



## Mayo G.A.A. League Rules and Regulations 2016

### GAA "Give Respect - Get Respect" initiative.

Mayo Central Competition Controls Committee (CCC) is mindful of the GAA Give Respect Get Respect campaign and has drawn up 2016 regulations for the benefit of all stakeholders-players referees, team management, officials, media, members and spectators.



All Stakeholders are expected to adhere to the GAA Respect initiative, "**Give Respect - Get Respect**". This programme seeks to ensure that Gaelic Games are promoted and played in a positive, fair and enjoyable manner where players, coaches, spectators and referees, "**Give Respect - Get Respect**" from each other.

**Referees:** To be welcomed to the GAA Club.

**Before the Game:** Players to shake hands with their opposing player

**Players:** Play by the rules and take responsibility for their own behaviour whilst respecting opposition, Referees and officials

**Referees:** communicate decisions to players in an effective manner

**After the Game:** Players to shake hands with the referee, opposing players and coaches

**Supporters:** Remain in designated areas at the side of the pitch/in the stand for the full duration of each game. Always respect the match officials' officials and encourage children to do likewise.

## **Mayo GAA League Rules and Regulations** **2016**

### **1. Venues**

- a. The first named team has home venue

### **2. Referees**

- a. Where the appointed referee fails to turn up, the travelling team may select a recognised county referee. If they are unable to do so, then the home club may select a recognised county referee. If no county referee is available, the match shall not take place.

### **3. Postponements:**

- a. The County Competitions Control Committee must sanction mutual postponements.
- b. Postponements will not be granted, except by mutual agreement between the two clubs involved.
- c. The agreed new date must be **within 16 days of the original fixture** and the runai must be notified on or before the date of original fixture when this fixture will take place. Both Clubs must notify the runai **using enclosed Postponement Form Appendix 2.** If the runai does not have this information on enclosed Postponement Form **(Appendix 2.)** the game will be null and void with the loss of points and a fine of €250 will be imposed on both clubs.
- d. If a team cancel a game without agreement with the opposing club, runai must be informed in writing of cancellation on enclosed Postponement Form **(Appendix 2.)** on or before the date of fixture **by the opposing club indicating that no agreement** was reached on

cancellation or new date. If runai not notified section **3(C) will be invoked.**

- e. Points will be awarded to opposing club if the opposing club have fulfilled their requirement on this standardised Postponement Form **as outlined in 3(E).**
  - f. CCC will appoint an overseer who will review all fixtures at the end of each week and report all findings including fixtures unfulfilled and documentation received, CCC will subsequently review nominated fixtures and rule on findings, clubs will be notified of decisions where applicable.
4. Any games re fixed by the county CCC cannot be postponed by mutual agreement. No postponements will be allowed for the final round of the league and all previous rounds must be completed before the final round.
5. Any un-played rounds will be declared null and void.
6. A fine of €150 per game will be imposed in respect of each unfulfilled league and championship fixture
- a. Only the appointed referee in consultation with the county secretary can declare a pitch unplayable. Where a pitch is in doubt, the home club must notify the county secretary and the appointed referee of the situation and make arrangements for an alternative pitch. If the home club is unable to provide an alternative pitch then the match will be transferred to the away team's pitch, if no pitch is available then the game will be fixed by the CCC.

#### **7. Failure to fulfil fixtures.**

- a. Any team failing to fulfil a league fixture will be fined €250.
- b. Any team failing to fulfil the last round will be fined €350.
- c. Any team failing to fulfil two league fixtures will be fined €250 for each of the fixtures and eliminated from the competition.
- d. Unfulfilled fixtures after elimination shall merit a fine of €250 for each game up to a maximum of €500.
- e. Teams are NOT allowed to double up on league and championship games a fine of €250 and loss of points on the game they have doubled up on. (No. 21 Championship Rules)

#### **8. General.**

- a. The maximum number of players, management and officials from each club allowed inside the pitch boundary will be 35.
- b. Penalty €250

**9. Player Status.**

- a. Clubs with teams in more than one of the other divisions of a League are required to nominate 15 players for the team in the higher division which must include 12 players who played in the last championship game in 2015. The nominated players may not play in the lower division for that season.
- b. The list of nominated players must be furnished to the County Secretary by March 1<sup>st</sup> every year.

**10. County Cup and Semi Final Draw**

- i. South V North, and West V East.

**Promotion, Relegation and Grants.**

**b. Division 1A**

The top team in Division 1A will be declared the winner and will receive a development grant of €1000.00 and a set of medals. The bottom two teams in Division 1 will be relegated to Division 1B.

**c. Division 1B**

The top team in Division 1B will be declared the winner and will receive a development grant of €1000.00 and a set of medals. The top two teams in Division 1B will be promoted to Division 1A. The bottom two teams in Division 1B will be relegated to Division 1C.

**d. Division 1C**

The top team in Division 1C will be declared the winner and will receive a development grant of €750.00 and a set of medals. The top two teams in Division 1C will be promoted to Division 1B. The bottom two teams in Division 1C will be relegated to Division 1D.

**e. Division 1D**

The top team in Division 1D will be declared the winner and will receive a development grant of €750.00 and a set of medals. The top two teams in Division 1D will be promoted to Division 1C. The bottom two teams in Division 1D will be relegated to Division 1E.

**f. Division 1E**

The top team in Division 1E will be declared the winner and will receive a development grant of €500.00 and a set of medals. The top two teams in Division 1E will be promoted to Division 1D. The bottom two teams in Division 1E will be relegated to Division 1F.

**g. Division 1F**

The top team in Division 1F will be declared the winner and will receive a development grant of €500.00 and a set of medals. The top two team in Division 1F will be promoted to Division 1E

**11. Secondary Leagues – Senior, Intermediate and Junior.**

**a. Michael Walsh Senior League**

The Secondary Senior League will be divided into 4 Divisions – Division 1 Division 2, Division 3 and division 4.

The top 2 team in each division will play quarter finals semi-final and final, the quarter finals and semi-finals will be drawn. The winner will receive a Trophy and a set of medals.

Any knock out game, quarter finals, semi final or final if they end in a draw in normal time, extra time to be played.

Clubs are also reminded that all games in Michael Walsh Competitions will go ahead irrespective of club players involved in inter county competitions

**b. Michael Walsh Intermediate League**

The Secondary Intermediate League will be divided into four Divisions – Division 1 division 2 division 3 division 4 the top 2 teams in each division will play quarter finals semi-final and final, quarter finals and semi-finals will be drawn. The winner will receive a Trophy and a set of medals.

Any knock out game, quarter finals, semi final or final if they end in a draw in normal time, extra time to be played.

Clubs are also reminded that all games in Michael Walsh Competitions will go ahead irrespective of club players involved in inter county competitions

**12. Starred League Games.**

- The County Competitions Control Committee (CCC) may include up to Six ‘Starred’ league games for the 2016 league competition i.e. clubs must field a team without their county players for the fixture.
- Where a starred game is postponed by mutual agreement, the re fixed game shall also be a starred game.

**13. League Regulations.**

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

**(b)** If a club is disqualified or retires during the course of the league, it’s played games shall stand and its unfulfilled fixtures shall be awarded to the opposing teams.

(c) Where 2 teams finish with equal points in League competitions the tie shall be decided by the following means and in the order specified:

- The outcome of the meeting of the teams in the previous game in the competition.
- Scoring difference - subtracting the total scores against from total scores for.
- Highest total score for.
- Scoring average - divide total score against into total score for.

**Where more than 2 teams finish equal on points,**

- Scoring difference - subtracting the total scores against from total scores for.
- Highest total score for.
- Scoring average - divide total score against into total score for.

**Exception:** If the accumulated scores of a team, so involved, are affected by a disqualification, loss of game on a proven objection, retirement or walk-over, the tie shall be decided by a play off in both cases.

**14. Results**

- a. All results for the week must be in by 6.00pm on Sunday nights if they are to be included in the results section of the national papers on Monday morning.

**Return of Trophies, Cups and Shields** All Trophies to be returned by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016. Failure to do so a fine of €250 or replacement of trophy of equal value.

**Clash of Colours:**

In the event of a clash of colors' for any league, both teams must change to an alternative color unless otherwise agreed with both clubs, if all league games 1, the alternative color must be forwarded to Runai along with the team sheets A fine of €150 per game will be imposed on each team if either team does not meet this requirement.

**Gum Shields**

It is compulsory that gum shields are worn during warm up activity, training and all games in the interest of player safety and for insurance cover.

Without a gum shield a player is not protected against serious injury nor can corrective medical treatment be applied for through the player injury scheme

# **Challenge Games Notification**

Clubs are reminded that the County Competitions Control Committee must be notified two days in advance of all challenge games at all grades in the county. Failure to notify the Committee in writing will mean that the players will not be covered under the player's injury scheme. The notification must contain the following information:

1. The names of the competing teams.
2. The date and time of game
3. Grade of teams
4. Venue for game
5. Name of Referee

The referee must be from the county referee's panel, who shall submit a report to the relevant board secretary. Notification of all challenge games within the county should be emailed to [machalepark@mayogaa.com](mailto:machalepark@mayogaa.com).

For games involving clubs from other counties in the Province, permission must also be sought from the Provincial Secretary at [reception.connacht@gaa.ie](mailto:reception.connacht@gaa.ie).

## **Rule 6.40. T.O. 2011 Challenge Games**

- (a) All Challenge Games shall be sanctioned by the appropriate Controlling Authority, which will deal with any disciplinary matters arising. **Appendix 1 to be used**
- (b) An Inter-County Challenge game shall be sanctioned by Provincial Council(s) and Central Council, as appropriate. Sanction must be obtained from the Provincial Council where teams are from the one Province, and from the appropriate Provincial Councils and Central Council where teams are from more than one Province. After the conclusion of a National Hurling or Football League, an Inter-County Challenge Game in that code may not be played on a Saturday or Sunday unless a Round of Adult Club Games is played in the Counties involved on the preceding Monday to Saturday inclusive, or is to be played on the Sunday i.e. the day after a Saturday Challenge Game. Permission for such proposed Challenge Games shall be refused by the Sanctioning Body unless it is satisfied that the condition above has been met, but special permission may be given in exceptional cases (e.g. for the Official Opening of a Ground).
- (c) An Inter-Club Challenge Game shall be sanctioned by County Committee(s), Provincial Council(s) or Central Council. Sanction must be obtained from the County Committee where the teams are from the one County, from the County Committees and from the Provincial Council where the teams are from two or more Counties, and Sanction must be obtained from the County Committees, from the appropriate Provincial Councils and from Central Council where the teams are from more than one Province.
- (d) Units organizing Challenge Games shall make applications, in writing, to the appropriate authority/authorities in such time as to have permission

granted or otherwise, **two days prior to the date of the proposed game.** The Council or Committee-in-Charge may give authority to its Secretary to grant permission. Where sanction is required from more than one Unit of the Association for a particular Challenge Game, notice shall be given by the Applicant Units, at or about the same time, directly to all relevant Units.

- (e) The following details shall be included in the application: The Names of the Competing Teams; the Venue; the Name of the Referee, who shall be on the current and recognised List of Referees at County/Provincial/National Levels, as appropriate. The Referee shall be neutral in the case of a Senior Inter-County Game.
- (f) The Referee's Match Report shall be submitted to the appropriate authority within three days of the Game. When the Committee or Council-in-Charge deems it necessary, the Report shall be submitted within 24 hours.
- (g) The above Rules are applicable to Adult Challenge games. Failure to comply with any of the above Rule provisions shall not affect Disciplinary Proceedings being taken, arising from a Game played.

Penalties: For a Unit participating in an unauthorised Challenge Game:  
Fine - County €250; Club €100.





**Cumann Lúth Chleas Gael Coiste Chontae Mhaigheo**  
**Inter-County / Inter-Club**  
**Challenge Match Application**

**On behalf of** \_\_\_\_\_

We seek permission in accordance with Rule 6.40(c). T.O. 2011 to play a Challenge Match, details as outlined here-under:

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Opposition:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Venue:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Referee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Application Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Rúnaí** \_\_\_\_\_

**Relevant email addresses**

Opposition within the County [secretary.mayo@gaa.ie](mailto:secretary.mayo@gaa.ie)

Opposition within the Province [secretary.mayo@gaa.ie](mailto:secretary.mayo@gaa.ie) and [reception.connacht@gaa.ie](mailto:reception.connacht@gaa.ie)

Opposition outside the Province [secretary.mayo@gaa.ie](mailto:secretary.mayo@gaa.ie) and [reception.connacht@gaa.ie](mailto:reception.connacht@gaa.ie) and [challengegames@gaa.ie](mailto:challengegames@gaa.ie)

Appendix 1



**Cumann Lúth Chleas Gael Coiste Chontae Mhaigheo**  
**Postponement Application 2016,**

**On behalf of** \_\_\_\_\_ **Club,**

We seek permission or have reached the following agreement to postpone schedule game as outlined here-under:

**Date:**                    —    \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/ 2016,

**Opposition:**           —

**Grade:**                   —

**Venue:**                   —

**Referee:**                —

**Referee Notified:**   =        **YES:**    **NO:**

**Re fixed Date:**        =        \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/ 2016,

**We have not agreed to cancellation:** **YES:**    **NO:**

**Rúnaí** =====

**Date:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/ 2016,

**Relevant email address:**    [secretary.mayo@gaa.ie](mailto:secretary.mayo@gaa.ie)

**Appendix 2**



**Cathaoirleach Coiste Chontae Mhaigheo:**

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**Date: -----/-----/2016**

**Runai Coiste Chontae Mhaigheo:**

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**Date: -----/-----/2016**

**Date of Meeting Rules adopted: : -----/-----/2016**