



COISTE NA NÓG AN MHÍ C.L.G REGULATIONS 2024

Coiste na nÓg an Mhí C.L.G. is mindful of the GAA Give Respect/Get Respect campaign and has drawn up these Regulations for the benefit of all stakeholders – players, referees, team management, officials, media, members, and spectators.

All regulations outlined apply across both U13 and U12 codes (some U12 regulations may differ and are dealt with separately in the U12 documents).

Games & Competitions:

1. Coiste na nÓg shall organise and promote football & hurling competitions for all players at the U12 & U13 age grade.
2. The officers of Coiste na nÓg shall fix dates and venues for all matches in all competitions under its jurisdiction and shall appoint referees for all matches at the U12 & U13 level, where available.
3. All games will be played using the Coiste na nÓg an Mhí Game Regulations. Any team(s) that refuses to follow these regulations will be dealt with as per those regulations and the Official Guide.
4. Coiste na nÓg shall notify the relevant club secretaries of all U12 & U13 fixtures by way of official gaa.ie email and www.meath.gaa.ie. It shall be the responsibility of clubs to check their email for fixtures and if their venue is needed for games. Time of delivery where fixtures are sent by email will be deemed as the time of the transmission, as per T.O. 2021 Rule 4.6.
5. Official fixtures will not be called off for school trips, communions, confirmations, holidays, managers being away, graduations, and challenge matches/tournaments inside/outside the county etc. All games are to be played as fixed or conceded with the following exception – Coiste na nÓg may alter or postpone a fixture if they feel that the circumstances are truly exceptional. Clubs that refuse to play fixtures shall forfeit the game, may be removed from the competition, and shall be fined €50 minimum by the Committee-in-Charge.
6. No challenge games or tournaments can interfere with any official fixtures.
7. Clubs will be given permission to organise or participate in tournaments ONLY if they have played their scheduled game(s) in advance. The penalties for unauthorised organisation and/or participation in a tournament or challenge game will be imposed on clubs who do not adhere to this regulation as T.O. 2021 Rule 6.40
8. Any requested changes as agreed by both clubs must be e-mailed to Coiste na nÓg for consideration at least four working days (96 hours) before the official throw in time.
9. Clubs who cancel or postpone or move any fixture without first notifying Coiste na nÓg shall be subject to the forfeiture of the game and/or a fine of €50 minimum. This will



apply to both clubs. If Coiste na nÓg decides to re-arrange a fixture, that fixture must not interfere with any other fixture.

10. Four working days (96 hours) official notice is sufficient for all matches organised by Coiste na nÓg, but one working day (24 hours) notice shall be sufficient in the case of a refixture.
11. A team obtaining a postponement of any fixture shall lose the points of the game to their opponents if they fail to play as refixed by Coiste na nÓg. The team agreeing to the postponement must play the game or also lose points. This also applies to games postponed by Coiste na nÓg because of weather/pitch conditions. Teams must email in a refixture date before a game can be postponed. Coiste na nÓg has the authority to make a refixture or deny a refixture. Clubs who fail to fulfil fixtures will face sanctions as per Rule 6.24 T.O. 2021. A club not fulfilling a fixture may be fined as per Rule 7.7 T.O. 2021.
12. No Talent Academy, Development Squad, Coaching and Games, or club activities shall interfere with any official fixtures under any circumstance.
13. Only official referees who are eligible to officiate shall be used for all Coiste na nÓg competitions. If the appointed referee does not present themselves, the away team shall have the choice of an official referee. This may be a referee or a youth referee. In the exceptional circumstances, that no referee can be appointed then a coach that has completed the Award 1 Coach Education course may officiate the game. The Meath GAA Referees' Administration Committee shall be responsible for the classification of referees as per Rule 3.20 (viii).
14. Any club without an active registered referee will forfeit their home advantage for all games. Coiste na nÓg will enforce this after the 1st of April each year. The list of the active registered referees will be supplied by the County Referees' Administrator.
15. An Cathaoirleach and An Rúnaí Coiste na nÓg may deal with urgent matters between meetings of Coiste na nÓg. This applies to matters which cannot be deferred to the next Coiste na nÓg meeting.
16. All correspondence regarding fixtures must be sent to An Rúnaí Coiste na nÓg in official gaa.ie email. Once decisions have been made no further correspondence will be dealt with. All contact with non-secretaries and non-chairpersons will be deemed null and void by Coiste na nÓg.
17. Coiste na nÓg shall have the discretion to organise competitions of less than 15-a-side where appropriate.
18. Coiste na nÓg request that at all games under its auspice have the person in charge wear a distinctive Bainisteoir bib and make themselves known as such to the referee before the commencement of the game. Fines will be issued as per Game Regulations if not complied with.
19. The age limit for all competitions organised by Coiste na nÓg shall be by reference to the age of any player on the 1st of January in the year in which the relevant competition commences. To be eligible for the grades listed hereunder, a player shall meet the respective stated age criteria: Under 14: A Player shall have celebrated his 10th birthday prior to January 1st and his 14th birthday on or after January 1st of the Championship Year. • Under 13: A Player shall have celebrated his 9th birthday prior to January 1st and his 13th birthday on or after January 1st of the Championship Year. • Under 12: A Player shall have celebrated his 9th birthday prior to January 1st and his 12th birthday on or



- after January 1st of the Championship Year. Girls may participate only up to and including the Under 12 Grade. Note: In the interests of the avoidance of any doubt regarding Age Grade eligibility, Championship Year shall mean the Calendar Year in which the Competition is commenced. If the Competition is completed in a subsequent Calendar Year, such circumstances shall not be construed to allow a player who was ineligible, by reason of age, at the date of the commencement of the Competition to play in the Competition at any time up to and including the date of its conclusion.
20. At Coiste na nÓg level all kick-outs and 45s may be taken from the hands or the ground.
 21. In Coiste na nÓg this year, all games are to be played on a league basis with no finals. For U13 football specifically, the initial matches in the spring will serve as an assessment period for team placement, with the possibility of reassessment after three rounds. Division adjustments will be made as needed. Since the spring league's primary goal will be to determine the most suitable division arrangement for the season's second half, no winners will be declared.
 22. During the second half of the season or for the summer league specifically, all games will proceed on a league basis without finals. If clubs are tied on points, their league positions will be determined by head-to-head results, followed by total points scored, and then by scoring average. Wins will grant teams 2 points, and draws will provide 1 point each. Extra time will not be required.
 23. Any club wishing to enter a second team or subsequent teams in any competition must make an official gaa.ie email application before each competition to Coiste na nÓg.
 24. Where a club enters 2 or more teams at any level, they shall supply a list of their top 15 players to An Rúnaí Coiste na nÓg before the competition starts (or the appropriate number if higher or lower). This list should also include Dates of Birth and GAA ID Numbers. The list of top players of the club will then be circulated (without DOBs or GAA IDs) to all participating clubs in the competition in which the second or subsequent team(s) are competing before the start of the competition. Penalty: Non-inclusion in competition.
 25. These listed players shall not be eligible to play on the club's second or subsequent teams in any competition at that age level for the entire year. Listed players can be altered with the approval of Coiste na nÓg. Penalty: Removal from the competition, suspension of involved persons, and €50 minimum fine.
 26. Clubs fielding teams in more than one division of any competition shall be compelled to play in the highest grade first. Teams shall forfeit any game in a lower division if the highest division game is not played, and the club in question are found to be at fault.
 27. Coiste na nÓg fixtures may be fixed to be played under lights and/or on all-weather/astroturf surfaces.
 28. If the home team's pitch is unplayable then the fixture venue is changed to that of the away team. If a team refuses to change when the pitch is unplayable then the points are conceded to the away team. Any re-fixture of a game that was called off by a referee or Committee-in-Charge may be changed to the away team venue. Coiste na nÓg has the authority to decide the venue for all fixtures.
 29. All competitions will be reviewed on an annual basis. If necessary, or where it may be beneficial, conditioned games will be organised. Coiste na nÓg has the authority to organise football and hurling competitions and Coiste na nÓg can use conditioned rules



- for any of its league or cup competitions. Coiste na nÓg has the authority to modify all playing rules for all competitions.
30. Any team not fulfilling a league game shall forfeit the match, and the points will be awarded to the opposition. They may continue in the league. A team that fails to fulfil a fixture on the appointed date shall forfeit the points of that match and shall incur a fine of €50 minimum. Rule 6.24 T.O. 2021.
 31. Any team not fulfilling a second league game shall forfeit the match, and the points shall be awarded to the opposition. The team may not be allowed to enter the shield competition. The team may be stricken from the league and fined an additional €50 minimum by the Committee-in-Charge.
 32. A team failing to give twenty-four hours clear notice, in writing, of its intention not to fulfil a game shall be liable to a minimum €50 fine and forfeiture of the game.
 33. Any team that fails to fulfil a game in a competition may lose the right to compete in the shield of that competition.
 34. Should a club's first team withdraw from a competition it shall automatically follow that their second and subsequent teams are also removed from their respective competition(s).
 35. Coiste na nÓg will produce a rules document for every competition under its jurisdiction. Coiste na nÓg has the authority to change the playing rules and competition format of every competition as necessary, informing clubs of the changes before the competition commences.
 36. Team lists are required for all Coiste na nÓg games. An official team list format is provided by Coiste na nÓg and this must be used. Team lists must include a player's name in both Irish and English along with their GAA ID registration number. All team mentors' names must also be listed. Failure to use official team lists with the required information may lead to a €50 minimum fine and the forfeiture of the game.
 37. The travel expenses for all certified Referees shall be as follows: • U13 - €20 per team per age grade.
 38. Referees' expenses shall be split between teams playing on the day. Each club is responsible for paying the Referee directly before the game starts. A team's official team list must be presented to the referee at least 5 mins before the throw-in with the referees' expenses.
 39. Any team that refuses to pay the referee's expenses/or does not present their team list correctly will be fined a minimum €200. The club must also pay the travel expenses that were initially not paid.
 40. Any team that does not fulfil their fixture will be liable for the payment of the referee for that fixture plus the €50 minimum fine.
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General

1. Coiste na nÓg an Mhí, in conjunction with the Meath Youth Planning Committee shall be responsible for the initiation and coordination of all juvenile activities within the County.
2. Clubs must follow the G.A.A. Code of Behaviour. All participating teams shall adhere to the Respect initiative, Give Respect – Get Respect. This Respect initiative seeks to ensure that at a very minimum our Gaelic Games are promoted and played in a positive, fair and enjoyable



- manner where players, coaches, spectators and referees Give Respect and Get Respect from each other.
3. Clubs must follow the rules of 'Silent Sidelines' when they are in force. Anyone failing to follow these guidelines may face disciplinary action. Penalty: Premature Termination of a Game(s); Club(s) may be removed from the competition or Go Games; Members will be dealt with under Rule 7.2 T.O. 2021.
 4. All cups/trophies/shields shall be returned as per County Regulations/Bye-Laws.
 5. When juvenile goals are required for U13 they shall be the following dimensions: 4.5m wide 2.1m tall Coiste na nÓg will advise teams before competitions if these dimensions are different. Dimensions of goals will be stated for Go Games in rules sent by Coiste Go Games.
 6. All clubs should have goalposts, nets, and flags suitable for all competitions. Penalty: Fine - €50 minimum 48. Within one calendar month after the conclusion of each competition, An Rúnaí Coiste na nÓg or person in control of competition results must send all results to Rúnaí Coiste na Mí. In addition, any member of the Grading Committee of Coiste na nÓg who requests in writing for such documents must also be supplied within the same time frame. Failure to do so shall be dealt with by the Committee-in-Charge under appropriate rules.
 7. In all other matters, the General Rules of the G.A.A. will apply.
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Grading & Parish Rule

1. Coiste a nÓg shall appoint a Grading Committee, if desired. It shall consist of the officers of Coiste na nÓg, one representative from each of the 4 areas (North, South, East, and Central) and a hurling representative if necessary. The functions of the Grading Committee shall include: a) Grading of teams into appropriate leagues and other competitions. b) Deciding on the number of teams to qualify for the knockout stages of competitions. In coming to their decisions on grading, the Grading Committee shall use the following criteria: i) the performance of the team when that group of players played in their relevant league, cup or other competition in previous years. ii) submissions received by the Grading Committee, either in writing or at area grading meetings. iii) the number of players at the relevant age in the clubs. iv) any other relevant information.
2. Clubs shall have the right to make written submissions in writing to the Grading Committee, which shall be submitted to An Rúnaí Coiste na nÓg. This process shall be as per Rule 6.20 TO 2021. 52. Competitions shall be on a strict Roman Catholic parish basis. No team can play any boy/girl who lives outside the parish. If a boy/girl is attending a school outside the parish but returning home, he/she can assist his/her parish team. If no team exists in a parish, boys or girls from the parish cannot assist any team even though they may be attending school in a parish where a team exists. Players must play games for a club in the parish they reside in as per T.O. 2021 6.4(d).
3. Where a parish is situated partly in Meath and partly in another County and where the Meath portion of that parish has no juvenile team, boys/girls residing in the Meath portion of that parish shall be eligible to play with the juvenile team of a neighbouring parish to be determined by the Committee-in-Charge from year to year as per Fó Dlíghte 2022.
4. Any player that seeks permission to play must apply to the Committee-in-Charge. Permission to play to be granted to players to play for clubs in neighbouring adjoining parishes only. The deadline shall be the 31st of January of that year.



5. Only one affiliation shall be accepted from each parish, but a second or subsequent team(s) may be accepted on agreement of the existing club.
6. The players residing in County Meath part of the Clonmellon Parish (Killallon) are permitted to play with Ballinlough. Players residing in the County Meath part of Kingscourt Parish (Carricleck) are allowed to play with Drumconrath, Meath Hill, Kilmainhamwood, or Nobber. The parishes of Ballivor and Kildalkey are classed as one parish at the underage level.
7. A player who has not played with a club within their parish who wishes to play with a neighbouring adjoining parish must present a permission to play letter signed by all club secretaries in their parish to the Committee-in-Charge.
8. Players from the portion of Collon Parish in County Meath shall be eligible to play with Rathkenny.
9. The parish of Donore and Rosnaree plus that part of Ballsgrove Parish in Drogheda that is southwest of Matthew's Lane and Marley's Lane shall be recognised as one parish for GAA purposes in Meath.
10. The Parish of Laytown-Mornington, together with the part of St. Mary's Parish, Drogheda, which lies in county Meath, plus the area in St. Mary's Parish, Drogheda which was ceded by Louth County Committee C.L.G., to Meath County Committee C.L.G. as sanctioned in Leinster Council Agreement of 1979, shall be recognised as one Parish unit for G.A.A. purposes in Meath C.L.G., as and from Sunday 7th September 1986.
11. Players from the portion of Mount Nugent Parish in County Meath (Ballinacree) and from the Moylagh Club along with players from the Ballinlough Parish (including the players from the Clonmellon Parish that is in County Meath (Killallon)) shall be eligible to play with Moylagh or St Brigid's.
12. The Committee-in-Charge has the power to allow or disallow any independent teams to form to play in any competition or Go Games.
13. Once a competition has commenced no permission to play applications will be permitted. If a permission to play application(s) is granted after a competition is graded, then the Grading Committee shall consider this and may move the team up at least one division up
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