

Meath G.A.A.

2024 Competition Booklet



Adult Premier Football Championship

1. Competitions Regulations regarding Eligibility (All Divisions)

- (a) Any player from a **senior** club, **that starts any game**, **or makes two appearances**, for any team, shall not be eligible to play in a championship or premier grade below that grade, in the current year.
- (b) Any player from an intermediate club, that starts the first championship game for any team, or makes two appearances, for any team, shall not be eligible to play a championship or premier grade below that grade, in the current year.
- (c) Any player from a junior club, that starts the first championship game for any team, shall not be eligible to play in a grade below that championship or premier grade, in the current year.
- (d) Players who have played a competitive inter-county senior football game for Meath (League or Championship), in the current year or the previous year, are only eligible to play for the first team of their GAA Club.

2. Competition Regulations (Divisions 3 and Lower)

- (a) **Seven** substitutions are allowed in normal time in all games in **Division 3 and lower.**
- (b) All games in **Division 3 and below**, can be played down to **13** players if one side has no more players available.
- (c) All games in **Division 6 and below** can be played down to **11** players if one side has no more players available.

3. Competition Policies

(a) Failure to fulfil a fixture

- (i) Should a club fail to fulfil a fixture in any division of the Premier Football Competition, 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) For a Second Failure a Club shall be Disqualified from the competition and the Game shall be Awarded to the Opposing Team.
- (iii) Any team that withdraws or is disqualified from a competition shall be fined a minimum of €200.



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(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. @ <u>fixtures.meath@gaa.ie</u> (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.

