

## **Regulations for League and Championship Competitions 2021**

1. The draws for the championship groups of the Senior, Intermediate and Junior Football Championships shall be made at a meeting of the Coiste Bainistí.

**2. The Senior and Intermediate Football Championship** shall be organised as follows:

Ten teams enter each competition. The championship shall be formed as a combination of league and knockout basis. Games decided on 'Winner on the Day' is in accordance with Rules of Specification 3.4. & 3.6 T.O. Part 2 2019.

### Group Stages:

The Championships shall begin in Preliminary Group Stages on a League basis of two groups (Group 1 and Group 2) of five teams. Each team in a group will play the other team once. The finalists from the 2020 championships will be separated into each group. For the Intermediate championship, the 2020 runner up and the club relegated from Senior will be separated into each group. The groups will be formed by carrying out an open draw of the remaining 8 teams.

Preliminary Group League results shall be credited as follows: 2 points for a win, and one for a draw. All group games in round 5 in each tier are to be played at the same time.

Tie-breakers will be decided as per GAA Guide Part 1 Rule 6.21.

### Quarter Finals:

Two Quarter finals will take place. In the Quarter Finals –

The Group 1 Second Place team shall play the Group 2 Third Place Team (Quarter Final No. 1).

The Group 2 Second Place team shall play the Group 1 Third Place Team (Quarter Final No. 2).

Quarter Final Games to be 'Winner on the day' as per Official Guide 2020.

### Semi Finals:

Two Semi finals will take place. In the Semi Finals –

The Group 1 First Place team shall play the Winner of Quarter Final No. 2.

The Group 2 First Place team shall play the Winner of Quarter Final No. 1.

In the Semi Final, extra time will be played in the event of a draw at normal time. A replay will then be required should extra time end in a draw. All replays will be 'winner on the day' as per Official Guide.

### Final:

In the Final –

The Winner of each Semi Final shall play each other.

In the Final, extra time will be played in the event of a draw at normal time. A replay will then be required should extra time end in a draw. All replays will be 'winner on the day' as per Official Guide.

The winner of the Intermediate Football Championship Final will be promoted to play in the Senior Football Championship and the Senior Football League in the following year 2022.

#### Relegation Group League:

A Relegation Group League will consist of The Group 1 Fourth Place team, Group 1 Fifth Place team, Group 2 Fourth Place team and Group 2 Fifth Place Team. Each team in the group will play the other team once.

All applicable teams will commence the Relegation Group League with no points. Relegation Group League results shall be credited as follows: 2 points for a win, and one for a draw. All group games in round 3 in each tier are to be played at the same time. Tie-breakers will be decided as per GAA Guide Part 1 Section 6.21.

#### Promotion & Relegation:

The teams that finish in Third and Fourth Place of the Senior Relegation Group League shall be relegated to the Intermediate Football Championship and the Intermediate Football League for the following year, 2022. If either of these teams win the Senior Football League, they will not be relegated and instead play in the Senior Football Championship and Senior Football League for 2022. The Second placed team of the Senior Relegation Group Play-Off League shall be relegated to the Intermediate Football Championship and the Intermediate Football League for the following year in the event of either the Third or Fourth Place team of the Senior Relegation Group League win the Senior Football League.

The teams that finish in Third and Fourth Place of the Intermediate Relegation Group Play-Off League shall be relegated to the Junior Football Championship and the Junior Football League for the following year, 2022. If either of these teams win the Intermediate Football League, they will not be relegated and instead play in the Senior Football Championship and Senior Football League for 2022. The Second Placed team of the Intermediate Relegation Group Play-Off League shall be relegated to the Junior Football Championship and the Junior Football League for the following year in the event of either the Third or Fourth Place team Intermediate Relegation Group Play-Off League win the Intermediate Football League.

The beaten Intermediate Championship Finalist shall also be promoted to the Senior Football League and Championship of 2022 if the winner of the Intermediate Football League also wins the Intermediate Football Championship.

### **3. The Junior Football Championship** shall be organised as follows:

Ten teams enter each competition. Games decided on 'Winner on the Day' is in accordance with Rules of Specification 3.4. & 3.6 T.O. Part 2 2019.

### Group Stages:

The Championships shall begin in Group Stages on a League basis of two groups (Group 1 & Group 2) of five teams. Each team in a group will play the other team once. The 2020 Junior Championship runner up and the club relegated from Intermediate will be separated into each group. The groups will be formed by carrying out an open draw of the remaining 8 teams.

Group League results shall be credited as follows: 2 points for a win, and one for a draw.

Tie-breakers will be decided as per GAA Guide Part 1 Section 6.21. All group games in round 5 are to be played at the same time.

### Quarter Finals:

Four Quarter finals will take place. In the Quarter Finals –

The Group 1 First Place team shall play the Group 2 Fourth Place Team (Quarter Final No. 1).

The Group 2 Second Place team shall play the Group 1 Third Place Team (Quarter Final No. 2).

The Group 2 First Place team shall play the Group 1 Fourth Place Team (Quarter Final No. 3).

The Group 1 Second Place team shall play the Group 2 Third Place Team (Quarter Final No. 4).

Quarter Final Games to be 'winner on the day' as per Official Guide 2020.

### Semi Finals:

Two Semi finals will take place. In the Semi Finals –

The Winner of Quarter Final No. 1 shall play the Winner of Quarter Final No. 2.

The Winner of Quarter Final No. 3 shall play the Winner of Quarter Final No. 4.

In the Semi Final, extra time will be played in the event of a draw at normal time. A replay will then be required should extra time end in a draw. All replays will be 'winner on the day' as per Official Guide.

### Final:

In the Final –

The Winner of each Semi Final shall play each other.

In the Final, extra time will be played in the event of a draw at normal time. A replay will then be required should extra time end in a draw. All replays will be 'winner on the day' as per Official Guide.

### Promotion:

The winner of the Junior Football Championship Final will be promoted to play in the Intermediate Football Championship and the Intermediate League in the following year 2022.

The beaten Junior Championship Finalist shall also be promoted to the Intermediate Football League and Championship of 2022 if the winner of the Junior Football League also wins the Junior Football Championship.

#### **4. Senior, Intermediate and Junior Championship Venues:**

Home venues shall be used in the Preliminary Group Stage Games with the first teams drawn having home advantage. Home venues shall be used in Round 1 and Round 2 of the Relegation Group Play Off Games with the first teams drawn having home advantage. In the event of a pitch which is being used as a home venue being deemed unplayable the fixture shall be played at an alternative venue, nominated by the home club, and, failing this, it shall be played at the opposition venue. In the event of all such venues being unplayable CCC shall appoint a neutral venue.

Neutral venues will be used in all Remaining Games, including Round 3 of the Relegation Group League Games.

#### **5. The Senior, Intermediate and Junior Football Leagues** shall be organised as follows:

Ten teams enter each competition. The League shall be formed as a combination of league and knockout basis. Games decided on 'Winner on the Day' is in accordance with Rules of Specification 3.4. & 3.6 T.O. Part 2 2019.

##### Group Stages:

The Leagues shall begin in Group Stages on a League basis of two groups (Group 1 and Group 2) of five teams. Each team in a group will play the other team once.

Group League results shall be credited as follows: 2 points for a win, and one for a draw. All group games in round 5 in each tier are to be played at the same time.

Tie-breakers will be decided as per GAA Guide Part 1 Rule 6.21.

##### Quarter Finals:

Two Quarter finals will take place. In the Quarter Finals –

The Group 1 Second Place team shall play the Group 2 Third Place Team (Quarter Final No. 1). Venue to be a home venue for the Group 1 Second Placed team.

The Group 2 Second Place team shall play the Group 1 Third Place Team (Quarter Final No. 2). Venue to be a home venue for the Group 2 Second Placed team.

Quarter Final Games to be 'Winner on the day' as per Official Guide 2020.

##### Semi Finals:

Two Semi finals will take place. In the Semi Finals –

The Group 1 First Place team shall play the Winner of Quarter Final No. 2. Venue to be a home venue for the Group 1 First Placed team.

The Group 2 First Place team shall play the Winner of Quarter Final No. 1. Venue to be a home venue for the Group 2 First Placed team.

Semi Final Games to be 'Winner on the day' as per Official Guide 2020

#### Final:

In the Final –

The Winner of each Semi Final shall play each other.

The Senior League Final to be 'Winner on the day' as per Official Guide 2020

In the Intermediate and junior League Finals, extra time will be played in the event of a draw at normal time. A replay will then be required should extra time end in a draw. All replays will be 'winner on the day' as per Official Guide.

Venue for all finals to be played at neutral venue.

In the event of a pitch which is being used as a home venue for a play-off, quarter-final or semi final, being deemed unplayable, the fixture shall be played at an alternative venue nominated by the home club, and, failing this, it shall be played at the opposition venue. In the event of all such venues being unplayable CCC shall appoint a neutral venue.

Star games will be played in a number of the Senior, Intermediate and Junior Football Leagues while Monaghan are still involved in the Championship. Star games are matches that clubs must fulfil the fixture without their county players. County players are determined by Rule 6.22(d). For breach of this regulation, the penalty shall be loss of the match and points awarded to opposing team. If both teams are in breach of this regulation the game is Null and Void.

The winner of the Senior Football League Final will play in the Senior Football Championship and the Senior Football League in the following year 2022.

The winner of the Intermediate Football League Final will play in the Senior Football Championship and the Senior Football League in the following year 2022.

The winner of the Junior Football League Final will play in the Intermediate Football Championship and the Intermediate Football League in the following year 2022.

#### 6. Reserve Football Leagues

Reserve Football Leagues, Divisions 1A, 1B comprising of six teams in each division shall be played as a single league. Games in Division 1A and 1B shall be played at fifteen aside.

The top four teams will advance to the semi-finals with the first placed team playing fourth placed team and the second placed team playing the third placed team. Home venues for the semi-finals will be played at the First and Second Placed teams.

The Final shall be played at a neutral venue. Semi Final and Final Games to be 'Winner on the day' as per Official Guide 2020.

Reserve Football Leagues, Divisions 2A, 2B comprising of six teams in each division shall be played as a single league. Games in Division 2A and 2B shall be played at fifteen a side but may be played at thirteen a side if one of the participating teams has not got the required fifteen players. The referee will be sole adjudicator on this matter. This regulation does not apply to Semi Finals and Finals (must be played at 15 aside)

The top four teams will advance to the semi-finals with the first placed team playing fourth placed team and the second placed team playing the third placed team. Home venues for the semi-finals will be played at the First and Second Placed teams.

The Final shall be played at a neutral venue. Semi Final and Final Games to be 'Winner on the day' as per Official Guide 2021.

Reserve Football Leagues, Divisions 3 comprising of ten teams will be open drawn into 2 groups of five teams: Group 3A and Group 3B. The division shall be played on a single league basis and shall be played at fifteen aside but may be played at thirteen aside if one of the participating teams has not got the required fifteen players. The referee will be sole adjudicator on this matter. This regulation does not apply to the Div. 3 League Semi Finals and Finals (must be played at 15 aside), but does carry for the Div. 3 Shield competition.

The top two teams of each group will advance to the Div. 3 Semi Finals, with the First Placed team in Div. 3A playing the Second Placed teams in Div. 3B and the First Placed team in Div. 3B playing the Second Placed team in Div. 3A. First placed teams have home advantage.

The Final shall be played at a neutral venue. Semi Final and Final Games to be 'Winner on the day' as per Official Guide 2020.

The Third and fourth placed teams will advance to the Div. 3 shield semi finals. The Third Placed team in Div. 3A playing the Fourth Placed teams in Div. 3B and the Third Placed team in Div. 3B playing the Fourth Placed team in Div. 3A. Third placed teams have home advantage.

The Final shall be played at a neutral venue. Semi Final and Final Games to be 'Winner on the day' as per Official Guide 2020.

#### Promotion & Relegation

There can be no promotion from Reserve League Division 1A. Promotion in the Reserve Leagues shall be on a one up one down basis. Unless the CCC change the League structure in the subsequent

year, the winner of the League in each division: 1B, 2A, 2B and 3, will gain promotion. The bottom team of each division: 1A, 1B, 2A and 2B will be relegated.

A Reserve team cannot be promoted to a higher division if that club has already a team in the higher division; if this occurs the beaten league finalist will be promoted. A Reserve team cannot be relegated to a lower Division, if that club has already a team in the lower division, if this occurs the reserve team with the next lowest number of points will be relegated.

## **7. Reserve Football Championships**

The Reserve shall be structured as follows;

(a). The O' Duffy Cup comprising of Reserve Football League Divisions 1A and 1B teams (15 aside) shall be played on a knockout basis. The four teams who reach the finals of the Reserve 1A Final and Reserve 1B final will receive a bye into the O'Duffy Cup Quarter Finals. All remaining eight teams will be entered into an open draw to the O'Duffy Cup preliminary round. Home venues to first team drawn out, except the final which shall be played in a neutral venue. Each round of the competition to be concluded with 'winner on the day' as per Official Guide 2020.

(b). The Crawley Cup comprising of Reserve Football League Divisions 2A and Division 2B team. (15 aside) shall be played on a knockout basis. The four teams who reach the finals of the Reserve 2A Final and Reserve 2B final will receive a bye into the Crawley Cup Quarter Finals. All remaining eight teams will be entered into an open draw in the Crawley Cup preliminary round. Home venues to first team drawn out, except the final which shall be played in a neutral venue. Each round of the competition to be concluded with 'winner on the day' as per Official Guide 2020.

(c) The Mc Keown Cup shall comprise the teams from Reserve League Division 3. The championship shall be played on a knockout basis and shall be played at fifteen aside but may be played at thirteen aside if one of the participating teams has not got the required fifteen players. The referee will be sole adjudicator on this matter. This regulation does not apply to the Semi Finals and Finals (must be played at 15 aside). The four teams who reach the finals of the Reserve 3 Final and Shield Final will receive a bye into the McKeown Cup Quarter Finals. All remaining six teams will be entered into an open draw in the Crawley Cup preliminary round, with 2 of those receiving a bye into the quarter finals. Home venues to first team drawn out, except the final which shall be played in a neutral venue. Each round of the competition to be concluded with 'winner on the day' as per Official Guide 2020.

8. A Team in Adult Competitions failing to field for two fixtures in any league competition shall be deemed to have withdrawn from that competition.

9. All Senior Intermediate and Junior League Finals will be monitored by CCC and CCC reserves the right to monitor any other league fixture. Clubs participating in Championship matches and Quarter

Finals, Semi Finals and Finals of League must forward a list of Officials on the sideline to treasurer.monaghan@gaa.ie at least 24 hours before match.

10. Clubs must get written permission to DVD / video any game from the Monaghan treasurer €50 Fine. The original copy of video to be made available to CCC and the opposing club if requested within three days of fixture. Failure to provide DVD / video to CCC or opposing team within specified time will incur a fine of €500. The opposing club to pay half the cost if copy is required (max €100).

11. The quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals of all competitions shall be played in enclosed pitches.  
(b) The gate receipts shall be divided as follows for League Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Finals and Reserves championship fixtures; €50 or 15% of gate (whichever is the greater) going to the home/host club, with the remainder being divided equally between both competing clubs.

12 The maximum number of players permitted to be substituted shall be three as outlined in Coiste Chontae Mhuineacháin CLC Annual Regulation Rule 10 (h)(i)(j)(k).

When a Reserve 1B team play a Reserve 1A team in the Reserve Championship (O' Duffy Cup) they are permitted to use their two lowest graded players for that game. Senior clubs whose reserve team are playing in reserve league Division 1B are prohibited from using any graded player in the O'Duffy Cup competition except as specified at 10(a).

When a Reserve 2B team play a Reserve 2A team in the Reserve Championship (Crawley Cup) they are permitted to use their two lowest graded players for that game. Senior clubs whose reserve team are playing in reserve league Division 2B are prohibited from using any graded player unless it's the Senior Club's third team in the Crawley Cup competition except as specified at 10(b).

### **13. Under 19 Football Competitions**

The Competitions Control Committee shall group the affiliated teams and determine the structure.

The Under Nineteen Football games shall be played irrespective of County Teams' or Club Championships' commitments.

### **14. Hurling Competitions**

The Senior Hurling Championship shall be structured as follows;

It shall comprise of four teams (15 aside) and shall be played on a league and knockout basis. The Championships shall begin in Group Stage on a League basis of four teams. Each team in a group will play the other team once.

Group League results shall be credited as follows: 2 points for a win, and one for a draw.



Tie-breakers will be decided as per GAA Guide Part 1 Section 6.21.

Unless the CCC change the structure in the subsequent year, the team who finishes bottom of the Senior Hurling Championship Group shall be relegated to the Junior Hurling Championship in 2022.

In the Final – The top 2 teams from the Senior Hurling Championship Group shall play each other.

In the Final, extra time will be played in the event of a draw at normal time. A replay will then be required should extra time end in a draw. All replays will be ‘winner on the day’ as per Official Guide.

In the event that Castleblayney win the Senior Hurling Championship and Ulster GAA enter them to the Ulster Intermediate Club Championship, the runner up of the Monaghan Senior Hurling Championship will be the Monaghan representative in the Ulster Junior Club Hurling Championship.

The Junior Hurling Championship shall be structured as follows;

It shall comprise of three teams (15 aside) and shall be played on a league and knockout basis. The Championships shall begin in Group Stage on a League basis of three teams. Each team in a group will play the other team once.

Group League results shall be credited as follows: 2 points for a win, and one for a draw.

Tie-breakers will be decided as per GAA Guide Part 1 Section 6.21.

In the Final – The top 2 teams from the Championship Group shall play each other.

In the Final, extra time will be played in the event of a draw at normal time. A replay will then be required should extra time end in a draw. All replays will be ‘winner on the day’ as per Official Guide.

The winner of the Junior Hurling Championship Final will be promoted to play in the Senior Hurling Championship in the following year 2022.

#### The Senior Hurling League

The Competitions Control Committee shall group the affiliated teams and determine the structure.

The Development Hurling League shall be structured as follows;

The Mick Hannon Cup comprising of six teams (15 aside) shall be played on a league and knockout basis. The four teams who reach the finish in the top 4 will qualify for the semi-finals. First place will play Fourth Place and Second Place will play Third place. First and Second place shall have home venue for the semi-finals. The Final shall be played at a neutral venue. Semi Final and Final Games to be ‘Winner on the day’ as per Official Guide 2020. Games shall be played at fifteen a side but may be played at thirteen a side if one of the participating teams has not got the required fifteen players. The referee will be sole adjudicator on this matter. This regulation does not apply to Semi Finals and Finals (must be played at 15 aside).

