



# 2024 Rialacháin



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## Rialacháin Ghinearálta

### General Regulations

#### 1. Video Permits (Amended on 03/04/23)

Any club seeking to video any official game(s) under the auspices of the Meath GAA County Committee shall seek a video permit from the County Secretary.

Permission for a club to record a game on video or any other means of recording may be granted on the following basis:

- a) That an application is made in writing beforehand and is authorised by the Secretary of the County Committee.
- b) That any recording may only be used for coaching or training. No commercial gain is allowed.
- c) That the Club recording a game, or its agent hired for the purposes of same, shall make a full, unedited copy of the recording of the game available to the Meath C.C.C., on request.
- d) Regarding Adult Club Championships (**Senior, Intermediate, and Junior**), **all** unedited videos must be sent to the County P.R.O. via email who may use the footage on Meath GAA channels to promote our games.
- e) In the event of a dispute, preference in the allocation of vantage points for recording any game shall be in the following order:
  - (1) Broadcast Media
  - (2) Meath GAA TV
  - (3) Meath GAA Team Management
  - (4) Participating Teams (Home Club or Team A shall receive first preference)
- f) Any member or club who breaches any regulations relating to video permits may be dealt with by Rule 7.2 (e) Misconduct Considered to have Discredited the Association.

#### **Penalties:**

**Member** - A minimum 8 weeks suspension.

Debarment and Expulsion from the Association may also be considered.

**Team/Unit** - Where suspension is deemed appropriate - a minimum of 8 weeks. Expulsion from the Association, Disqualification, a Fine, Deduction of Points in League Competitions (not Championship) may also be considered.

## 2. Registration, Affiliations, and Insurance

- a) All affiliation, public liability insurance, players' injury scheme fees, and outstanding fines are to be paid to the Treasurer of the Meath GAA Management Committee before the first December of the preceding year.
- b) The treasurer is empowered to deduct fines from gates, grants, or other monies due to the clubs.
- c) Any club/unit failing to meet its agreed club levy contribution as ratified by the Meath GAA County Committee on the first of September of each year shall be subject to sanction as deemed appropriate by the Management Committee.
- d) All accounts for payment shall be brought before the Meath GAA Finance Sub-Committee and ordinarily, no payment shall be made unless authorised by this committee

## 3. Expenses

- a) Expenses shall not be incurred, on behalf of the Meath GAA County Committee, by any person or Sub-Committee, without the express sanction of the Meath GAA Finance Sub-Committee.

## 4. Finalists

- a) Finalists in all grades of championships shall receive grants (to be decided by Meath GAA Management Committee).

## 5. Gate Vouchers & Administration Charges (Amended on 03/04/23)

- a) Gate receipts/vouchers must be returned to the County Treasurer within five days of the fixture.
- b) Failure to comply with the above shall entail a fine of €50.00 per week for each week when the five-day period expires, and club grounds may not be considered for further championship games.
- c) Gate receipts at all playoffs, quarter-finals, semi-finals, and finals shall go to the Meath GAA County Committee.
- d) Each club affiliated with Coiste na Mí C.L.G. must pay an annual administration contribution of €1,000 toward the running of the office of Coiste na Mí.
- e) All gross gate takings for which gate vouchers were issued, will be itemised in the balance sheet for the County Convention.

## 6. Gate Vouchers & Referee's Expenses (Amended on 03/04/23)

- a) Non-ticket matches** - Clubs will be advised by email up to and including Semi-Finals
- i. Clubs hosting non-ticket matches (Hurling & Football) are responsible for the referee's expenses (please pay the referee on the day) and the cost of floodlights [if applicable].
  - ii. Clubs are permitted to collect a gate (recommended entry fee €5) and retain the takings.
- b) All Ticket Matches**
- i. There is no cash taken at the venue. A gate voucher is emailed to the Club Secretary. The referee is **not** paid on the day, Meath County Committee will look after this payment.
  - ii. The referee must sign (and print their name) on the gate voucher and the linesmen (if appointed by the Committee-in-Charge) will do also.
  - iii. This will enable the payment to the referee to be processed on receipt of the gate voucher.
  - iv. Payments are made to referee(s) and club(s) monthly.
  - v. The gate voucher is scanned to [administrator.meath@gaa.ie](mailto:administrator.meath@gaa.ie), it must also include at least two club officials' signatures at the bottom of the same.

## 7. Floodlights/Gate Percentage/Referees (Amended on 03/04/23)

- a) Clubs hosting games under floodlights on behalf of the Meath GAA County Committee can note the cost of the same as follows on the gate voucher, this will be paid monthly with the club percentage.

The Club in charge of the gate shall receive €100.00 (lights).

### **Gate Percentage**

The gate shall be divided as follows:

- (i)** Club in charge of "gates" **15%** (not applicable for playoffs, Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals, and Finals.)
  - (ii)** County Committee **50%**
  - (iii)** Development Fund (Dunganny/Páirc Tailteann **35%**
- b) This applies to all Football and Hurling matches.
- c) The rate for the referee's expenses shall be reviewed by the Meath Finance Sub-Committee each year. Their proposal shall be forwarded to the Management Committee and ratified by County Committee at the start of each year.

d) For 2023, the agreed rates are as follows:

**Adult Club Championships - (Senior and Intermediate)**

€50 per game

**All Other Adult Competitions**

€40 per game

**Underage Competitions - (U-13 to U-17)**

€40 per game (each Club contributes €20)

**- (U-12 only)**

€30 per game (each Club contributes €15)

**Go Games - (U-7 to U-11)**

€20 per game (each Club contributes €10)

**All Linesmen/Sideline Officials appointed by the Committee-In-Charge**

€20 per game

- e) The referee's expenses for development squad training/games shall be €20 per game on receipt of the referee's report.
- f) The rates agreed to apply to adult and underage games only and must be strictly adhered to.

## 8. County Team Managers

- a) Both Senior County Team Managers shall be appointed by the Meath GAA County Committee on a majority decision in favour of the recommendation of the Meath GAA Management Committee.
- b) Nominations for the position of team manager shall be submitted by clubs to the Secretary of the Meath GAA County Committee, before a date to be specified by Meath GAA Management Committee.
- c) The Meath GAA Management Committee shall have the power to nominate other persons outside those nominated by clubs.
- d) Meath GAA Management Committee must establish a Sub-Committee to interview all nominated candidates.

- e) This Sub-Committee shall recommend a candidate to Meath GAA Management Committee which shall in turn recommend this candidate to Meath GAA County Committee for ratification by a majority decision.
- f) Where there is only one person nominated by clubs for the position of any county senior team manager and also a person nominated by the Meath GAA Management Committee then the process of establishing a Sub-Committee must take place.
- g) The Meath GAA County Committee shall also ratify a proposal from the Meath GAA Management Committee on the length of term, up to a maximum of three years, for each manager.
- h) The successful candidate in each case shall nominate their selectors and members of their management team to Meath GAA Management Committee for recommendation to Meath GAA County Committee for ratification.
- i) They shall also appoint the Captain and Vice-Captain of the relevant team.

## 9. Meath GAA Management Committee

- a) Minutes of the meetings of the Meath GAA Management Committee shall be emailed to the Club Secretaries before the next County Committee meeting.
- b) The Chairperson may declare certain matters of a sensitive nature to be confidential when placing the minutes of Meath GAA Management Committee Meetings.

## 10. Cups and Trophies

- a) All cups/trophies at all age grades and levels must be returned to the Secretary of the County Committee before the 15<sup>th</sup> of May every year.  
Failure to do so will entail a minimum fine of €200.
- b) The Management Committee will appoint a Cups Officer to be responsible for the management of all aspects relating to the maintenance, upkeep, storage, and return of all cups and plaques.
- c) Official notice in writing shall be sent to affected Clubs and Award winners informing them two weeks before the due date reminding them to return cups won in the previous year.

## 11. Insurance Officer

- a) Each club must notify to Secretary, of the Meath GAA County Committee before the first of February annually the name of its Insurance Officer.

## 12. Summer Camps

- a) All applications from clubs to host Summer Camps must be submitted to the County Committee at least one month before the specified starting date for approval.
- b) An application should include a list of proposed events and personnel involved. Clubs are not permitted to organise their own Summer Camp.
- c) The coaching and Games Development Committee will coordinate and supervise all club Summer Camps.
- d) All such Summer Camps must be organised in conjunction with the Coaching and Games Development Committee.

## 13. Delivered Vote

- a) The election of Officers of the Management Committee, and Representatives to Provincial and Central Councils are to be conducted using a Delivered Vote. The onus is on the voter to ensure that the vote is submitted on time.

## 14. Damage to Property

- a) Any damage to the dugout roof or seats in Páirc Tailteann caused by a club or county team caused by the club or county shall bear the full cost of the repair.

## 15. Use of Secret Ballot

- a) Any vote that involves individuals shall be conducted using a secret ballot.

## 16. Safety Stewards

- a) Each club must have a certified steward that is available for games. The criteria for a steward will be decided by the Safety & Facilities Committee.

## Rialacháin Chomortáis Ghinearálta

### General Competitions Regulations

#### 1. Championship (Amended on 22/01/24)

All the following competitions are considered championships for the purpose of rule:

- a) Senior Football Championship
- b) Senior Hurling Championship
- c) Intermediate Football Championship
- d) Intermediate Hurling Championship
- e) Junior Football Championship
- f) Junior Hurling Championship
- g) Junior 'B' Football Championship
- h) Premier Football Championship Division 1 & 2

**Exception:** Regional Football Championship, Junior 'B' Hurling Championship and Premier Football Championship Division 3 and below shall be run as non-championship/tournament competitions to allow modified rules.

#### 2. Cup/League Entry

- (a) All league competitions outlined in these regulations are considered leagues for the purpose of rule.
- (b) All cup competitions outlined in these regulations are considered non-championship competitions/tournaments for the purpose of rule.
- (c) An entry of €100 shall be charged to enter a team in any league or cup competition.

#### 3. Extra Time Details

- (a) Extra time (if necessary) shall be played in all knockout matches including the final of all cups, leagues, and championships.
- (b) In the event of a draw after extra time, all games except for Senior, Intermediate, and Junior championship finals shall be concluded by 'Winner On The Day' as set out in Official Guide Part 2.
- (c) Final Replays that end in a draw after extra time shall be concluded by 'Winner on the Day'.



#### 4. Concluding Stages, or for Promotion or Relegation Details (Amended on 22/01/24)

In all adult competitions, when Teams finish with equal points for Qualification for the Concluding Stages, or for Promotion or Relegation, the tie shall be decided as per GAA Official Code 11.1 2023.

#### 5. Medals

Twenty-four medals shall be provided for the winners of each championship, league, and cup.

#### 6. Timings of Games

When championship/league/cup games have reached the last round, and different fixtures have a bearing on the final table standing, these fixtures should be played at the same time.

#### 7. Higher Grades of Championship/Leagues/Cups (Amended on 22/01/24)

(a) No team can be promoted or relegated to a higher/lower grade of a championship/league/cup if that club already has a team in that grade.

(b) If a club is relegated/regraded from any championship/league/cup grade and has a team in the next lowest grade, then that team in the lower grade is automatically re-graded.

#### 8. Multiple Teams Fielding

- a) Clubs fielding teams in more than one hurling championship and clubs with more than one team in the Premier Football Championship shall be compelled to play in the highest grade first.
- b) Where a club has several teams playing in different championships and a team withdraws or is removed (under rule 6.24 (b)(i) or (ii) T0) from the league stages of their championship then all their teams in the lower championships shall be automatically removed from their respective championships.

## 9. Approved Footballs/Sliotars

- (a) Each team must bring an approved ball (as defined in Official Guide Part 2) for championship, league, and cup matches.
- (b) The County Committee shall supply the same in championship finals where the ball shall be presented to the captain of the winning team by the referee.
- (c) All hurling games at all levels from Minor (U17) and above, shall use a Fluorescent Yellow/High-Vis sliotar from an official GAA Licensee.

Penalty for non-compliance: Minimum fine of €50 per game

## 10. The naming of Players for the Championship

Championship player regrading will be completed by Meath C.C.C. based on named players provided to Meath C.C.C. as outlined in Meath Bye-Law 12. The list of named players must be provided by the official club secretary as requested by email by [secretary.cccc.meath@gaa.ie](mailto:secretary.cccc.meath@gaa.ie) – and if not provided ontime will result in players retaining their prior-year championship grading.

In addition to the requirement outlined in Meath Bye-Law 12, clubs participating in the Premier Football Championship Division 1 or 2 must name an additional 13 second-team players who shall not be eligible to play in Premier Football Championship Division 3 or lower.

## 11. The naming of Players for the Leagues/Cups (Amended on 22/01/24)

- a) Where a club has teams competing in more than one adult league division or cup, 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.
- b) Where a team fails to submit a panel, the C.C.C. shall consider the fifteen players that start the first game in the league or cup to be ineligible to play any grade below.

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

- c) 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.
- d) 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.
- e) 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.
- f) The C.C.C. shall have the authority to allow a player to drop to a lower level if in the opinion of the C.C.C., that player is unable to resume at his original level, (subject to written submission from the club secretary).
- g) These lists of players will be published online via the Meath G.A.A. website and emailed to all clubs.
- h) Penalty for playing an ineligible player:  
Team - Loss of match on objection  
Player - 4 Weeks Suspension.

## 12. Loss of Inter-county players or dual players

Clubs shall fulfil league and cup fixtures despite the loss of inter-county players and/or dual players. Should a club fail to fulfil a fixture in league or cup competitions the game shall be awarded to the opposing team and a fine of €200 may be imposed on the team failing to fulfil the fixture. A team giving a second walkover shall be disqualified from the competition and shall be fined a minimum of €200. Any team that withdraws from a competition shall be fined a minimum of €200.

## 13. Championship fixture postponement policy

Games will only be refixed in exceptional circumstances at the sole discretion of the C.C.C. Midweek nights on any week before the next round are deemed provisional re-fixtures dates for any games not played on original dates.

14. Games played at below 15-a-side (Amended on 22/01/24)

- (a) Premier Football Championship division 3 and below, league division 3 and below, and all cup games can be played down to 13 or 14-a-side if one side has no more players available to play.
- (b) League games in Division 8 and below can be played down to 11 players if one side has no more players available to play.
- (c) Exception: if the referee has ordered players off for disciplinary issues.

15. Number of Substitutions (Amended on 22/01/24)

- (a) In all cup/tournament competitions, **unlimited** substitutions are allowed in normal time.
- (b) In championship competitions, the maximum number of substitutions is **five** in normal time. A maximum of three substitutes remains in extra time.
- (c) In league competitions, the maximum number of substitutions permitted is **seven** in the playing of normal time.  
A maximum of three substitutes remains for extra time in knockout games.
- (d) Temporary substitutions are governed by the Official Guide Part 2 2023 and are not affected by this regulation.

16. Certified Referee (Amended on 22/01/24)

- (a) Before the commencement of the leagues and cups annually, each club shall submit to the Secretary of the County Committee, the name of at least one **active** certified referee who is a member of the club and who is available to referee games.
- (b) Failure to do so shall entail forfeiture of home advantage for all games, including Underage/Go Games.

**This shall be active from May 1<sup>st</sup> to Dec 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.**

- (c) Such games shall be played at the opposing team's grounds. In the event of the opposing Club not having submitted the name of a Club member with a GAA ID number who is a Certified Referee, the game will be played at a neutral venue or a venue suitable to the C.C.C.
- (d) The definition of an active certified referee shall be understood as follows:  
The referee has completed all in-service training and is a paid-up registered full member of a Meath GAA Club. The referee must complete 10 games across all levels (U-12 to Adult) and codes (Football & Hurling) within Meath GAA to be deemed active.

If the referee is new and has started their foundation training, then they will have to complete at least 5 games instead of 10 in their first year.

(e) In an exceptional circumstance, the County Committee can waive this for a club.

## 17. Clash of Colours

In the event of a clash of colours, both teams must wear approved alternate colours as submitted to the County Committee. It is the duty of the clubs playing to ensure that their club colours will not clash with their opposition.

## 18. Club Jersey Numbers

Jersey numbers must be legible to match officials, spectators, (including TV/livestream viewers) and relevant media personnel, in daylight and under floodlights. The C.C.C. may require a Club to wear an alternative jersey or create a clear number zone on the back of the jersey if this is considered necessary.

## 19. Notice of Games

As per Rule 6.23 T.O. 2023 minimum notice for all inter-club games shall be as follows:

### **a) Adult**

Championships - five days (120 hours)

Leagues/Cups/Competitions - five days (120 hours)

All Replays and Refixtures - four days (96 hours).

### **b) Underage**

Minor Championships - five days (120 hours)

Leagues/Cups/Competitions - five days (120 hours)

All Replays and Refixtures - four days (96 hours).

## 20. Age Grades (Amended on 22/01/24)

(a) Meath GAA shall organise its underage competitions primarily at the following age grades: U-13, U-15, and U-17.

(b) Minor Competitions shall be organised at the U-17 age grade.

(c) Minor Competitions shall decouple at U-17, **therefore only players older than the U-17 age grade shall be eligible to play in adult competitions.**

## **Rialacháin Chorn**

### **Cup Regulations**

#### **1. Feis Cup / Senior Football Cup (Amended on 22/01/24)**

The Feis Cup shall be open to senior football championship clubs only and will be played under a tournament format using groups of fours (or lower as necessary) determined by the County Committee after affiliations.

All competition regulations shall be approved by the County Committee at least one week in advance of the competition commencing.

#### **2. Corn na Bóinne / Intermediate Football Cup (Amended on 22/01/24)**

The Corn na Bóinne shall be open to intermediate football championship clubs only and shall be played under a tournament format using groups of fours (or lower as necessary) as determined by the County Committee after affiliations.

All competition regulations shall be approved by the County Committee at least one week in advance of the competition commencing.

#### **3. Tailteann Cup & Shield / Junior Football Cup & Shield (Amended on 22/01/24)**

The Tailteann Cup shall be open to junior football championship clubs only and the Tailteann Shield shall be open to junior 'B' football championship clubs only and shall be played under a tournament format as determined by the County Committee after affiliations.

All competition regulations shall be approved by the County Committee at least one week in advance of the competition commencing.

#### **4. Reserve Football Cup (Amended on 22/01/24)**

The Reserve Football Cup shall be open to all second teams only and shall be played under a tournament format determined by the County Committee after affiliations.

All competition regulations shall be approved by the County Committee at least one week in advance of the competition commencing.

**5. Brendan Davis Cup / Senior Hurling Cup (Amended on 12/02/24)**

The Brendan Davis Cup shall be open to Senior teams only.

The format will be determined by the County Committee each year following affiliations.

All competition regulations shall be approved by the County Committee at least one week in advance of the competition commencing.

**6. Billy Byrne Cup / Intermediate Hurling Cup (Amended on 12/02/24)**

The Billy Byrne Cup shall be open to Intermediate teams only.

The format will be determined by the County Committee each year following affiliations.

All competition regulations shall be approved by the County Committee at least one week in advance of the competition commencing.

**7. Corn Dónal Ó Loingsigh / Junior Hurling Cup (Amended on 12/02/24)**

Corn Dónal Ó Loingsigh shall be open to Junior, and Junior 'B' Hurling Championship teams only.

The format will be determined by the County Committee each year following affiliations.

All competition regulations shall be approved by the County Committee at least one week in advance of the competition commencing.

## Rialacháin na Sraithe

### League Regulations

#### 1. Football Leagues (Amended on 22/01/24)

- (a) The Football Leagues shall be open to all clubs and will be played under a league/knockout format as determined by the County Committee after affiliations.
- (b) Affiliations into these competitions from **second and subsequent teams** will be accepted by the County Committee and graded accordingly.
- (c) All competition regulations shall be approved by the County Committee at least one week in advance of the competition commencing.

#### 2. All-County Hurling Leagues (Amended on 12/02/24)

- (a) The Hurling Leagues shall be open to all clubs and will be played under a league/knockout format as determined by the County Committee after affiliations.
- (b) Affiliations into these competitions from second and subsequent teams will be accepted by the County Committee and graded accordingly.
- (c) All competition regulations shall be approved by the County Committee at least one week in advance of the competition commencing.



## Rialacháin Chraobhchomórtais

### Championship Regulations

#### 1. Senior Football Championship (Amended on 22/01/24)

- (a) The Senior Football Championship shall contain sixteen teams drawn randomly into four groups each containing four teams.
- (b) The top two teams in each group as decided as per GAA Official Code 11.1 2023 shall progress to the quarter-finals.
- (c) Quarter-final pairings will be determined by an open draw as follows:

Quarter-final pairings shall be drawn with one group winner and one second-placed team in each pair. There shall be no repeat pairings from group stages.

- (d) Semi-final pairings will be determined by an open draw as follows:

After the quarter-finals are played, the four winning teams from the quarter-finals shall be drawn in rotation.

The winners of the semi-finals shall contest the final.

- (e) The bottom two in each group shall contest the relegation quarter-finals with one team relegated to IFC each year.
- (f) Relegation quarter-final pairings will be determined by an open draw as follows:

Quarter-final pairings shall be drawn with one third-placed and one fourth-placed team in each pair. There shall be no repeat pairings from group stages.

- (g) Semi-final pairings will be determined by an open draw as follows:

After the quarter-finals are played, the four losing teams from the quarter-finals shall be drawn in rotation.

The losers of the semi-finals shall contest the finals.

The losers of the final shall be relegated to the IFC.

## 2. Intermediate Football Championship

- (a) The Intermediate Football Championship shall contain sixteen teams and shall be run in the same format as the Senior Football Championship.
- (b) The IFC winners shall be promoted to the SFC. One team shall be relegated to the JFC for the following year.

## 3. Junior Football Championship (Amended on 12/02/24)

- (a) In 2024, eleven teams will affiliate to the Junior Football Championship and there shall be no relegation from the JFC.

In 2024, The Junior Football Championship shall consist of affiliated teams drawn randomly into **two** groups of four and one group of **three**.

The top two teams in each group as decided per GAA Official Code 11.1 2023 shall contest the knockout stages as follows:

On completion of the group stages, Teams (1-6) will be ranked as follows as per GAA Official Code 11.1 2023:

- 1. Top Group winner = A1
- 2. Second Group winner = B1
- 3. Third Group winner = C1
- 4. Top Group runner-up = A2
- 5. Second Group runner-up = B2
- 6. Third Group runner up = C2

Quarter-Finals: (1) C1 v C2 (2) A2 v B2  
Semi-Finals: (3) A1 v Winner of QF2 (4) B1 v Winner of QF1  
Final: (5) Winner of SF1 v Winner of SF2

A repeat pairing is possible in the quarter-finals. If this arises, then Team 3 will instead play Team 5, and Team 4 will play Team 6. Repeat pairings in semi-finals will be avoided, with pairings being adjusted where necessary.

The JFC winners shall be promoted to the IFC for the following year.

(b) In 2025 and subsequent years, twelve teams will affiliate to the Junior Football Championship.

In 2025 and subsequent years, the Junior Football Championship shall consist of twelve affiliated teams drawn randomly into groups of four.

The top two teams in each group as decided per GAA Official Code 11.1 2023 shall contest the knockout stages as follows:

On completion of the group stages, Teams (1-6) will be ranked as follows as per GAA Official Code 11.1 2023:

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|---------------------------|---|----|
| 1. Top Group winner       | = | A1 |
| 2. Second Group winner    | = | B1 |
| 3. Third Group winner     | = | C1 |
| 4. Top Group runner-up    | = | A2 |
| 5. Second Group runner-up | = | B2 |
| 6. Third Group runner up  | = | C2 |

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|-----------------|-----|--------------------|-----|--------------------|
| Quarter-Finals: | (1) | C1 v C2            | (2) | A2 v B2            |
| Semi-Finals:    | (3) | A1 v Winner of QF2 | (4) | B1 v Winner of QF1 |
| Final:          | (5) | Winner of SF1      | v   | Winner of SF2      |

A repeat pairing is possible in the quarter-finals. If this arises, then Team 3 will instead play Team 5, and Team 4 will play Team 6. Repeat pairings in semi-finals will be avoided, with pairings being adjusted where necessary.

The JFC winners shall be promoted to the IFC for the following year.

The bottom two teams in each group are into relegation playoffs as follows – with one team relegated to the JBFC for the following year.

On completion of the group stages, Teams (7-12) will be ranked as follows as per GAA Official Code 11.1 2023:

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|------------------------------------|---|----|
| 1. Top 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place       | = | A3 |
| 2. Second 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place    | = | B3 |
| 3. Third 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place     | = | C3 |
| 4. Top 4 <sup>th</sup> Place       | = | A4 |
| 5. Second 4 <sup>th</sup> Place    | = | B4 |
| 6. Third Top 4 <sup>th</sup> Place | = | C4 |

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|-----------------|-----|-------------------|-----|-------------------|
| Quarter-Finals: | (1) | A3 v A4           | (2) | B3 v C3           |
| Semi-Finals:    | (3) | B4 v Loser of QF2 | (4) | C4 v Loser of QF1 |
| Final:          | (5) | Loser of SF1      | v   | Loser of SF2      |

A repeat pairing is possible in the quarter-finals. If this arises, then Team 3 will instead play Team 5, and Team 4 will play Team 6. Repeat pairings in semi-finals will be avoided, with pairings being adjusted where necessary.

#### 4. Junior 'B' Football Championship (Amended on 12/02/24)

- The Junior B Football Championship shall consist of the remaining affiliated Clubs' **first teams only**.
- Following the receiving of affiliations each year the County Committee under GAA Official Rule 3.17(b) shall decide the format of this competition.
- The JBFC winners shall be promoted to the JFC for the following year.
- In 2024, the Junior 'B' Football Championship shall consist of nine affiliated teams drawn randomly into groups of three.

The top eight teams as decided per GAA Official Code 11.1 2023 shall contest the knockout stages as follows:

On completion of the group stages, Teams (1-8) will be ranked as follows as per GAA Official Code 11.1 2023:

1. Top Group winner	=	A1
2. Second Group winner	=	B1
3. Third Group winner	=	C1
4. Top Group runner-up	=	A2
5. Second Group runner-up	=	B2
6. Third Group runner up	=	C2
7. Top 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	=	A3
8. Second 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	=	B3

A repeat pairing is possible in the quarter-finals and semi-finals will be avoided. In this case, pairings will be adjusted where necessary by the C.C.C.

Quarter-Finals:	(1)	A1 v B3		
	(2)	B1 v A3		
	(3)	C1 v C2		
	(4)	A2 v B2		
Semi-Finals:	(3)	Winner of QF1 v Winner of QF4		
	(4)	Winner of QF2 v Winner of QF3		
Final:	(5)	Winner of SF1	v	Winner of SF2

The JBFC winners shall be promoted to the JFC for the following year.

## 5. Premier Football Championship

After the County Committee receives the affiliations each year, the C.C.C. shall process and make a recommendation to the County Committee on the grading of clubs for this competition.

The competition will be played under a tournament format determined by the County Committee.

All competition regulations shall be approved by the County Committee at least one week in advance of the competition commencing.

## 6. Senior Hurling Championship (Amended on 12/02/24)

The Senior Hurling Championship shall be run on a combination of a league and knockout basis under GAA Code 11.1 with two divisions of six teams each with a seeded draw.

The previous year's finalists will be the first seeds, the semi-finalists will be the second seeds, and the remaining teams will be unseeded.

On completion of the group stages, Teams (1-12) will be ranked as follows as per GAA Official Code 11.1 2023:

1. Group A 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	=	A1
2. Group B 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	=	B1
3. Group A 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	=	A2
4. Group B 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	=	B2
5. Group A 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	=	A3
6. Group B 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	=	B3
7. Group A 4 <sup>th</sup> Place	=	A4
8. Group B 4 <sup>th</sup> Place	=	B4
9. Group A 5 <sup>th</sup> Place	=	A5
10. Group B 5 <sup>th</sup> Place	=	B5
11. Group A 6 <sup>th</sup> Place	=	A6
12. Group B 6 <sup>th</sup> Place	=	B6

The teams listed as A1 – B3 shall play in the SHC.

The teams listed as A4 – B6 shall play in the SHC B.

The knockout stages of the SHC shall be as follows:

Quarter-Finals:	(1)	A2	v	B3
	(2)	B2	v	A3
Semi-Finals:	(3)	A1	v	Winner of QF2
	(4)	B1	v	Winner of QF1
Final:	(5)	Winner of SF1	v	Winner of SF2

The knockout stages of the SHC B shall be as follows:

Quarter-Finals:	(1)	A5	v	B6
	(2)	B5	v	A6
Semi-Finals:	(3)	A4	v	Winner of QF2
	(4)	B4	v	Winner of QF1
Final:	(5)	Winner of SF1	v	Winner of SF2

The relegation playoffs for the SHC shall be as follows:

The loser of Quarter-Final 1 and Quarter-Final 2 of the SHC B shall play in a relegation playoff. The loser of this playoff will be relegated to the IHC.

## 7. Intermediate Hurling Championship (Amended on 12/02/24)

The Intermediate Hurling Championship shall be run on a combination of a league and knockout basis under GAA Code 11.1 with two divisions of six teams each with a seeded draw.

The previous year's finalists will be the first seeds, the semi-finalists will be the second seeds, and the remaining teams will be unseeded.

On completion of the group stages, Teams (1-12) will be ranked as follows as per GAA Official Code 11.1 2023:

1. Group A 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	=	A1
2. Group B 1 <sup>st</sup> Place	=	B1
3. Group A 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	=	A2
4. Group B 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	=	B2
5. Group A 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	=	A3
6. Group B 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	=	B3
7. Group A 4 <sup>th</sup> Place	=	A4
8. Group B 4 <sup>th</sup> Place	=	B4
9. Group A 5 <sup>th</sup> Place	=	A5

- 10. Group B 5<sup>th</sup> Place = B5
- 11. Group A 6<sup>th</sup> Place = A6
- 12. Group B 6<sup>th</sup> Place = B6

The teams listed as A1 – B3 shall play in the IHC.

The teams listed as A4 – B6 shall play in the IHC B.

The knockout stages of the SHC shall be as follows:

- Quarter-Finals: (1) A2 v B3
- (2) B2 v A3
- Semi-Finals: (3) A1 v Winner of QF2
- (4) B1 v Winner of QF1
- Final: (5) Winner of SF1 v Winner of SF2

The knockout stages of the IHC B shall be as follows:

- Quarter-Finals: (1) A5 v B6
- (2) B5 v A6
- Semi-Finals: (3) A4 v Winner of QF2
- (4) B4 v Winner of QF1
- Final: (5) Winner of SF1 v Winner of SF2

The relegation playoffs for the IHC shall be as follows:

The loser of Quarter-Final 1 and Quarter-Final 2 of the IHC B shall play in a relegation playoff. The loser of this playoff will be relegated to the JHC.



## **8. Junior Hurling Championship (Amended on 12/02/24)**

The Junior Hurling Championship shall be organised on a combination of a league and a knockout basis under GAA Code 11.1.

It shall be comprised of two groups of four teams.

After completing the group stages, each group's top two placed teams shall qualify for the Junior Hurling Championship Semi-Finals.

The third and fourth-placed teams shall play in relegation play-offs.

The losers of these play-offs shall play a further play-off, with the loser of that game being relegated to the Junior 'B' Hurling Championship for the following year.

## **9. Junior 'B' Hurling Championship (Amended on 12/02/24)**

The Junior 'B' Hurling Championship shall be organised on a combination of a league and a knockout basis under GAA Code 11.1.

The format shall be based on club affiliations and the County Committee shall decide the Junior 'B' Hurling Championship format each year.

All games in JBHC are 15-a-side but if a team are unable to field 15 players on any given fixture the match can be played down to a minimum of 13-a-side.

## **10. U-19 Football Championship (Amended on 22/01/24)**

The U-19 Football Championship formats will be determined each year by the County Committee following affiliations.

All competition regulations shall be approved by the County Committee at least one week in advance of the competition commencing.

## 11. U-21 Hurling Championship (Amended on 12/02/24)

The U-21 Hurling Championship formats will be determined each year by the County Committee following affiliations.

All competition regulations shall be approved by the County Committee at least one week in advance of the competition commencing.

## 12. Regional Football Championship (Amended on 11/10/23)

The Regional Football Championship shall be played under a tournament format.

In 2023, the following are the eight regional teams:

**An Abhainn Dubh - Blackwater**

Carnaross, Drumbaragh, Kilmainham, Moynalty, St Michael's

**An Tuaisceart - The North**

Drumconrath, Castletown, Kilmainhamwood, Meath Hill, Nobber

**Ard Breacain - Ardraccan**

Dunderry, Cortown, O'Mahony's, St Ultan's

**Brú na Bóinne - Valley of the Boyne**

Duleek/Bellewstown, Eastern Gaels, St Mary's, St Patrick's, St Vincent's

**Gleann na Bóinne - Boyne Valley**

Rathkenny, Slane, Syddan, Walterstown, (Moynalvey for 2023 only)

**Loch Craobh - Lough Crew**

Ballinlough, Moylagh, Oldcastle, St Brigid's

**Maigh Fionnráithe - Moyfenragh**

Ballivor, Boardsmill, Clann na Gael, Clonard, Longwood

**Teamhair - Tara**

Bective, Blackhall Gaels, Dunsany, Kilbride, St Paul's

- a) The eight teams entered will be drawn into two groups of four to play on a round-robin basis.
- b) Each team shall have a home game, an away game, and a game played at a venue decided by the C.C.C..
- c) The top two teams in each group qualify for the semi-finals as follows:
  - a. Semi-Final 1: A1 v B2
  - b. Semi-Final 2: B1 v A2
- d) The County Committee has the authority to make amendments to regional teams as necessary.

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- e) The regional team with the 2023 IFC champions shall be allocated the team relegated from the 2023 SFC into their region.
- f) Players eligible to play in the U-19 Football Championship in the 2023 competition year are not allowed to play in the 2023 Regional Football Championship until their U-19 Football Championship team exits the competition.