



Coiste Go Games an Mhí Regulations 2018



Coiste Go Games an Mhí C.L.G. is mindful of the GAA Give Respect Get Respect campaign and has drawn up these Regulations for the benefit of all stakeholders – players, referees, team management, officials, media, members and spectators.

1. Coiste Go Games is a subsidiary body of Coiste na nÓg an Mhí C.L.G.
2. Coiste Go Games shall organise and promote football & hurling Go Games for all players at the following grades U7, U8, U9, U10 and U11.
3. The officers of Coiste Go Games shall fix dates and venues for Go Games under its jurisdiction.
4. Coiste Go Games shall notify the relevant club secretaries of all Go Games by way of the Coiste Go Games Official Go Games booklet, official gaa.ie email and www.meath.gaa.ie. It shall be the responsibility of clubs to check their email for fixtures and if their venue is needed for games. Time of delivery where fixtures are sent by email will be deemed as the time of the transmission, as per T.O. 4.6(b)(iii).
5. Official Go Games will not be called off for school trips, communions, confirmations, holidays, managers being away, graduations, challenge matches/tournaments outside the county etc.

All games are to be played as fixed or conceded with the following exception – Coiste Go Games may alter or postpone a fixture if they feel that the circumstances are truly exceptional.

Clubs that refuse to play fixtures may be removed all Go Games and shall be fined €50 minimum by the Meath C.C.C.C..

6. No Development Squad, Coaching and Games, club activity or tournament can interfere with any official Go Game(s) unless authorised by Coiste Go Games.
7. Clubs will be given permission to organise or participate in tournaments **ONLY** if they have played their scheduled Go Game(s) in advance. The penalties for unauthorised organisation and/or participation in a tournament or challenge game will be imposed on clubs who do not adhere to this regulation as T.O. 2017 Rule 6.40

Clubs may be allowed to attend up to 2 tournaments external to An Mhí provided the club gives at least 4 weeks official email notice to Coiste Go Games.

Penalty: Clubs that refuse to play Go Games shall be removed from Go Games and shall be fined €50 minimum by the Meath C.C.C.C.

8. Clubs must respect both codes – Hurling and Gaelic Football – by allowing their players to play either code freely. Clubs will not be allowed to play Football Go Games fixtures or challenge matches in a Hurling week and vice versa. Coaching sessions will be allowed.

Clubs shall not arrange Go Games or coaching sessions on a Saturday morning (before 12:00) that clash with official football or hurling Go Games fixtures organised by Coiste Go Games. Coiste Go Games expects all clubs to respect the allotted Saturday code and Go Games fixtures by not arranging training or challenge matches in the alternate code at the same time (before 12:00) as Saturday official County Go Games fixtures.

The purpose of this guideline is to encourage players that wish to play both hurling and football and give them the opportunity to play the alternate code which may not be available in their club. This applies to all G.A.A. Clubs in Meath (Clubs that affiliate to a single code and dual code clubs).

9. Go Games changes, except in exceptional circumstances, and at the discretion of the Coiste Go Games, must be agreed to by both clubs.

10. Any requested changes as agreed by both clubs must be e-mailed to Coiste Go Games for consideration at least 7 days (168 hours) before the official throw in time. (Correct protocol as follows: secretarybng.clubname.meath@gaa.ie to secretary.gogames.meath@gaa.ie & CC the opposition and the Meath C.C.C.C.).

11. Clubs who cancel or postpone or move any Go Game without first notifying Coiste Go Games may be subject to removal from Go Games and/or a fine of €50 minimum. This will be applicable to both clubs. The re-arranged Go Game must not interfere with any other fixture.

12. Four days (96 hours) official notice is sufficient for all Go Games organised by Coiste Go Games but one-day (24 hours) notice shall be sufficient in the case of a re-fixture.

Notice for all Go Games shall be in writing.

13. Coiste Go Games has the authority to make a re-fixture or deny a re-fixture. Clubs who fail to fulfil Go Games will face sanctions as per Rule 6.24 T.O. 2017. A club not fulfilling their Go Games may be fined as per Rule 7.7 T.O. 2017.

14. An Cathaoirleach and An Rúnaí Coiste Go Games will deal with all matters between meetings of Coiste Go Games. This applies to matters which cannot be deferred to the next Coiste Go Games meeting.

15. All correspondence regarding Go Games must be sent to An Rúnaí Coiste Go Games in official gaa.ie email. Once decisions have been made no further correspondence will be dealt with. All contact with non-secretaries and non-chairpersons will be deemed null and void by Coiste Go Games.

16. The age limit for all Go Games organised by Coiste Go Games shall be by reference to the age of any player on the 1st January in the year in which the relevant Go Games commences. To be eligible for the grades listed hereunder, a player shall meet the respective stated age criteria:

- **Under 11:** A Player shall have celebrated his 9th birthday prior to January 1st and his 11th birthday on or after January 1st of the Championship Year.
- **Under 10:** A Player shall have celebrated his 8th birthday prior to January 1st and his 10th birthday on or after January 1st of the Championship Year.
- **Under 9:** A Player shall have celebrated his 7th birthday prior to January 1st and his 9th birthday on or after January 1st of the Championship Year.
- **Under 8:** A Player shall have celebrated his 6th birthday prior to January 1st and his 8th birthday on or after January 1st of the Championship Year.
- **Under 7:** A Player shall have celebrated his 5th birthday prior to January 1st and his 7th birthday on or after January 1st of the Championship Year.

Girls may participate only up to and including the Under 12 Grade.

Note: In the interests of the avoidance of any doubt regarding Age Grade eligibility, Championship Year shall mean the Calendar Year in which the Competition is commenced. If the Competition is completed in a subsequent Calendar Year, such circumstances shall not be construed so as to allow a player who was ineligible, by reason of age, at the date of the commencement of the Competition to play in the Competition at any time up to and including the date of its conclusion.

17. Only official Young Whistlers who are certified for that year are eligible to officiate for all Go Games. In the absence of Young Whistlers, only coaches with all the required coach education may referee Go Games.

18. Any club without an active registered referee will forfeit their home advantage for all games. Coiste Go Games will enforce this after the 1st April each year. The list of the active registered referees will be supplied by the County Referee's Administrator.

19. The host club will appoint all Young Whistlers for Go Games in their venue. Clubs should aim to appoint neutral Young Whistlers where possible.

20. Coiste Go Games has the authority to appoint Young Whistlers where possible to Go Games. Clubs will be informed if Coiste Go Games has appointed Young Whistlers for their Go Games. It is the responsibility of participating clubs to meet Young Whistlers' expenses.

21. The travel expenses for all Young Whistlers shall be as follows:

- Single Journey – €15 per hour of officiating

22. Young Whistler(s) expenses shall be split between teams playing on the day. Host club is to collect money off each team and pay the expenses.

23. Any team that does not fulfil their Go Games will be liable for the payment of the Young Whistler(s) for that Go Game plus the €50 minimum fine.

24. Coiste Go Games request that at all Go Games under its auspice have the person in charge wear a distinctive Bainisteoir bib and make themselves known as such to the Young Whistler prior to the commencement of the game.

25. If the home team's pitch is unplayable then the Go Game venue is changed to that of the away team. If a team refuses to change venue when their pitch is unplayable then that team will be dealt with for not fulfilling their Go Game. Any refixture of a Go Game that was called off by a Young Whistler, club or committee-in-charge may be changed to the away team venue. Coiste Go Games has the authority to decide the venue for all Go Games.

26. Coiste Go Games fixtures may be fixed to be played under lights and/or on all-weather/astro-turf surfaces.

27. All Go Games will be reviewed on an annual basis. If necessary, or where it may be beneficial, conditioned games will be organised. Coiste Go Games can use conditioned rules for any of its Go Games. Coiste Go Games has the authority to modify all playing rules for all competitions.

28. A team that fails to fulfil Go Games on an appointed date may be removed from the Go Games and shall incur a fine of €50 minimum.

29. A team that fails to fulfil Go Games on an appointed date for the second or subsequent time may be removed from the Go Games and shall be fined €50 minimum by the Meath C.C.C.C..

30. A team failing to give 24 hours clear notice, in writing, of its intention not to fulfil a game shall be liable to a minimum €50 fine and may be removed from the Go Games

31. Go Games groups will be composed of 3 team, 2 team and 1 team groups. Where a club enters more than 3 small sided teams in one age grade, Coiste Go Games will allocate the teams to 3, 2 or 1 team groups as appropriate.

32. Clubs that have sufficient numbers to make up an U12 team independent of their players eligible for U11, must enter U11 Go Games. These teams will not be allowed enter a second team at U12 level.

33. **Non-compliance** with Rule 6.27 T.O. 2017 (Go Games Rule) and Association policy by a unit within a County may result in:

- The subsequent reduction of Games Development funding for the Club concerned.
- The exclusion of that unit from Games Development Activity Days (county, provincial or national), Exhibition Games and the U14 Féile na nGael / Féile Peile na nÓg competitions.
- A minimum fine of €100.
- The non-participation of that unit in league competitions at U12 level & older.

34. The following are the key underpinning principles of Go Games:

- All participants play in the full game.
- Participant needs are catered for, where possible, on the basis of one-year age cohorts i.e. U7, U8, U9, U10 & U11 in a manner consistent with the ethos of Go Games.
- Activities are structured in a manner which optimises the level of fun, friendship, fair play and achievement derived by participants.
- Participants train and play in a safe, supportive and stimulating environment where they are encouraged to risk error, to learn and to derive maximum enjoyment from their involvement.
- Players master the basic skills of Hurling and Gaelic Football and experience the sense of accomplishment, which derives from acquiring playing proficiency on the left and right-hand side of the body.
- Everybody involved in Go Games, whether as players, parents/guardians, spectators, mentors, teachers, officials etc., should adhere to the key underpinning principles and give expression to the G.A.A. ‘Give Respect, Get Respect’ initiative.

35. The following Go Games Regulations shall apply:

- Go Games are subject to general rules of the Association.
- No provision is made to publish scores, to play on a knock-out basis nor to include semi-finals, finals etc.
- No provision is made to present trophies, cups etc. Where certificates/medals are presented in lieu of participation, the same certificate/medal must be presented to every participant.