

Premier 3-9 Competition – Draw,Format & Regulations

Grading & Round 1 Draws

Meath Cleaning Supplies - Premier 3 – Don/Ash 2 v St Pats 2;
Walterstown 2 v Dunsany 2; Ballivor 2 v St Peters 3,
Duleek/Bell 2 v Na Fianna 2



Meath Cleaning Supplies - Premier 4 – Blackhall 2 v Oldcastle 2; Clan na nGael 2v St Colmcilles 3; Moynalvey 2 v Ballinabrackey 2; Syddan 2 v Dunderry 2

Meath Cleaning Supplies - Premier 5 – Ballinlough 2 v St Colmcilles 4; Meath Hill 2 vs Seneschalstown 3; St Michael 2 vs Rathkenny 2; Bective 2 vs St Ultans 2

Meath Cleaning Supplies - Premier 6 – Summerhill 3 vs Simonstown 3; Gael Colmcille 3 v Dunshaughlin 3; O'Mahonys 3 vs Skryne 3; Ratoath 3 v Trim 3

Meath Cleaning Supplies - Premier 7 – Kilbride 2 v Castletown 2; Don/Ash 4 v St Colmcilles 5; Moynalty 2 v Drumbaragh 2; St Vincents 2 v Curraha 2

Meath Cleaning Supplies - Premier 8 – Duleek Bellewstown 3 v Brigids 2; Slane 2 v Cortown 2; Kilmainham 2 v Kilmainhamwood 2

Meath Cleaning Supplies - Premier 9 – Longwood 2 v Walterstown 3; Moylagh 2 v St Patricks 3; Carnaross 2 v St Marys 2

Premier Competition Regulations & Formats

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, club or independent teams consisting of u20, u19 and u18 players only 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 2023 affiliations the following Premier 3-9 championship formats are in place:

- Div 3 and below – all teams play each other in group stages with 1v4 and 2v3 into semifinals

General Competition Regulations

1. All championships outlined above 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. Cup competitions outlined in these regulations are considered Leagues for the purpose of Rule. An entry of €100 shall be charged to enter a team in any league or cup competition.
3. 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’.
4. 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. Least number of games forfeited
 - ii. Points awarded from the games in which only the teams involved, (teams tied on points), have played each other.
 - iii. Scoring Difference (subtracting the total Scores Against from total Scores For);
 - iv. Highest Total Score For;
 - v. Highest number of Goals For;
 - vi. Lowest number of goals Conceded;
 - vii. 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. Least number of games forfeited
- ii. Points awarded from the games in which only the teams involved, (teams tied on points), have played each other.
- iii. 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)
- iv. Highest Total Score For, in which only the teams involved, have played each other, and have finished equal in (i)
- v. Highest Number of Goals Scored, in which only the teams involved, have played each other, and have finished equal in (i) and (ii).
- vi. Lowest Number of Goals Conceded, in which only the teams involved, have played each other, and have finished equal in (i), (ii) and (iii)
- vii. Play – Off.

5. Twenty four medals shall be provided for the winners of each Championship, League, and Cup
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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 as requested by secretary.cccc.meath@gaa.ie – 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 2nd team players who shall not be eligible to play in Premier Division 3 or lower.
12. 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 may include those not regularly available to clubs due to intercounty commitments – but shall not include players known to have emigrated, retired etc. Clubs entering additional teams must name an additional 13 players per team that are not eligible to play for lower teams. 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. Additionally, any player who has played Senior intercounty league or championship in the current or prior 2 years may not play for 2nd or lower teams in the relevant code.
13. 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.
14. Championship fixture postponement policy – games will only be re-fixed 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.
15. 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.

16. In all adult cup competitions unlimited substitutions are allowed. In league competitions, the maximum number of substitutions permitted by Official Guide is 5.
17. Prior to the commencement of the Leagues & Cups annually, each club shall submit to the Rúnai, 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
18. In the event of a clash of colours both teams must wear approved alternate colours.