



Coiste Mionúir an Mhí C.L.G. Regulations 2024



Coiste Mionúir 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.

1. The Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, and Assistant Secretary are selected by Coiste na Mí as per Rule 3.19 T.O. 2021. Coiste Mionúir shall liaise with and advise the Coiste Contae in all matters relating to football and hurling from U15 to U17 age grades.
2. Competitions shall be arranged from U-15 to U-17 age grades as proposed by the Coiste Mionúir and Sanctioned by the C.C.C.
 - a) A master calendar will be published with dates for all competitions and fixtures will also be available on www.meath.gaa.ie website.
 - b) Official confirmation of all fixtures will be emailed to clubs by Rúnaí Coiste Mionúir having been approved by the Meath C.C.C. and shall not be changed.
 - c) Clubs who fail to fulfil fixtures will face sanctions as per Rule 6.24 & or 6.38 T.O. 2020. A club not fulfilling a fixture may be fined as per Rule 7.7 T.O. 2020.
3. Coiste Mionúir shall grade all Meath C.C.C. approved teams into appropriate championships, leagues and other competitions. In coming to their decisions on grading, Coiste Mionúir shall use the following criteria:
 - a) The performance of the team being graded when that group of players played in their relevant league, championship or other competition previously.
 - b) Any other relevant information available, e.g. forfeitures of fixtures by a team, the number of players at a relevant age, unavailable players etc.;
 - c) Grading will be re-assessed prior to the start of subsequent competitions organised at the same age group by Coiste Mionúir.
 - d) Clubs shall have the right to make written submissions to Coiste Mionúir prior to the grading of each competition, and which shall be submitted to An Rúnaí, Coiste Mionúir.
 - e) Reclassification of teams based on divisional restructures and number of teams



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- f) 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 Coiste Mionúir shall consider this and move the team up at least one division up.
4. Clubs, Players, Referees, and Administrators are all striving for a consistent schedule of fixtures. Change requests for fixtures will only be considered if
- Request to Rúnaí Coiste Mionúir is emailed by both clubs at least 5 days before fixture with a solid justification.
 - Both clubs have agreed a revised date and time that does not clash or interfere with any other fixtures.
 - The clubs have confirmed that the assigned referee is available for the revised fixture being requested.
 - The refixed date must not be later than 21 days after the original fixture date and must be prior to final round fixtures of the competition,
 - Knockout fixtures, including finals are the sole discretion of Coiste Mionúir
 - If the altered fixture fails to materialise as agreed, then the Meath C.C.C. will decide to whom the match/points will be awarded to.
5. Teams must play their league and tournament fixtures when fixed by Coiste Mionúir regardless of the unavailability of players any grade of Inter-County competitions, Higher Education competitions, or Post-Primary competitions.
6. Unless provided for under competition specific rules, a club fielding two or more teams at any age level shall provide in writing a named fifteen players who shall be ineligible to play for the lower graded teams – the list should include players name, GAA ID and date of birth. The list(s) of fifteen names must be submitted to An Rúnaí Coiste Mionúir prior to the commencement of the competition. If no list is submitted the official teamsheet submitted to the referee at the first competition fixture will act as the named 15, plus any players listed in county development, academy, or county panels at the relevant age group. Any subsequent third or fourth team shall also



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require a named fifteen for the higher graded team. Should team lists not be submitted prior to commencement of competition the club is liable to a fine of €200 and forfeiture of all team fixtures until receipt of named fifteen lists.

7. A team not fulfilling a fixture may continue in the league. A team not fulfilling a second fixture will be removed from the league and may be fined €200. A team failing to give 24 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. Where forfeiture relates to a club with more than one affiliated team, the forfeiture must apply to the lower graded team.
8. For all Minor (U-17) Football and Hurling Championship Divisions, players may not play for a clubs second team once they have played for their clubs first team.
9. Coiste Mionúir fixtures may be fixed to be played under lights and/or on all weather/astro-turf surfaces.
10. Minor Football and Hurling Championship, in preliminary rounds (if necessary) and quarter finals, the team drawn 1st has home advantage. Semi-Finals may be played at either home or neutral venues as determined by Coiste Mionúir. Finals to be played at neutral venues where possible.
11. If a club that has “home advantage” is unable to host the match, home advantage will transfer to the opposition.
12. All clubs must have full compliance with the GAA code of behaviour (underage).
13. All Minor (U-17) competitions shall be suspended at least six days before the commencement of, and for the full duration of the Junior and Leaving Certificate examinations.
14. All Coiste Mionúir leagues and championships are 15-a-side at all divisions. All games except Division 1 Minor Hurling & Football championships can be played with reduced numbers if one or both teams do not have 15 players subject to the following:
 - a) The team list including the full panel of players must be provided to the referee prior to the commencement of the game.
 - b) Playing numbers are determined by the team with the lowest number of players who must start all players as listed in a) above (ie no subs) and a minimum of 11 players.



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- c) Opposition must match playing numbers down to the minimum if players leave the field through injury but should not match numbers for players leaving the field for disciplinary reasons.
15. Unlimited substitutions shall be allowed during all Competitions organised by Coiste Mionúir except in the Division 1 Minor Football and Hurling Championships where per rule 2.4, T.O. 2020, Part 2 must be adhered to.
16. All teams and officials must adhere to the Meath CCC match day regulations, and with directions of stewards or Coiste Mionuir officials. Reported breaches will be dealt with by the CCC. In particular, the Bainisteoir must wear an appropriate bib and stay in their designated area – and all other officials and subs must remain in the dugout.
17. If a game in a knockout Club competition at under-age, up to and including Minor, ends in a draw, two periods of extra-time of ten minutes shall be played. Exception – Extra time is not mandatory in the first game of Div. 1 Minor Championship Finals. - **Rule 3.6, T.O. 2020, Part 2 ii)** In extra time, an interval not exceeding five minutes shall be allowed at half time, during which teams shall remain on the field of play. - **Rule 3.7, T.O. 2020, Part 2.**
18. In the event of a clash of colours both teams shall change to alternative colours. Clubs must check in advance their opponent's colours.
19. Referees for all competitions under the control of Coiste Mionúir shall be appointed by Coiste Mionúir an Mhí.
- Referees Expenses shall be split between teams playing on the day. Each club is to responsible for paying the Referee directly before the game starts. Any team that refusing to pay Referees' expenses will be fined minimum €200 plus the travel expenses that were initially not paid. 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.
 - For 2024 the referee expenses are 20 euro per team.
 - All referees must submit their Referee's Reports to the Meath C.C.C. within 3 days of the fixture and must inform Rúnaí Coiste Mionúir of the result of the game within 24 hours of the fixture.



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20. Clubs are responsible for registering all players as per Rule 2.3 T.O. 2020. The age limits for Coiste Mionúir competitions shall be as per Rule 6.17 T.O. 2020. All Transfers & Permission to Play will be in accordance with Bye Law.
21. Final round games of competitions must throw-in at the same date and time where knockout places are being decided, unless specifically fixed otherwise by Coiste Mionúir. When teams finish with equal points for the qualification for the concluding stages of leagues or round robin stages of championships the ranking order shall be decided by the following means and in the specified order.
- a) fewest number of games conceded
 - b) As per order of criteria specified in the Official GAA Codes part (11.1).(e).(iii) 2024 as updated in subsequent years. Criteria in 2024 is as follows:
 - (1) The higher number of League Points obtained in the 'Head-to-Head' games defined as the games in which the teams involved in the tie have played each other.
 - (2) The higher Scoring Difference (subtracting the total Scores Against from total Scores For) in the 'Head-to-Head' games.
 - (3) The higher Scores For in the 'Head-to- Head' games.
 - (4) If, having applied criteria (i) to (iii) inclusive, there are still teams with an equal ranking, criteria (i) to (iii) are applied to the 'Head to Head' games between the teams which remain tied.
 - (5) The higher Scoring Difference in all games in the League Group.
 - (6) The higher Scores For in all games in the League Group.
 - (7) A Play-Off.
22. Trophies presented to clubs by Coiste Mionúir must be returned to Dunganny within 2 weeks of presentation. Clubs not returning a trophy within this timeframe shall be subject to a fine of €200. Trophies may be subsequently signed out to clubs for the purposes of presentations or similar events for a period of one week only. Non-return to Dunganny within one week shall also be subject to a fine of €200.
23. Selection of teams participating in Minor Football Championships shall be confined to players from not more than two parishes other than as stated below.
24. Addenda to Parish Rule:



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- a) For all Coiste Mionúir competitions the parishes of Ardcaith and Curraha shall be regarded as one parish and shall combine under the name of St. Vincent's/Curraha. The Parishes of Castletown and Lobinstown shall combine under the name of Killary Emmets and be regarded as one Parish.
 - b) Players from the portion of Kingscourt Parish in county Meath shall be eligible to play with either Kilmainhamwood, Nobber or Drumconrath/Meath Hill at Coiste Mionúir level. The Club a player first plays with shall be deemed to be his parish club.
 - c) Players from the portion of Collon Parish in county Meath shall be eligible to play with Rathkenny at Coiste Mionúir level.
 - d) The Parish of Donore and Rosnaree plus that part of Ballsgrove Parish in Drogheda which is southwest of Matthew's Lane and Marley's Lane shall be recognised as one parish for G.A.A. purposes in Meath.
 - e) 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.
 - f) 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 in Co. Meath) shall be eligible to play with St. Oliver's at Coiste Mionúir level.
 - g) For all Coiste Mionúir football competitions, the Parishes of Ballivor and Kildalkey shall be regarded as one parish.
25. Coiste Mionúir shall have responsibility for intercounty Minor Football and Hurling teams that shall represent Meath. Coiste Mionúir may appoint a suitable person to liaise between each County squad and Coiste Mionúir – subject to ratification by the Coiste Bainistí.
26. Within 1 calendar month after the conclusion of each competition the Rúnaí Coiste Mionúir or person in control of competition results must send all results to Rúnaí Coiste Contae and Cathaoirleach Coiste Mionúir. Also, any member of Coiste Mionúir committee who makes a



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request in writing for such documents must also be supplied within the same time frame. Failure to do so shall be dealt with by Meath C.C.C. under appropriate rules.

27. Team lists are required for all Coiste Mionúir games. An official team list format is provided by Coiste Mionúir 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 required information, may lead to a €50 minimum fine and the forfeiture of game.
28. For Independent Teams, the home adult club of each player must be included on the team sheet.
29. For finals, participating clubs must provide team information for programmes/handouts by requested deadlines, and must provide a steward to support the safe running of finals days in Dunganny when requested by Coiste Mionuir. Breaches will entail a fine of €100.