



2018 U14 'Paddy O'Brien Cup' Rules



<u>Pitch Size:</u>	Full Adult Pitch =	Length:	130m (min) – 145m (max)
		Width:	80m (min) – 90m (max)
	Reduced Pitch =	Length:	Juvenile Goals placed on <u>20m line</u>
		Width:	80m (min) – 90m (max)
	7-a-side Pitch =	Length:	70m (min) – 90m (max)
		Width:	40m (min) – 52m (max)

Number of Players:

Division 1 & 2	11-15 players	<u>15-a-side</u> for all Cup Semi-Finals & Finals .
Divisions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	9-15 players	<u>11-a-side minimum</u> for all Cup Semi-Finals & Finals
All Divisions (Shield)	9-15 players	<u>11-a-side minimum</u> for all Shield Semi-Finals & Finals

Games are to be played at the highest number available for selection. If eligible players are present, then clubs are to play maximum players. If a player receives a genuine injury, clubs are to reduce their playing numbers to match. Clubs are not to reduce numbers for disciplinary reasons i.e. Black or Red cards.

If both teams have 15 players available then both teams shall play 15-a-side.

Coiste na nÓg encourages teams to play 15-a-side where possible at U14 level

Pitch Size:

Roinn 1, 2, 3	Full Adult Pitch
Roinn 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	Reduced Pitch

All games played at **10-a-side, 11-a-side or 12-a-side** shall be played on the **Reduced Pitch**.

All games played at **9-a-side or less** shall be played on the **7-a-side Pitch**.

Rules

- The playing time shall consist of two periods of 25 minutes each at 13-a-side, 14-a-side & 15-a-side.
- The playing time shall consist of two periods of 20 minutes each at 12-a-side and lower.
- SILENT SIDELINES** are enforced. A separate document has the full details.
- If extra time is necessary, all 3 Phases of Extra Time **must** be used. Full details in separate document.
 - 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 games will finish on the day. Any team that refuses to play any phase of Extra Time will concede the fixture.
- All games will be played as fixed by Coiste na nÓg. No requested changes will be considered unless there are exceptional circumstances. All games will be played as fixed or a club(s) will concede the fixture. Any club(s) that does not fulfil a fixture will be dealt with as per the Official Guide.
- Both small & large rectangles must be marked on Full Adult Pitch.

7. Small rectangle must be marked on Reduced Pitch.
8. 'Square Ball' and Penalties will be used.
9. Pitches must be flagged and marked appropriately.
10. Flags are needed at 13m, 20m, 45m, & halfway lines on Full and Reduced pitch.
11. A size 4 football must be used.

A team(s) using any incorrect equipment will be fined €50 for each game that incorrect equipment is used.
12. Clubs shall forward a list of their **best 20 players** to Rúnaí Coiste na nÓg an Mhí before the commencement of the 'Paddy O'Brien Cup' if fielding a second team. Players named on this list shall not be eligible to play with second or subsequent teams. **Another 15 players** must be named if fielding a third team. These lists must include Dates of Birth and GAA ID Numbers.

Failure to abide by this will mean that all games will be awarded to opposition, the club may be fined €200 minimum and the persons involved will be sanctioned in accordance with the Official Guide.
13. **Coiste na nÓg will appoint all referees.**
14. **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 necessary due to a lack of numbers within a catchment area.
15. **Substitutions shall be unlimited.**

All substitutions must be made in a break of play. A break in play shall be when the play is stopped after a score or wide or for a free, sideline puck/kick or when the Referee has stopped play for medical attention to an injured player.

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 registration number on this form.

Failure to use official team lists with required information, may lead to a €50 minimum fine and may lead to the forfeiture of game.
16. Where a club fails to observe the rule that all members of the team panel are to participate in the game; that club shall forfeit the match and may be disqualified from the competition.
17. Where both clubs in the same match fail to observe the rule that all members of the team panel are to participate in the game; the game shall be deemed void and both clubs may be disqualified from the competitions.
18. **Play shall be limited to 2 touches (i.e. one hop and one solo or two solos).**
19. No dribbling on ground permitted. Referee to award free kick to opposition.
20. Normal scores apply. Goal equals 3 points and a point equals 1 singular point.
21. In all instances where the referee moves the ball forward, the ball shall be moved **30m not 13m.**

22. Free kicks/Kick outs may be taken from the ground or from the hands.
23. **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.
24. **No mentor can be on the pitch.** Only medical personnel can enter the pitch area when permitted by the referee. One mentor can act as the medical person only if they identify this on the official team list prior to the start of the game.
- 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 Rule 24 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 U14 Hurling and Football Cups.**
25. First named team in fixture has home venue and will pay the Referee expenses.
26. 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.**
27. When games played at neutral venue, clubs must both pay half of referee expenses unless host club is taking money at gate.
28. If no neutral referee present, visiting team has choice of an **official** referee.
29. **If no official referee present, then game is not to be played under any circumstance.**
30. Check opponent's colours in case of clash, **home team must change.** If in a neutral venue, then **both teams change.**
31. 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.**