



Mayo G.A.A. League Rules and Regulations 2018

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 2018 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.

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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.** League games will not be postponed by CCC for a team who wishes to take part in an overseas trip.
- 6.** Any un-played rounds will be declared null and void.
- 7.** 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.

8. Failure to fulfil fixtures.

- a. Any team failing to fulfil a league fixture will be fined €150.
- 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 €150 for each of the fixtures and eliminated from the competition and will be entered into a relegation play off should it be required.
- 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)

9. General.

- a. The maximum number of players, management and officials from each club allowed inside the pitch boundary will be 35. Penalty €250.
- b. The CCC recommend to all clubs to provide a programme for league games, the onus will be on the home team to provide the programme, the away team to supply their team three days in advance of the fixture. This Programme must be free of charge, and must contain free advertisement for Mayo GAA Leagues Official Sponsor

Player Status

- c. 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 2017. The nominated players may not play in the lower division for that season.
- d. The list of nominated players must be furnished to the County Secretary by March 1st every year.

10. County Cup and Semi Final Draw TBC.

Promotion, Relegation and Grants.

a. Division 1

- i. The top team in Division 1 league competition 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 2 subject to rule 8 C been not invoked.

b. Division 2

- i. The top team in Division 2 league competition 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 2 will be promoted to Division 1. The bottom two teams in Division 2 will be relegated to Division 3 subject to rule 8 C been not invoked.

c. Division 3

- i. The top team in Division 3 league competition 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 3 will be promoted to Division 2. The bottom two teams in Division 3 will be relegated to Division 4 subject to rule 8 C been not invoked.

d. Division 4

- i. The top team in Division 4 league competition 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 4 will be promoted to Division 3. The bottom two teams in Division 4 will be relegated to Division 5 subject to rule 8 C been not invoked.

e. Division 5

- i. The top team in Division 5 league competition 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 5 will be promoted to Division 4. The bottom two teams in Division 5 will be relegated to Division 6 subject to rule 8 C been not invoked.

f. Division 6

Division 6 competition will be divided into 2 groups 6A and 6B:

- i. The top 2 teams in each group will enter a play off for league winners and runners up, the top team in each group will have home advantage in the semi final with the Division 6 final league competition will be fixed for a neutral venue.
- ii. In this knockout the top team in each group will play the second team of the alternative group in semi final, the winners will play each other in a Division 6 final and the winners will receive a development grant of €500.00 and a set of medals.
- iii. The losers in the Division 6 league final will be promoted to Division 5 along with the winners of this league for the 2019 season.
- iv. *A team in Division 6 may play 13 a side but if both teams have 18 players or more players to any play league games they must play a 15 a side game.*

Each of the Divisions listed above constitute different and distinct Competitions for the purposes of any penalties imposed under Rule 7.2 T.O.2018

11. Secondary Leagues – Senior, Intermediate and Junior.

Michael Walsh Senior League

- i. The Secondary Senior League will be divided into 4 Groups – Group 1, Group 2, Group 3 and Group 4.
- ii. The top 2 team in each Group 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.
- iii. Any knock out game, quarter finals, semi final or final if they end in a draw in normal time, extra time to be played.

- iv. 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

- i. The Secondary Intermediate League will be divided into 4 Groups – Group 1, Group 2, Group 3 and Group 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.
- ii. Any knock out game, quarter finals, semi final or final if they end in a draw in normal time, extra time to be played.
- iii. Clubs are also reminded that all games in Michael Walsh Competitions will go ahead irrespective of club players involved in inter county competitions.
- iv. The CCC may request to toss a coin for a venue for all knock out stages for secondary competitions.

12. Starred League Games.

- i. The County Competitions Control Committee (CCC) may include up to eight 'Starred' league games for the 2018 league competition
- ii. This includes all 26 players named for a fixture if league fixture precedes County fixture, if the club fixture is played after the County fixture starred league games excludes all players that took a part i.e. played any part in the in the inter county fixture proceeding the starred league game.
- iii. Where a starred game is postponed by mutual agreement, the re fixed game shall also be a starred game with reference to No 2 of starred league games i.e. eligible to play.

13. The following regulations shall apply to our leagues;

- a) League results shall be credited as follows: 2 points for a win, and one for a draw.
- b) If a club 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.
- c) Where 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. Where two teams are involved, the outcome of the meeting of the two teams in the previous game in the Competition.

- ii. Scoring difference – (subtracting the total scores Against from total scores for.
- iii. Highest Total Score for.
- iv. A Play - Off

Exception to C:

In relation to means (ii) and (iii) above, 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.

14. Results

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.

15. Return of Trophies, Cups and Shields

All Trophies to be returned **by 1st April 2018**. Failure to do so a fine of €250 or replacement of trophy of equal value.

16. Clash of Colours:

In the event of a clash of jersey colours' for any league, both teams must change to an alternative color unless otherwise agreed with both clubs in all championship and league games, 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.

17. Gum Shields

- a. 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.
- b. 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 secretary.mayo@gaa.ie

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

Rule 6.41. T.O. 2016 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 Juvenile Challenge games (players in the Under 16 age group or younger). 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: _____

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Relevant email addresses

Opposition within the County secretary.mayo@gaa.ie

Opposition within the Province secretary.mayo@gaa.ie and reception.connacht@gaa.ie

Opposition outside the Province secretary.mayo@gaa.ie and reception.connacht@gaa.ie and challengegames@gaa.ie

Appendix 1



Cumann Lúth Chleas Gael Coiste Chontae Mhaigheo
Postponement Application 2018,

On behalf of _____ **Club,**

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

Date: – ____/____/ 2018,

Opposition: –

Grade: –

Venue: –

Referee: –

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

Re fixed Date: = ____/____/ 2018,

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

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Date: ____/____/ 2018,

Relevant email address: secretary.mayo@gaa.ie

Appendix 2



Cathaoirleach Coiste Chontae Mhaigheo:

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Date: -----/-----/2018

Runai Coiste Chontae Mhaigheo:

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Date: -----/-----/2018

Date of Meeting Rules adopted: -----/-----/2018