

Rialacháin

Coiste Chontae na Mí 2018

FOOTBALL COMPETITIONS

1. All Football Championships, Feis Cup, Corn na Bóinne, Tailteann Cup and League Competitions shall be run annually by the Coiste Chontae and shall be governed by Meath Bye-Laws, Rules and Regulations.

2. There shall be 7 Championships at adult level in football - namely Senior, Intermediate, Junior, Junior "B", Junior "C", Junior "D" and Under 21. Twenty four Medals shall be provided for the winners of each championship.

3. ALL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP'S & LEAGUES.

(a) All Football Championships and Leagues shall be run on a combination of a League and knockout basis under Rule 6.21 T.O. Where teams finish with equal points for qualification for concluding stages, the tie shall be decided as follows;

- (i) Where three teams are involved - the outcome of the meetings of the three teams in their previous games in the competition. If three teams finish level on points for three places and one team has beaten the other two teams that team qualifies in first place and the other places are determined by the specified order. If there are two positions and one team has beaten the other two teams that team qualifies and the second place is determined by the specified order. If there is one position and one team has beaten the other two teams that team qualifies;
- (ii) Where two teams are involved – the outcome of the meeting of the two teams in the previous game in the competition;
- (iii) Scoring Difference;
- (iv) Highest total scores for;
- (v) A play-off.

(b) If a preliminary quarter final, quarter final, semi-final ends in a draw extra time shall be played.

(c) If any Championship Final in 2018 ends in a draw then Extra Time shall be played.

4. SENIOR & INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

There shall be 18 teams in 3 Divisions. Groups to be drawn in rotation and knock-out draws are pre-determined. Top 3 teams in Group A, B and C will qualify for knock-out stages.

Preliminary Quarter Final Draw B3 v C3 (D)

Quarter Final Draw (1) A1 v D, (2) B1 v C2, (3) C1 v A3, (4) B2 v A2.

Semi Final 1 v 4, 2 v 3.

Relegation; 1 team relegated to IFC from SFC and 1 Team Relegated from IFC to JFC (unless that Club already has a team in the lower grade)

Relegation decided as follows;

Bottom team in each Group into 3 way play off.

Game 1 A6 v B6. Game 2 Loser of Game 1 v C6.

Game 3 Winner Game 1 v C6.

In the event of Game 1 (A6 v B6) finishing level the following procedure will apply.

A6 shall play C6 in Game 2. Game 3 shall be between C6 & B6.

If teams finish level on points Rule 6.21 TO will apply

The team that finishes bottom following these playoffs is relegated to Intermediate/Junior A for the following year.

Intermediate Football winners are promoted to Senior Football Championship for the following year unless that Club already has a team in that grade.

5. JUNIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Meath Junior Football Championship be arranged as follows;

The Junior Football championship shall consist of 20 teams as follows

Twelve (12) teams shall be from Junior Football Clubs and eight (8) teams shall be 2nd teams from Senior or Intermediate Clubs. The 12 teams from Junior Football Clubs shall be drawn in rotation be placed in 2 six team groups (A & B). Top 3 teams in both Groups A and B qualify for knock out stages.

Group C of the Junior Football Championship to consist of the eight 2nd team Clubs drawn in rotation.

Top 3 teams in Group C to qualify for knock out stages.

Knock-out draws are pre-determined.

Preliminary Quarter Final Draw B3 v C3 (D)

Quarter Final Draw (1) A1 v D, (2) B1 v C2, (3) C1 v A3, (4) B2 v A2.

Semi Final 1 v 4, 2 v 3.

Junior Football Championship winners shall be promoted to IFC for following year unless that Club already has a team in that grade.

Relegation;

NB; Each subsequent year there shall be Twelve 1st teams and Eight 2nd /3rd teams in JFC.

- (i) Should a 1st team win the JBFC then they replace the loser of a playoff between A6 v B6 for the following year.
- (ii) Should a 2nd team win the JBFC then they replace the bottom team in C8 for the following year.
- (iii) Should a 2nd team be relegated from IFC and a 2nd /3rd team win JBFC then both bottom teams in Group C JFC (C7 and C8) are relegated from JFC to JBFC.
- (iv) Should a 1st team be relegated from IFC and a 1st team wins JBFC then both bottom teams in Groups A & B are relegated from JFC to JBFC.

6. JUNIOR B FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Meath Junior B Football Championship be arranged as follows;

Following the processing of Affiliations each year Meath CCCC shall decide on the format of the Competition. CCCC will take into consideration the number of teams entered. The CCCC will decide;

- (a) How many Groups there shall be
- (b) How many teams in each Group
- (c) How many teams will qualify from each Group for Knockout games.
- (d) The CCCC will ensure where possible that 1st teams entering the JBFC shall be placed in Group A.
- (e) Following these decisions the CCCC shall decide on Preliminary Quarter Final (if required), Quarter Final and Semi Final Draws
- (f) If any Preliminary Quarter Finals, Quarter Finals, Semi Final or Final (in 2018 only) ends in a draw then extra time shall be played.

Junior B Football Championship winners shall be promoted to JFC for following year unless that Club already has a team in that grade.

Relegation for Junior B Football Championship

- (i) No 1st team Club can be relegated to Junior C from Junior B unless that Club applies to the CCC to be regraded.
- (ii) CCCC each year following the processing of Affiliations shall decide on a relegation process (if any).
- (ii) A Club or Clubs may apply to Meath CCCC if they require regrading from Junior B to Junior C.

7 (a) JUNIOR "C" & JUNIOR "D" FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Shall be ran on a League system with Champions promoted to Junior B or Junior C as applicable.

The C.C.C.C. shall decide following the processing of affiliations each year under what format the Junior C and Junior D championships will be played.

CCCC will take into consideration the number of teams entered. The CCCC will decide on;

- (i) How many Divisions each will contain.
- (ii) How many teams in each Division.
- (iii) How many teams from each Division qualify for Knockout stages.

Teams that withdraw from any competition for a second successive year may not be allowed to affiliate a team for that Competition the following year.

(b) Junior "C" Relegation.

Each year following the CCCC decision on the format of the Junior "C" Championship, the CCCC shall decide on the Relegation process (if any) for this Championship

8. When Championship games have reached the penultimate round, and different fixtures have a bearing on the final table standing, these fixtures should be played at the same time.

9. The winners of the Intermediate, Junior, Junior B, Junior C and Junior D Football Championships shall pass on to a higher grade automatically unless re-graded.

No team can be promoted or relegated to a higher/lower grade of Championship if that Club already has a team in that grade. If a Club is relegated/regraded from any Championship Grade and has a team in the next lowest grade then that team in the lower grade is automatically re-graded.

10. Under 21 Football Competitions shall be organized as follows:

- (a) The Under-21 Football Championship (15-a-side)
- (b) The Under-21 Football Competitions A, B and C (13-a-side)
- (c) Subject to application from clubs and approval from C.C.C.C., Independent Teams plus Club Teams may be permitted to participate in the U21 Football Competitions.
- (d) Such independent team shall not bear the name of an adult Club within the County.
- (e) Players involved in an independent team shall be drawn from a maximum of 3 adult clubs
- (f) Depending on the time restraints available the CCC can decide to run The U21 Football Championship and Competitions as a Knock out Competition, a League Competition or a knock out with a Back door Competition.
- (g) EXTRA-TIME (if necessary) shall be played in all games in the Under-21 Football Championship and Competitions.
- (h) That the draw for the U-21 Championship be included with the draw for the Championship, Feis Cup, Corn na Bóinne, Tailteann Cup and Brendan Davis Cup (where possible).

11. All clubs affiliated for U-21 football in the various grades shall make submissions to the CCCC before a date to be set each year by the CCCC as follows.

- (a) In regard to their club performance at Minor level over the previous 3 years.

- (b) The number of U-21 players who played on the first adult team in the current Championship.
 - (c) The names of all U-21 players for the current year that are on County panels (U-17, Minor and U-20).
 - (d) The names of players who are ineligible to play from the previous year team
 - (e) The above submissions are also requested from independent teams.
- This is to help the CCCC to grade the U-21 teams for the current year's competitions.

12. Clubs fielding teams in more than one championship shall be compelled to play in the highest grade at first.

13. Where a club has a number of 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.

14. Each team must bring a ball for Championship, League, Feis Cup, Corn na Bóinne, Tailteann Cup and Brendan Davis Cup matches. The Coiste Chontae shall supply same in championship finals. The ball shall be presented to the captain of the winning team. Eight club officials shall be admitted to the sideline where their club team is engaged in Championship, League, Feis Cup, Corn na Bóinne, Tailteann Cup and Brendan Davis Cup matches.

15. FEIS CUP COMPETITION

- (a) A competition known as Feis Cup shall be played annually on the K.O. system.
- (b) It shall be open to Senior teams only.
- (c) Teams must play without players involved with County Teams, except in the final.
- (d) Extra time (if necessary) shall be played in all matches including Final.
- (e) Twenty four medals shall be provided for the winners of the competition.
- (f) The first two rounds of the competition shall be played at the home venue of the first team to be drawn of each pair of competing teams.
- (g) A fee of €100 shall be charged to enter this competition.
- (h) Should a Club fail to fulfill a fixture in this Competition the game shall be awarded to the opposing team and a fine of €200 may be imposed on the team failing to fulfill the fixture.

16. CORN NA BÓINNE

- (a) A competition known as Corn na Bóinne shall be played annually on the K.O. system.
- (b) It shall be open to Intermediate teams whose first team plays at Intermediate level
- (c) Teams must play without players involved with County Teams, except in the final.
- (d) Extra time (if necessary) shall be played in all matches including Final.
- (e) Twenty four medals shall be provided for the winners of the competition.
- (f) The first two rounds of the competition shall be played at the home venue of the first team to be drawn of each pair of competing teams.
- (g) A fee of €100 shall be charged to enter this competition.
- (h) Should a Club fail to fulfill a fixture in this Competition the game shall be awarded to the opposing team and a fine of €200 may be imposed on the team failing to fulfill the fixture.

17. TAILTEANN CUP

- (a) A competition known as the Tailteann Cup shall be played annually on the K.O. system.
- (b) It shall be open to Junior clubs whose first team plays at junior level.
- (c) Teams must play without players involved with County Teams, except in the final.

- (d) Extra time (if necessary) shall be played in all Tailteann Cup matches including Final.
- (e) Twenty four medals shall be provided for the winners of the competition.
- (f) The first two rounds of the Tailteann Cup shall be played at the home venue of the first team to be drawn of each pair of competing teams.
- (g) A fee of €100 shall be charged to enter this competition.
- (h) Should a Club fail to fulfill a fixture in this Competition the game shall be awarded to the opposing team and a fine of €200 may be imposed on the team failing to fulfill the fixture.

TOURNAMENTS/CHALLENGE MATCHES & VIDEO PERMITS

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- (a) Permission for tournaments or challenge matches shall be considered on application from clubs only to the Secretary of the C.C.C. Applications for tournaments shall be made on appropriate application forms as provided by Comhairle Laignean and accompanied by a fee of €40.00 if inter-county matches and €20.00 if inter-club matches.
- (b) Cheques should be made payable to Coiste na Mí.
- (c) Such tournaments may not commence until ratification, on the blue copy of the application form, is received by the club.
- (d) ALL applications for CHALLENGE MATCHES and VIDEO PERMITS must be submitted not later than 12 Noon - 2 Days (48 hours) before game.
- (e) Tournaments must not interfere in any way with Coiste Chontae Fixtures and clubs must not include inter-county players on their teams in tournament matches on the thirteen days prior to inter-county championship matches.

RE-GRADING

19. Where a club has failed to fulfil all of its fixtures in any Championship in the current or preceding year the County Competitions Control Committee shall have the power to:

- (i) Recommend to An Coiste Chontae that the Club's affiliation application be refused.
- (ii) Recommend to An Coiste Chontae that it refuse to allow a club to enter a team in the Championship in which it failed to fulfil all of its fixtures.
- (iii) Recommend to An Coiste Chontae that it re-grade the team that failed to fulfil all of its fixtures.

FIXTURES

20.

- (a) The Secretary of C.C.C.C. shall notify club Secretaries of all adult hurling and football fixtures.
- (b) C.C.C.C. shall meet regularly during the playing season.
- (c) Official notice of all fixtures shall be in the form of a weekly fixtures list signed by the Secretary of C.C.C.C. and circulated to Club Secretaries.
- (d) The C.C.C.C. shall have the right, where deemed necessary, to fix championship matches on week evenings.
- (e) Between meetings of the CCC, the Chairperson and/or Secretary of Coiste na nÓg or Coiste Mionúir, in consultation with the Chairperson and/or Secretary of the Competitions Control Committee shall have the power to make such arrangements as are necessary to have Fixtures carried out. Where it is necessary to alter a Fixture the Secretary of the CCC shall notify the Clubs concerned.
- (f) That where C.C.C.C. deems it necessary - All competitions in both Hurling and Football be played under lights and/or on synthetic pitch.
- (g) A master fixture list shall be drawn up by the C.C.C.C. (or other approved committee/body) and distributed to all clubs before the 28th February each year. The master fixture list shall be drawn up for the complete A leagues, B Leagues, Feis Cup, Corn na Bóinne, Tailteann Cup and Brendan Davis Cup

games in football and Hurling League's and Subsidiary competitions other than Championships in Hurling. It shall also include Championship fixtures up to the 1st round of Meath Senior Football and Hurling involvement in the Leinster Championship. The master fixture list shall include the competition and round thereof without showing the individual matches, giving the actual date of the fixture, where possible. The master fixture list may be amended to accommodate exceptional circumstances and events not envisaged during the compilation of the master fixture list. The amended list shall be forwarded to Club Secretaries as soon as possible after compilation. The master fixture list shall be reviewed at the end of each year and lessons learned shall be incorporated into the master fixture list for the next year.

21. A complete draw shall be made at a Coiste Chontae meeting annually for Senior, Intermediate and Junior Championships and this draw shall be adhered to as far as possible.

All other championship draws shall be made at subsequent Coiste Chontae meetings. A report on the "Progress of Competitions" shall be included on the agenda for all Coiste Chontae meetings.

22. Where a team's continuation in a championship may have a bearing (however remote) on the final result, failure to fulfil those fixtures will render the offending team liable to a fine of €200 for each unfilled fixture.

23. In the case of a play off, five clear days' notice in writing shall be given.

24. In all inter-county competitions, after first twenty one players named by selectors or coaches, the rest shall be available for club fixtures if required.

25. Club Championship matches involving members of County Panels other than Senior Panels may be fixed for the Sunday prior to or following an inter-county Championship fixture.

26. Where Clubs have one or two players who play hurling and football C.C.C.C. shall be permitted to fix games involving these clubs on the same weekend, though at different times.

27. It shall be incumbent on Clubs to notify the Secretary of C.C.C.C. of the names of dual players by end of January each year.

28. No club Championship fixtures involving any Meath Senior County players shall be arranged for the period commencing at midnight on Saturday, 1 week prior to Inter County Senior Championship matches.

29. When play offs are necessary to decide winners and runners-up in Division, preliminary Quarter Finals, quarter finals and semi-final places and Finals (2018 only) teams must play extra time if necessary when fixed.

FINANCE

30. 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 Coiste Chontae before 1st December of the preceding year.
- b) Teams failing to pay fees and outstanding fines due may not be allowed to take part in the county championships.
- c) The treasurer is empowered to deduct fines from gates, grants or other monies due to the clubs.
- d) All new club affiliations shall be dealt with in accordance with Rule 3.3 T.O 2017.
- e) Any club/unit failing to meet its agreed club levy contribution as ratified by Coiste Contae on 1st September 2014 shall be subject to sanction as deemed appropriate by Coiste Bainistí.

31. All accounts for payment shall be brought before Coiste Airgeadais and ordinarily no payment shall be made unless authorized by the Coiste. In exceptional circumstances the Chairperson, Secretary or

Treasurer may, however, pay accounts of an urgent nature, but all such accounts shall be brought before the next meeting of the Coiste for approval.

32. Expenses shall not be incurred, on behalf of the Coiste Chontae, by any person or FoChoiste, without the express sanction of Coiste Airgeadais.

33. Finalists in all grades of championships shall receive grants (to be decided by Coiste Bainistíochta)

34. Gate Vouchers & Administration Charges

(a) Gate receipts/vouchers must be returned to an Cisteoir within five days of 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 play offs, quarter finals, semi-finals and finals shall go to the Coiste Chontae.

(d) Each club affiliated to 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) That gross gate takings for which gate vouchers were issued, be itemized in the balance sheet for the County Convention.

35. Referees Expenses

(a) Referees expenses shall be deducted from gross gates and be paid on the night and the remainder shall be divided as follows:

- 50% to An Coiste Chontae
- 25% to Development Fund and clearance of Interest Free Loans on Páirc Tailteann.
- 25% to Clubs in Charge of "Gates".
- This applies to all Championship Matches: S.F.C., I.F.C., J.F., J.F. "B", J.F. "C", J.F. "D", U-21 (All grades), Feis Cup, Corn na Bóinne, Tailteann Cup, Brendan Davis Cup competitions, Football League Play Offs, Semi Finals, Finals, S.H.C., I.H.C., J.H.C., J.H.C. II, U-21 H., and Hurling League Finals.

(b) Clubs hosting games under floodlights on behalf of Coiste na Mí. Referees expenses shall be deducted from gross gates and be paid on the night and the remainder shall be divided as follows:

- Club in charge of gate receive €100.00 (lights).
- Páirc Tailteann Fund 25%.
- Club in charge of "gates" 25%.
- Coiste Chontae €50%.

(c) This applies to all Football and Hurling matches.

(d) The referees expenses for Senior and Intermediate Championship only shall be:

- a. Single Journey (4 neutral umpires' names must be provided) €50.00
- b. Single Journey (with at least 2 neutral umpires) €40.00
- c. Single Journey (with no umpires) €30.00
- d. Second game at same venue an extra €20.00

(e) Junior Only shall be:

- a. Single Journey (with at least 2 neutral umpires) €40.00
- b. Single Journey (with no umpires) €30.00

- c. Second game at same venue an extra €20.00
- d.
- (f) League, Feis Cup, Corn na Boinne Cup, Tailteann Cup and Brendan Davis Cup shall be:
 - a. Single Journey (with at least 2 neutral umpires) €40.00
 - b. Single Journey (with no umpires) €35.00
- (g) All underage shall be:
 - a. Single Journey (with at least 2 neutral umpires) €30.00
 - b. Single Journey (with no umpires) €25.00
- (h) The above rates apply to adult and underage games only and must be strictly adhered to. Referees Expenses to be deducted from gross gate and paid by club to the referee on the day of the game.

GENERAL

36. All County Team Managers shall be appointed by the Coiste Contae on a majority decision in favour of the recommendation of Coiste Bainistí.

Nominations for the position of team manager shall be submitted by clubs, to Rúnai Coiste Contae, prior to a date to be specified by Coiste Bainistí. Coiste Bainistí shall have the power to nominate other persons outside those nominated by clubs. Coiste Bainistí must establish a Fo Choiste to interview all nominated candidates. This Fo Choiste shall recommend a candidate to Coiste Bainistí which shall in turn may recommend this candidate to Coiste Contae for ratification by a majority decision

Where there is only one person nominated by clubs for position of any county team manager and also a person nominated by Coiste Bainistí then the process of establishing a Fó Coiste must take place. Coiste Contae shall also ratify on a proposal from Coiste Bainistí the length of term, up to a maximum three years, for each manager. The successful candidate in each case shall nominate his/her selectors and members of his management team to Coiste Bainistí for recommendation to Coiste Contae for ratification. He shall also appoint the Captain and Vice - Captain of the relevant team. That all County Managers (F & H) from U-14 to Minor must be in line with the adult process which is open to nominations from clubs and interviews.

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(a) Minutes of the meetings of Coiste Bainistíochta shall be placed before the Coiste Chontae and be made available to all delegates. The Chairperson of Coiste Bainistíochta (i.e. Cathaoirleach Coiste na Mí) may declare certain matters of a sensitive nature to be confidential when placing the minutes of Coiste Bainistíochta Meetings before the Coiste Chontae.

(b) Coiste Bainistíochta shall meet regularly at least monthly between January and October.

38. Congress and Leinster Convention motions shall be discussed annually, at a special meeting of the Coiste Chontae and this meeting shall give a directive on how delegates attending Congress and Leinster Convention should vote.

39.

(a) All cups/trophies, other than those for Juvenile Competitions, must be returned to Rúnai, Coiste Chontae before 15th May. Failure to do so will entail a fine of €130.

(b) That the Management Committee, subsequent to the County Convention, appoint a member of the Management Committee to be responsible, until the next County Convention, 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 a fortnight before due date reminding them to return cups won in previous year.

(d) The Management Committee of Coiste Na Mí shall set up a Sub-Committee to review all

Trophies awarded to winners of all existing competitions under the auspices of Coiste na Mí. The task of the Committee in consultation with Clubs and Committees who have donated Cups, is to examine and to make recommendations regarding the cups that are awarded for Competitions. The Management Committee to receive their findings not later than 1st May 2018 and a review every 5 years from then on.

40. Each club must notify to Rúnaí, Coiste Chontae before 1st February annually the name of its Insurance Officer.

41. The results of all competitive matches must be notified on the day of the match, by the referee to the Secretary of the relevant organising committee of Coiste na Mí.

42. All applications from clubs to host Summer Camps must be submitted to Coiste Contae at least 1 month prior to the specified starting date for approval. Application should include a list of proposed events and personnel involved.

Clubs are not permitted to organise their own Summer Camp. Coaching and Games Development Committee will co-ordinate and supervise all club Summer Camps. All such Summer Camps must be organised in conjunction with the Coaching and Games Development Committee.

43. All information provided for compilation of match programme's for County Finals must be submitted electronically i.e. Email/disc.

FO-CHOISTÍ (SUBSIDIARY COMMITTEES)

44.

(a) Regulations

The Coiste Chontae as controlling body of the Fo-Choistí shall draw up suitable regulations. If any Fo-Choiste is not functioning to the satisfaction of the Coiste Chontae, the Coiste Chontae may assume control of that Fo-Choistí.

(b) The deadline for acceptance of correspondence for consideration at all Sub-Committee and County Committee meetings shall be 24 hours prior to date of meeting. Correspondence received after this time will not be considered until the next meeting.

(c) That the Coiste Cultúrtha (County Cultural Committee) shall have as part of its remit the commemoration of notable historical anniversaries in Meath GAA, the collections of archives such as programme's, club and county minute books, publications and all other material related to the GAA in Co. Meath. Such material to be held by Coiste na Mí and made available for consultation or donated to Meath County Library or Croke Park Library and Archive.

HURLING COMPETITIONS

45.

(a) There shall be five Championships in hurling at adult level - Senior, Intermediate, Junior, Junior 2 and Under 21.

(b) Where teams finish with equal points for qualification for concluding stages of any Hurling Championship, the tie shall be decided as follows;

(i) Where three teams are involved - the outcome of the meetings of the three teams in their previous games in the competition. If three teams finish level on points for three places and one team has beaten the other two teams that team qualifies in first place and the other places are determined by the specified order. If there are two positions and one team has beaten the other two teams that team qualifies and the second place is determined by the specified order.

If there is one position and one team has beaten the other two teams that team qualifies.

(ii) Where two teams are involved – the outcome of the meeting of the two teams in the previous game in the competition;

(iii) Scoring Difference;

- (iv) Highest total scores for;
- (v) A play-off.
- (c) If a preliminary quarter final, quarter final, semi-final ends in a draw extra time shall be played.
- (d) If any Championship Final in 2018 ends in a draw then Extra Time shall be played.

SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

46. Senior Hurling Championship shall be run on a combination of a League and knockout basis under Rule 6.20 T.O. Two Divisions of six teams each.

Senior Hurling Championship to be ran in two sections i.e. A. Strong and B Weak.

In 2018 Group A to comprise of the following Clubs; Kiltale, Kildalkey, Killyon, Kilmessan, St Peters Dunboyne and Ratoath.

Group B to comprise of the following Clubs; Trim, Blackhall Gaels, Boardsmill, Longwood, Dunderry and Navan O'Mahonys.

After the League stages, the top two teams in Group A qualify for Semi Finals with the Third and Fourth placed teams play the top two teams in section B in the Quarter Finals.

A4 v B1 v A1

A3 v B2 v A2.

The team that finishes 6th in Group A is placed in Group B for the following year and is replaced by the Top team in Group B.

Bottom team in Group B to be relegated to Intermediate Hurling Championship.

Senior Hurling Relegation; the same method above 6.20 TO Regulation 47(b) applies to relegation as qualification.

INTERMEDIATE HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

47. Intermediate Hurling Championships: shall be run on a combination of a league and knock out basis under Rule 6.20 T.O. Two groups of six teams A & B. The top team in each

Group shall qualify for the Semi Finals. Teams in second and third place shall qualify for quarter finals.

Draws as follows:

A2 v B3 Winners v B1

B2 v A3 Winners v A1

If a Quarter Final, Semi Final, Final (2018 only), Relegation match or play-off game ends in a draw, then extra time shall be played.

Relegation; Bottom team in each Group play off and losers relegated to Junior.

JUNIOR & JUNIOR 2 HURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

48. The Junior Hurling Championship and the Junior 2 Hurling Championship shall be run on combination of a League and Knock out basis under Rule 6.21 T.O.

All teams entered into the JHC & J2HC shall be drawn in 2 Divisions.

There shall be "6 seeded teams". These shall be the team relegated from IHC or the JHC winners (if not promoted) from the previous year, the beaten JHC Finalists from the previous year, the beaten JHC Semi Finalists from the previous year and the Junior 2 Hurling Champions and Finalists from the previous year. The seeded teams be drawn 1st. First Three teams out are placed in Group A and the other 3 teams are placed in Group B.

Following the placement of the Seeded teams the remaining teams are drawn to fill Group A first and then Group B.

Should a team win the Junior Hurling Championship and that Club already has an

Intermediate Hurling Championship side then no promotion from JHC or relegation from IHC shall happen that year.

All teams in each Group will play each other. At the completion of the Rounds the Top 2 teams in Group A & B will contest the Semi Finals of the Junior Hurling Championship (A1 V B2 and B1 V A2). With the winners promoted to the Intermediate Hurling Championship 2016.

The teams in Group A & B who finish 3rd and 4th will contest the Semi Finals of the Junior 2 Hurling Championship (A3 V B4 and B3 V A4).

Where teams finish level on points for qualification rule 6.20 T.O. shall decide positions. If a play-off, Semi Final or Final (2018 only) game ends in a draw then extra time shall be played.

BRENDAN DAVIS CUP

49.

- (i) Brendan Davis Cup shall be played annually on the knock out system.
- (ii) It shall be open to senior and intermediate hurling clubs only.
- (iii) Teams must play without players involved with County Teams (Football or Hurling) except in final.
- (iv) Extra time if necessary shall be played in all matches including final.
- (v) Twenty four medals shall be provided for the Winners of the Competition.
- (vi) The County Competitions Control Committee shall have the power to play the first two rounds at home or neutral venue if necessary.
- (vii) An entry fee of €100 be charged.
- (viii) Should a Club fail to fulfill a fixture in this Competition the game shall be awarded to the opposing team and a fine of €200 may be imposed on the team failing to fulfill the fixture.

50.

- (i) An U21 Hurling Competition shall be organised as follows:
- (ii) An U21 Hurling Championship.
- (iii) An U21 Hurling A Competition.
- (iv) Subject to an application from Clubs and approval from the CCC, Independent Teams plus Club Teams may be permitted to participate in the U21 Hurling Competitions.
- (v) Such Independent teams shall not bear the name of an Adult Club in the County.
- (vi) Players involved in Independent Teams shall be drawn from a maximum of 3 Adult Clubs.
- (vii) Depending on the time restraints available the CCC can decide to run the U21 Hurling Championship and Competitions as a Knock out Competition, a League Competition or a knock out with a Back door Competition.
- (vii) Extra Time if necessary shall be played in all games in the U21 Hurling Competitions.
- (vii) The Draw for the U21 Hurling Competitions shall be included with the Championship Draws (where possible).
- (vii) All Clubs affiliated for U21 Hurling in the various grades shall make submissions to the CCC before a date set each year by the CCC.

1. In regard to their Club performance at Minor level over past 3 years.
2. The number of U21 players who lined on 1st Adult team in the current Championship.
3. The names of players for the current year who are on County Panels.
4. The names of players ineligible from the previous year.
5. These submissions are also required from Independent Teams.

51.

- (a) The winners of the Intermediate, Junior Championships shall automatically pass on to the next highest grade the following year except in the event of a club already having a team in that grade.
(b) In the event of the above occurrence no relegation will take place from the next highest grade in that year.

52. Each team must bring a ball for championship league and Division 1 matches. Coiste Chontae will supply same for championship finals. Eight club officials shall be admitted to the sideline where their team is engaged in Championship, League matches.

53. Where a team's continuation in a championship may have a bearing, however remote, on the final result, failure to fulfil those fixtures will render the offending team liable to a fine of €200 for each unfulfilled fixture.

54. The Manager of the U-21 County Hurling Team may be appointed for an initial period of 2 years. An extension for a further approved period may be granted after satisfactory review is completed by the Hurling Promotion and Development Committee and ratified by the Coiste Chontae at a monthly meeting.

55. The Hurling Clubs shall nominate an individual for the position of Manager/Coach of U21 County Hurling Teams. Nominees shall be interviewed by a Sub-Committee of the Coiste Chontae. This Sub-Committee will consist of Cathaoirleach, Rúnaí at least two other elected Officers of Choiste Chontae.

COISTE NA nÓG

56. The Coiste's Forum shall be held annually.

57. Applications (in writing) for re-grading and permission to play shall be considered at the first meeting to be held early in February or in exceptional cases outside of this time.

58. All Clubs shall be based on the local hurling (parent) Club area. Permission to play outside this area must be granted by the County Committee on the recommendation of CCCC. All requests for Permission to Play must be signed by Adult Club Secretaries.

59.

(a) Competitions shall be graded on a League basis at under-14, under-13 and under-12 levels shall be organised.

(b) A dedicated Coiste Fé 11 be established to help organise games and blitzes up U11 at both Football and Hurling. Meath Coaching and Games and Coiste na nÓg to have representation on this Coiste.

60. The Coiste shall appoint referees. In all other competitions the travelling team shall supply the referee, but in the case of play-offs, semi-finals and finals, the Coiste shall appoint the referee.

"Home" teams shall pay the referee's travelling expenses. In play-offs and semi-finals both teams shall pay equal amounts.

ALL COUNTY LEAGUES All COUNTY FOOTBALL "A" LEAGUES

61. The All County A League shall be run in a minimum of four divisions. Teams participating in the various divisions shall be graded by the C.C.C.C. who make recommendations to County Committee.

62. An entry fee of €100 per team shall be charged.

63. Clubs shall fulfil League Fixtures despite loss of (a) inter-county players; (b) dual players.

64. A minimum fine of €200 shall be imposed on clubs which withdraw from the All-County Football 'A' Leagues.

65. A team conceding one walkover in the Leagues shall have the points from that game awarded to the opposition. They shall be fined under Rule 6.36 T.O but they may continue to participate in the Competition.

66. A team conceding a second walkover shall be removed from the Leagues, shall have the points from the relevant game awarded to the opposition and shall be subject to a minimum fine of €200.

67.

(a) The top 2 teams in Divisions 2, 3 and 4 shall be promoted to the next highest division.

The bottom 2 teams in Divisions 1, 2 and 3 shall be relegated to the next lowest divisions.

The team placed third from the bottom of Division 1 shall play the third placed team in Division 2 with the winner playing in Division 1 in the following year and the loser playing in Division 2 in the following year. A similar promotion/relegation playoff shall take place in Divisions 2-3 and 3-4.

(b) Extra time must be played in the event of a draw in any league semi-final, league final promotion/relegation play off or any other play off.

68. The second and third placed teams in Division 1 shall qualify for a League semi-final with the winner playing the first placed team in the Division 1 League Final. League winners in the remaining divisions shall be determined by playing a final between the teams finishing first and second.

69. Prior to the commencement of the Leagues annually, each club must submit to the Rúnaí, County Competitions Control Committee, the name of at least one qualified referee who is a member of the club and who is available to referee League games. Failure to do so shall entail forfeiture of home advantage for ALL League games. Such games shall be played at the opposing team's grounds. In the event of the opposing Club not having submitted the name of Club member with GAA ID number who is a Certified Referee, the game will be played at a neutral venue or at a venue suitable to the CCC An Mhí.

70. The All County Football A League shall be comprised of one team per club.

ALL COUNTY FOOTBALL "B" LEAGUES

71. The All County B Leagues shall be structured with a minimum of five Divisions. Grading shall be the responsibility of the County Competitions Control Committee.

- Division 1 - 4 shall have a minimum of 10 teams but no more than 12 teams.

- Division 5 & lower shall include remaining teams as graded by CCCC.

In the B leagues where a club has a number of teams entered should their first, second or third team withdraw or be removed from their competition having giving two walkovers all teams in lower divisions must also be removed from their B league competition.

72. An entry fee of €100 per team shall be charged.

73. Clubs shall fulfil League Fixtures despite loss of

(a) Inter-county players;

(b) Dual players.

(c) In B leagues Division 3 and lower, if a club/team is unable to field 15 players on any given fixture, the match can be played with a minimum of 13 players.

74. A minimum fine of €200 shall be imposed on Clubs who withdraw from the All County Football B Leagues.

75. A team conceding one walkover in the Leagues shall have the points from that game awarded to the opposition. They may be fined under Rule 6.36 T.O. but they may continue to participate in the Competition.

76. A team giving a second walk over shall be stricken from the League and shall forfeit the match and points awarded to the opposition and be fined a minimum of €200.

77.

(a) A promotion and relegation system shall apply in all divisions on a two up two down basis. League positions will not affect status for Championship purposes.

(b) In all League play-off matches for promotion and relegation Extra Time (if necessary) shall be played.

(c) No team can be promoted or relegated in the B League if that Club already has a team in the Division they are to be promoted or relegated to. Rule 6.19 T.O. to govern this Regulation.

78. League winners in all divisions shall be determined by playing a final between the teams finishing first and second. Extra time must be played in the event of a draw at full time in all "B" League Finals.

79. Prior to the commencement of the Leagues annually, each club must submit to the Rúnaí, County Competitions Control Committee, the name of at least one qualified referee who is a member of the club and who is available to referee League games. Failure to do so shall entail forfeiture of home advantage for ALL League games. Such games shall be played at the opposing team's grounds. In the event of the opposing Club not having submitted the name of Club member with GAA ID number who is a Certified Referee, the game will be played at a neutral venue or at a venue suitable to the CCC An Mhí.

80. At a date directed by the C.C.C.C. prior to the commencement of the B leagues clubs must submit to the C.C.C.C. the list of players ineligible to play on the various B league teams. Fifteen for Divisions 1, 2 & 3, and Ten for Division 4 and lower.

When the club plays its first Championship game the starting 15 in this game shall replace the list of 15 previously submitted for Division 1, 2 & 3 and from there on it is that starting 15 in the first Championship game, plus any of the Top 8 submitted for the Championship who, for whatever reason, were not part of the starting 15 for the first round, who are ineligible to play in the B League Divisions 1, 2, or 3.

In respect of the lower Divisions of the B Leagues, the list of 10 originally submitted as being ineligible for league duty shall be replaced by 10 of the starting 15 in the first round of the championship plus any of the Top 8 who did not play in the opening championship game.

New list shall be submitted by the club to the C.C.C.C. after the first round of the championship and before the club's next game of the B League. The rules regarding clubs with more than one B league team shall be pro rata.

A Club whose second/third B League team also plays in the B Leagues must name a second/third top 15 players that are ineligible to play in named B League Divisions. These players shall be drawn from the 2nd/3rd Championship team.

For Clubs with two or more B League teams the following additional requirement shall apply.

1. Any Substitutes used in the 1st Championship game shall be included on the Clubs second 15 for B League.
2. The Club shall select the appropriate number of players from the starting 15 of the Clubs next level of Championship, including the Substitutes used in the highest level Championship to make up the list of 15 players who are ineligible to play with the Clubs second B League team. The same criteria shall apply to a Club with 3 or more B League teams.

PENALTY: A minimum fine of €200 shall be imposed on a club that fails to comply with the Rules for League eligibility as outlined in the preceding three paragraphs of this regulation.

Resulting from objection or investigation the player or players who are deemed to be in breach of the rule shall be suspended for four weeks and the person deemed to be in charge of the team shall also be suspended for four weeks. The team shall also forfeit the points from any game won while fielding an ineligible player or players and such points will be awarded to the opposition in each relevant match.

ALL COUNTY HURLING LEAGUE

81. The All County Hurling League shall be run in a minimum of Four Divisions.

Division One; The competition shall consist of 1 Division of 8 teams.

Division Two; The competition shall consist of 1 Division of 8 teams.

Division Three; The competition shall consist of 1 Division of 8 teams.

Division Four; This Division shall consist of the remaining teams entered (Format of Division 4 to be organized by C.C.C.C.)

82

(a) A promotion/relegation system of 1 up 1 down shall apply in all 4 Divisions. The competition shall be played on a single round basis (7 rounds) and a Clubs League position shall not affect Championship status.

(b) The top 2 teams after the completion of the 7 rounds in each Division shall play in the All County Hurling League Final with the Winner promoted to the next highest Division unless that Club already has a team in that Division.

(c) The team that finishes bottom of the table after the completion of the 7 rounds shall be relegated unless that Club already has a team in the lower Division.

(d) Where Teams finish on equal points for Qualification for the Final or for Relegation Rule 6.20 T.O. shall apply.

(e) Division 4 be played at 13 aside including Playoffs and Finals.

83. A list of the first 15 players shall be submitted by each club to An Rúnaí, C.C.C. prior to the commencement of the Hurling Leagues. These players shall only be eligible to play with their top league team. When the club plays its first Championship game the starting 15 players in this game must now be named and are now ineligible to play with the Clubs 2nd team in Hurling League. This will replace the list of 15 previously submitted. Players named on the first list and not on the Championship 15 shall become eligible to play on the lower league team.

84. Should a Club enter a third League team they must name a second 13 players that cannot play with the 3rd League team (28 players in total). The 2nd 13 must come from the starters in their 2nd Championship team and include any substitutes used by Club on 1st Championship team in Round 1 of 1st team Championship. However, any player listed on the Club's top 8 who is not included in the Championship starting 15 is also ineligible to play on the lower league teams. New list shall be submitted by the club to the C.C.C. after the first round of the championship and before the club's next game of the League.

PENALTY: A minimum fine of €200 shall be imposed on a club that fails to comply with the above rule. The player or players who are deemed to be in breach of the rule shall be suspended for 4 weeks and the person deemed to be in charge of the team shall be suspended for 4 weeks. The team shall also forfeit the points from any game won while fielding an ineligible player and such points will be awarded to the opposition. This list is to be circulated to each team in the Division after ratification by C.C.C. Where a club is allowed to enter a second or third team the matches may be played on the same day or evening as the first team is fixed to play.

85. An entry fee of €100 per team shall be charged for entry for each team in the Hurling Leagues.

86. Clubs shall fulfil League fixtures despite the loss of inter-county players.

87. No postponements will be allowed in the League, except in the case of a death deemed to involve the Club and where the C.C.C.C. deems it necessary.

88. A minimum fine of €200 shall be imposed on clubs which withdraw from the All County Hurling Leagues.

89. A team conceding one walkover in the Leagues shall have the points from that game awarded to the opposition. They may be fined under Rule 6.36 T.O. but they may continue to participate in the Competition.

90. A team conceding a second walkover shall be removed from the League and the points awarded to the opposition and may be subject to a minimum fine of €200.

91. A Club's League position shall not affect their status for Championship purposes.

92. Each Club shall supply to Rúnaí Coiste Contae before the commencement of Hurling League each year the name and GAA ID number of a Certified Referee who must be a Club Member who will be available to Referee Hurling Games in County Meath. Failure to do so shall entail forfeiture of home advantage in ALL League games. Such games will be played at opposing Club's grounds. In the event of the opposing Club not having submitted the name of Club member with GAA ID number who is a Certified Referee, the game will be played at a neutral venue or at a venue suitable to the CCC An Mhí.

93. No team can be promoted or relegated in the Hurling League if that Club already has a team in the Division they are to be promoted or relegated to. Rule 6.19 T.O. to govern this Regulation.

94. Gates shall be collected at all League matches. Following deduction of referee's expenses, home Club retains balance.

95. All club grounds to very visibly display the club grounds EirCode so that it is easily obtained in the event that the emergency services need to be directed to that location. EirCode to be displayed on defibrillator.