

Match Regulations for the conduct of Championship Games 2016

1. The Purpose of these Regulations is to provide for the safe and good conduct of Championship games (Senior, Intermediate, Junior and Minor Football and Senior and Minor Hurling) under the control of An County Committee. They are to ensure order and proper presentation both on and off the pitch.

ROLE OF CCC.

2. The Committee in Charge for the monitoring and application of these Regulations, including the imposition of any penalties, shall be the County Competitions Control Committee (herein after referred to as C.C.C.).

ROLES OF EVENT ORGANISER AND FIELD STEWARD

3. The County Secretary shall appoint an Event Controller at each venue. The functions of the Event Controller shall be:
 - a. To oversee and direct the work of all stewards.
 - b. To recruit stewards as necessary, in conjunction with members of C.C.C. and Management Committee.
 - c. To liaise with An Garda Síochána and other Statutory Bodies as appropriate.
 - d. To be responsible for the proper management of the match event, with the exception of the field of play and matters under the jurisdiction of the Referee.
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 - a. The C.C.C. shall appoint a Monitor(s) whose function shall be to report any breaches of these Regulations which may come to his attention to C.C.C. for inclusion in Monitoring Report for a game.
 - b. The Sideline Official, appointed by C.C.C., may report breaches of these regulations to the referee and this shall be included in the Referee's Report.
 - c. The Championship Organising Committee shall appoint a Field Steward whose function shall be to carry out the duties list below. He is responsible for the referee and officials before, during and after the game.
 - d. The relevant linesman shall monitor the actions of Team Officials and Substitutes in the Team Dug-Out. He shall issue a warning for a first breach of the regulations. A repeated breach shall be reported to the referee at the next break in play. Any person reported twice to the referee for breaches of regulations shall be immediately excluded from the playing enclosure and such actions shall be recorded in the referee's report.

SELECTION OF VENUES

5. The selection of venues for Championship games is a matter for the C.C.C. having due regard for the following:

- (i) Games may only be fixed for pitches whose size conforms to maximum and minimum requirements of the Official Guide.
- (ii) In the case of “Double Headers” there must be four proper and suitable dressing rooms available.
- (iii) There must be adequate and hygienic Referees’ Room, subject to inspection by the County Referees’ Committee.
- (iv) There must be appropriate Press Facilities.
- (v) Facilities for Refreshments for Stewards and Referee, Umpires and Linesmen. Refreshments shall be provided by the Host Club.
- (vi) There must be adequate security for Patrons, Officials and Players.
- (vii) Agreement of the Host Club to provide at least 10 stewards.
- (viii) Club Lotto and Club Ticket sales are not allowed inside grounds during Championship games.
- (ix) It is compulsory that all host clubs fly the National Flag and the flags of both clubs participating.

6. In the event of a pitch being unplayable the following procedures shall apply: A duly authorised member of C.C.C. or the appointed Referee shall inspect the pitch. **Only the C.C.C. has the authority to call off, or to transfer venue, of a game following a pitch inspection.**

MATCH PROGRAMME

7. Each Club shall submit to the County Public Relations Officer, a team sheet for publication in the Official Match Programme. This team sheet must be submitted **5 days before** prior to the game.

PENALTY: Fine of €50.

8. All players shall wear the Jersey Number in accordance with the Official Programme. Any derogation from Regulation 7, because of exceptional circumstances, must be notified to a member of C.C.C. by the Club Secretary not later than 10 minutes before the commencement of the game.

PENALTY: Fine of €50 per breach.

PRESENTATION – Colours, Attire etc:

9. In event of a Parade, both teams shall line up and march in numerical order (led by the captain) behind the Band. **PENALTY per breach: €50**

10. Team shall be attired in its registered official colours. In the event of clash of colours, both teams shall change. The onus for the organisation of such changes lies with the clubs. **PENALTY: Fine €200**

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(i) **CCC shall provide distinctive bibs and they must be worn by (a) Manager/Mentor, (b) Maor Foirne and (c) First Aid person/physio and (d) two water carriers.**

(ii) **Failure to return bibs provided by C.C.C shall incur a penalty. Penalty €50 per bib.**

(iii) Each club shall email Assistantsecretary.monaghan@gaa.ie a list of the 9 persons admitted to the sideline on the official form provided at least 24 hours before match (Official forms will be emailed to Clubs for all Championship matches and Semi Finals and Finals of League matches) if any changes occurs they must be notified to sideline official/monitor twenty minutes before commencement of game.)

TIME

12. A team shall take the field not later than 10 minutes before the appointed starting time in all championship games. **PENALTY Fine €20 for every five minutes or part thereof.**

ADMISSION TO SIDELINE

13. The maximum number of players per Club (including injured players) admitted to the Playing Enclosure is thirty five. **PENALTY: Fine of €50.**

14. (i) Each competing team shall be allowed a maximum of 9 Officials (including Medical Personnel and two Water Carriers and the Club Chairperson & Secretary) into the Playing Enclosure.

(ii) Water Carriers must be over 18 years of age.

(iii) Water Carriers to be stationed at 45metre lines diagonal from each other.

(iv) Water Carriers are not permitted to enter field of play.

(v) Water Carriers, in breach of this regulation, may be excluded from the pitch enclosure for the next championship game involving his club. Three or more breaches of regulation during the match
Penalty: Fine of €50

(vi) Players, Selectors and Maor Foirne are not allowed to act as water carriers.

(vii) The Maor Foirne (who must be a selector) may enter the field of play, and give water to players, but only during a break in play via the Substitution Zone. A break in play shall be either (a) after a score, (b) after a wide or (c) when the referee stops the play. A break in play does NOT occur when a free-kick/puck, a sideline ball or a penalty is been taken.

(viii) Players may not act as water carriers.

(ix) No person other than a toggged out player may be admitted to the enclosure without a ticket of Authorisation dated for the day of the game and authorised by the County Secretary. These tickets shall be retained by the Steward in charge.

Any Club found to be in breach of this regulation shall incur a **PENALTY of €100 per breach.**

15. Suspended players are not permitted to enter Playing Enclosure.

Exception: If the C.C.C. is satisfied that a suspended player is a bona fide Team Manager, Maor Foirne or First Aid Person, or Club Chairman or Secretary, then he may be admitted to act in these capacities only. This shall only apply to players suspended under Category I, II or III infractions under Rule 7.2 T.O. – **PENALTY: Fine €100.**

16. Children are not permitted to enter playing enclosure while game is in progress– **PENALTY: Fine €100.**

17. No one shall be permitted to the Playing Enclosure without the permission of the Event Controller. Areas may be reserved for Sponsors and their guests, for Older People who may require seating and for people with disabilities. There shall be a steward in charge of this area.

18. Access for Patrons to the pitch after the game shall be allowed at the discretion of the Event Organiser.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

19. The National Anthem shall be played/sung at all Championship games. All players and officials shall show due respect to the Anthem.

DUGOUTS

20. All Substitutes and Officials shall remain in the Dugout – with the following exceptions:

(i) Team Managers -who may not cross sideline unless authorised by the Referee. Team Managers or Mentors in constant breach of this regulation shall be excluded from the pitch enclosure and surrounding area for next championship game involving his club.

(ii) A substitute who is called to warm up – maximum of 3 at any one time – **PENALTY €50 per breach.**

(iii) A substitute who is entering or leaving the field of play in accordance with the Rules of Control. Once a player has left the field of play, he must go to the dugout.

(iv) Medical person who may leave the dugout and enter the pitch to treat an Injured Player.

21. The Field Steward shall appoint a Steward to supervise each Dug Out.

SUBSTITUTIONS

22. Substitutions must be made in accordance with the Rules of Control – T.O.

AFTER MATCH PRESENTATION

23. In the case of Championship Finals the Trophy shall be presented to the winning team captain, or nominated player, by An Cathaoirleach Coiste Chontae or by a nominated Officer of An Coiste Chontae nominated by An Cathaoirleach.

24. Where an Award is presented for 'Man of the Match' the County Secretary or another officer nominated by the secretary shall introduce and announce the award, which shall then be presented by the Sponsor of the Championship concerned.

25. Where a Double Header includes two finals, patrons may not enter the enclosure during the presentation of the trophy after the first final.

MAXIMUM FINE

26. The maximum cumulative total of fines on any club for breaches of these Regulations in any one Championship Game shall be **€300**.

ELECTRONIC NOTIFICATION/PUBLIC ADDRESS

27. Host club shall be responsible for having a fully operational and tested Public Address System and Score Board at all games-

VIDEO

28 An Coiste Chontae through the CCC shall organise to have Championship Games recorded by DVD. These DVD's shall be copyright of Cumann Luthchleas Gael, Coiste Chontae Mhuineachain.

29. The CCC has the right to withhold the release of a DVD if circumstances so dictate that an Investigation maybe necessary or that matters pertaining to the game have arisen in the Referee's Report.

30. Each competing team shall be entitled to a copy of the DVD of each Championship game in which they play. A fee shall be agreed by An Choiste Chontae for the DVDs with the clubs.

31. The Code of Practice in relation to the use of DVD of Games, as adopted from time to time by Ard Chomhairle, shall apply and penalties prescribed therein shall be deemed to apply for breaches.