



# Coiste Contae C.L.G. na Mí



## Rialacháin

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# Rialacháin Ghinearálta

## General Regulations

### 1. Video Permits (Amended on 20/11/24)

- (a) Any club seeking to video any official game(s) under the auspices of the Meath GAA County Committee shall seek a video permit from Meath GAA.
- (b) Meath GAA shall issue a video permit policy to govern this process.
- (c) Any member or club who breaches any regulations relating to video permits may be dealt with by penalties outlined in the video permit policy.

### 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 the 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 running the office of Coiste na Mí.
- e) The county convention's balance sheet will itemise all gross gate takings for which gate vouchers were issued.

## 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 so.
  - 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 the County Committee at the start of each year.

## 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 and 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 Club Camps (Summer/Easter etc) 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.
- c) Clubs are not permitted to organise their own camps.
- d) The Coaching and Games Development Committee will coordinate and supervise all club Summer Camps.
- e) All such 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 who is available for games. The criteria for a steward will be decided by the County Safety & Facilities Committee.

# Rialacháin Chomortáis Ghinearálta

## General Competitions Regulations

### 1. Championship (Amended on 20/11/24)

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 'B' Football Championship

**Exception:** Regional Football Championship, Junior & Junior 'B' Hurling Championships and All-County Football Championship Division 1 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

As per Official Guide Part 2 Rule 3.4:

- (a) Extra time (if necessary) shall be played in all knockout matches including the final of all cups, leagues, and championships unless otherwise stated.
- (b) In the event of a draw after extra time, all games including finals shall be concluded by 'Winner On The Day' as set out in Official Guide Part 2, unless otherwise stated.
- (c) There shall be no extra time in any Senior, Intermediate, Junior, or Junior B Championship Final.
- (d) There shall be no extra time in any relegation play-off final.
- (e) There shall be no extra time in any All-County Football Championship Final.
- (f) Extra Time shall be obligatory in the case of a further draw in a replay and all final replays 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 2024.

#### 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) TO) 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. 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.

## 11. Championship fixture postponement policy

Games will only be re-fixed 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-fixture dates for any games not played on original dates.

## 12. Certified Referee (Amended on 20/11/24)

- (a) On **April 1<sup>st</sup>** annually, each club shall submit to the Secretary of the County Committee, the name of at least one **active certified** referee who is a club member of their **own** club and who is available to referee games in Meath.
- (b) The closing date for completion of the referee foundation/in-service training is **March 31<sup>st</sup>** annually. All referees must have completed the course by this date to referee in the given year.
- (c) Failure to submit at least one active certified referee on/before **April 1<sup>st</sup>** annually shall see the forfeiture of home advantage for all games at all levels, including Underage/Go Games.
- (d) 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 an active certified referee, the game will be played at a neutral venue or a venue suitable to the C.C.C.
- (e) The definition of an **active certified referee** shall be understood as follows:
  - (i) They are a paid-up registered full member of a GAA Club in Meath.
  - (ii) The referee has completed all foundation/in-service training.
  - (iii) The referee must complete a minimum of 10 games across all levels (U-13 to Adult) and codes (Football & Hurling) in County Meath between April 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> annually (01/04/24 to 31/03/25).

- (f) If a referee is new and has completed their foundation training in the current year, then they will have to complete at least 3 games instead of 10 in their first year by April 1st annually.
- (g) In an exceptional circumstance, the County Committee can waive this for a club.

### 13. Clash of Colours (Amended on 20/11/24)

- (a) It is the duty of the clubs playing to ensure that their club colours are not too similar in colour and will not clash with their opposition.
- (b) Games played where there is a similarity of colours on a home/away basis shall see the **away** team wearing their **registered alternative** club colours.
- (c) Games played where there is a similarity of colours on a neutral basis shall see **both** teams wearing their **registered alternative** club colours.
- (d) If both clubs' **registered distinctive** and **registered alternative** club colours are too similar, then the C.C.C. shall decide arrangements and instruct clubs on what colours/jerseys to wear.
- (e) The C.C.C. shall have the final decision if there is a similarity of colours.
- (f) A club team not wearing its registered distinctive club colours in Inter-Club Competitions, or where there is a similarity of colours, not wearing registered alternative colours approved by the Controlling Committee.

Penalties:

- (i) **Club Penalty:** They shall be liable to a minimum €100 fine
- (ii) **Team Penalty:** Award of Game to Opposing Team
- (iii) **Person(s)-in-Charge of the Team:** A One Match Suspension in the same Code and at the same Level, applicable to the next game in the same Competition, even if that game occurs in the following year's competition.

### 14. 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.

## 15. Notice of Games

As per GAA Code 11.3 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).

## 16. 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)

- (a) 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.
- (b) 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)

- (a) 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.
- (b) 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)

- (a) 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.
- (b) 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)

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

- (a) The Brendan Davis Cup shall be open to Senior teams only. The format will be determined by the County Committee each year following affiliations.
- (b) 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)**

- (a) The Billy Byrne Cup shall be open to Intermediate teams only. The format will be determined by the County Committee each year following affiliations.
- (b) 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)**

- (a) 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.
- (b) 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. 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 20/11/24)

- (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 2024 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.
- (e) The winners of the semi-finals shall contest the final.
- (f) The bottom **team** in each group shall contest the relegation **semi-finals** with one team relegated to IFC each year.
- (g) Relegation playoff semi-final pairings will be determined by an open draw.
- (h) The losers of the semi-finals shall contest the final.
- (i) 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.
- (c) One team shall be relegated to the JFC for the following year.

### 3. Junior Football Championship (Amended on 20/11/24)

(a) The Junior Football Championship shall consist of twelve affiliated teams drawn randomly into groups of four.

(b) The top two teams in each group as decided per GAA Official Code 11.1 2024 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 2024:

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

(c) 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.

(d) Pairings in quarter-finals & semi-finals will be adjusted where necessary to avoid repeat pairings.

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

(f) The bottom **team** in each group shall contest the relegation **playoffs** as follows:

On completion of the group stages, Teams (10, 11 & 12) will be ranked as follows as per GAA Official Code 11.1 2024:

10. Top 4 <sup>th</sup> Place	=	A4
11. Second 4 <sup>th</sup> Place	=	B4
12. Third Top 4 <sup>th</sup> Place	=	C4



Semi-Final: (1) A4 v B4

Final: (2) Loser of Semi-Final v C4

(g) The loser of the JFC relegation playoffs shall be relegated to the JBFC for the following year.

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

a) The Junior B Football Championship shall consist of the remaining affiliated Clubs' **first teams only**.

b) Following the receiving of affiliations each year the County Committee under GAA Official Rule 3.17 (b) shall decide the format of this competition.

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

d) In **2025**, the Junior 'B' Football Championship shall consist of eight affiliated teams drawn randomly into two groups of four.

e) The top two teams in each group as decided per GAA Official Code 11.1 2024 shall contest the knockout stages as follows:

Semi-Final: (1) A1 v B2

(2) B1 v A2

Final: (3) Winner of Semi-Final v Winner of Semi-Final

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

#### 5. All-County Football Championship

(a) 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.

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

(c) 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 21/11/24)

(a) In 2025, 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.

(b) 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.

(c) On completion of the group stages, Teams (1-12) will be ranked as follows as per GAA Official Code 11.1 2024:

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.

(d) 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.

(e) In 2026:

1. The championship will change to groups of 6 with Senior and Senior 'B' as separate competitions.
2. The SHC in 2026 will be made up of the 6 senior teams who play in the 2025 SHC qtr finals and beyond.
3. The 6 teams in SHC 'B' in 2026 will be made up from the following:
  - i. 4 teams who play in the 2025 SHC 'B' semi-finals
  - ii. Winners of a playoff from the losing qtr-finalists of the 2025 SHC 'B'
  - iii. 2025 Intermediate hurling championship winners.
4. The knockout structure for 2026 will be proposed after the conclusion of the 2025 SHC.
5. Leinster representation for 2026 will be proposed after the conclusion of the 2025 SHC.

(f) In 2027 and beyond:

1. SHC 'B' winners in 2026 promoted to SHC in 2027
2. The bottom team in SHC in 2026 will be relegated to SHC 'B' in 2027.
3. The same format to apply to the Intermediate Hurling championship.
4. All other teams play Junior/Junior B Hurling in 2026.

## 7. Intermediate Hurling Championship (Amended on 22/01/25)

(a) In 2025, 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.

(b) The previous year's finalist and relegated SHC team will be the first seeds, the semi-finalists will be the second seeds, and the remaining teams will be unseeded.

(c) On completion of the group stages, Teams (1-12) will be ranked as follows as per GAA Official Code 11.1 2024:

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.

(d) The knockout stages of the IHC 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.

(e) In 2026:

1. The championship will change to groups of 6 with Senior and Senior 'B' as separate competitions.
2. The SHC in 2026 will be made up of the 6 senior teams who play in the 2025 SHC qtr finals and beyond.
3. The 6 teams in SHC 'B' in 2026 will be made up from the following:
  - iv. 4 teams who play in the 2025 SHC 'B' semi-finals
  - v. Winners of a playoff from the losing qtr-finalists of the 2025 SHC 'B'
  - vi. 2025 Intermediate hurling championship winners.
4. The knockout structure for 2026 will be proposed after the conclusion of the 2025 SHC.
5. Leinster representation for 2026 will be proposed after the conclusion of the 2025 SHC.

(f) In 2027 and beyond:

1. SHC 'B' winners in 2026 promoted to SHC in 2027
2. The bottom team in SHC in 2026 will be relegated to SHC 'B' in 2027.
3. The same format to apply to the Intermediate Hurling championship.
4. All other teams play Junior/Junior B Hurling in 2026.

## **8. Junior Hurling Championship (Amended on 20/11/24)**

- (a) The Junior Hurling Championship shall be organised on a combination of a league and a knockout basis under GAA Code 11.1.
- (b) It shall be comprised of two groups of four teams.
- (c) After completing the group stages, each group's top two placed teams shall qualify for the Junior Hurling Championship Semi-Finals.
- (d) The third and fourth-placed teams shall play in relegation play-offs.
- (e) 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 20/11/24)**

- (a) The Junior 'B' Hurling Championship shall be organised on a combination of a league and a knockout basis under GAA Code 11.1.
- (b) The format shall be based on club affiliations and the County Committee shall decide the Junior 'B' Hurling Championship format each year.

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

- (a) The U-19 Football Championship formats will be determined each year by the County Committee following affiliations.
- (b) 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)**

- (a) The U-21 Hurling Championship formats will be determined each year by the County Committee following affiliations.
- (b) 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 21/11/24)**

- (a) The Regional Football Championship shall be played under a tournament format.
- (b) The eight teams entered will be drawn into two groups of four to play on a round-robin basis.
- (c) Each team shall have a home game, an away game, and a game played at a venue decided by the C.C.C..
- (d) The top two teams in each group qualify for the semi-finals as follows:

Semi-Final 1: A1 v B2

Semi-Final 2: B1 v A2

- (e) The County Committee has the authority to make amendments to regional teams as necessary.
- (f) The regional team with the IFC champions of that competition year shall be allocated the team relegated from the SFC of that competition year into their region.
- (g) Players eligible to play in the U-19 Football Championship in the competition year are not allowed to play in the Regional Football Championship of the competition year until their U-19 Football Championship team exits the competition.