



1. Competition Structure:

(a) Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6

- (i) The top four teams as decided as per GAA Official Code 11.1 2023 shall qualify for the semi-finals.
- (ii) The bottom four teams as decided as per GAA Official Code 11.1 2023 shall play in the Relegation Play-Offs.

(b) Divisions 7, 8, 9, & 10

- (i) The top two teams as decided as per GAA Official Code 11.1 2023 shall qualify for the final.
- (ii) The bottom two teams as decided as per GAA Official Code 11.1 2023 shall be relegated.

2. League Regulations:

- (a) **Seven** substitutions are allowed in normal time.
- (b) Referee expenses shall be **€50** per game and shall be paid before commencement of the game.
- (c) Any player from a senior club, listed or otherwise, that starts **six** times or more for any team, shall not be eligible to play in a grade or division below that grade or division in the same competition, in the current year.
- (d) League games in division 3 and below, can be played down to 13 if one side has no more players available.
- (e) League games in Division 8 and below can be played down to 11 players if one side has no more players available.
- (f) Where a club has teams competing in a lower division of the football league, a list of players must be submitted to the C.C.C. before the team plays their second game in the competition, in line with the table below.
- (g) The list shall not contain the names of any players known to have out-migrated or retired. The C.C.C. may reject the names provided.
- (h) Players who have played a competitive inter-county game for Meath (League or Championship) in the relevant code, in the current year or the previous year, and are not retired, should be listed and are only eligible to play for the first team.

- (i) **Where a team fails to submit a panel, the C.C.C. shall consider the fifteen players who start the first game in the league to be ineligible to play in a lower division of the football league.**
- (j) Clubs shall play without county players when unavailable.

| | Cannot Play Second Team or below | Cannot Play Third Team or below | Cannot Play Fourth Team or below | Cannot Play Fifth Team or below |
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| | List 1 | List 2 | List 3 | List 4 |
| Senior Clubs | 15 | 13 | 11 | 9 |
| Intermediate Clubs | 13 | 11 | 9 | |
| Junior Clubs | 11 | 9 | 7 | |

3. Purpose of the competition

- (a) The league is a development competition, with a much higher performance (competing to win) element inherent.
- (b) For second and third teams, there is a higher development/participation ethos.

4. Competition Policies

(a) Failure to fulfil a fixture

- (i) Should a club fail to fulfil a fixture in the league, the game shall be awarded to the opposing team and a minimum fine of €100 **shall** be imposed on the team failing to fulfil the fixture.
- (ii) Any team that withdraws from a competition shall be fined a minimum of €200.

(b) Request for Postponement / Change of Adult Fixtures

- (i) The games programme is so tight that fixture changes should only be requested in exceptional circumstances, however, where those circumstances exist, the following process should be followed.

(The club chairperson should be made aware of any fixture amendment requests)

- (ii) Any changes to the listed time and/or date of any adult fixtures must be requested via the Club Secretary's official email account to the Secretary of the C.C.C. at least **seven working days** (as per GAA Code 5.3(c)) in advance of the fixture.

If a fixture is to be changed, the following criteria must be met:

- (ii) The **Home Club** must email the Secretary of the C.C.C. @ fixtures.meath@gaa.ie (CC opposition club secretary email account) referencing the fixture involved, both outlining the same reason for the change of fixture, the referee is available for the change (if appointed) and both listing the same new agreed re-fixture date/time.
- (iii) The re-fixture date must be on/before the same date in the following month and before the last round of the league/group stages. For example, a match postponed on April 1st must be re-fixed for a date on or before May 1st before any postponement is granted.
- (iv) If the request is approved by the C.C.C., the new date/time becomes a ratified fixture.
- (v) If two clubs fail to agree on either postponement or a re-fixture date, the fixture stands.
- (vi) A club may then unilaterally request a change of fixture from the C.C.C. for exceptional reasons, stating clearly that an agreement between the clubs does not apply.
- (vii) Ultimately, the final authority on all fixtures rests with the County Committee and the C.C.C. No policy or regulation shall restrict the Competitions Control Committee in its scheduling of Games.

(c) Official Team Lists

Notwithstanding the provisions of any other Rules or Codes, the following requirements shall specifically apply to all Inter-Cub Adult Games:

- (i) A prescribed Team List (as issued by the C.C.C.), confirming the 15 starting players and a maximum of 15 additional panel members with the Team Officials, shall be submitted to the Referee not later than ten minutes before the official starting times of the Game.

Penalty:

Fine on the Club/Unit: Minimum: €100