

Regulations 2022

Coiste na nÓg 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.

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Games and Competitions

1. Coiste na nÓg shall organise and promote football & hurling competitions for all players at the **U12 and U13 age grades.**
2. The officers of Coiste na nÓg shall fix dates and venues for all matches in all competitions under its jurisdiction at the **U12 and U13 age grades.** They shall appoint referees for all matches at the U13 age grade.

For U12 games, a neutral official Youth Referee shall be appointed by the home team. If no neutral official Youth Referee, then the visiting team has choice of an official Youth Referee or Referee.

3. All games will be played using the Coiste na nÓg an Mhí Game Regulations. Any team(s) that refuses to follow these regulations will be dealt with as per those regulations and the Official Guide.
4. Coiste na nÓg shall notify the relevant club secretaries of all fixtures by way of 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. 2021 Rule 4.6.

5. Official fixtures will not be called off for school trips, communions, confirmations, holidays, managers being away, graduations, and challenge matches/tournaments inside/outside the county etc.

All games are to be played as fixed or conceded with the following exception –

Coiste na nÓg may alter or postpone a fixture if they feel that the circumstances are truly exceptional.

Clubs that refuse to play fixtures shall forfeit the game, may be removed from the competition, and shall be fined €50 minimum by the Committee-in-Charge.

6. No challenge games or tournament can interfere with any official fixtures.
7. Clubs will be given permission to organise or participate in tournaments **ONLY** if they have played their scheduled 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. 2021 Rule 6.40

8. Any requested changes as agreed by both clubs must be e-mailed to Coiste na nÓg for consideration at **least four working days (96 hours)** before the official throw in time.
9. Clubs who cancel or postpone or move any fixture without first notifying Coiste na nÓg shall be subject to the forfeiture of the game and/or a fine of €50 minimum.

This will apply to both clubs.

If Coiste na nÓg decides to re-arrange a fixture, that fixture must not interfere with any other fixture.

10. Four working days (96 hours) official notice is sufficient for all matches organised by Coiste na nÓg, but one working day (24 hours) notice shall be sufficient in the case of a refixture.
11. A team obtaining a postponement of any fixture shall lose the points of the game to their opponents if they fail to play as refixed by Coiste na nÓg.

The team agreeing to the postponement must play the game or also lose points.

This also applies to games postponed by Coiste na nÓg because of weather/pitch conditions.

Teams must email in a refixture date before a game can be postponed.

Coiste na nÓg has the authority to make a refixture or deny a refixture.

Clubs who fail to fulfil fixtures will face sanctions as per Rule 6.24 T.O. 2021.

A club not fulfilling a fixture may be fined as per Rule 7.7 T.O. 2021.

12. No Talent Academy, Development Squad, Coaching and Games, or club activities shall interfere with any official fixtures under any circumstance.
13. Only official referees who are eligible to officiate shall be used for all Coiste na nÓg competitions.

If the appointed referee does not present themselves, the away team shall have the choice of an official referee.

This may be a referee or a youth referee.

In the exceptional circumstances, that no referee can be appointed then a coach that has completed the Award 1 Coach Education course may officiate the game.

The Meath GAA Referees' Administration Committee shall be responsible for the classification of referees as per Rule 3.20 (viii).

14. Any club without an active registered referee will forfeit their home advantage for all games. Coiste na nÓg will enforce this after the 1st of April each year.

The list of the active registered referees will be supplied by the County Referees' Administrator.

15. An Cathaoirleach and An Rúnaí Coiste na nÓg may deal with urgent matters between meetings of Coiste na nÓg.

This applies to matters which cannot be deferred to the next Coiste na nÓg meeting.

16. All correspondence regarding fixtures must be sent to An Rúnaí Coiste na nÓg 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 na nÓg.

17. Coiste nÓg shall have the discretion to organise competitions of less than 15-a-side where appropriate.

18. Coiste na nÓg request that at all games under its auspice have the person in charge wear a distinctive Bainisteoir bib and make themselves known as such to the referee before the commencement of the game.

Fines will be issued as per Game Regulations if not complied with.

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

- **Under 14:** A Player shall have celebrated his 10th birthday prior to January 1st and his 14th birthday on or after January 1st of the Championship Year.
- **Under 13:** A Player shall have celebrated his 9th birthday prior to January 1st and his 13th birthday on or after January 1st of the Championship Year.

Under 12: A Player shall have celebrated his 9th birthday prior to January 1st and his 12th birthday on or after January 1st of the Championship Year. (For 2022, only players celebrating their 12th birthday on or after January 1st of the Championship Year may play in U12 leagues. (i.e. final year of U12))

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 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.

Coiste na nÓg may alter these prior to a competition and make specific alternations to promote games development such as narrowing or widening age grade criteria.

20. At Coiste na nÓg level all kick-outs and 45s may be taken from the hands or the ground.
21. In Coiste na nÓg competitions teams deemed to have finished in the Top 2 places shall have home advantage in competitions where Semi-Finals are played.
Coiste na nÓg has the authority to go straight to finals, if necessary, but only after notifying clubs of this fact before the competition starts.
22. Any club wishing to enter a second team or subsequent teams in any competition must make an official gaa.ie email application before each competition to Coiste na nÓg.
23. Where a club enters 2 or more teams at any level, they shall supply a list of their top 15 players to An Rúnaí Coiste na nÓg before the competition starts (or the appropriate number if higher or lower).

This list should also include Dates of Birth and GAA ID Numbers.

The list of top players of the club will then be circulated (without DOBs or GAA IDs) to all participating clubs in the competition in which the second or subsequent team(s) are competing before the start of the competition.

Penalty: Non-inclusion in competition.

24. These listed players shall not be eligible to play on the club's second or subsequent teams in any competition at that age level for the entire year.

Listed players can be altered with the approval of Coiste na nÓg.

Penalty: Removal from the competition, suspension of involved persons, and €50 minimum fine.

25. Clubs fielding teams in more than one division of any competition shall be compelled to play in the highest grade first.

Teams shall forfeit any game in a lower division if the highest division game is not played, and the club in question are found to be at fault.

26. Coiste na nÓg fixtures may be fixed to be played under lights and/or on all-weather/astroturf surfaces.

27. If the home team's pitch is unplayable then the fixture venue is changed to that of the away team.

If a team refuses to change when the pitch is unplayable then the points are conceded to the away team.

Any refixture of a game that was called off by a referee or Committee-in-Charge may be changed to the away team venue.

Coiste na nÓg has the authority to decide the venue for all fixtures.

- 28.** When a team finishes on level points and must play each other in a Playoff, Quarter-Final, or Semi-Final the venue shall be decided as follows: Coiste na nÓg has the authority to decide all venues for all games but will use the reverse venue from the previous meeting in that competition in that competition year if feasible.
- 29.** All Playoffs, Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals, or Finals will have Extra Time if necessary. Coiste na nÓg will have Finish Games on the Day for all these games. This process is an approved part of the playing rules for all Coiste na nÓg competitions.
- 30.** All competitions will be reviewed on an annual basis. If necessary, or where it may be beneficial, conditioned games will be organised. Coiste na nÓg has the authority to organise football and hurling competitions and Coiste na nÓg can use conditioned rules for any of its league or cup competitions. Coiste na nÓg has the authority to modify all playing rules for all competitions.
- 31.** Any team not fulfilling a league game shall forfeit the match, and the points will be awarded to the opposition. They may continue in the league. A team that fails to fulfil a fixture on the appointed date shall forfeit the points of that match and shall incur a fine of €50 minimum. Rule 6.24 T.O. 2021.
- 32.** Any team not fulfilling a second league game shall forfeit the match, and the points shall be awarded to the opposition. The team may not be allowed to enter the shield competition. The team may be stricken from the league and fined an additional €50 minimum by the Committee-in-Charge.
- 33.** A team failing to give twenty-four hours clear notice, in writing, of its intention not to fulfil a game shall be liable to a minimum €50 fine and forfeiture of the game.
- 34.** Any team that fails to fulfil a game in a competition may lose the right to compete in the shield of that competition.
- 35.** Should a club's first team withdraw from a competition it shall automatically follow that their second and subsequent teams are also removed from their respective competition(s).
- 36.** Coiste na nÓg will produce a rules document for every competition under its jurisdiction. Coiste na nÓg has the authority to change the playing rules and competition format of every competition as necessary, informing clubs of the changes before the competition commences.

37. Team lists are required for all Coiste na nÓg games.

An official team list format is provided by Coiste na nÓg and this must be used.

Team lists must include a player's name in both Irish and English along with their GAA ID registration number.

All team mentors' names must also be listed.

Failure to use official team lists with the required information may lead to a €50 minimum fine and the forfeiture of the game.

38. The travel expenses for all certified Referees shall be as follows:

- U13 - €20 per team per age grade
- U12 - €15 per team per age grade

39. Referees' expenses shall be split between teams playing on the day.

Each club is responsible for paying the Referee directly before the game starts.

A team's official team list must be presented to the referee at least 5 mins before the throw-in with the referees' expenses.

40. Any team that refuses to pay the referee's expenses/or does not present their team list correctly will be fined a minimum €200.

The club must also pay the travel expenses that were initially not paid.

41. Any team that does not fulfil their fixture will be liable for the payment of the referee for that fixture plus the €50 minimum fine.

General

42. Coiste na nÓg an Mhí, in conjunction with the Meath Youth Planning Committee shall be responsible for the initiation and coordination of all juvenile activities within the County.

43. Clubs must follow the G.A.A. Code of Behaviour.

All participating teams shall adhere to the Respect initiative, Give Respect – Get Respect.

This Respect initiative seeks to ensure that at a very minimum our Gaelic Games are promoted and played in a positive, fair and enjoyable manner where players, coaches, spectators and referees Give Respect and Get Respect from each other.

44. Clubs must follow the rules of ‘Silent Sidelines’ when they are in force.

Anyone failing to follow these guidelines may face disciplinary action.

Penalty: Premature Termination of a Game(s); Club(s) may be removed from the competition or Go Games; Members will be dealt with under Rule 7.2 T.O. 2021.

45. All cups/trophies/shields shall be returned as per County Regulations/Bye-Laws.

46. When juvenile goals are required for **U12/U13** they shall be the following dimensions:

4.5m wide

2.1m tall

Coiste na nÓg will advise teams before competitions if these dimensions are different.

Dimensions of goals will be stated for Go Games in rules sent by Coiste Go Games.

47. All clubs should have goalposts, nets, and flags suitable for all competitions.

Penalty: Fine - €50 minimum

48. Within one calendar month after the conclusion of each competition, An Rúnaí Coiste na nÓg or person in control of competition results must send all results to Rúnaí Coiste na Mí.

In addition, any member of the Grading Committee of Coiste na nÓg who requests in writing for such documents must also be supplied within the same time frame.

Failure to do so shall be dealt with by the Committee-in-Charge under appropriate rules.

49. In all other matters, the General Rules of the G.A.A. will apply.

Grading & Parish Rule

50. Coiste na nÓg shall appoint a Grading Committee, if desired.

It shall consist of the officers of Coiste na nÓg, one representative from each of the 4 areas (North, South, East, and Central) and a hurling representative if necessary.

The functions of the Grading Committee shall include:

- a) Grading of teams into appropriate leagues and other competitions.
 - b) Deciding on the number of teams to qualify for the knockout stages of competitions.
- In coming to their decisions on grading, the Grading Committee shall use the following criteria:
- i) the performance of the team when that group of players played in their relevant league, cup or other competition in previous years.
 - ii) submissions received by the Grading Committee, either in writing or at area grading meetings.
 - iii) the number of players at the relevant age in the clubs.
 - iv) any other relevant information.

51. Clubs shall have the right to make written submissions in writing to the Grading Committee, which shall be submitted to An Rúnaí Coiste na nÓg.

This process shall be as per Rule 6.20 TO 2021.

52. Competitions shall be on a strict Roman Catholic parish basis.

No team can play any boy/girl who lives outside the parish.

If a boy/girl is attending a school outside the parish but returning home, he/she can assist his/her parish team.

If no team exists in a parish, boys or girls from the parish cannot assist any team even though they may be attending school in a parish where a team exists.

Players must play games for a club in the parish they reside in as per T.O. 2021 6.4(d).

53. Where a parish is situated partly in Meath and partly in another County and where the Meath portion of that parish has no juvenile team, boys/girls residing in the Meath portion of that parish shall be eligible to play with the juvenile team of a neighbouring parish to be determined by the Committee-in-Charge from year to year as per Fó Dlíghte 2022.

54. Any player that seeks permission to play must apply to the Committee-in-Charge.

Permission to play to be granted to players to play for clubs in neighbouring adjoining parishes only.

The deadline shall be 1st March of each year.

***For the 2023 season and every year that follows the deadline is the 31st of January of that year.**

- 55.** Only one affiliation shall be accepted from each parish, but a second or subsequent team(s) may be accepted on agreement of the existing club.
- 56.** The players residing in County Meath part of the Clonmellon Parish (Killallon) are permitted to play with Ballinlough.
- Players residing in the County Meath part of Kingscourt Parish (Carrickleck) are allowed to play with Drumconrath, Meath Hill, Kilmainhamwood, or Nobber.
- The parishes of Ballivor and Kildalkey are classed as one parish at the underage level.
- 57.** A player who has not played with a club within their parish who wishes to play with a neighbouring adjoining parish must present a permission to play letter signed by all club secretaries in their parish to the Committee-in-Charge.
- 58.** Players from the portion of Collon Parish in County Meath shall be eligible to play with Rathkenny.
- 59.** The parish of Donore and Rosnaree plus that part of Ballsgrove Parish in Drogheda that is southwest of Matthew's Lane and Marley's Lane shall be recognised as one parish for GAA purposes in Meath.
- 60.** The Parish of Laytown-Mornington, together with the part of St. Mary's Parish, Drogheda, which lies in county Meath, plus the area in St. Mary's Parish, Drogheda which was ceded by Louth County Committee C.L.G., to Meath County Committee C.L.G. as sanctioned in Leinster Council Agreement of 1979, shall be recognised as one Parish unit for G.A.A. purposes in Meath C.L.G., as and from Sunday 7th September 1986.
- 61.** Players from the portion of Mount Nugent Parish in County Meath (Ballinacree) and from the Moylagh Club along with players from the Ballinlough Parish (including the players from the Clonmellon Parish that is in County Meath (Killallon)) shall be eligible to play with Moylagh or St Brigid's.
- 62.** The Committee-in-Charge has the power to allow or disallow any independent teams to form to play in any competition or Go Games.
- 63.** Once a competition has commenced no permission to play applications will be permitted. If a permission to play application(s) is granted after a competition is graded, then the Grading Committee shall consider this and may move the team up at least one division up.



Coiste Go Games an Mhí C.L.G. Regulations 2022



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 official gaa.ie email and www.meath.gaa.ie.

It shall be the responsibility of clubs to check their email for Go Games and if their venue is needed for games. Time of delivery where Go Games are sent by email will be deemed as the time of the transmission, as per T.O. 4.6 (c).

5. Official Go Games will not be called off for school trips, communions, confirmations, holidays, managers being away, graduations, challenge games/blitzes inside/outside the county etc.

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

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

6. No Development Squad, Coaching and Games, club activity, or blitz 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 blitzes **ONLY** if they have played their scheduled Go Game(s) in advance.

The penalties for unauthorised organisation and/or participation in a blitz or challenge game(s) will be imposed on clubs who do not adhere to this regulation as per Official Guide Rule 6.40.

Clubs may be allowed to organise or participate in a Go Games blitz provided the Club gives at least 10 working days official notice in writing to Coiste Go Games.

Permission to participate or approval to organise a blitz will only be granted when verification that the blitz is compliant with Official Guide Rule 6.27 and its supporting policy document, is provided in writing.

Each Club will be allowed to host one blitz per age grade that invites teams from outside the county per annum.

Each Club will be allowed to attend one blitz per age grade that is being hosted outside of the county per annum.

8. Any club/team wishing to host/organise a Go Games blitz or attend a Go Games blitz (outside Meath) must fill out the official Go Games blitz form.

No permission will be given for any Go Games that do not adhere to official Go Games Policy.

9. 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 or Blitzes 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 organised by Coiste Go Games.

Coiste Go Games expects all clubs to respect the allotted Saturday code and Go Games by not arranging coaching or Go Games in the alternate code at the same time (before 12:00) as Saturday official County Go Games.

No permission will be given for any Go Games at this time; other than Official Go Games organised by Coiste Go Games.

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).

10. Go Games changes, except in exceptional circumstances, and at the discretion of the Coiste Go Games, must be agreed to by both clubs.
11. Any requested changes as agreed by both clubs must be e-mailed to Coiste Go Games for consideration at **least four working days (96 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.).
12. 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 Go Games or fixtures.
13. Four working days (96 hours) official notice is sufficient for all Go Games organised by Coiste Go Games, but one working day (24 hours) notice shall be sufficient in the case of a refixture.
Notice for all Go Games shall be in writing.
14. Coiste Go Games has the authority to change a Go Game or to deny the change of a Go Game.
Clubs who fail to fulfil Go Games will face sanctions as per Rule 6.24 T.O.
A club not fulfilling their Go Games may be fined as per Rule 7.7 T.O.
15. 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.
16. 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.

17. 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 of 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 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.

18. Only official youth referees who are eligible to officiate shall be used for all Go Games.

If the appointed youth referee does not present themselves, the away team shall have the choice of an official youth referee.

In the exceptional circumstances, that no youth referee can be appointed then a coach that has completed the Award 1 Coach Education course may officiate the game.

The Meath GAA Referees' Administration Committee shall be responsible for the classification of referees as per Rule 3.20 (viii).

19. Any club without an active registered youth referee will forfeit their home advantage for all games.

Coiste Go Games will enforce this after the 1st of April each year.

The list of the active registered referees will be supplied by the County Referees' Administrator.

20. The host club will appoint all youth referees for Go Games in their venue.

Clubs should aim to appoint neutral youth referees where possible for all U11 Go Games.

The Club Youth Referees' Administrator will be responsible for appointing all Go Games Referees.

21. Coiste Go Games has the authority to appoint youth referees where possible for Go Games.

22. Clubs will be informed if Coiste Go Games has appointed Youth Referees for their Go Games.

It is the responsibility of participating clubs to meet Go Games Referees' expenses.

23. The travel expenses for all certified youth referees shall be as follows:

- €10 per team per age grade

24. Youth referees' expenses shall be split between teams playing on the day.

Each team is responsible for paying the youth referee directly before the game starts.

A team's official team list must be presented to the youth referee at least 5 mins before throw-in with the referees' expenses.

25. Any team that refuses to pay youth referees' expenses/or does not present their team list correctly will be fined a minimum of €50.

The club must also pay the travel expenses that were initially not paid.

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

27. 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 youth referee before the commencement of the game.

28. 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 the 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 youth referee or the 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.

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

30. 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.

31. 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.

32. 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.

33. A team failing to give twenty-four 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.

34. 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.

35. **Non-compliance** with Rule 6.27 T.O. 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), Challenge Games, and the 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.

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

- All participants play in the full game.
- Participant needs are catered for, where possible, based on 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 that 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 a sense of accomplishment, which derives from acquiring playing proficiency on the left and right-hand sides 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.

37. The following Go Games Regulations shall apply:

- Go Games are subject to the 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 for participation, the same certificate/medal must be presented to every participant.