as follows:

(a) In a 'Knock-Out' Game - the Club shall be Disqualified from the Championship (Cup and Shield), the Game Awarded to the Opposing Team and a fine of €50 to be applied by C.C.C.

(b) In a 'League Stage' of a Championship –

(i) For a First Failure - the Game shall be Awarded to the Opposing Team, but without Disqualification, subject to the condition below. If in the opinion of the C.C.C, the failure to field was for an ulterior purpose, affecting the position(s) of other Club(s), the defaulting Club may, at the discretion of the Committee, be disqualified from the Championship. A fine of €50 shall also be applied by the C.C.C. for first failure to field.

(ii) For a Second Failure – a Club shall be Disqualified from the Championship, the Game shall be Awarded to the Opposing Team and a fine of €50 applied by the C.C.C.

In the event that a club team is unable to field prior to a game, a club shall contact the opposing club management and the referee by phone to advise that they are unable to field. Clubs shall also make direct contact with Joe Murphy (chairman and referee appointee for u14, u16 and u18 -087-9273021) or Pat Conway (secretary and referee appointee for U12 – 087-8161955) or the administrators office. Please ensure that direct contact is made with one of the above. An email shall also be sent to Pat Conway, the Secretary, Coiste Na nOg (secretarybng.sligo@gaa.ie) outlining the code, age group, division, Round Number, date of fixture and particular game and reason for failure to field.

- 6 The dates for Finals are set in the master fixtures calendar which is available on the Sligo GAA website. It is the intention to produce a match programme for all finals and clubs are required to submit the team line out, panel members, and coaches to the Sligo GAA Administrator's Office at least 72 hours in advance of the final. Teams shall wear their jerseys in line with the numbers as set out in the match day programme. Fine for failure to comply with this rule - €50.
- 7 Neutral Venues will not be provided for Replays, Play Offs, Decider games, Quarter Finals & Semi- finals. Venues for Play Offs will be decided on a toss of a coin. Teams placed higher in their round robin phase will have home advantage for Decider Games, Quarter finals, Semi finals unless otherwise stated in the specific rules for the competition. Where replays are required after extra time has been played the visiting team for the drawn game will have home advantage in the replay. Neutral venues will be provided for Finals except where a team, *in accordance with Rule 3 above* seeks to postpone a Final. In such cases, the opposing team shall have home venue for the re-fixed Final.
- 8 Extra time (2 X10 mins) will be played in all rounds of Championship Games, Replays, Playoffs, Decider Games, Quarter Finals, Semi-finals & Finals to obtain a result on the day. If a draw still results then the game shall be replayed.
- 9 Team Sheets (including date of births) will only be accepted from the GAA online Registration system and Sub Slips from the printed template sent to all Clubs. All Sub slips should be legible with players name and number. A Club will receive one written warning for failure to provide proper Team Sheets and/or Sub slips (in any

competition) and any further failure to comply may result in the loss of points for that game and a minimum fine of 50 euro.

- 10 Teams must be on the pitch, properly attired and ready to commence game at the appointed time. All pitches shall be properly marked and shall have proper netting on goals.
- 11 Subject to the exception hereunder, a game will revert to the away teams pitch (if playable) if the home teams pitch is unplayable. This game shall take place on the date of the original fixture or where this is not possible for whatever reason on a date fixed by Coiste na nÓg. Where both pitches are unplayable clubs shall endeavour to try and play the game on the same day at a neutral venue and Scarden may be an option in this regard. Games shall not be postponed without the approval of Coiste na nÓg. Coiste na nÓg reserve the right to arrange for a pitch inspection to be carried out by an official referee appointed by it. At least six hours' notice must be given by email to Cóiiste na nÓg and by telephone to Joe Murphy (chairman and referee appointee for u14, U16 and u18 -087-9273021), or Pat Conway (secretary and referee appointee for U12 – 087-8161955) in relation to unplayable pitches or change of venue where necessary. Please ensure direct contact is made with one of the above.

Exceptions

If a neutral venue is not feasible, the venue for the game will not change if both pitches are unplayable on the date of the original/refixed fixture.

- 12 Only Footballs and Sliotars of a brand that have been approved by GAA Central Council shall be used in all games.
13. Notwithstanding rules 1-12, Coiste na nÓg reserve the right to rearrange fixtures as and when necessary. This will also include fixing venues for any game.

Coiste na nÓg decisions on all matters is final

Specific Regulations applicable to U14 Football A and B Championship

1. All "A" Championship games are 15 aside.
2. All "B" Championship Games are 13 aside but with the option to play 15 aside on the agreement of both teams.
3. Normal scoring rules apply (i.e. *goal = 3 points*)
4. Size 4 football to be used.
5. All kick outs from the ground from the thirteen metre line (after a score or wide).
6. All games 30 minutes per half.
7. Games shall be played on full length pitch.

Specific Regulations applicable to U16 and U18 Football A and B Championships

1. All "A" Championship games are 15 aside.
2. All "B" Championship Games are 13 aside but with the option to play 15 aside on the agreement of both teams.
3. All games 30 minutes per half.

Specific Regulations applicable to U14, U16, u18 Hurling Championship

1. Matches to be 11-a-side with unlimited substitutions. However, where both teams have sufficient players available, games should be played as 13-a-side or 15-a-side.

*(Exception: Where a team has less than 11 players, games played during the round-robin phase must be played as 9-a-side or 10-a-side. This exception **does not apply** during knockout phases including any play-offs, semi-finals and finals)*

2. Games to be played on full size pitch.
(Exception: Where games are played as 9-a-side or 10-a-side, the pitch width should be reduced by 10m on both sides)
3. All games 30 minutes per half.
(Exception: Where games are played as 9-a-side or 10-a-side, 25 minutes per half applies).

Competition Formats U14, U16 and U18 Football Championships

There will be competitions at each of the above age levels at A Championship (A1 Cup and A 2 Shield) and at B Championship (B1 Cup and B 2 Shield). Coiste Na nOg will decide the teams which competes in A and B.

U 14 A Championship -7 Teams

The two Division 1 League Finalists will be seeded and will be placed in separate groups.

Group 1 - four teams

Group 2- three teams

Top 2 teams in each Group to A Cup semi finals.

The remaining three teams will take part in the Shield Competition.

Cup-Semi- finals

1st Group 1 v 2nd Group 2,

1st Group 2 v 2nd Group 1

Final

Shield Semi-final

3rd group 2 v 4th Group 1

3rd Group 1 gets a bye to the Final

Final

U 14 B Championship, 13 teams and four Groups

Group 1 has 4 teams. Groups 2, 3 and 4 have three teams.

Top team in each Group to B Cup semi Finals.

Team finishing fourth in Group 1 are out of competition after the Group stage.

The remaining eight teams will take part in the Shield Competition.

Cup-Semi- finals

1st Group 1 v 1st Group 4

1st Group 2 v 1st Group 3

Final

Shield- Quarter- finals

Game 1 -2nd Group 1 V 3rd Group 4

Game 2 -2nd Group 2 V 3rd Group 3

Game 3 -2nd Group 3 V 3rd Group 1

Game 4 -2nd Group 4 V 3rd Group 2

Shield Semi Finals

Winner Game 1 v Winner Game 2

Winner Game 3 v Winner Game 4

Final

U 16 A Championship-9 Teams

The two Division 1 League Finalists at U16 will be seeded and will be placed in separate groups.

Groups 1, 2 and 3 have three teams.

1st team in each Group together with the best second place team to A Cup semi Finals.

The other two second placed teams together with the two best third placed teams to A Shield semi Finals.

Cup-Semi-finals

Teams which met in the Group stages will be kept apart.

1st Group v 1st Group

1st Group v 2nd Group

Final

Shield Semi-finals

Teams which met in the Group stages will be kept apart

2nd Group v 3rd Group

2nd Group v 3rd Group

Final

U 16 B Championship-9 Teams

Groups 1,2 and 3 have three teams.

1st team in each Group together with the best second place team to B Cup semi Finals.

The other two second placed teams together with the two best third placed teams to B Shield semi Finals.

Cup-Semi-finals

Teams which met in the Group stages will be kept apart.

1st Group v 1st Group

1st Group v 2nd Group

Final

Shield Semi-finals

Teams which met in the Group stages will be kept apart

2nd Group v 3rd Group

2nd Group v 3rd Group

Final

U 18 A Championship-10 Teams and three Groups

The two Division 1 League Finalists will be seeded and will be placed in separate groups.

Group 1 has 4 teams. Groups 2 and 3 have three teams.

Top two teams in Group 1 to A Cup Semi Finals.

Top team in Group 2 and Group 3 to A Cup semi Finals.

The remaining six teams will take part in the Shield Competition, with teams placed second in Groups 2 and 3 to Semi Final

Cup-Semi- finals

1st Group 1 v 1st Group 3

1st Group 2 v 2nd Group 1

Final

Shield- Quarter- finals

Game 1 -3rd Group 1 v 3rd Group 3

Game 2 -3rd Group 2 v 4th Group 1

Shield Semi Finals

2nd Group 2 v Winner Game 1.

2nd Group 3 v Winner Game 2.

Final

U 18 B Championship:-8 Teams.

Group 1: - four teams.

Group 2:- four teams.

The top 2 teams in each Group to B Cup semi finals.

The bottom two teams in each Group to B Shield semi finals.

Cup-Semi- finals

1st Group 1 v 2nd Group 2,

1st Group 2 v 2nd Group 1.

Final

Shield Semi-final

3rd Group 1 v 4th Group 2,

3rd Group 2 v 4th Group 1.

Final

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The best second placed team will be determined by the following means and in the order specified:

- a) higher number of points;
- b) Higher scoring difference (subtracting the total scores against from the total scores for),
- c) Higher total score for,
- d) Higher scoring average (divide total score against into total score for)

The two best placed third teams will be determined by the following means and in the order specified:

- a) Higher number of points,
- b) Higher scoring difference (subtracting the total scores against from the total scores for),
- c) Higher total score for,
- d) Higher scoring average (divide total score against into total score fo)r

Competition Format for U14 and U16 Hurling Championship

One group only of five teams for each Competition

Total Rounds: 5

- Top two teams qualify for Cup Final
- Third and Fourth placed teams qualify for Shield Final.

Competition Format u18 Hurling Championship

One group only of six teams

Total Rounds: 5.

- Top two teams qualify for Cup Final
- Third and Fourth placed teams qualify for Shield Final.

Coiste Na nOg reserves the right to make changes to the Competitions where it considers that it is necessary.
