



Game Regulations 2022



Coiste Go Games / Coiste na nÓg / Coiste Mionúir an Mhí C.L.G.

Regulations governing the organisation and presentation of all Inter-Club Games at from the U17 level and younger in Meath GAA.

Coiste Go Games / Coiste na nÓg / Coiste Mionúir are mindful of the GAA Give/Respect Get Respect campaign and have drawn up these Regulations for the benefit of all stakeholders – players, referees, team management, officials, media, members and spectators.

Silent Sidelines are in enforced for all games at U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13 & U14 level.

Details have been sent to clubs in competition regulations.

Clubs must follow 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.

Sideline privileges may be withdrawn from individuals in breach of Silent Sidelines.

Sideline Official/Match Monitor - A Sideline Official may be appointed by Coiste Go Games / Coiste na nÓg / Coiste Mionúir as appropriate and it shall be their duty to report any breaches of these Regulations.

Coiste Go Games / Coiste na nÓg / Coiste Mionúir may also appoint a Match Monitor who shall be responsible for any duties assigned. The Sideline Official shall include in their report any relevant observations or breaches reported to them by the Match Monitor. These will then form part of the Referee's Report in accordance with Rule 1.6, Rules of Control, T.O. 2021 Cuid II but any errors or omissions in respect of this shall not invalidate the Report as a whole.

The Committee-in-Charge. may also impose penalties for breaches of the Regulations brought to its attention by members of the Meath C.C.C., Coiste Go Games / Coiste na nÓg / Coiste Mionúir or the Meath Management Committee.

Failure to respect the regulations and follow laid down procedures therein may lead to penalties as defined in General Rule & Section 3 of this document being imposed on individuals, teams, or Clubs by the Committee-in-Charge.

1. **Ground/Pitch Regulations**

- 1.1** Ground Regulations shall apply to all venues. They shall include procedures for entry to each ground, designated areas for substitutes and Team Officials and shall be communicated to Teams along with the official Clár an Lae for all finals.
- 1.2** The Clár an Lae shall also notify teams in advance of each final as to pre-match & half time protocols, the assignation of dressing rooms, bib colours to be worn, etc.
- 1.3** Only those players named on the Official Team list shall be allowed external entry to venue and pitch enclosure.

1.4 A **maximum of 5** Team Officials shall be allowed entry to a venue. **All Team Officials and substitutes must stand/sit in the designated areas identified** & must leave the field of play 3 minutes prior to the throw-in to go to the appropriate designated areas.

1.5 For Go Games, a **maximum of 2** Team Officials per team shall be allowed entry to a venue. **All Team Officials and substitutes must stand/sit in the designated areas identified** & must leave the field of play 3 minutes prior to the throw-in to go to the appropriate designated areas.

1.6 There shall be two designated areas for team personnel and officials:

- i. Bainisteoir's zone in which standing area/seats for the Bainisteoir, and a Medic should be provided (see pitch lay out on page 2);
- ii. A standing/seated area for substitutes and all other permitted team officials.

1.7 Where the National Anthem precedes a game, Teams shall stand to attention respectfully facing the flag for the full duration of the anthem:

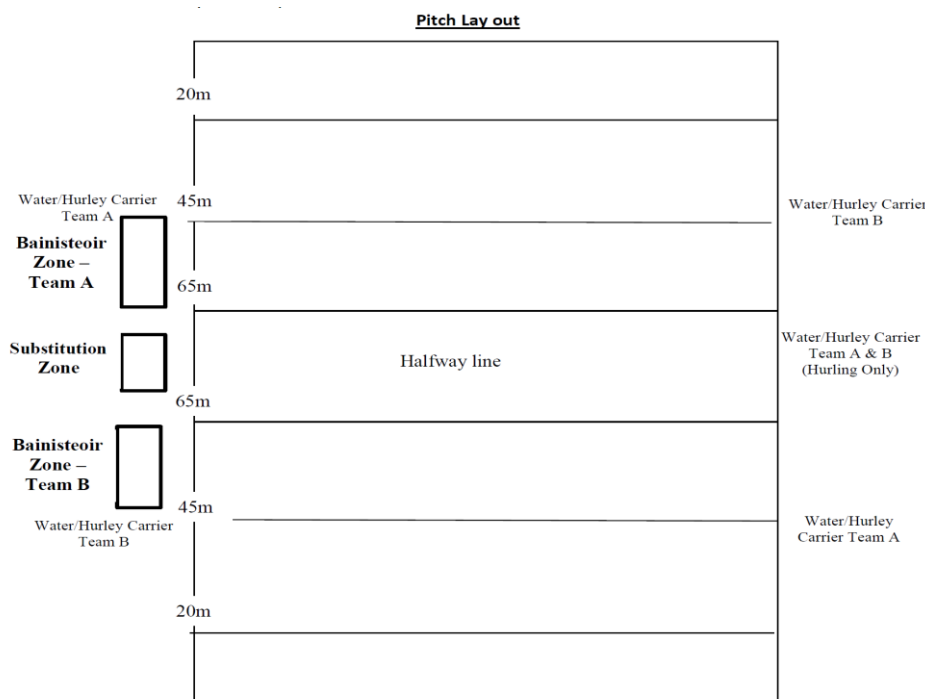
- Helmets must not be worn for Amhrán na bhFiann, for the parade or in team photographs.
- At least 30 seconds will be provided to teams after the anthem, this is to allow for any team huddles or warmups before they are required to get into position for the start of the game.
- There will also be a three minute and a one-minute reminder before the National Anthem is played.
- All other officials should be off the field when the National Anthem is been played.

1.8 The team captain shall lead the parade and all players including substitutes as per official team list may march in the parade, in team jerseys & in numerical order.

1.9 When requested by teams shall be provided for the official programme, and Coiste na nÓg / Coiste Mionúir will send to the media, four days before the game i.e. no later than Wednesday Noon prior to a weekend game.

1.10 Players shall be numbered correctly in accordance with the Official Programme.

1.11 Ball Boys/Girls are not permitted.



2. **Game Regulations**

- 2.1** The Referee is in overall charge of Game Regulations and shall delegate authority to their Linesmen & Sideline Official; They shall include the Sideline Official/Match Monitor's report(s) with their match report as appropriate. **The Referee has the authority during the game to send any person in repeated breach of these Regulations to the stand/outside the pitch enclosure and such person cannot be replaced.**
- 2.2** All Team Officials in the designated areas must be named on the Official list given to the Referee and should include: Bainisteoir, Selectors, Medics, Water/Hurley Carriers, Cathaoirleach, Rúnaí & any other relevant backroom personnel.
- 2.3 Cathaoirleach** - Games and Ground regulations apply to all players and officials and adherence to the regulations is the responsibility of the Club Chairperson and/or Club Juvenile Committee Chairperson. In their absence the responsibilities will pass to the Club Rúnaí/Nominated Person. The Bainisteoir also shares the responsibility of ensuring the Games Regulations are respected by players, members of team management, and supporters.
- 2.4 Rúnaí** - The Club Rúnaí or Nominated Person shall relay details of substitutions to the Referee. Where relevant, the neutral Linesman and the Sideline Official will be used.
- 2.5 Bainisteoir** - The Bainisteoir shall wear a designated distinctive top and is not permitted to enter field of play. They may move along the sideline from the 65m line to the 45m line as per the "Pitch Layout" on Page 2 of these Regulations. The Bainisteoir may not act in any other capacity.
- The Bainisteoir also shares the responsibility of ensuring the Games Regulations are respected by players and members of team management and can have their sideline privileges removed for any breaches by players and members of team management.
- 2.6 Unauthorised Incursions** - Any unauthorised incursions onto the field of play will be dealt with under Riail 7.2 2021.
- 2.7 Selectors** - Selectors must stand/sit in their designated area and may not act as Water/Hurley Carriers.
- The Maor Fóirne is no longer allowed under rule.
 - Selectors must sit in their designated area.
 - Any unauthorised incursions onto the field of play will be dealt with under Riail 7.2 2021.
- 2.8 Medics** - Two (2) Medical personnel shall be identified on the Official Team list and shall stand/sit in the areas designated in Ground Regulations; they shall wear clear identification and may only enter field of play to attend to injured player(s). If clubs have no medical personnel, then one member of the management who is trained in First Aid can attend to the player. This person must identify themselves to the referee prior to the game.

2.9 Maoir Uisce –

Two Maoir Uisce who must be over 18 years of age, are permitted per team; they may not enter the field of play. Each must wear an official bib (Football: Purple or Green | Hurling: Brown or Lilac) and will be situated as per the “Pitch Layout” on Page 4 of these Regulations, and at least two metres from the sideline. Official team personnel (Selectors/Coaches), substitutes, injured players or members of the extended panel may not act as Maoir Uisce.

In the event that any official team personnel, injured player or a member of the extended panel act as a Maoir Uisce, any breach of rule shall be considered as a Misconduct at Games by Team Officials infraction.

Maoir Uisce are not permitted to have/use Communications devices i.e. walkie talkies.

In Hurling the Maoir Uisce will also act as Hurley Carriers & may enter the field of play with a replacement hurley when necessary.

Maor Camán is not allowed to carry water into the players and may enter the field of play only with a replacement hurley when necessary.

Any unauthorised incursions onto the field of play will be dealt with under Riail 7.2 2021.

2.10 Substitutes - A maximum of three substitutes wearing designated distinctive tops may warm up on sidelines at any one time on their designated half of the field. No ball playing will be allowed by substitutes during the game.

2.11 Conduct - Any Club Committee Official or Players who make derogatory comments in relation to Match Officials or County Committee Officials before, during, or after a game in person or on any media platform may be dealt with in accordance with Riail 7.2(e) T.O. 2021. Team Official(s) or Designated Person(s) (as per the list supplied to the Match Referee prior to the game) may be subject to the withdrawal of sideline privileges for future games.

2.12 Sliotars/Footballs - Clubs have the responsibility to control the supply of sliotars/footballs approved by Coiste Go Games / Coiste na nÓg / Coiste Mionúir to the players. Officially licensed footballs must be used and any sliotar not officially approved and displaying the official GAA stamp shall not be used. Breaches shall be brought to the attention of the Referee. Goalkeepers are not permitted a private supply of sliotars/footballs in the goal area unless they are the official balls.

First Touch (Size 1) footballs & sliotars must be used in **all U7/U8 matches**.

Quick Touch (Size 2) footballs & sliotars must be used in **all U9/U10 matches**.

Smart Touch (Size 3) footballs & sliotars must be used in **all U11/U12 matches**.

Size 4 footballs & sliotars must be used in **all U13, U14, & U15 matches**.

Size 5 footballs & sliotars must be used in **all U16 & U17 matches**.

If there is an agreement between both teams, officially approved sliotars with yellow leather can be used, otherwise, sliotars with white leather shall be used.

2.13 Late Fielding - A team taking the field late before a game shall be subject to the penalties outlined in Rule 6.44(d)(i), T.O. 2021; a team responsible for a half time interval being exceeded shall be subject to penalties outlined in Rule 6.44(d)(ii)(a), T.O. 2021 and a team responsible for an interval period allowed being exceeded by more than 10 minutes shall be subject to penalties outlined in Rule 6.43(d)(ii)(b), T.O. 2021.

2.14 Extra time will be used in all Knockout Games (Playoffs, Quarter-Finals, Semi-Finals & Finals etc.).

2.15 Matters not provided for – Matters not specifically provided for in these regulations shall be dealt with by the referee and the team of officials on the day, and then by the Committee-in-Charge when reported via either the Referee, Sideline Official, or Match Monitor.

3. **Penalties**

3.1 Penalties for breaches of Ground/Pitch/Game Regulations shall be at the discretion of the Committee-in-Charge. These may include warnings, fines, the withdrawal of sideline privileges as outlined in Regulations above or suspension of individuals as considered appropriate.

3.2 Maximum fines for breaches of Ground/Pitch/Game Regulations and Clár an Lae:
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3.4 Where **Maor Camán** sideline privileges have been withdrawn Coiste Go Games / Coiste na nÓg / Coiste Mionúir will appoint Maor Camán on a team's behalf.

3.5 Where the **Bainisteoir** sideline privileges have been withdrawn the Bainisteoir will be confined to a designated area outside the playing enclosure as decided on by Coiste Go Games / Coiste na nÓg / Coiste Mionúir.

3.6 The frequency and gravity of reported breaches in each game shall be considered by the Committee-in-Charge and may lead to next match penalties.

3.7 The provisions of Riail 7.2(c) T.O. 2021 regarding Misconduct at Games by Team Officials shall apply.

3.8 Individuals reported for unauthorised entry on to the field of play may be dealt with under rule 6.44 (e) T.O. 2021.

Entry to field of Play/Incursions

A Team Official shall not enter the field of play.

Exception: The Referee may give their permission to a Team Medical Officer or one authorised official to enter the Field of Play to examine an injured player.

Penalties on the day for the above infraction:

- (i) Caution offender by showing them a Yellow Card;
- (ii) Order offender from the Pitch Enclosure for a second Infraction by showing them a second Yellow Card followed by a Red Card. The offender is debarred from the Pitch Enclosure for the remainder of the Game, including any Extra-Time, when played, and he may not be replaced.

Fixed penalty on a second repeat infraction (i.e. a third ordering off): One match suspension in the same Code and at the same Level, applicable to the next game in the competition in which the third ordering of occurred, even if that game occurs in the following year's competition.