

## **Regulations Governing the Organisation and Presentation of Leitrim County Football and Hurling Championships 2024**

1. The structure of the Senior, Intermediate and Junior Football Championships shall be that as passed by the County Committee Meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024, in accordance with powers vested in it under Rule 3.17 TO 2024. **(Appendix 1)**. Draws for Senior Football Championship, Intermediate Football Championship and Junior A, B and C Football Championships shall be conducted in accordance with what is laid out in said Appendix 1.
2. GAA Code 11.1(e) 2024 shall determine League Table placings in Adult Championships. **(Appendix 2)**
3. Club Championship status of players shall be that as determined by Liatroim Bye-Law No. 10 2024. **(Appendix 3)**
4. In the round-robin series of group games, 2024 Championship games will be played on home and away basis. The draws will be arranged to guarantee two home games for each club and two away games at Senior and Intermediate Football Championship level. In the Junior A, B and C Championships, the number of home and away fixtures will be decided by the draw. This regulation is subject to a club having a home venue that has an enclosed playing area with a secure perimeter fence. In the event of a club whose pitch is currently closed, or does not have a securely enclosed playing area as outlined above, it will have the option of nominating an alternative club venue as its home venue for a given match, subject to having secured prior permission from both the club to nominate that venue and ultimate CCC approval. In the event of no pitch being made available to that club, CCC will retain the authority to decide a venue.
5. All games from any playoffs or quarter final stages forward will be played at venues to be decided by CCC Liatroma and will be the responsibility of Coiste Chontae Liatroma, through its CCC, to organise. In the absence of Páirc Seán Mac Diarmada, Páirc Seán Uí Eslín is the intended venue for the SFC Quarter Finals, SFC Semi Finals and the SFC and IFC Finals. Replays of SFC quarter finals and SFC semi-finals may be fixed for alternative venues. Alternative venues will be selected for any remaining knock-out games across remaining championships. **Exception:** In the Junior B and C Championships, the highest ranked team, after the groups stages shall have home advantage in the semi-finals.
6. In the event of bad weather home venues may have to be inspected in advance by a referee to determine playability. In the event of a pitch, upon timely inspection, being declared unplayable CCC retains the power to nominate an alternative venue for the match, which may include the opponent's venue. This venue will still retain the status of being the home venue of the home side, irrespective of where the game is played and the gate will remain theirs to collect.
7. The ultimate responsibility of hosting a game and all that it entails will rest with the home club in the round robin stages of the championship.
8. GAA Code 11.4 2024 shall apply in relation to the concession of Championship games at any grade. Taking into consideration Regulation 9 below, the minimum fine considered shall be as follows:  
**SFC** €600 for any home game conceded, €1500 for any away game conceded.  
**IFC** €450 for any home game conceded, €1000 for any away game conceded.  
**JFC A** €120 for any home game conceded, €500 for any away game conceded.  
**JFC B** €120 for any home game conceded, €200 for any away game conceded.  
**JFC C** €120 for any home game conceded, €200 for any away game conceded
9. Clubs hosting games will lift the gates at respective games, and will be invoiced for the following rates of charges per championship for 2023:  
**SFC €600 per home game; Admission Charge €10**  
**IFC €450 per home game; Admission Charge €10**  
**JFC €120 per home game; Admission Charge €5**  
**(JFC includes grades A, B and C)**

The admission charges for round robin games will be as follows:

**SFC/IFC:** Adults €10; **JFC:** €5 general admission for all.

10. In Junior B and C Championships on any given day should a Club have less than 15 players and at least 13, this specific game can be played as a 13-a-side and still be counted as official match for the purpose of competition results. In any other case the game shall be played as a 15-a-side once the club has 15 players available. If the number of players available to a club is less than 13 on any given match day, then the game will be considered as conceded. Semi Finals and Final must be played at 15-a-side.
11. Players must line out according to Official Match Programme numbers when made available on match day by the committee in charge. **Penalty for Breach of Regulation: €100**
12. In all Championship matches, clubs must clearly indicate the starting 15 on the Official Team Sheet presented to the referee. Substitute slips must also clearly indicate the order of the substitutes used, in other words the substitute slip for the first sub used must be marked number 1, etc. **Penalty for Breach of Regulation: €100**
13. Failure to fulfill a Championship Game as notified by the CCC shall be dealt with in accordance with GAA Code 11.4 2024.
14. Clubs are advised that they must take the field in sufficient time i.e. a minimum of 5 Minutes before Official Starting Time to allow games to start on time. Penalty for Breach of Regulation as per GAA Code 15.2 2024.
15. A Team responsible for a half time interval being exceeded as specified in Rules 3.3 and 3.7 Rules of Specification. Penalty: Fine €10 for every minute or part thereof as per GAA Code 15.2 2024.

#### 16. **Game Regulations re Club/Team Officials**

16.1 **Cathaoirleach** Games and Ground regulations apply to all players and officials and adherence to the regulations is the responsibility of the Club Chairman. In their absence, their responsibilities will pass to the Rúnaí/Nominated Person.

16.2 **Rúnaí** The Rúnaí or Nominated Person shall relay details of substitutions to the Sideline Official.

16.3 **Bainisteoir** The Bainisteoir shall wear a designated distinctive top and is not permitted to enter the field of play and may move along the sideline from the 65m line to the 20m line. 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.

16.4 **Maor Fóirne** is no longer allowed under rule. All selectors must be seated in their designated area. Any unauthorised incursions onto the field of play will be dealt with under Riall 7.2 TO 2023.

16.5 **Medics** Two (2) Medical personnel shall be identified on the Official Team list and shall sit in the areas designated in Ground Regulations; they shall wear clear identification which must not clash with the playing jerseys of either team and may only enter the field of play to attend to an injured player(s). Selectors/Coaches cannot act as a medic person, without advance approval from the Committee in Charge. Medical personnel while performing their duties are required to wear PPE.

16.6 **Two Maoir Uisce** who must be over 17 years of age, are permitted per team; they may not enter the field of play. Each must wear distinctive bib and will be situated between the 20m and 45m lines on diagonally opposite sides of the field. **Use of Maoir Uisce Under 17 years of age will incur a fine of €100 per occasion.**

- 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 TO 2023.

16.7 No Under 17 personnel shall be allowed onto the playing area at any stage during the course of the game. **Penalty for breach of this regulation €100.**

17. The Referee is in overall charge of Game Regulations and shall delegate authority to his Linesmen & Sideline Official; he shall include the Sideline Official/Match Monitor's report(s) with his 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.
18. Any unauthorised pitch incursions by team officials will be dealt with in accordance with Rule 5 TO 2024 Part 2 and Rule 7.1 TO 2024 Part 1.
19. Maximum number of three substitutes, without a football(s) and wearing bibs shall be allowed to warm up on the sideline at any one time and shall be confined to their own half of the field on the dugout side as determined by its location. Penalty for Breach of Regulations 19 and 20: **Minimum €50 fine**
20. In the event of a clash of colours both teams shall change to their alternative registered colours (as per rule) barring an agreement to the toss of a coin. Any breach of this rule will be dealt with in accordance with GAA Code 15.2 2024 and incur a fine of **€100.**
21. The postponement of any game shall only be granted in the case of the death of a Club Player, an elected Club Official from Chairperson down, as per Club Affiliation Form, or immediate family member of the above. Immediate family member shall be as follows: parent, brother, sister, spouse, child. Exceptional circumstances may also be considered. **Any such postponed game granted by CCC shall be rescheduled at its discretion. Midweek games will be a consideration in this scenario.**
22. In all Senior, Intermediate, Junior A Football and Senior Hurling Championship knock-out games, if the game is drawn, extra time shall be played, two periods of ten minutes each. In the event of a still drawn game after extra time, the game shall be replayed. In the event of the game ending level at end of extra time on 2<sup>nd</sup> day, 'Winner on Day' scenario would then come into play. 'Winner on Day' to be in accordance with what was approved by Árd Comhairle on January 19<sup>th</sup> 2019. **(Appendix 4). Exception:** All Finals in that are drawn at the end of normal time shall be replayed and if necessary, extra time shall be played in any replay as required with 'Winner on Day' as above being applied.
23. **'Winner on Day'** scenario will apply to all knockout championship games in the Junior B and C Football Championships. This will involve the playing of two periods of extra-time of ten minutes each. If teams are still level the tie will be decided by the taking of five penalty kicks each, and sudden death if also required. All the foregoing to be in accordance with what was approved by Árd Comhairle on January 19<sup>th</sup> 2019. **(Appendix 4)**
24. The CCC reserves the right to change dates, venues and times of Championship matches in the event of unforeseen circumstances. Weekends that may appear to be free during the championship season may be required in light of unforeseen circumstances.
25. Clubs are advised that they should observe and respect the ground rules that may apply at a venue re warm ups etc.
26. Clubs must seek permission from an Rúnaí Chontae four days in advance if they wish to video a game and a copy of same must be made available to Rúnaí Chontae if required. A fee of **€50** per application will apply in this case.
27. Leitrim GAA retains the right to livestream games at the knockout stages of the Leitrim Club Championships. **Taking into consideration the GAA Streaming and Local Licence Agreement Policy Agreement Leitrim GAA will not be granting permission to livestream games at any stage of the 2024 Leitrim Club Championship. Any unauthorised livestreaming by a unit will incur a minimum €500 fine.**

28. Teams and Mentors must at all times obey instructions given to them by Members of the CCC/Field Officers/Ground Stewards. **Breach of Regulation shall carry a minimum fine of €50 per offence.**
29. Venues will not be open until one hour before throw in time.
30. In the event of CCC Liatroma appointing Sideline Official for venues these persons will have the authority to report any breaches of Regulation to the Referee. The Sideline Official's Report will be submitted as part of the Referee's Official Match Report and any breaches of the above Regulations will be dealt with in accordance with what has been laid out above and/or GAA Code/Official Guide 2024.

## **Appendix 1**

### **2024 Senior Football Championship**

Senior Football Championship to consist of 10 teams with rounds 1 to 4 to be an open draw. The draw, if possible, and at the discretion of CCC Liatroma, to take place on the weekend prior to the following weekend's set of games. The draw to factor in that each club to have two home and two away games at the round-robin stages. Teams can only play a team once in the group stages. After the round-robin games are complete the top 2 teams with the highest number of points automatically qualify for the semi-finals with the teams that finish 3rd to 6th to play off in the quarter-finals. (3rd plays 6th, 4th plays 5th). At semi-final stage the 2 top ranked teams, after the group stages, to be placed on opposite sides of the draw. The teams finishing 7th to 10th to play in relegation semi-finals (7th plays 10th, 8th plays 9th) with the two defeated teams to be relegated to IFC 2025, the winning teams to play a relegation final with the defeated team to also be relegated to play IFC 2025.

Net Result: SFC 2025 to comprise 8 teams

### **2024 Intermediate Football Championship**

Intermediate football championship to consist of 10 teams with rounds 1 to 4 to be an open draw. The draw, if possible, and at the discretion of CCC Liatroma, is to take place on the weekend prior to the following weekend's set of games. The draw to factor in that each club to have two home and two away games at the round-robin stages. Teams can only play a team once in the group stages. After the round-robin games are complete the top 2 teams with the highest number of points automatically qualify for the semi-finals with the teams that finish 3rd to 6th to play off in the quarter-finals. (3rd plays 6th, 4th plays 5th). At semi-final stage the 2 top ranked teams, after the group stages, to be placed on opposite sides of the draw. 2024 IFC Champions promoted to SFC 2025. The teams finishing 7th to 10th to play in relegation semi-finals (7th plays 10th, 8th plays 9th) with the two defeated teams to be relegated to JFC A 2025, the winning teams to play a relegation final with the defeated team to also be relegated to play JFCA 2025.

Net Result: IFC 2025 to comprise 10 teams.

### **2024 Junior A Football Championship (8 Teams)**

Two groups of 4 with each team playing each other in round-robin series. Top Team in each group qualifies for the Semi-final, second and third placed teams play each other 2 v 3 and 3 v 2 across the respective groups. Semi Final Draw to ensure that the top placed teams avoid each other at this stage. Winner of Junior A Football Championship promoted to IFC 2025. The bottom-placed team in each group to play each other in the relegation final with the defeated team to be relegated.

#### **Seeding 2024**

Pot A 2023 Defeated Finalist plus 2023 IFC Relegated Team. (2 Teams)

Pot B 2023 Beaten Semi-Finalists (2 Teams)

Pot C 2023 Beaten Quarter Finalists (2 Teams)

Pot D 2023 Remaining Team plus Junior B Championship Winners 2023 (2 Teams)

Net Result: JFC A 2025 to comprise 10 teams.

### **2024 Junior B Football Championship (8 Teams)**

Two groups of 4, inclusive of the relegated team from the JFC A 2023, and the six remaining teams that competed in JFC B 2023 and JFC C winners 2023, with each team playing each other in round-robin series. Top two teams in each group will play semi-finals (1 v 2 and 2 v 1). Winner of Junior B Football Championship promoted to JFC A 2025. The bottom-placed team in each group to play each other in the relegation final with the defeated team to be relegated to Junior C Football Championship 2025. There shall no seeding in this draw.

Net Result: JFC B 2025 to comprise 8 teams.

### **2024 Junior C Football Championship 2024 (8 Teams)**

Two groups of 4, inclusive of the relegated team from the 2023 Junior B Championship, the plus any additional teams that are eligible and participating in 2024. Top two teams in each group will play semi-finals (1 v 2 and 2 v 1). In the event of there being six or nine teams these will be placed in groups of 3 teams each, if seven teams these are placed in groups of four and three respectively. In a three group scenario, semi-finalists will comprise the top team in each group and the best placed runner up across the three groups. No two teams from the same group to meet in semi-final. Winners of JFC C to be promoted to JFC B 2025. There shall no seeding in this draw.

GAA Code 11.1 2024 to apply in determining final group placings in each of the above championships.

**Draws for the Junior A, B and C Football championships shall be made to establish the groups in accordance with the above. CCC Liatroma shall retain to power to determine the order of games to be played at the round robin stages of Junior B and C Football Championships.**

**In all of the above Championship Series Rule 6.21 TO 2024 shall be used to determine ties at the concluding stages of Round Robin Championship formats.**

## **Appendix 2**

### **GAA Code (11.1) County Championships**

(e) If a Championship is partly organised on a League basis, the following Regulations shall apply:

(i) League results shall be credited as follows: 2 points for a win, and one for a draw.

(ii) If a Team is Disqualified or Retires during the course of the League Stage, its played Games shall stand and its unplayed Games shall be awarded to the Opposing Teams.

(iii) A County Committee may make regulations, setting out criteria to rank teams which finish with equal points. In default, a tie shall be decided by the application of the following criteria in the order specified: (1) The higher number of League Points obtained in the 'Head-to-Head' games defined as the games in which the teams involved in the tie have played each other.

(2) The higher Scoring Difference (subtracting the total Scores Against from total Scores For) in the 'Head-to-Head' games.

(3) The higher Scores For in the 'Head-to-Head' games.

(4) If, having applied criteria (i) to (iii) inclusive, there are still teams with an equal ranking, criteria (i) to (iii) are applied to the 'Head to Head' games between the teams which remain tied.

(5) The higher Scoring Difference in all games in the League Group.

(6) The higher Scores For in all games in the League Group.

(7) A Play-Off.

Games Awarded Without Score (e.g., a walk -over) Involved in a Tie-Breaker Team Awarded Game. Its 'Average Score For' and 'Average Score Against' achieved in games played (in Head-to-Head or All the Group, as applicable) shall be added to its 'Score For' and 'Scores Against' totals. Team Against whom Game was Awarded. It shall have zero added to its 'Score For'. Its 'Average Score Against' conceded in games played (in Head-to-Head or All Group, as applicable) shall be added to its 'Score Against' total.

**Exception to (iii):** A Play-Off shall decide a tie in Under 17 and younger Age-Grade Competitions unless a County's Competition Regulations provide otherwise.

(f) A Disqualification shall only affect further participation in the current Championship involved and not the following year's Championship or Qualification for it. In the context of a Disqualification, in any Promotion or Relegation Process, a Team shall retain the points it has won in a Stage of the Championship run on a League Basis.

### Appendix 3

#### **Liatroim Bye Law 10 in accordance with GAA Code 10.8 Club Championship Status of Players**

**Eligibility for the Intermediate Football Championship** – The First 18 players who play on the club's Senior Team in the current year's championship will be ineligible to play on the club's second championship team in the current year's Intermediate Championship. Any additional players, beyond the First 18, who play in the immediate higher grade will be deemed to have been automatically regraded.

**Exception:** (1) At the end of the round robin series a club shall nominate a maximum of 18 players from among those who have played at the higher grade in the current year's championship who will no longer be eligible to play at the next lowest grade. (2) Any player who subsequently plays at the knock out stages of the immediate higher grade will retain that particular higher championship status for the remainder of the championship year. (2) Any player who plays in a Connacht SFC, Sam Maguire/Tailteann Cup match, shall be automatically included among his club's First 18.

**Eligibility for the Junior A Football Championship** – The First 18 players who play on the club's team in the immediate higher grade (Senior and/or Intermediate) will be ineligible to play on the club's second championship team in the current year's Junior A Championship. Any additional players, beyond the First 18, who play in the immediate higher grade will be deemed to have been automatically regraded respectively. **Exception:** (1) At the end of the round robin series a club shall nominate a maximum of 18 players from among those who have played at the higher grade in the current year's championship who will no longer be eligible to play at the next lowest grade. (2) Any player who subsequently plays at the knock out stages of the immediate higher grade(s) will retain that particular championship status for the remainder of the championship year. (2) Any player who plays in a Connacht SFC, Sam Maguire/Tailteann Cup match, shall be automatically included among his club's First 18.

**Eligibility for the Junior B Football Championship** – The First 15 players who play on the club's team in the immediate higher grade (Senior, Intermediate and/or Junior A) will be ineligible to play on the club's second or third championship team in the current year's Junior B Championship. Any additional players, beyond the First 15, who play in the immediate higher grade will be deemed to have been automatically regraded respectively. **Exception:** (1) At the end of the round robin series a club shall nominate a maximum of 15 players from among those who have played at the higher grade in the current year's championship who will no longer be eligible to play at the next lowest grade. (2) Any player who plays in a Connacht SFC, Sam Maguire/Tailteann Cup match, shall be automatically included among his club's First 15.

**Eligibility for the Junior C Football Championship** – The First 15 players who play on the club's team in the immediate higher grade (Senior, Intermediate, Junior A and/or Junior B) will be ineligible to play on the club's second or subsequent championship team in the current year's Junior C Championship. Any additional players, beyond the First 15, who play in the immediate higher grade will be deemed to have been automatically regraded respectively. **Exception:** (1) At the end of the round robin series a club shall nominate a maximum of 15 players from among those who have played at the higher grade in the current year's championship who will no longer be eligible to play at the next lowest grade. (2) Any player who plays in a Connacht SFC, Sam Maguire/Tailteann Cup match, shall be automatically included among his club's First 15.

**Third Teams Explained:** If a club has three championship teams in the current year's championship, then the number of players ineligible for regrading will be defined by the eligibility rule as regards the respective championship status of its first two teams.



#### **Appendix 4**

Regulations approved Árd Chomhairle on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and in accordance with Rules of Specification 3.4. & 3.6 TO Part 2 2022, that relevant games that finish level after normal playing times should be completed as follows:

#### **Phase 1**

- Proceed to Extra time as provided for in TO Cuid II (two periods of ten minutes each way)

#### **Phase 2 (Penalty Kicks/Pucks)**

If still level, a “penalty competition” to decide the outcome:

- The relevant rules in TO Cuid II shall apply in relation to Penalty Kicks/Pucks, unless otherwise stated.
- Penalties will be taken for goals only.
- The Referee shall choose the end at which the penalty kicks/pucks will be taken. The end may be changed by the referee if it becomes unplayable during the course of the penalties.
- The Referee will ensure two goal umpires are in place at the end in which the penalty kicks/pucks are to be taken;
  - Both umpires shall position themselves on the end line at opposite side of the goals facing inwards
  - If a penalty is scored, the goal umpire, will wave the green flag once the referee has signalled
  - If the penalty is saved or missed the point umpire will signal a wide once the referee has signalled
- Each team shall register five penalty takers, a goalkeeper & a substitute goalkeeper with the referee and indicate in which order the penalty takers will take their penalties. (A penalty taker can also be a goalkeeper or a substitute goalkeeper.)
- The Referee shall toss a coin in the presence of the two captains to see which team will have the option of going first.
- Only players who are on the field of play at the end of Phase 1 (i.e. end of Extra Time), shall be allowed to be registered as a penalty taker or goalkeeper. **Exception:** The substitute goalkeeper can come from the team panel.
- A goalkeeper who is injured while the penalty kicks/pucks are being taken and is unable to continue as a goalkeeper may be replaced\* by the substitute goalkeeper who has been nominated in advance, provided the referee is notified. If in the event the substitute goalkeeper also gets injured, one of the registered penalty takers may replace\* the substitute goalkeeper, provided the referee is notified. (\*Once replaced, the goalkeeper/ substitute goalkeeper cannot be reintroduced as a goalkeeper at a later stage)
- Subject to the conditions below both teams will take five penalty kicks/pucks which are taken alternately by the teams. The game is awarded to whichever team scores more of their five penalty kicks/pucks
  - If, before both teams have taken five penalty kicks/pucks, one team has scored more goals than the other team could score, even if they were to complete their five penalty kicks/pucks, no more penalty kicks/pucks shall be taken
  - If, after both teams have taken five penalty kicks/pucks and both teams have scored the same number of goals, the penalty competition will continue but in sudden death format using the same five registered players until one team has scored a goal more than the other from the same number of kicks/pucks.
  - In sudden death, the same sequence of penalty takers does not have to be

followed as in the first round of penalty kicks/pucks.

- Each penalty kick/puck is taken by a different player. All registered players must take a penalty kick/puck before any player can take an additional penalty kick/puck.
- The referee shall signal for the penalty to be taken. The penalty kick/puck is completed when the ball stops moving, goes out of play (including over the crossbar) or a goal is scored.
- Only the players involved in the penalty taking competition, as well as the Referee, Linesmen and Umpires are permitted on the pitch. With the registered penalty takers located between the 45m & 65m lines closest to the end selected by the referee. Goalkeepers to be located 20m from the goals.
- All other players (including substitute goalkeepers), managers, officials, backroom personnel etc. should be at their designated sideline area, and off the field of play when the penalty-taking competition is taking place.

### Winner on the Day Regulations | Player Registration

Penalty Takers		
Order No.	Jersey No.	Name
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		

Goalkeeper	
Jersey Number	Name

Substitute Goalkeeper	
Jersey Number	Name

#### Notes:

- Penalties will be taken for goals only.
- Each team shall register five penalty takers, a goalkeeper & a substitute goalkeeper with the referee and indicate in which order the penalty takers will take their penalties. (A penalty taker can also be a goalkeeper or a substitute goalkeeper.)
- Only players who are on the field of play at the end of Phase 1 (i.e. end of Extra Time Phase 1), shall be allowed to be registered as a penalty taker or goalkeeper.
- The substitute goalkeeper can come from the team panel.

An Rúnaí	
Signature/Síniú	

An Reiteoir	
Signature/Síniú	

