



2018 U12 Summer Football Tournament Rules



Pitch Size: Reduced Pitch = **Length** 80m (min) – 105m (max)
Width 40m (min) – 52m (max)



Number of Players:

Two Team Groups: Roinn A, B, & C

1. All games to be played to **maximum of 22-a-side (11 v 11)** and all members of the team panel are to participate in the game.
2. Games can be played at a **minimum 14-a-side (7 v 7) in Roinn A.**
3. Teams with less than 14 players in Roinn A will play the game at the numbers they have but will forfeit the game.
4. Games can be played at a **minimum 12-a-side (6 v 6) in Roinn B.**
5. Teams with less than 12 players in Roinn B will play the game at the numbers they have but will forfeit the game.
6. Games can be played at a **minimum 10-a-side (5 v 5) in Roinn C.**
7. Teams with less than 10 players in Roinn C will play the game at the numbers they have but will forfeit the game.
8. Two referees will be appointed by Coiste na nÓg.
If only one referee attends the game, all games will be **maximum 13-a-side** and **minimum 5-a-side.**
9. The combined score of both matches will determine the winner.
10. Teams **must** spread their players out evenly.
11. Teams must contact their opponent prior to day of match to state how many players they will have for game(s).
12. One coin toss shall be done. Teams shall lineout the same for both games.

One Team Groups: Roinn D & E

1. All games to be played to **maximum of 13-a-side** and all members of the team panel are to participate in the game. Games can be played at a **minimum 5-a-side**.
2. Teams with less than 5 players will play the game at the numbers they have but will forfeit the game. Teams must contact their opponent prior to day of match to state how many players they will have for game(s).

Rules

1. Games of **11-a-side** or more shall be **25 minutes** per half while games of **10-a-side** or less shall be **20 minutes** per half.
2. When teams finish with equal points for qualification for the concluding stages the tie shall be decided by the following means and in the order specified:
 - (i) Where two teams only are involved – the outcome of the meeting of the two teams in the previous game in the competition;
 - (ii) If that game ended in a draw or three or more teams are involved, the team with the overall aggregate lowest score conceded shall be ranked highest; (Walkovers do not affect this)
 - (iii) A Play-Off.
3. If extra time is necessary, all 3 Phases of Extra Time **must** be used.
 - Phase 1: **5 minutes** per half will be played.
 - Phase 2: **5 minutes** per half will be played.
 - Phase 3: **Free taking competition** will decide the winner.

All details are provided in the 2018 Extra Time and Finishing Games on the day document.

Failure to play all 3 Phases of Extra Time will lead to forfeiture of the game by the team(s) failing to fulfil the Extra Time.

4. Smart Touch (Size 3) footballs **must** be used. All referees have been instructed not to play games without the correct football and to abandon the fixture. This failure to use the correct football shall lead to a €50 fine minimum per game for **both** teams involved in the game and may lead to team(s) being removed from the competition.
5. Small rectangle must be marked on Reduced Pitch.
6. Pitches must be flagged and marked appropriately.
7. Flags are needed at 13m, 20m, 45m, & halfway lines on Reduced pitch.
8. **Coiste na nÓg will appoint all referees.**
9. **All members of the team panel are to participate in the game.**

Coiste na nÓg recommends that all players play at least half of each match.

All clubs should be encouraged to promote an equal playing time ethos where younger players are not playing above their grade unless absolutely necessary due to a lack of numbers within a catchment area.



10. **Substitutions shall be unlimited.** All substitutions must be made in a break of play.
All players are to be on the team list. This list must be presented to the referee in **Irish**, in **BLOCK CAPITALS**, and **in duplicate** before the commencement of the game(s).
Teams must use the official team list supplied by Coiste na nÓg. All players must have their unique GAA ID registration number on this form. 2 team lists must be used for 2 team groups with each referee receiving the list of players in their game.
Failure to use official team lists with required information, may lead to a €50 minimum fine and may lead to the forfeiture of game.
11. Where a club fails to observe the rules regarding the use of all substitutes, that club shall forfeit the match and may be disqualified from the competition.
12. Where both clubs in the same match fail to observe the rules regarding substitutes the match shall be deemed void and both clubs may be disqualified from the competition.
13. There shall be no penalty kicks or square ball.
14. In all instances where the referee moves the ball forward, the ball shall be moved **30m not 13m.**
15. **All scores count as 1.** Every score (points and goals) is counted as a singular point.
16. The goalkeeper may advance **20m** for a kick out.
17. The shoulder-to-shoulder charge is permitted.
18. Play shall be limited to **2 touches** (i.e. one hop and one solo or two solos).
19. The ball may be carried for a maximum four consecutive steps or held in the hand(s) for no longer, than the time needed to take four steps.
20. Free kicks may be taken from the ground or from the hand.
21. **The player who is fouled must take the free kick.**
22. When an opponent commits a technical foul i.e. fouls the ball, **the player nearest the ball must take the free kick.**
23. The player nearest to where the ball crosses the sideline, must take the sideline kick.
24. When a defender/Goalkeeper plays the ball over his/her end line, the other team are awarded a free kick from the centre of the field opposite to where the ball crossed the end line.
25. Opposing players must be at least 5m from the player taking a free kick, sideline kick, or kick out.
26. Free kicks cannot be taken closer than 13m from the opposing end line.
27. **Mentor(s) must identify themselves to the referee.** All mentors must wear a distinctive coloured bib. If a person is not wearing a bib, then they will not be considered a mentor by the referee.
Failure for mentors to wear distinctive coloured bibs will mean they will not be allowed inside the playing enclosure and clubs will be fined €50 minimum per mentor without a bib.
Only Team Officials can enter the pitch enclosure to a maximum of **8**. This includes all water/hurley carriers, medical personnel and the Club Secretary/Chairperson. All Team Officials must be 18 years old. Clubs must ensure that this is implemented.

28. **No mentor can be on the pitch.** Only medical personnel can enter the pitch area when permitted by the referee.

SILENT SIDELINES are enforced and any team(s) that breaches those regulations may face penalties such as Premature Termination of a Game(s); Club(s) may be removed from the competition and members will be dealt with under Rule 7.2 T.O. 2018.

A club that does not adhere to Rules 28 listed above may be fined €200 minimum per game and mentors will be dealt by Rule 7.2 of the Official Guide.

Any mentor that continually encroaches on the field will not be allowed to be on the sideline for the remainder of the U12 Hurling and Football Summer Tournaments.

29. First named team in fixture has home venue and will pay the Referee expenses.

30. At Coiste na nÓg level, the referee must be paid as follows:

- **€25 for a single match.**
- **€30 if at least 2 neutral umpires are present.**
- **If a referee completes another game in the same venue, they must be paid another €20.**

31. When games played at neutral venue, clubs must both pay half of referee expenses unless host club is taking money at gate.

32. If no neutral referee present, visiting team has choice of an **official** referee.

33. If no official referee present, then game is not to be played under any circumstance.

34. Check opponent's colours in case of clash, **home team must change.** If in a neutral venue, then **both teams change.**

35. Detailed Regulations governing the organisation and presentation of all Inter-Club Games at U12, U13, and U14 level in Meath GAA will be sent to clubs. These must be followed in all games.

There will be an emphasis on these at finals and they must be strictly adhered to and they will be monitored by Coiste na nÓg.

Coiste na nÓg an Mhí 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.

N.B. **All scores count as 1.** Every score (points and goals) is counted as a singular point.