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GALWAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE RULES --Governance

RULE 1: GALWAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

1.1 The Galway Football League will be referred to as “the League”. It shall be known as the Galway Football League, Cumann Sraith Pheile na Gaillimhe.

1.2 The League will have jurisdiction over all Association Football played in the county and city of Galway.

1.3 This jurisdiction would incorporate junior, youth, schoolboy, women’s and schoolgirls level.

1.4 This league shall be affiliated to the Football Association of Ireland, the Connacht Football Association, and the Schoolboys Football Association of Ireland.

1.5 The principal offices of the League shall be at Eamonn Deacy Park, Dyke Road, Terryland, Galway.

RULE 2: DEFINITIONS

2.1 In the interpretation of these rules the following words and expressions shall have the meanings so defined;

a. The “League” shall mean the Galway Football League (GFL).

b. The “FAI” shall mean the Football Association of Ireland.

c. The “CFA” shall mean the Connacht Football Association.

d. The “SFAI” shall mean the Schoolboys Football Association of Ireland.

e. The “Manager” means the Official of a Club responsible for selecting a Team.

f. “Match Officials” means referees, assistant referees, and includes reserve officials and fourth officials.

2.2 The “Executive Officers” shall mean;

- Chairman
- Treasurer
- Honorary Secretary

2.3 “Days” shall exclude Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays.

2.4 a. The “Executive Board” shall mean the Executive Board of the Galway Football League and contain the below members;

- President
- Chairperson / Child Welfare Officer
- Judicial Executive & (Vice Chairperson)
- Treasurer
- Football Executive
- Honorary Secretary
- Ladies/Girls Football Executive
- Ladies/Girls Football Executive
- Participation Officer

RULE 3: OBJECTIVES

3.1 The objectives of the League shall be to co-operate with the F.A.I. CFA, and the SFAI, in their efforts. The league will promote, foster, and develop the game of association football in the Galway League in accordance with these above associations. The League will take the necessary or advisable steps that prevent any infringements of the rules of the game.

3.2 The league will also take the necessary or advisable steps to stop improper methods or practices in the game.

3.3 The league will protect the game from all abuses, and will do all things to the attainment of the above objectives.

RULE 4: HONORARY LIFE PRESIDENT

4.1 The Annual General Meeting may appoint an Honorary Life President.

4.2 The Honorary Life President may remain in office for the remainder of his natural lifespan, or until he may choose to resign.

4.3 The Honorary Life President may attend Executive Board meetings, but will not be entitled to vote at such meetings.

4.4 The Honorary Life President may also attend the Annual or Special General meetings, but will not be entitled to vote at such meetings.

RULE 5: HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

5.1 The league may appoint Honorary Life Members at the league AGM on the recommendation of the Executive Board.

5.2 No more than three persons shall hold such life membership at any given time.

5.3 Honorary Life Membership shall entitle the holder to enjoy privileges of free entry to all games under the League’s jurisdiction.

5.4 Honorary Life Members may attend Executive Board, Annual and Special General Meetings of the League among other events deemed appropriate by the Executive Board.

RULE 6: RULEBOOKS

6.1 The League Rulebook shall be available to download from the leagues website free of charge.

RULE 7: CHAIRPERSON

7.1 The Chairperson will preside over the meetings of the Committee in a non-partisan manner.

7.2 The Chairperson will authenticate by signature the minutes of Executive Board meetings, and exercise general supervision over the Executive Board affairs.

7.3 In the event of the Chairperson's absence from any meeting, the Vice Chairman will preside over the meeting, if the Vice Chairman is unavailable the members present shall appoint a person to preside over the meeting.

7.4 The Chairperson in conjunction with the Honorary Secretary shall ensure that all scheduled meetings are held with advance notice, and a copy of the Agenda given to all Executive Board members.

7.5 The Chairperson may call an emergency meeting if he deems the issue to be of a serious and urgent nature.

7.6 The Chairperson or person presiding in the Chairperson's absence is entitled to a deliberative vote and has also a casting vote in the event of a tie in any decision.

RULE 8: HONORARY AND GENERAL SECRETARY

There will be two secretary roles for the GFL

Honorary Secretary

8.1 The Honorary Secretary will be an officer of the League and will be appointed by the AGM.

8.2 The Honorary Secretary shall keep a true record of all Executive Board meetings.

8.3 The Honorary Secretary shall present a true report of the season's work at the AGM.

8.4 The Honorary Secretary will be responsible for all arrangements for the GFA.

8.5 The Honorary Secretary may call an Executive Board meeting at any time.

General Secretary

8.6 The General Secretary will be full time administrative role and will be appointed by the Executive Board.

8.7 Correspondences shall be held in a manner prescribed by the Executive Board.

8.8 The General Secretary will be responsible for the administration of the GFL office.

8.9 The General Secretary will be responsible for the advertising and promotion of the GFL.

RULE 9: TREASURER

9.1 The Treasurer will take charge of the funds of the league and keep an accurate account of it.

9.2 The Treasurer will submit Statements of receipts and expenditure at Executive Board meetings.

9.3 All cheques must be authorised by the Executive Board before issue and signed by the authorised signatories.

9.4 The accounts of the League shall be brought to a close on the 30th of June each year and shall be duly audited by such persons as may be nominated at the Annual General Meeting.

RULE 10: LEAGUE GOVERNANCE

10.1 The governance and control of the League is vested in the Executive Board.

10.2 The Executive Board shall carry out its duties and exercise its powers to achieve the objects of the league as defined in these rules.

10.3 The Executive Board shall have the power to deal with such matters concerning the league not expressly provided for in these Rules.

RULE 11: OPERATION OF GALWAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE EXECUTIVE BOARD

11.1 The Executive Board will be entitled to place proposals for changes in the league rules before an AGM.

11.2 The Executive Board through the Honorary Secretary shall be responsible for all the arrangements of the league.

11.3 In the role of Board of Directors, the league Executive Board will also act in compliance with the requirement of regulatory of regulatory bodies.

11.4 The Executive Board may delegate any of its powers to standing or sub- committees consisting of such members as approved by the Executive Board.

11.5 Any subcommittee or standing committee formed with the exception of the Disciplinary Subcommittee will in the exercise of their power conform to any limitation that may be imposed on it by the Executive Board which should be declared in a Terms of Reference.

11.6 The Convener of each -standing or subcommittee shall report regularly on its work to the league Executive Board.

11.7 At the beginning of each season, the Executive Board will appoint a Child Welfare Liaison Officer (CWLO). This person does not have to be a member of the committee.

RULE 12: POWERS OF THE GALWAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE EXECUTIVE BOARD

12.1 The Executive Board has the power to apply, act upon, and enforce the rules of the league.

12.2 The Executive Board has jurisdiction over all matters affecting the league and its competitions.

12.3 The Executive Board has the power to deal with any club, team, official, member, player, and/or supporter guilty of misconduct, or in breach of the rules.

12.4 The Executive Board has the power to suspend, fine, expel or discipline offending clubs, teams, or persons.

12.5 All Executive Board decisions are final and binding unless they are rescinded on appeal to the C.F.A. S.F.A.I. or F.A.I.

12.6 The league has the power to investigate charges against League officials, and to remove from office any person whose conduct in the management of the League affairs has been objectionable.

12.7 The league has the power to order games to be played on neutral ground or an opponent's ground as they see fit.

RULE 13: EXPENSES TO EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

13.1 Executive Board members and persons assisting the league in its functions shall be paid such expense and/or fees that are in line with the policy laid down by the Executive Board at its first meeting of each season.

RULE 14: LEAGUE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

14.1 Notification of the Annual General Meeting shall be sent to all affiliated clubs 21 days in advance of the A.G.M.

14.2 Proposed additions or alterations to rules must be sent in writing/email to the Honorary Secretary 14 days before the A.G.M.

14.3 Each Club shall be entitled to vote at the AGM based on affiliated teams as below;

a. Junior Teams Affiliated = 2 Votes.

b. Youth or schoolboys, minimum 2 Competitive Teams Affiliated.= 2 Votes.

c. Club with Minimum of Two Gils/Ladies Teams Affiliated. = 2 Votes

Maximum Votes per Club at AGM = 6 Votes

14.4 Any club failing to attend the AGM shall be subject to disciplinary action, and fined €100.

14.5 Any club in monetary arrears, or are the subject of disciplinary actions, must (prior) to the AGM have all such commitments settled.

14.6 No club shall have the right to representation unless all affiliations/registration fees and outstanding monies accrued during the relevant season, have been received by the Executive Board in accordance with the rules. Any club failing this rule will not be allowed to vote at the AGM.

14.7 All outgoing members of the Executive Board will be entitled to vote at the AGM.

14.8 Only members present at the AGM are entitled to vote, no vote by proxy will be accepted, with exception of the 2020 AGM which will allow proxy voting due to Covid-19.

14.9 Only clubs with a minimum of two(2) competitive youth or schoolboy teams affiliated to the league can vote on youth or schoolboy motions.

14.10 Only clubs with a minimum of two (2) competitive female youth or schoolgirl teams affiliated to the league can vote on female youth or schoolgirl motions.

RULE 15: EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING:

15.1 The Executive Board may call an EGM, as it may deem necessary.

15.2 An EGM shall also be called upon receipt by the Honorary Secretary of a requisition signed by the secretaries of at least 50% plus 1 of the member Clubs of the League.

15.3 This requisition must be accompanied by a deposit of €300 to defray expenses.

15.4 No business shall be transacted by any such meeting except that specified in the requisition or contained in the Agenda issued by the Honorary Secretary.

15.5 The Honorary Secretary shall give 7 day's notice of such meetings to all clubs in the league.

15.6 No club shall have the right to representation unless all affiliations/registration fees and outstanding monies accrued during the relevant season, have been received by the Executive Board in accordance with the rules. Any club failing this rule will not be allowed to vote at the EGM.

15.7 Each Club shall be entitled to vote at the EGM based on affiliated teams as below;

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| a. Junior Teams Affiliated | = 2 Votes. |
| b. Youth or schoolboys, minimum 2 Competitive Teams Affiliated. | = 2 Votes. |
| c. Club with Minimum of Two Girls/Ladies Teams Affiliated. | = 2 Votes |
| Maximum Votes per Club at EGM | = 6 Votes |

15.8 Only members present at the EGM are entitled to vote, no vote by proxy will be accepted, with exception of 2020 EGM(s) which may allow proxy voting due to Covid-19 protocols.

15.9 Only clubs with a minimum of two(2) competitive youth or schoolboy teams affiliated to the league can vote on youth or schoolboy motions.

15.10 Only clubs with a minimum of two (2) competitive female youth or schoolgirl teams affiliated to the league can vote on female youth or schoolgirl motions.

RULE 16: LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP

16.1 The league will be open to all bone/fide junior, youth, schoolboy, women, and schoolgirl clubs in the area who wish to affiliate to the league in accordance with the rules.

16.2 These clubs shall not be in breach of the rules of this league, and have fulfilled all obligations to its previous leagues.

16.3 For the purpose of this league a club is one other than those competing in the Football League of Ireland (any section), divisional senior leagues such as Leinster, Munster, Connacht, Ulster or leagues of a similar or higher status.

16.4 Each club must pay an "Annual Affiliation" fee on a date as defined by the Honorary Secretary each year.

16.5 No club shall be eligible to participate in the league unless this affiliation fee meets the payment schedule set out by the Galway FA at the start of the season.

16.6 Present clubs must have a 'C' Licence Qualified coach within their club.

RULE 17: RIGHT TO REFUSE ENTRY

17.1 The Galway Football League reserves the right to refuse admission to the league to any club, team, player, or individuals.

RULE 18: LEAGUE FORMAT

18.1 Domestic league fixtures for schoolboys may be set so that odd age groups (13,15) are run on an alternate weekend to the even age groups (12, 14, 16).

Domestic league fixtures for schoolgirls/U19 may be set so that groups (12,15,19) are run on alternate weekend to the groups (13,17)

18.2 The Executive Board will designate the Cups/Trophys to specific competitions each season.

RULE 19: CLUB ELIGIBILITY

19.1 Membership of the league is open to all junior, youth, underage, ladies and schoolgirl clubs in the city and county provided they comply with the necessary requirements, and agree to obey the rules of this League.

19.2 All such clubs must complete a GFL application form on a date as defined by Honorary Secretary, and must also satisfy the league as to their suitability.

19.3 Each applicant must provide or have the use of their own ground, public ground, or an alternative ground.

19.4 The ground being nominated by the applicants shall in no way hinder or infringe on the rights of use of any existing affiliated clubs at the time of application, or at any future date.

19.5 The League may require proof of claims made by applicants particularly in relation to grounds.

19.6 The grounds nominated must be passed as suitable by the league.

19.7 Any new club requesting to enter the league may have individual or specific payment terms and conditions applied for the duration of their first season.

RULE 20: CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

20.1 Each club must hold its AGM within the calendar year.

20.2 Notice of the date, time, and venue of the AGM together with the Agenda must be sent to the Honorary Secretary at least 10 days before the AGM takes place.

20.3 Any member of the GFL will be entitled to attend the A.G.M. of any Club but will not be entitled to vote unless he/she is a member of that Club.

20.4 Each club at its A.G.M. will elect the following officers: chairperson, vice/chairperson, secretary, treasurer, P.R.O. and a serving committee for the coming Season.

20.5 The club secretary will inform the Honorary Secretary of the composition of the committee elected at the AGM.

RULE 21: NEW APPLICATIONS ('C' Licence)

21.1 Applications for membership shall be made in writing on the official registration form supplied by the league.

21.2 This is to be received by the Honorary Secretary on a date as defined.

21.3 This application must state clearly:

- a. The name of the club.
- b. The full Christian surnames and addresses of the officers and officials; club chairperson, vice-chairperson, secretary, treasurer, and P.R.O.
- c. A list of the elected committee of that club should also be offered.
- d. The situation of the club ground, and the owner of the ground, which must note if it is public or private.
- e. Each club ground must be covered by Public Liability Insurance.
- f. Club colours must be confirmed.
- g. Club secretary phone number, email address, and two other phone numbers that may be used to contact the club in urgent circumstances.
- h. The application form must be signed by the club chairperson and club secretary.
- i. All new applicants must have a minimum of two underage teams one of which must be competitive.
- j. This places a requirement on each club to ensure that they have at least one coach with a 'C' Licence Qualification on entering the league.

RULE 22: DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

22.1 At its opening meeting of the season the Executive Board will appoint a disciplinary Committee.

22.2 The Disciplinary Committee has authorisation and jurisdiction to deal with all breaches of League rules and competitions for the league.

22.3 The Disciplinary Committee will be responsible for:

- a. Sanctioning offences recorded in all referee reports not otherwise automatically dealt with.
- b. Sanctioning all breaches of the disciplinary rules.
- c. Sanctioning serious infringements which have escaped the match official's attention.
- d. Rectifying obvious errors in the referee's disciplinary decisions.
- e. Extending the duration of a match suspension incurred automatically by an expulsion
- f. Imposing additional sanctions, such as additional suspensions, fines, or sanctions. The decisions of the Disciplinary Committee may be appealed to the CFA, or SFAI, but cannot be reviewed or altered by the league Executive Board.
- g. Sanctioning offences according to FAI Rules Section on disciplinary issues.

RULE 23: NOTIFICATIONS OF DISCIPLINARY DECISIONS

23.1 The Disciplinary Committee shall notify each decision to all parties concerned, and where relevant, and be accompanied by a referee's report on the incident where applicable.

23.2 Decisions or other documents intended for players or officials may be addressed to the Club Secretary or other body concerned.

23.3 Decisions shall be communicated by fax and/or email and/or by registered post. A fax or email delivery report or registered post receipt is sufficient evidence that a decision has been properly notified.

23.4 The decisions come into force as and from the Tuesday following notification.

RULE 24: ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS FOR AGM

24.1 No person shall be eligible for election to these offices, unless not later than 14 days (shall include Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays) before the date of the AGM in each year they have sent by email or registered post to the Honorary Secretary a nomination in writing signifying their candidature for such office. The nomination shall be signed by the candidate and signed by the Secretary of the Clubs proposing and seconding the nomination, each of which shall be separate clubs. Both Clubs proposing and seconding the nomination must be in good standing with the league.

24.2 Child Welfare Liaison Officer shall be an officer of the League, and shall only be selected for office if fully qualified for the position.

RULE 25: ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS FOR AGM

25.1 Nominations for a panel of selection must be forwarded in writing to the Honorary Secretary by e-mail or post, 48 hours (Sundays and Bank Holidays included) prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting.

25.2 Nominees must be proposed by a club in good standing with the league and no club may nominate more than two persons.

25.3 Outgoing members must also be nominated.

25.4 A panel of selection of 9 will be elected at the Annual General Meeting by those present and entitled to vote.

25.5 In the event of more than nine proposals a ballot will take place with the Nine having most votes elected to form the panel of selection.

25.6 Independent tellers nominated by the Connacht Football Association or the Football Association of Ireland will conduct the counting of votes.

25.7 The officers will select the remaining positions of the Executive Board from the panel of selection. This may be done immediately at the AGM or within 1 week of that date.

25.8 Within 3 weeks, the new incoming Executive shall co-opt two additional full Executive members to represent Girls/Womens Soccer for the new season if two appointments are not made within the elected members.

RULE 26: CO -OPTION ON TO LEAGUE EXECUTIVE BOARD

26.1 If for any reason any member of the Executive Board resigns or is removed for Disciplinary reasons, the vacancy will be filled by a person from the panel of selection from the AGM.

26.2 If no such person exists, the Executive Board have the power to co-opt any person they deem fit to fill the vacancy.

RULE 27: EXECUTIVE BOARD VOTING

27.1 All Officers and members of the Executive Board will be entitled to vote on all matters except when it concerns their own club. The Chairperson shall have a deliberative as well as a casting vote.

27.1 The Executive Board will meet to govern the affairs of the League.

27.2 The Executive Chairman will take the Chair at the meeting.

27.3 In the absence of the Executive Chairman, the Vice Chairman will take the chair.

27.4 A quorum for all meetings with regards to the transaction of business will be four (4).

27.5 Each of the Executive Officers will be entitled to one (1) vote.

Frequency

27.6 The Executive Board will meet at a self-determined frequency.

Date, Time and place

- 27.7 The Executive Board will determine at each meeting the date, time and place of the next meeting.
- 27.8 This date may be modified if necessary by the Chairman.
- 27.9 The Executive Board will normally meet at the Headquarters of the League in Eamon Deacy Park. It may meet elsewhere if so decided by a majority of the members.

Special Meetings

- 27.10 The Executive Board may meet in special meetings if called by the Chairman on his/her own initiative or on the request of six (6) members of the board.
- 27.11 That request must be made in writing or e-mail through the Honorary Secretary.

RULE 28: APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

- 28.1 The Executive Board will appoint a firm who are members of a recognised body of accountants.
- 28.2 This firm will hold office until the following AGM.

RULE 29: FINANCIAL STATEMENT

- 29.1 All fines levied by the Galway Football League in a season shall be published in the financial report at the AGM at the end of that season.
- 29.2 The report is to include the offence for which the fine was imposed, the date of the fine, the amount levied and the date the fine was paid.
- 29.3 The audited accounts of the league will be presented for approval at the AGM.

RULE 30: MINUTES TO CLUBS

- 30.1 The minutes of the previous AGM, the Agenda, and the current year's motions, together with a copy of financial statement will be circulated to all clubs 7 days before the Annual General Meeting date.

RULE 31: MINUTES FOR MEETINGS OTHER THAN THE AGM

- 31.1 For all meetings other than the AGM the agenda will be circulated at least 7 days before the meeting date.
- 31.2 The minutes of such meetings will be circulated within 7 day period after the meeting date.

RULE 32: GATE RECEIPTS

32.1 Only persons appointed by the Executive Board will be entitled to collect monies at matches.

32.2 Any such monies will be the property of the League, and subsequently given to the Treasurer.

32.3 The Treasurer will keep a true record of any such monies.

RULE 33: SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

33.1 The Executive Board may call Special General Meetings as it deemed necessary.

RULE 34: FIRST MEETING

34.1 The Executive Board will (at its first meeting after the AGM) elect any sub-committees they deem necessary for the good governance of the league.

34.2 Delegates to the FAI, CFA, SFAI and other external delegations will also be elected at this meeting.

34.3 A policy regarding expenses and/or fees to be paid to Executive Board and persons assisting the league in its functions shall be laid down by the Executive Board at its first meeting of each season.

RULE 35: CLUB RECORDS

35.1 Each club must produce all its books and correspondence for inspection at any time the Executive Board may determine.

RULE 36: MONIES DUE TO THE LEAGUE

36.1 All Monies due by clubs to the league must be paid within 30 days of receipt of notification (i.e. ground rent, fines, etc).

36.2 If the matter is not settled within that period there will be 10% late payment penalty applied.

RULE 37: SECRET BALLOT

37.1 In taking a vote on any matter any member of the Executive Board may demand a vote by secret ballot.

RULE 38: PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE

38.1 Each club applying or already accepted by the Galway Football League must undertake to indemnify the Galway Football League from any liability for accidents or otherwise on their grounds or facilities.

38.2 Each club or team must have the grounds and facilities covered by Public Liability Insurance (reference 21.3, New Applications) to comply with this. A copy of this must be sent to the Galway Football League before each season commencement date.

38.3 This indemnity hereby undertaken on the part of each club is not negative in any manner by the failure or omission of any club to obtain or renew such insurance.

RULE 39: EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS MISSING THREE CONSECUTIVE MEETINGS

39.1 Any Executive Board member that fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Executive Board without giving a satisfactory explanation shall automatically cease to be a member of the Executive Board.

RULE 40: ANNUAL REPORT PLAYING PITCHES

40.1 The Galway Football League may employ an independent agent to survey and report annually on the condition of each participating clubs playing pitches.

RULE 41: MOTIONS PASSED AT AGM/EGM

41.1 All motions with the exceptions of rule changes carried at the AGM/EGM take effect following ratification.

41.2 Alterations to rules shall only be made if supported by at least two-thirds of those present and voting at the AGM/EGM.

41.3 Rule changes affecting competitions shall come into effect following ratification, but not during the playing season.

RULE 42: AFFILIATIONS

42.1 All clubs shall pay affiliation fees as agreed at the AGM in full before the commencement of the season unless otherwise agreed by the Executive Board.

42.2 Failure to comply in full will result in non-participation in the Galway Football League.

RULE 43: INDEMNITIES

43.1 The Executive Board shall be empowered to provide indemnities to any officer, Executive Board member, commission, standing committee or sub-committee, official or servant of the league in pursuit of the discharge of the objectives and functions of the league by them, such indemnity to be recorded in the register of indemnities of the league.

RULE 44: FINANCIAL ARREARS:

44.1 The sitting league Executive Board reserves the right to refuse affiliation to, or expel from the league, any clubs with financial arrears from the previous season or earlier.

44.2 Any club transferring from an adjoining league with prior arrears to the GFL will be required to arrange settlement of the earlier arrears. In the event of a club with financial arrears owing to the GFL transferring to an adjoining league, the GFL will furnish details of the debts involved and details of the names of the officers of the Club.

RULE 45: LEGAL ACTION

45.1 No affiliated Club or its members in the Galway Football League may take legal action against the League or associated bodies on any issue relating to the application of these rules.

45.2 Each club hereby indemnifies the Galway Football League in respect of all or any action proposed action or otherwise instituted or to be instituted in respect of any occurrence in relation to the running of the activities of the club however caused.

DISCIPLINARY RULES

Part D) Section 1 GENERAL, of the FAI Rulebook will be adopted as the competition rules for all GFL Competitions.

Part D) Section 2 OFFENCES, of the FAI Rulebook will be adopted as the competition rules for all GFL Competitions.

Part D) Section 3 SANCTIONS, of the FAI Rulebook will be adopted as the competition rules for all GFL Competitions.

Part D) Section 4 RULES RELATING TO SANCTIONS, of the FAI Rulebook will be adopted as the competition rules for all GFL Competitions.

Part D) Section 5 DETERMINING THE SANCTION, of the FAI Rulebook will be adopted as the competition rules for all GFL Competitions.

Part D) Section 6 DISCIPLINARY AUTHORITIES, of the FAI Rulebook will be adopted as the competition rules for all GFL Competitions.

Part D) Section 7 JURISDICTION OF FAI DISCIPLINARY BODIES, excluding Rule 67 APPEAL COMMITTEE of the FAI Rulebook will be adopted as the competition rules for all GFL Competitions.

Part D) Section 10 PROVISIONS, of the FAI Rulebook will be adopted as the competition rules for all GFL Competitions.

Part D) Section 11 PROCEDURE OF DISCIPLINARY BODIES, excluding Rule 81 & 82 APPEALS of the FAI Rulebook will be adopted as the competition rules for all GFL Competitions.

Part D) Section 12 GENERAL PROCEDURAL RULES FOR FAI DISCIPLINARY BODIES, of the FAI Rulebook will be adopted as the competition rules for all GFL Competitions.

The term FAI Disciplinary Committee will be replaced with the GFL Disciplinary Committee as appropriate when applying the FAI Disciplinary Rules.

COMPETITION RULES

CR 1: JURISDICTION

1.1 All rules in this book are applicable solely to games and competitions played under the jurisdiction of the league and shall be subject to annual review and alteration by the Executive Board.

1.2 The Executive Board, standing committees or its sub-committee/s shall have the power to deal with any situation, event or circumstances which arises and is not specifically covered within these rules.

1.3 No League Executive Board Member or office holder may represent, take part in, debate, or in any way influence any league discussion or decision/s affecting his/her club.

CR 2: PLAYERS

2.1 A junior player for Galway Football League purposes is one competing with a Junior Club as defined in the FAI Rules with the following exceptions:

- a. A player who has ever received Senior International honours (amateur honours excluded).
- b. A player who has played more than five games in the Football League of Ireland competitions, in leagues of similar status, in other associations, or unless he has been re-graded for his Club by this League or by his Association.
- c. A player (during the current calendar year) who has played 5 matches or more in the Leinster Senior League, the Munster Senior League, the Ulster Senior League, and/or a League of similar to higher status.
- d. Players requiring re-grading should apply to the F.A.I. Junior Council on or before the 30th of September. Such players will continue to be junior players unless they return to senior status.
- e. Winners of major leagues taking part in divisional or national association's premier cup competitions are eligible to take part in those competitions and will not lose their junior status.
- f. A player who has not attained his 16th Birthday.

2.2 No Player who is registered with an SSE Airtricity League U17 team will be eligible to play in a Galway Football League competition including Cups and Leagues.

Where an SSE Airtricity League U17 Player is no longer registered as an SSE Airtricity League U17 Player that Player's club must seek permission from the Galway Football League for that player to be eligible to play in Galway Football League local/domestic competitions and that player cannot play in such competitions until such permission has been granted by the Galway Football League.

CR 3: DIVISIONAL STRUCTURES

3.1 The Executive Board will form teams into divisions for each age group on the basis of approved applications received from clubs in membership of the League at the start of each season as follows;

a) U8, U9, U10 & U11 will be non- competitive football.

b) U12 will be 9-a-side competitive format.

c) U13,U14,U15, U16, Youth and upwards will be 11-a-side competitive format.

3.2 In all age groups and formats, teams shall be promoted or demoted prior to the start of any new season, as far as possible on their standing from the previous season's league competition.

3.3 Divisions for teams will be formed by the Executive Board and details issued to member clubs prior to the commencement of each season.

3.4 Member clubs will have 14 days from date of those issuing to request a change of team/s division.

3.5 The league Executive Board shall have the sole right to grant or deny any such request for placement in division/s.

3.6 A competitive Reserve League to form part of League Structures. This will be a single round division.

3.7 Players registered in highest graded panel/team within club, shall also be allowed to play in Reserve League.

3.8 A competitive U20/U21 Division will form part of League Structures.

CR 4: CLUB COLOURS

4.1 Every club must register its club colours with the league who can decide as to their suitability.

4.2 Goalkeepers must wear distinctive colours that will distinguish them from other players and the referee.

4.3 In the event of two teams having the same colours, the home team must change.

4.4 Where there is a clash of colours in a final, the league Executive Board will decide on which club will change.

4.5 All jerseys numbered 1 to 18. Each team must have a set of matching shorts and socks in all competitive games.

CR 5: FIXTURE SCHEDULING

5.1 The Fixtures Secretary will set the default day and time for each division at the start of the season.

5.2 The Fixtures Secretary can at their discretion order teams to play on mornings or evening's midweek and bank holidays.

5.3 In the event that the Fixtures Secretary wishes to set an underage game for either a day or time outside the default day and time for that division, both clubs will be consulted in advance.

5.4 Weekly fixtures will appear on the league's website. This will be official notification of games to all clubs and will be strictly adhered to at all times.

5.5 All results must be notified by phone or by text before 5.30.p.m. each Saturday and Sunday evening, or midnight on the day of the game for midweek fixtures. Failure to comply with above will result in a fine of €10 for each such occasion.

5.6 When possible, the League must supply one month of fixtures and a schedule of all cup competition dates to each club.

5.7 Clubs must receive the league calendar no later than 7 days prior to the commencement of each league.

5.8 Weekly fixtures will appear on the league's website. This will be official notification of games to all clubs and will be strictly adhered to at all times. If fixtures are changed after initial publication, a note will be added to state this.

5.9 All league cup draws will be planned out and published before Round 1 so that clubs can see a pathway to the final.

5.10 U16 Boys and U17/U18 Boys local competitions (League & Cup) will complete on or before April 30th.

U17 Girls and U19 Girls local competitions (League & Cup) will complete on or before April 30th.

5.11 Prior to publication of leagues, clubs may request kick off time for home domestic fixtures to suit home facilities.

The league will inform all relevant clubs involved in the competitions, any club involved with fixtures that has an objection to the kick off times advised, must inform the league via electronic mail within 10 days of notice issuing. The league then will revert the home fixture concerned to a time determined by the league at season outset.

5.12 Domestic league fixtures for schoolboys may be set so that odd age groups (13,15) are run on an alternate weekend to the even age groups (12, 14, 16).

5.13 Domestic league fixtures for schoolgirls/U19 may be set so that groups (12,15,19) are run on alternate weekend to the groups (13,17)

CR 6: GROUNDS

6.1 Before the commencement of each season the Executive Board shall review the playing pitch & changing facilities at the home venue of each club to decide on its suitability. In the interest of Child Safety & Protection a club will lose home advantage for each game that it cannot provide adequate changing facilities.

CR7: UNAUTHORISED FIXTURES

7.1 No club or player shall be entitled to play any match (Other than fixtures organised by the CFA or FAI) outside the league without getting the consent of the Executive Board in writing.

7.2 The application must be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary of the League.

7.3 Challenge games against Galway clubs are exempt from this rule.

CR8: POSTPONEMENTS / CANCELLATIONS

8.1 A cancellation is any game cancelled by the league Executive Board that will not be rescheduled.

8.2 Regarding bereavements, postponements may be granted for the death of an immediate family member of a registered club officer or player at the discretion of the Executive Board.

Postponements may not be granted a day after the burial service has taken place, one minute's silence may be observed as a mark of respect.

8.3 Each adult team will be entitled to apply for a maximum of two (2) free weekends per season.

8.4 Each Schoolboy/girl and Youth team will be entitled to apply for a maximum of one (1) free weekend per season.

8.5 Application for free weekend must be made in writing or electronic mail to the Fixtures Secretary at least 10 days prior to the date of free weekend. No verbal applications will be considered.

8.5 In the event of a major tragedy or similar occurrence in a particular area, the league Executive Board may exercise its discretion to cancel a fixture if the tragedy affects a registered Club in that area.

CR 9: FAILURE TO FULFILL A FIXTURE

9.1 Any club team failing to fulfil a competitive league fixture shall be fined €100, and lose the game 3-0.

9.2 Should such club team fail to fulfil a Second competitive league fixture it shall be fined €200, lose the game 3-0, and the team will be removed from that league competition.

9.3 Any club team failing to fulfil a competitive cup fixture shall be fined €100, (fine not applicable to first round of cups for schoolboy/girl if notification to concede is sent to the fixtures secretary no later than 10 days before the fixture) lose the game, and therefore be eliminated from that specific cup competition.

CR 10: ABANDONED GAMES

10.1 In the case of an abandoned tie, after examining the referee's report the Executive Board shall decide on the matter.

10.2 If a match is abandoned due to bad light or weather conditions or that extra time is not played the match will be re-fixed at the same venue.

10.3 The Executive Board will review all abandoned games individually.

10.4 In cases where it is to the advantage of the competition and no injustice is done to either team, the Executive Board are empowered to order the score at the time of the abandonment to be recorded as the final result.

CR 11: WITHDRAWALS

11.1 Any club or team that withdraws totally from the league before the first match in the league is played will still be invoiced for affiliation and will be fined an additional €25 per team.

11.2 Any club withdrawing a team from the league after the first game in the division has been played, shall be deemed guilty of misconduct and bringing the game into disrepute. The team will be fined €20 for each remaining game in that league.

CR 12: PERMISSION TO PLAY ON GFL REGISTERED GROUNDS.

12.1 Any club wishing to play on grounds registered to the GFL in any competition must apply in email to the Honorary Secretary of the league.

12.2 If more than one club apply for the use of the ground on the same date the first applicant has the choice of time.

12.3 The Executive Board shall decide ground rent.

CR 13: PROTESTS

13.1 All protests must be received by the Honorary Secretary per registered post or electronic mail within 4 days (Sundays and Bank Holidays excluded) after the cause of the protest.

13.2 The protest must be accompanied by a deposit of €200 which shall be refunded in the event of the protest being upheld.

13.3 This €200 shall be forfeited in all cases where the protest has been rejected or withdrawn.

13.4 An exact copy of such a protest must be sent by registered post or electronic mail to the club, league, or association protested against within the same period.

13.5 A period of 4 days after receipt of the protest shall be afforded to the body protested against to lodge a counter protest in accordance with the same regulations that apply to the protest. Personal hearings may be requested and granted provided all expenses involved are paid for by the club concerned.

13.6 Any club in doubt as to the eligibility of its opponents can make representations to the referee at half time, be at liberty to obtain the signature, and dates of birth of any three opposition players.

13.7 Any team's refusal to accede to such a request will be regarded as an effort to conceal an irregularity in registration and/or overage, and will be a breach of this rule.

13.8 At the end of a game a club shall be at liberty to obtain the signature and date of birth of any substitute who as introduced to the game after the half-time interval. All such signatures and dates of birth shall form the basis of any protest and be produced at any subsequent protest hearing.

13.9 Clubs may search the team registration documents for an opposition team by applying through email to the League secretary or registrar and the payment of the current search fee.

13.10 A maximum of one team may be searched under the procedures for lodging any one protest.

13.11 Protests can only be lodged and dealt with by the League where they emanate from a game played by the protesting club against their opponents. No third party protests will be dealt with by the League.

CR 14: RIGHT OF APPEAL

14.1 Any league official, club, player or member of a club dissatisfied with a decision of the league has the right to appeal to the Connacht Football Association, the SFAI, and/or the WFAI.

14.2 Any such appeal must be forwarded to the Honorary Secretary of the aforementioned bodies in writing by registered post, and bearing a postmark.

14.3 This appeal in accordance of the rules of the body with which the protest is being made must be accompanied by the appeal fee as per the Appeal Rules of that particular body.

14.4 An exact copy must be forwarded by registered post within the same period to the body against whom the appeal has been lodged.

CR 15: REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

15.1 All players must be registered in the manner prescribed and outlined by the league Executive Board.

15.2 First Registration: When registering a player for the first time on FAI.net or transferring a player from an external league on FAI.net, the Club must upload an approved I.D. Document for the player application to be accepted.

15.3 A Player is registered with the Association once they are properly registered on the FAInet football management system. In order to be registered on the FAInet football management system, a player must have completed and signed the FAI approved hard copy registration form and the appropriate registration fee (if any) must have been paid. The hard copy registration form must then be signed by the Club Secretary and sent by the Club to the League in electronic format via FAInet.

Once the League have approved the application for registration on the FAInet football management system, **and the club has assigned the player to their respective team(s), the eligibility date is then granted by their respective league prior to being eligible**

15.4 A Player can only be eligible to play in a League or Cup match if there is at least one (1) calendar day **between** the date of upload of the registration document to FAI.net and the day of a match.

15.5 The following registration charge shall be applied to each player assigned to a team sheet by a club to the following teams:

- a) Junior Male (if over the age of 18 years) €30, reduced to €15 if the number of league games is less than 12 over the season.
- b) Junior Female (if over the age of 18 years) €25, reduced to €10 if the number of league games is less than 8 over the season.
- c) School Boy U11 and up €15, reduced to €10 if the number of league games is less than 6 over the season.
- d) School Girl U11 and up €15, reduced to €10 if the number of league games is less than 6 over the season.
- e) School Boy/Girl U10 and below €10, reduced to €5 if the number of league games is less than 6 over the season.

15.6 The Galway Football League will keep an up to date record of all players registered via FAInet.

15.7 Club secretaries from a club affiliated to Galway Football Association will be provided by GFA on request and following payment of search fee, a copy of all uploaded documents used to register any team within its jurisdiction, complete with the date of upload, verified by league registrar, of each document and containing all details excluding DOB of player.

15.8 A search fee of €75 will apply to each team registration status application.

15.9 Players (and a parent or guardian in the case of juveniles) shall need to sign only one FAI approved document after acceptance of their data to the FAI.net to be eligible to play for his/her club. The club shall use the online registration system to allocate players to relevant teams and seek an eligibility date for each team once players data has been approved by the club and by the GFL registrar.

15.10 A club that fields a player who is not correctly registered to a given team will lose the game, and be dealt with accordingly by the Executive Board. The fine for this offence is €200.

15.11 Any team playing an illegal player may be eliminated from that competition. If the disclosure of this irregularity is delayed the team can still be eliminated from the competition. If the team won the competition they will have to return the trophy and the other finalists declared the winners. In the event of the irregularity being disclosed too late to eliminate the team, a club found to be guilty will be fined €200.

15.12 A player that plays in a game and is over age for that competition shall receive a maximum One Year ban from the date of the offence and fined €100. Rule CR15.10 will also be applied to the relevant club.

15.13 Any Club that plays a player already suspended will be fined €100 and the Club and Team Manager severely dealt with by the Executive Board.

15.14 Any player already suspended that plays a game will be suspended for a minimum of Three Months from the date of the completion of the original suspension and fined €100.

15.15 A manager or coach who suspects a player from another team is not correctly registered or is over age for a game is not entitled to challenge or speak to the player directly and must request the players details to be included in the match report, the referee will collect the name, date of birth and signature directly from the player which will be returned with match card to GFA along with any interference by any club member in collecting of said data.

CR 16: TRANSFERS

16.1 Any player that has an approved registration on FAI.net cannot sign a second registration form.

16.2 Any player moving clubs must obtain a transfer by completing an FAI approved transfer form. The Transfer Form must be signed/stamped in the following order:

- a) by the Player,
- b) by the Secretary of the Club the Player is leaving,
- c) by the Secretary of the Club the Player is going to,
- d) by the Registrar/Secretary of the League the Player is leaving (Not required if both club leaving and receiving are affiliated to GFL) together with the appropriate fee.

This document must then be uploaded to the transfer application on FAI.Net

16.3 All transfer applications for any player moving clubs and/or teams must be made via FAI.net and the necessary supporting documents uploaded.

16.4 A player shall only play for his new club and/or team if there is at least one (1) calendar day between the date of the upload of the signed teamsheet (eligibility request document) and the day of a match.

16.5 In the case of inter-club transfers, the rules of the receiving league will apply. A fee equivalent to the registration value of given player as determined at the start of the season by GFL will be invoiced to the player's new club by the treasurer.

16.6 Clubs wishing to transfer players within their own club must do so, on FAI.net, using the same registration process to register any player to a given team. If eligibility has been granted for the given player to any squad in the current season, the team from which the original signature was uploaded **MUST** be referenced on any document used in the application to add player to any other team within the club. Failure to reference original signature location will result in a €10 fine. The transfer is not accepted until an eligibility date is granted by GFL. This club transfer will be free of charge.

16.7 Any player from leagues or association from outside the jurisdiction of the Galway Football League must complete and FAI approved transfer form. The Transfer Form must be signed/stamped in the following order:

- a) by the Player,
- b) by the Secretary of the Club the Player is leaving,
- c) by the Secretary of the Club the Player is going to,
- d) by the Registrar/Secretary of the League the Player is leaving together with the appropriate fee.

This document must then be uploaded to the transfer application on FAI.Net

16.8 A fee equivalent to the registration value of given player as determined at the start of the season by GFL will be invoiced to the player's new club by the treasurer.

16.9 A letter/email of clearance may be requested from the player's previous league outlining any outstanding disciplinary sanctions or monetary commitment to his former league or association.

16.10 The closing date for all transfers will be in accordance with the rules of the (S)FAI governing transfers.

16.11 A club desiring to transfer to a different league at the end of the season must obtain a transfer in accordance with the rules of the body governing Inter League transfers.

16.12 Clubs will not be unreasonably refused such a release and they shall have the right of appeal to the CFA, in accordance with the appeal rules of this body.

16.13 Any Club transferring a player on the FAI Net from another club must state the players status when requesting the transfer. In the event a club requests a "FREE AGENT TRANSFER" when a player is not in fact a free agent a fine of €50 may be applied by GFA to the club requesting the transfer.

CR 17: REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS.

17.1 Each club is required to have its players and grounds at the disposal of the League if required.

17.2 Any player selected to play in a match arranged by the league, C.F.A. /F.A.I./S.F.A.I . who without sufficient cause refuses or fails to play will be deemed guilty of misconduct and subject to a two (league) game ban.

17.3 Players who do not wish to participate in such games must notify their club secretary at the start of each season, who in turn will notify the Honorary Secretary.

17.4 A club that has two outfield players and/or a goalkeeper selected for a Match arranged by the League, CFA/FAI/SFAI will be entitled to request that their game is postponed if that game clashes with the Representative Fixture.

17.5 Any Representative Coach/Manager found to be approaching players to the advantage of his/her own club will be dismissed immediately and his representative expenses withheld by the league.

17.6 The Galway District League enter representative squads in all the Inter League Competitions at U12-U13-U14-U15-U16-U17 and youths for boys and for girls at U11-U13-U15 and U19.

CR 18: INDUCEMENT

18.1 Any Club or Team found guilty of inducing or attempting to induce players from another Club or Clubs outside the normal window will be dealt with severely by the Executive Board.

18.2 Clubs may not sign more than two players in any given season who have played for any Inter league squad from under 11 to under 16 inclusive whilst being registered to another Club in the previous season.

18.3 Clubs are entitled to retain any players from the Inter leagues squads who were registered with that Club in the previous season.

18.4 A list of registered players who have been members of any Inter League squad in the previous season shall be available from the League Executive Board.

18.5 Clubs failing to adhere to this rule shall be fined €1,000 per extra player signed.

CR 19: REFEREES REMUNERATION

19.1 The GFL shall provide details in advance of the appointed referee for each fixture, and any changes.

19.2 Referees will be paid the agreed fee by the club before the start of each match. Clubs may request a receipt from the referee for such expenses.

19.3 If a referee deems it unsuitable to start the game he must be paid the agreed appearance fee.

19.4 The fees that are paid to the referees shall be defined each year by the new GFA Executive Board.

19.5 The new league representatives will meet with the local referee's representatives to set the fees for the forthcoming season.

19.6 These referees' fees shall be communicated to all clubs before the start of each season and at any other time that may be appropriate.

CR 20: APPLICATIONS FOR POSTPONEMENTS

20.1 See CR8.

CR 21: OWNERS OF CUPS AND SHIELDS

21.1 The Galway Football League is the sole owner of all trophies competed for under its jurisdiction.

CR 22: CUPS AND SHIELDS

22.1 Underage Cup competitions be abolished and be replaced by an open draw for all league teams at each age group with the winners remaining in the cup and the first round losers playing in a shield competition. Premier teams to get a bye to the second round therefore won't qualify for the shield competition.

22.2 All Local trophies must be returned on or before the 28th of February each year to the Galway Football League Office.

22.3 The cost of repairs to any damage to cups will be redeemed from the Club.

22.4 Failure to comply with 22.2 will result in a fine of €50 per trophy returned late.

22.5 Clubs are responsible for the safe keeping of trophies whilst in their possession and all trophies shall be returned when requested and in good condition.

CR 23: SPORTSMANSHIP

23.1 Each club must field its strongest team in all competitions where applicable, age groups covered by the Player Development Plan should be played in accordance with that Plan.

CR 24: COMPETITIONS & MATCHES

24.1 All Galway competitions and matches will be played according to these rules and the FAI Player Development Plan.

24.2 Any club intending to organise a competition must seek permission from the Executive Board.

24.3 The Executive Board shall be responsible for the setting up of, management, and control of all league competitions and fixtures and no team or club may alter the fixtures details issued by the league without the written consent of the Executive Board.

24.4 Breach of this rule may result in disciplinary action being taken, the level of which shall be at the discretion of the Executive Board.

24.5 If a domestic fixture is postponed due to weather or unplayable pitch condition of the scheduled home team, then the opposition team will be asked if they can host the fixture. If the opposition pitch is playable (or alternative venue secured) then the fixture will be reversed. Both teams will be informed of the reversed fixture no less than 5 days before the game is due to played.

24.6 All-weather playing surfaces shall be used for Galway Football League games provided these are in complete compliance with, and certified as such, the current FAI standards/codes. This certification shall be available for inspection on demand.

24.7 All visiting clubs must be notified by home clubs 48 hours in advance of the kick off time should there be the possibility that an artificial surface of the required standard and certification will be used. This notification shall include any restrictions on footwear.

24.8 All matches in whichever of its competitions, shall be played according to these rules, the home team shall be responsible for stewarding and marking of the pitch etc. Both teams shall each supply two footballs of the regulation size and quality.

24.9 In small sided games roll on-roll off substitutions are allowed. Substituted players may be re-entered into the game subject to there being no more than the maximum number of players as required under that game format, as per Player Development Plan.

24.10 Where a team ceases to exist or is removed from the league for whatever reason will have their results declared null and void.

24.11 Clubs shall be responsible for the Following:

- a. Ensuring their playing field is marked to required standards, and in accordance with the laws of the game.
- b. Ensuring their goalposts, nets, and corner flags must be of the approved standard.
- c. Providing two match footballs in accordance with the laws of the game.
- d. Adequate First Aid Kit.
- e. Spectator control.

CR 25: MATCH CARDS/ REFEREES REPORTS

25.1 A total of 7 substitutes may be listed on all GFA Under 17, Under 18 and Junior referee's card but only 5 may be used.

25.2 In all under age games from Under 16 down 5 Substitutes can be used from 7.

25.3 All referees reports shall be dealt with and clubs may be required to attend at disciplinary hearings at the discretion of the Executive Board or disciplinary sub-committee.

25.4 Where such a player's team has been eliminated from the competition in question the automatic suspension will take effect for his/her next competitive game at the age group/level in which the offence took place.

25.5 Subject to a review of the referee's report, the sanction may be increased by the investigating committee.

CR 26: SUSPENDED CLUBS PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS

26.1 All suspensions of clubs, teams, players, members, or supporters will disqualify them from any involvement with any other Club under the jurisdiction of the Galway Football League.

26.2 All clubs will be notified of any such suspension affecting them.

26.3 No club will take part in any game against suspended clubs or players.

26.4 Clubs are required to take all precautions necessary to prevent spectators threatening or assaulting officials and/or players while in the vicinity of their playing Ground.

26.5 Any officer, committee member, and/or player suspended by the league and wishing to sign or join another club must apply in writing to the league to be reinstated, before being admitted to any other club in that League.

CR 27: BEHAVIOUR/FINES

27.1 All member clubs are fully responsible at all times for the behaviour and actions of its players, technical staff and supporters.

27.2 Clubs should ensure that their competing teams are on the pitch 10 minutes prior to kick off time.

27.3 No player will be expected to pay any fine imposed under the jurisdiction of the league. All fines for player or adult misconduct shall be imposed against his/her club which shall be responsible for its payment.

27.4 Any fine imposed which is not the subject of an onward appeal must be paid within 14 days of the date of issuing of the notice of that fine.

27.5 Failure to pay fines within this timeframe may result in additional sanctions being imposed.

CR 28: LAWS OF THE GAME

28.1 All matches shall be governed by current IFAB laws of the game.

28.2 Games of a knock out nature that end in a draw will be decided by playing 10 minutes each half extra time at underage and junior level.

28.3 Small sided games of a knock out nature if ending in a draw shall be decided by playing 5 minutes each half extra time.

28.4 Where extra time fails to produce a winner the game shall be decided by using IFAB penalty shoot-out rules.

28.5 In all games of a league nature, three points will be awarded for a win, one point for a draw and no points for a loss.

28.6 In all League type competitions the winner, runner-up and relegated team(s) in each division shall be determined by the highest or lowest number of match points accrued respectively.

28.7 No team shall win, finish runner-up or be relegated in any division based on goal difference or any other system other than match points accrued.

28.8 Where more than one team has accrued the same number of match points for winner, runner-up or relegation position at the conclusion of the division's schedule of games, a knock out basis play-off game shall be staged by the League to separate the teams.

28.9 Size of footballs to be used:

Size 5 Match ball, except where covered by FAI Player Development Plan.

CR 29: EXCHANGE LISTS OF PLAYERS

29.1 Each team manager shall exchange a full list of players and substitutes names before kick-off if requested to do so by either team in all games at Junior and Underage level.

CR 30: MID-WEEK GAMES

30.1 No team shall be requested to play two midweek games within 2 days of each other.

CR 31: CUP FINALS

31.1 The cup finals of all local competitions shall be played at Eamonn Deacy Park (subject to availability), or at a ground designated by the league.

CR 32: PRESENTATION OF CUPS & MEDALS

32.1 All trophies and medals will be presented to teams on the day (or final day) they win the competition.

CR 33: START OF LEAGUES

33.1 All Junior League shall commence on the date agreed at the AGM, or if this is not possible, the GFL shall give clubs a minimum of 14 days' notice on the date and first fixture that leagues will commence.

CR 34: ARTIFICIAL LIGHTING AND ARTIFICIAL SURFACE

34.1 Matches under the jurisdiction of the league can be played on artificial turf surface only where the surface has been certified in accordance with FIFA standards appropriate to the relevant competitions.

34.2 Matches under the jurisdiction of the league can be played with the use of artificial lighting provided that they are installed as per FIFA directives for leagues and clubs as may be revised from time to time.

CR36: GIRLS LEAGUE STRUCTURE & FORMATION

36.1 The age grades for Girls league football are u8, u9, u10, u12, u13, u15, u17, u19 & Ladies

36.2 The Ladies/ underage girls soccer leagues are to run in accordance with the Galway District League calendar

36.3 Teams will be graded into appropriate division Premier, Championship and Division 1 etc

36.4 If there is only one division in an age group:

- The team that finishes 1st is crowned champions
- The remaining teams are separated into 2 groups with top half playing for a Shield and the bottom half playing for the Plate.

CR37: FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHY

- 37.1 Players, teams and all relevant persons, are obliged to cooperate with and participate in any filming or photography authorized by the GFL for the purposes of the promotion of these competitions.
- 37.2 Any and all such filming or photography will be published under the authorization of the GFL on social media and or any other form of public media consumption.
- 37.3 By entering these competitions all relevant clubs and teams grant permission to the GFL on behalf of all persons who will be subject to this rule, including all under-age players.
- 37.4 Failure to comply with this rule may lead to those responsible for any such failure liable to sanction by the GFL, the level of any such sanction shall be determined by the GFL.

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