

6.41**Challenge Games**

- (a) All Challenge Games shall be sanctioned by the appropriate Controlling Authority, which will deal with any disciplinary matters arising.
- (b) An Inter-County Challenge game shall be sanctioned by Provincial Council(s) and Central Council, as appropriate.

Sanction must be obtained from the Provincial Council where teams are from the one Province, and from the appropriate Provincial Councils and Central Council where teams are from more than one Province.

After the conclusion of a National Hurling or Football League, an Inter-County Challenge Game in that code may not be played on a Saturday or Sunday unless a Round of Adult Club Games is played in the Counties involved on the preceding Monday to Saturday inclusive, or is to be played on the Sunday i.e. the day after a Saturday Challenge Game.

Permission for such proposed Challenge Games shall be refused by the Sanctioning Body unless it is satisfied that the condition above has been met, but special permission may be given in exceptional cases (e.g. for the Official Opening of a Ground).

- (c) An Inter-Club Challenge Game shall be sanctioned by County Committee(s), Provincial Council(s) or Central Council. Sanction must be obtained from the County Committee where the teams are from the one County, from the County Committees and from the Provincial Council where the teams are from two or more Counties, and Sanction must be obtained from the County Committees, from the appropriate Provincial Councils and from Central Council where the teams are from more than one Province.
- (d) Units organising Challenge Games shall make applications, in writing, to the appropriate authority/authorities in such time as to have permission granted or otherwise, two days prior to the date of the proposed game. The Council or Committee-in-Charge may give authority to its Secretary to grant permission. Where sanction is required from more than one Unit of the Association for a particular Challenge Game, notice shall be given by the Applicant Units, at or about the same time, directly to all relevant Units.

- (e) The following details shall be included in the application:
The Names of the Competing Teams; the Venue; the Name of the Referee, who shall be on the current and recognised List of Referees at County/Provincial/National Levels, as appropriate.
The Referee shall be neutral in the case of a Senior Inter-County Game.
- (f) The Referee's Match Report shall be submitted to the appropriate authority within three days of the Game. When the Committee or Council-in-Charge deems it necessary, the Report shall be submitted within 24 hours.
- (g) The above Rules are applicable to Juvenile Challenge games (players in the Under 16 age group or younger).

Failure to comply with any of the above Rule provisions shall not affect Disciplinary Proceedings being taken, arising from a Game played.

Penalties:

For a Unit participating in an unauthorised Challenge Game:

Fine - County €250; Club €100.