

2022 Cup & League Formats/Regulations

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Football Cup Formats

1. The **Feis Cup** shall be open to senior football clubs and will be played under a league format with the 16 teams in the SFC drawn into 4 groups of 4. The top team in each group will qualify for semifinals as follows: A1 vs C1; B1 vs D1
2. The **Corn na Boinne** shall be open to Intermediate clubs only and will be played under a league format with the 18 teams in the 2022 IFC drawn into 3 groups of 4 (ABC) and 2 groups of 3 (DE). The top team from each group will qualify for semifinals as follows: A1 vs C1; B1 vs winner D1/E1
3. The **Tailteann Cup** and **Tailteann Shield** shall be open to Junior and Junior B clubs with the format to be determined by the CCC after affiliations.
4. The Premier Football Cup(s) shall be open to all non 1st teams. The format and grading will be determined by the CCC following affiliations.

Hurling Cup Formats

5. The **Brendan Davis Cup** shall be open to senior clubs and will be played under a league format with teams drawn into 3 groups of 4 with round robin games on a home/away basis. The top teams in each group will qualify as follows: Semifinals – A1 vs B1; C1 vs best 2nd placed team

* best across groups as determined by the following criteria in this order (most league points, highest score difference, highest total score, highest goals scored, lowest goals conceded, lowest red cards, random draw)
6. The **Billy Byrne cup** shall be open to Intermediate teams and will be played under a league format with teams drawn into 3 groups of 4 with round robin games on a home/away basis. The top teams in each group will qualify as follows: Semifinals – A1 vs B1; C1 vs best 2nd placed team
7. The **Donal O Loingsigh Junior Cup** shall be open to Junior and Junior 2 teams and shall be played under a league format with affiliated teams drawn into 4 groups. The top teams in each group will qualify as follows: Semifinals – A1 vs C1; B1 vs D1

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8. All affiliated teams will be graded with 12 teams in Division 1 and approximately 10 teams in the remaining divisions depending on affiliations. In each division the top 2 teams qualify for the final with both finalists promoted – and the bottom 2 teams relegated. Affiliations into the AFL competitions from 2nd teams in Premier 1 & 2 will be accepted by the CCC and graded accordingly.

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9. All affiliated teams will be graded into Divisions of approximately 8 depending on affiliations. In each division the top 2 teams qualify for the final with the winner promoted – and the bottom team relegated. To support retention of players, intact u21 club or independent teams may enter the hurling leagues and will be graded into appropriate divisions by the CCC.

General League & Cup Competition Regulations

1. Cup competitions outlined in these regulations are considered Leagues for the purpose of Rule.
2. Extra time (if necessary) shall be played in all knockout matches including the final of all cup, league, and championships. In the event of a draw after extra time, all games except for Senior, Intermediate, and Junior championship finals shall be concluded by 'Winner On The Day' as set out in Official Guide Part 2. Replays that end in a draw after extra time shall be concluded by 'Winner on the Day'.
3. When Teams finish with equal points for Qualification for the Concluding Stages, or for Promotion or Relegation, the tie shall be decided by the following means and in the order specified:
 - i. Points awarded from the games in which only the teams involved, (teams tied on points), have played each other.
 - ii. Scoring Difference (subtracting the total Scores Against from total Scores For);
 - iii. Highest Total Score For;
 - iv. Highest number of Goals For;
 - v. Lowest number of goals Conceded;
 - vi. Play – Off.

In the event that two teams or more finish with equal points, but have been affected by a disqualification, loss of game on a proven objection, retirement or walk over, the tie shall be decided by the following means and in the order specified:

- i. Points awarded from the games in which only the teams involved, (teams tied on points), have played each other.
 - ii. Score Difference from the games in which only the teams involved, (teams tied on points), have played each other. (subtracting the total Scores Against from total Scores For)
 - iii. Highest Total Score For, in which only the teams involved, have played each other, and have finished equal in (i)
 - iv. Highest Number of Goals Scored, in which only the teams involved, have played each other, and have finished equal in (i) and (ii).
 - v. Lowest Number of Goals Conceded, in which only the teams involved, have played each other, and have finished equal in (i), (ii) and (iii)
 - vi. Play – Off.
4. An entry of €100 shall be charged to enter a team in any league or cup competition. Twenty-four medals shall be provided for the winners of each Cup or League.
5. Prior to the commencement of the Leagues & Cups annually, each club shall 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 & Cup games. Failure to do so shall entail forfeiture of home advantage for all Adult League, Cup, including Underage 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.
6. League games in Div 3 and below, and all Cup games, can be played down to 13 or 14 a side if one side has no more players available to play. If one team is playing with less than 15 then both teams must match numbers down to 13 – exception if referee has ordered players off for disciplinary issues.

7. In all adult cup competitions unlimited substitutions are allowed. In league competitions, the maximum number of substitutions permitted by Official Guide is 5.
8. Clubs shall fulfil League and Cup Fixtures despite loss of (a) inter-county players; (b) dual players. Should a Club fail to fulfill a fixture in league or cup competitions 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. A team giving a second walkover shall be disqualified from the competition and shall be fined a minimum of €200. Any team that withdraws from a competition shall be fined a minimum of €200.
9. Clubs entering 2nd teams in league or cup competitions shall name 15 1st team players not eligible to play for their 2nd team. The named players will include those not regularly available to clubs due to intercounty commitments – but should not include players known to have emigrated, retired etc. Clubs entering 3rd teams must name an additional 13 players (total 28) not eligible to play for the 3rd team. If named players are not provided to Meath CCC secretary.cccc.meath@gaa.ie prior to the start of these competitions the 15 players who start the 1st game for 1st and/or 2nd teams will be ineligible to play on lower teams.