

## **2022 Championship Format (changes from 2021 in blue)**



1. The **Senior Football Championship** shall contain 16 teams drawn randomly into 4 groups each containing 4 teams. The top 2 teams in each group as decided in Regulation 3 and TO 6-21 shall progress to the Quarter Finals.

Quarter final pairings shall be drawn with one group winner and one 2<sup>nd</sup> placed team in each pair – and with no repeat pairings from group stages. Semi Final pairings will be determined by an open draw.

The bottom 2 in each group shall contest the Relegation Quarter Finals with 1 team relegated to IFC each year.

Relegation Quarter final pairings shall be drawn with one 3<sup>rd</sup> placed team one 4th placed team in each pair – and with no repeat pairings from group stages. Semi Final pairings will be determined by an open draw.

2. The **Intermediate Football Championship** for 2022 shall consist of 18 teams drawn randomly into 4 groups - 2 groups of 4 teams and 2 groups of 5 teams. The top 2 teams in each group as decided by Regulation 3 and TO 6-21 and shall progress to the Quarter Finals.

Intermediate winners shall be promoted to the SFC for the following year – and 3 teams are relegated to the JFC resulting in a 16 team IFC for 2023 onwards.

Quarter final pairings shall be drawn with one group winner and one 2<sup>nd</sup> placed team in each pair – and with no repeat pairings from group stages. Semi Final pairings will be determined by an open draw.

For relegation, the bottom team in each group shall be drawn randomly into relegation semi-finals – the relegation final winner stays in IFC - and the other 3 teams are relegated to the JFC.

3. The **Junior Football Championship** shall consist of 10 teams drawn randomly into 2 groups of 5. The top 3 teams in each group as decided as decided by Regulation 3 and TO 6-21 shall contest the knock-out stages using a predetermined draw. JFC winners shall be promoted to the IFC for the following year.

- Quarter Finals – A2 v B3 (QF1), B2 v A3 (QF2)
- Semi Finals: A1 v winner QF2, B1 v winner QF1

The Bottom 2 teams in each group into relegation semi finals as follows – relegation final winner stays in the JFC and the other 3 teams are relegated to the JBFC for 2023

- Relegation SemiFinals : A4 v B5 and B4 v A5

4. The **Junior B Football Championship** shall consist of the remaining affiliated Clubs and following the receiving of Affiliations each year CCCC An Mhi under rule 3.20 (ii) decide the format of this Competition. The Winners of the Junior B championship each year shall be promoted to the JFC for the following year.

The JBFC format for 2022 will consist of the 7 affiliated teams playing in a single group round robin. After round robin stages, the semi-finals shall be 1 v 4; 2 v 3. Playing as 1 group of 7 will

require one extra round to be played midweek in August in addition to the slots allocated in the master calendar.

## 5. Premier Football Championships

The grades in the Premier championships shall be known as the Premier Div 1, Premier Div 2 and so on down to the lowest grade.

After receiving affiliations each year, the Premier Football Competitions shall be graded by the CCC into Divisions of 8. The CCC can vary division sizes from 8, to accommodate affiliation changes from year to year.

To support young player retention, intact u20 club or independent teams may be entered into the premier competitions – and will be graded into appropriate divisions by the CCC.

All games in the Premier competitions are 15 a side but if a club/team in Division 3 or below are unable to field 15 players on any given fixture the match can be played down to a minimum of 13 a side.

Following 2022 affiliations the following Premier championship formats are in place:

- Div 1 – 8 teams in 2 groups of 4 – top 2 in each group into semifinals A1 v B2; B1 v A2
- Div 2 – 5 teams in single group – top team into final with 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> into semifinal.
- Div 3 and below – all teams play each other in group stages with 1v4 and 2v3 into semifinals

6. The **Senior Hurling Championship** shall be run on a combination of a league and knockout basis under Rule 6.21 T.O. with Two Divisions of six teams each. Senior Hurling Championship to be ran in two sections i.e. A and B.

After the League stages, the top two teams in Group A qualify for Semi Finals with the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> placed teams play the top two teams in section B in the Quarter Finals as follows:

QF1 A4 v B1, winners play A1 in SF1  
QF2 A3 v B2, winners play A2 in SF2.

The team that finishes 6<sup>th</sup> in Group A is placed in Group B for the following year and is replaced by the Top team in Group B (or 2<sup>nd</sup> team in Group B if they win the championship). Bottom team in Group B to be relegated to Intermediate Championship.

7. The **Intermediate Hurling Championship** shall be run on a combination of a League and knockout basis under Rule 6.21 T.O. Two Divisions of six teams each. Intermediate Hurling Championship to be ran in two sections i.e. A and B.

After the League stages, the top two teams in Group A qualify for Semi Finals with the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> placed teams play the top two teams in section B in the Quarter Finals.

QF1 A4 v B1, with winners playing A1 in SF1  
QF2 A3 v B2, with winners playing A2 in SF2.

The team that finishes 6<sup>th</sup> in Group A is placed in Group B for the following year and is replaced by the Top team in Group B (or 2<sup>nd</sup> team in Group B if they win the championship). Bottom team in Group B to be relegated to Junior Hurling Championship.

8. The **Junior Hurling Championship** shall be organised on a combination of a League and a Knock Out basis under Rule 6.21 T.O. One Group of Six (6) teams. The top team after the Group stages are completed will qualify for the Junior Hurling Final. The second and third finishing team shall play off in the Semi Final. The team finishing bottom shall be relegated to the Junior 2 Hurling Championship the following year.
9. The **Junior 2 Hurling Championship** shall be organised on a combination of League and Knock Out basis under Rule 6-21 TO. Pending yearly Club Affiliations, the Meath CCCC shall decide on the Junior 2 Hurling Championship format. Teams drawn 1st in League section shall have home venue if deemed suitable.  
  
For 2022, the affiliated teams will be drawn into 2 groups with the top 2 teams in each group qualifying for semifinals as follows – A1 v B2; B1 v A2. Playing 2 groups of 7 will require an extra round to be played midweek in August in addition to the slots allocated in the master calendar.  
  
All games in J2 HC are 15 a side but if a club/team are unable to field 15 players on any given fixture the match can be played down to a minimum of 13 a side.
10. The u21 hurling, u20 football and District championship formats will be determined each year by the CCC following affiliations.

## **General Championship Regulations**

1. All championships & competitions outlined in these regulations are considered championships for the purpose of Rule. Exception: Junior 2 Hurling and Premier Division 3 and below shall be run as non championship competitions to allow modified rules for playing numbers – however these competitions will follow all other championship rules.
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. Final 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. Twenty four medals shall be provided for the winners of each Championship
  5. When Championship games have reached the last round, and different fixtures have a bearing on the final table standing, these fixtures should be played at the same time.
  6. No team can be promoted or relegated to a higher/lower grade of a 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.
  7. Clubs fielding teams in more than one Hurling championship, and clubs with more than one team in Premier Div 3 and below shall be compelled to play in the highest grade first.
  8. 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.
  9. Each team must bring an approved ball (as defined in Official Guide Part 2) for Championship, League, and Cup matches. The Coiste Chontae shall supply same in championship finals where the ball shall be presented to the captain of the winning team.
  10. Championship player re-grading will be completed by Meath CCC based on named players provided to Meath CCC as outlined in Meath Bye Law 12. The list of named players must be provided by official club secretary emails to [secretary.cccc.meath@gaa.ie](mailto:secretary.cccc.meath@gaa.ie) only – and if not provided on time will result in players retaining their prior year championship grading. In addition to the requirement outlined in Meath Bye Law 12, clubs participating in Premier Division 1 or 2 must name an additional 13 2<sup>nd</sup> team players who shall not be eligible to play in Premier Division 3 or lower.
  11. Championship fixture postponement policy – games will only be refixed in exceptional circumstances at the sole discretion of the CCC. Midweek nights on any week prior to the next round are deemed provisional re-fixtures dates for any games not played on original dates.
  12. In the event of a clash of colours both teams must wear approved alternate colours.

## 2022 Championship Affiliations & Grading

SFC - 16 teams	IFC - 18 teams	JFC - 10 teams	JB FC - 8 teams
Ballinabrackey	Ballivor	Ballinlough	Clonard
Curraha	Bective	Boardsmill	Cortown
Donaghmore Ashbourne	Blackhall Gaels	Carnaross	Drunconrath
Gaeil Colmcille	Clann na nGael	Castletown	Kilmainhamwood
Moynalvey	Drumbaragh	Dunsany	Slane
Na Fianna	Duleek Bellewstown	Kilbride	St Brigids
Navan O'Mahonys	Dunderry	Moynagh	St Marys
Ratoath	Dunshaughlin	Moynalty	
Seneschalstown	Kilmainham	St Ultans	
Simonstown Gaels	Longwood	Syddan	
Skryne	Meath Hill		
St Colmcilles	Nobber		
St Peters Dunboyne	Oldcastle		
Summerhill	Rathkenny		
Trim	St Michaels		
Wolfe Tones	St Patricks		
	St Vincents		
	Walterstown		

SHC (12 teams)	IHC (12 teams)	JHC (6 teams)	J2HC (13 teams)
<b>Group A</b>	<b>Group A</b>		
Kildalkey	Drumree	Drumree 2	Boardsmill 2
Kiltale	Dunderry	Killyon 2	Clan na nGael 2
Na Fianna	Kildalkey 2	Kiltale 2	Drumree 3
Ratoath	Navan O Mahonys	Na Fianna 2	Dunderry 2
St Peters Dunboyne	Rathmolyon	Navan OMahonys 2	Kildalkey 3
Trim	Wolfe Tones	St Peters 2	Kilskyre Moylagh 2
			Kiltale 3
<b>Group B</b>	<b>Group B</b>		Rathmolyon 2
Blackhall Gaels	Don Ash		Ratoath 3
Boardsmill	Gaeil Colmcille		St Pats
Clann na nGael	Kilmessan 2		St Peters 3
Killyon	Kilskyre Moylagh		Trim 3
Kilmessan	Ratoath 2		Wolfe Tones 2
Longwood	Trim 2		

Prem 1	Prem 2	Prem 3	Prem 4	Prem 5	Prem 6	Prem 7	Prem 8	Premier 9
8 teams	5 teams	8 teams	8 teams	8 teams	8 teams	9 teams	9 teams	8 teams
Trim 2	Seneschalstown 2	St Peters 3	Moynalvey 2	St Michaels 2	Summerhill 3	Castletown 2	Kilmainham 2	D/Bell 3
Tones 2	Summerhill 2	Na Fianna 2	BB 2	St Ultans 2	St Peters-4	NOM 3	Drumbaragh 2	Trim 4
Dunshaughlin 2	Simonstown 2	St Patricks 2	BHG 2	Rathkenny 2	Ratoath 3	Trim 3	St Colmcilles 4	St Pats 3
St Peters 2	Omahonys 2	Dunderry 2	Clann na nGael 2	Nobber 2	Bective 2	St Vincents 2	Ratoath 4	Carnaross 2
Gaeil Colmcille 2	St Colmcilles 2	Don/Ash 3	Seneschalstown 3	Skryne 3	Dunshaughlin 3	Kilbride 2	Dunshaughlin 4	Clonard 2
Don/Ash 2		D/Bell 2	Ballivor 2	Moynalty 2	Ballinlough 2	Gaeil Colmcille 3	BHG-3	Drumconrath 2
Skryne 2		Walterstown 2	Oldcastle 2	St Colmcilles 3	Meath Hill 2	Curraha 2	Kilmainhamwood 2	Longwood 2
Ratoath 2		Dunsany 2	Syddan 2	Simonstown 3	St Pauls	Don/Ash 4	Slane 2	Moylagh 2
						Cortown 2	St Brigids 2	