

Rialacháin

Coiste Chontae na Mí 2019

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1. All Football Championships, Feis Cup, Corn na Bóinne, Tailteann Cup and League Competitions shall be run annually by the Coiste Chontae and shall be governed by Meath Bye-Laws, Rules and Regulations.
2. There shall be 7 Championships at adult level in football - namely Senior, Intermediate, Junior, Junior "B", Junior "C", Junior "D" and Under 21. Twenty four Medals shall be provided for the winners of each championship.
3. **ALL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP'S & LEAGUES.**
 - (a) All Football Championships and Leagues shall be run on a combination of a League and knockout basis under Rule 6.21 T.O. Where teams finish with equal points for qualification or relegation process for concluding stages, the positioning shall be decided as follows;
 - (i) Where three teams are involved - the outcome of the meetings of the three teams in their previous games in the competition. If three teams finish level on points for three places and one team has beaten the other two teams that team qualifies in first place and the other places are determined by the specified order. If there are two positions and one team has beaten the other two teams that team qualifies and the second place is determined by the specified order. If there is one position and one team has beaten the other two teams that team qualifies;
 - (ii) Where two teams are involved – the outcome of the meeting of the two teams in the previous game in the competition;
 - (iii) Scoring Difference;
 - (iv) Highest total scores for;
 - (v) A play-off.
 - (b) If a preliminary quarter final, quarter final, semi-final ends in a draw extra time shall be played.

4. SENIOR & INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

(a) There shall be 18 teams in 3 Divisions. Groups to be drawn in rotation and knock-out draws are pre-determined. Top 3 teams in Group A, B and C will qualify for knock-out stages.

Preliminary Quarter Final Draw B3 v C3 (D)

Quarter Final Draw (1) A1 v D, (2) B1 v C2, (3) C1 v A3, (4) B2 v A2.

Semi Final 1 v 4, 2 v 3.

(b) Relegation in Senior Football Championship 2019 be decided as follows;

Relegation; 3 teams to be relegated from SFC to IFC in 2019.

The teams that finish in 5th and 6th places in each Group A, B & C each play 1 Relegation game. The losers of each of the 3 games are relegated to IFC for 2020. The draw be pre-determined as follows;

A5 v B6, B5 v C6 & C5 v A6.

In the event of a game finishing level Extra Time will be played and if still level then the game goes to a replay.

(c) Intermediate Football winners are promoted to Senior Football Championship for the following year unless that Club already has a team in that grade.

(d) There shall be no relegation from Intermediate Football Championship for 2019. The 2020 IFC shall consist of (20) twenty 1st team Clubs. To ensure this happens the 2 best placed 1st team Junior Football Championship teams in 2019 shall be promoted to IFC for 2020. This shall include the 2019 JFC Champions (if a 1st team) the JFC Runners-up (if a 1st team) and if need be a playoff between the JFC beaten Semi Finalists (if 1st teams). CCCC An Mhi to use Rule 3.20 (ii) if required.

(e) Any 2nd team competing in IFC 2019 shall be re-graded as per Rule 3.20(ii) for 2020 to a New Premier A Club Football Competition for 2020.

5. JUNIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Meath Junior Football Championship 2019 be arranged as follows;

The Junior Football championship shall consist of 20 teams as follows:

Twelve (12) teams shall be from Junior Football Clubs and eight (8) teams shall be 2nd teams from Senior or Intermediate Clubs. The 12 teams from Junior Football Clubs shall be drawn in rotation be placed in 2 six team groups (A & B). Top 3 teams in both Groups A and B qualify for knock out stages.

Group C of the Junior Football Championship to consist of the eight 2nd team Clubs drawn in rotation. Top 3 teams in Group C to qualify for knock out stages.

Knock-out draws are pre-determined.

Preliminary Quarter Final Draw B3 v C3 (D)
Quarter Final Draw (1) A1 v D, (2) B1 v C2, (3) C1 v A3, (4) B2 v A2.
Semi Final 1 v 4, 2 v 3.

Junior Football Championship winners and Runners up shall 2019 shall be (if 1st teams) be promoted to IFC for 2020. If this is not the case the permutations outlined in Regulation 4 (d) 2019 be followed

Relegation;

No 1st team shall be relegated from Junior Football Championship 2019.

All 2nd teams competing in JFC 2019 shall be regraded under rule 3.20(ii) to the New Premier Club Championship for 2020.

6. JUNIOR B FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Meath Junior B Football Championship be arranged as follows;

Following the processing of Affiliations each year Meath CCCC shall decide on the format of the Competition. CCCC will take into consideration the number of teams entered. The CCCC will decide;

- (a) How many Groups there shall be
- (b) How many teams in each Group
- (c) How many teams will qualify from each Group for Knockout games.
- (d) The CCCC will ensure where possible that 1st teams entering the JBFC shall be placed in Group A.
- (e) Following these decisions the CCCC shall decide on Preliminary Quarter Final (if required), Quarter Final and Semi Final Draws
- (f) If any Preliminary Quarter Finals, Quarter Finals or Semi Final ends in a draw then extra time shall be played.
- (g) All 1st team Clubs competing in Junior B Football Championship 2019 shall be graded up to Junior Football Championship 2020, unless they apply to CCCC An Mhi to be regraded to the New Premier Club Football Competition
- (h) All 2nd/3rd teams in Junior B Football Championship 2019 be placed in New Premier Club Football Championship for 2020.
- (i) A Club or Clubs may apply to Meath CCCC if they require regrading for 2019 from Junior B to Junior C.

7. JUNIOR "C" & JUNIOR "D" FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

- (a) Shall be ran on a League system.

The C.C.C.C. shall decide following the processing of affiliations each year under what format the Junior C and Junior D championships will be played.

CCCC will take into consideration the number of teams entered. The CCCC will decide on;

- (i) How many Divisions each will contain.
 - (ii) How many teams in each Division.
 - (iii) How many teams from each Division qualify for Knockout stages.
- Teams that withdraw from any competition for a second successive year may not be allowed to affiliate a team for that Competition the following year.
- (iv) Teams drawn 1st in League section shall have home venue (if suitable)**
- (b) Junior “C” Relegation.
Each year following the CCCC decision on the format of the Junior “C” Championship, the CCCC shall decide on the Relegation process (if any) for this Championship.
- (c) All teams playing in Junior C & D 2019 be regraded to New Premier Club Championship for 2020.**
- 8.** When Championship games have reached the penultimate round, and different fixtures have a bearing on the final table standing, these fixtures should be played at the same time.
- 9.** No team can be promoted or relegated to a higher/lower grade of Championship if that Club already has a team in that grade. If a Club is relegated/regraded from any Championship Grade and has a team in the next lowest grade then that team in the lower grade is automatically re-graded.
- 10. Under 21 Football Competitions shall be organized as follows:**
- (a) The Under-21 Football Championship (15-a-side)
 - (b) The Under-21 Football Competitions A, B and C (13-a-side)
 - (c) Subject to application from clubs and approval from C.C.C.C., Independent Teams plus Club Teams may be permitted to participate in the U21 Football Competitions.
 - (d) Such independent team shall not bear the name of an adult Club within the County.
 - (e) Players involved in an independent team shall be drawn from a maximum of 3 adult clubs
 - (f) Depending on the time restraints available the CCC can decide to run The U21 Football Championship and Competitions as a Knock out Competition, a League Competition or a knock out with a Back door Competition.
 - (g) EXTRA-TIME (if necessary) shall be played in all games in the Under-21 Football Championship and Competitions.
 - (h) That the draw for the U-21 Championship be included with the draw for the Championship, Feis Cup, Corn na Bóinne, Tailteann Cup and Brendan Davis Cup (where possible).
- 11.** All clubs affiliated for U-21 football in the various grades shall make submissions to the CCCC before a date to be set each year by the CCCC as follows.
- (a) In regard to their club performance at Minor level over the previous 3 years.
 - (b) The number of U-21 players who played on the first adult team in the current Championship.

- (c) The names of all U-21 players for the current year that are on County panels (U-17, Minor and U-20).
- (d) The names of players who are ineligible to play from the previous year team
- (e) The above submissions are also requested from independent teams.

This is to help the CCCC to grade the U-21 teams for the current year's competitions.

- 12.** Clubs fielding teams in more than one championship shall be compelled to play in the highest grade at first.
- 13.** Where a club has a number of teams playing in different championships and a team withdraws or is removed (under rule 6.24 (b) (i) or (ii) TO) from the league stages of their championship then all their teams in the lower championships shall be automatically removed from their respective championships.
- 14.** Each team must bring a ball for Championship, League, Feis Cup, Corn na Bóinne, Tailteann Cup and Brendan Davis Cup matches. The Coiste Chontae shall supply same in championship finals. The ball shall be presented to the captain of the winning team. Eight club officials shall be admitted to the sideline where their club team is engaged in Championship, League, Feis Cup, Corn na Bóinne, Tailteann Cup and Brendan Davis Cup matches.
- 15. FEIS CUP COMPETITION**
 - (a) A competition known as Feis Cup shall be played annually on the K.O. system.
 - (b) It shall be open to Senior teams only.
 - (c) Teams must play without players involved with County Teams, except in the final.
 - (d) Extra time (if necessary) shall be played in all matches including Final.
 - (e) Twenty four medals shall be provided for the winners of the competition.
 - (f) The first two rounds of the competition shall be played at the home venue of the first team to be drawn of each pair of competing teams.
 - (g) A fee of €100 shall be charged to enter this competition.
 - (h) Should a Club fail to fulfill a fixture in this Competition the game shall be awarded to the opposing team and a fine of €200 may be imposed on the team failing to fulfill the fixture.
- 16. CORN NA BÓINNE**
 - (a) A competition known as Corn na Bóinne shall be played annually on the K.O. system.
 - (b) It shall be open to Intermediate teams whose first team plays at Intermediate level
 - (c) Teams must play without players involved with County Teams, except in the final.
 - (d) Extra time (if necessary) shall be played in all matches including Final.
 - (e) Twenty four medals shall be provided for the winners of the competition.
 - (f) The first two rounds of the competition shall be played at the home venue of the first team to be drawn of each pair of competing teams.

- (g) A fee of €100 shall be charged to enter this competition.
- (h) Should a Club fail to fulfill a fixture in this Competition the game shall be awarded to the opposing team and a fine of €200 may be imposed on the team failing to fulfill the fixture.

17. TAILTEANN CUP

- (a) A competition known as the Tailteann Cup shall be played annually on the K.O. system.
- (b) It shall be open to Junior clubs whose first team plays at junior level.
- (c) Teams must play without players involved with County Teams, except in the final.
- (d) Extra time (if necessary) shall be played in all Tailteann Cup matches including Final.
- (e) Twenty four medals shall be provided for the winners of the competition.
- (f) The first two rounds of the Tailteann Cup shall be played at the home venue of the first team to be drawn of each pair of competing teams.
- (g) A fee of €100 shall be charged to enter this competition.
- (h) Should a Club fail to fulfill a fixture in this Competition the game shall be awarded to the opposing team and a fine of €200 may be imposed on the team failing to fulfill the fixture.

ALL COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUES A & B

- 18.** Prior to the commencement of the Leagues annually, each club must submit to the Rúnaí, County Competitions Control Committee, the name of at least one qualified referee who is a member of the club and who is available to referee League games. Failure to do so shall entail forfeiture of home advantage for ALL League games. Such games shall be played at the opposing team's grounds. In the event of the opposing Club not having submitted the name of Club member with GAA ID number who is a Certified Referee, the game will be played at a neutral venue or at a venue suitable to the CCC An Mhí.
- 19.** A minimum fine of €200 shall be imposed on Clubs who withdraw from the All County Football A & B Leagues.
- 20.** A team conceding one walkover in the Leagues shall have the points from that game awarded to the opposition. They may be fined under Rule 6.36 T.O. but they may continue to participate in the Competition.
- 21.** A team giving a second walk over shall be stricken from the League and shall forfeit the match and points awarded to the opposition and be fined a minimum of €200.

22.

- (a) Following the Completion of the B Leagues in 2019 all teams in the B League Division 1 plus the Finalists from B League Division 2 or any team that applies or is invited by CCCC An Mhi for special concession under Rule 3-20(ii) to a maximum of 12 teams shall be placed in a New Division 4A in the All County A Leagues for 2020.
- (b) At the end of 2019, the final standings of B league Divisions be used to determine promotion and relegation; that henceforth, B League Division 1 be known as Division 4A and Division 4 be known as Division 4B in the All County Leagues.
- (c) That at the end of 2019, the top two teams from Division 4A be promoted to Division 3; that the bottom 5 teams from Division 4A be relegated to Division 4B and the top 4 teams from Division 4B be promoted to Division 4A. Thereafter, relegation/promotion between A league divisions, continues in line with present Regulations ie Two up and Two down
- (d) At the end of 2020 and every year henceforth, the bottom non-first team in the All County leagues, be relegated to the 1st Division of B leagues, to be replaced by the winner of the top division in the B leagues. The promoted team to enter the All County league division determined by the final league standing of the relegated team.
- (e) If the winning team B League team declines the invitation, the offer to join the All County Leagues be extended to the next team in descending order down. If the top 2 B league teams decline the invitation, the bottom placed 2nd team in the A League remains in the division determined by their final All County league standings ie no relegation occurs.

ALL COUNTY FOOTBALL "A" LEAGUES

- 23.** The All County A League shall be run in a minimum of four divisions. Teams participating in the various divisions shall be graded by the C.C.C.C. who make recommendations to County Committee.
- 24.** An entry fee of €100 per team shall be charged.
- 25.** Clubs shall fulfil League Fixtures despite loss of (a) inter-county players; (b) dual players.
- 26.** A minimum fine of €200 shall be imposed on clubs which withdraw from the All-County Football 'A' Leagues.
- 27.** A team conceding one walkover in the Leagues shall have the points from that game awarded to the opposition. They shall be fined under Rule 6.36 T.O but they may continue to participate in the Competition.

- 28.** A team conceding a second walkover shall be removed from the Leagues, shall have the points from the relevant game awarded to the opposition and shall be subject to a minimum fine of €200.
- 29.**
- (a) The top 2 teams in Divisions 2, 3 and 4 shall be promoted to the next highest division. **(Regulation 22(c) applies only in 2019)**
The bottom 2 teams in Divisions 1, 2 and 3 shall be relegated to the next lowest divisions. The team placed third from the bottom of Division 1 shall play the third placed team in Division 2 with the winner playing in Division 1 in the following year and the loser playing in Division 2 in the following year. A similar promotion/relegation playoff shall take place in Divisions 2-3.
- (b) Extra time must be played in the event of a draw in any league semi-final, league final promotion/relegation play off or any other play off.
- 30.** The second and third placed teams in Division 1 shall qualify for a League semi-final with the winner playing the first placed team in the Division 1 League Final. League winners in the remaining divisions shall be determined by playing a final between the teams finishing first and second.
- 31.** The All County Football A League shall be comprised of one team per club. **(to be deleted for 2020).**
- 32.** Should a 1st team club apply to CCCC An Mhi to play in the B Leagues the County Committee can decide under Rule 3.20(ii) to allow this.

ALL COUNTY FOOTBALL "B" LEAGUES

- 33.** The All County B Leagues shall be structured with a minimum of five Divisions. Grading shall be the responsibility of the County Competitions Control Committee.
- Division 1 - 4 shall have a minimum of 10 teams but no more than 12 teams.
 - Division 5 & lower shall include remaining teams as graded by CCCC.
- In the B leagues where a club has a number of teams entered should their first, second or third team withdraw or be removed from their competition having giving two walkovers all teams in lower divisions must also be removed from their B league competition.
- 34.** An entry fee of €100 per team shall be charged.

- 35.** Clubs shall fulfil League Fixtures despite loss of:
- (a) Inter-county players;
 - (b) Dual players.
 - (c) In B leagues Division 3 and lower, if a club/team is unable to field 15 players on any given fixture, the match can be played with a minimum of 13 players.
- 36.**
- (a) A promotion and relegation system shall apply in all divisions on a two up two down basis as decided by CCCC following processing of affiliations each year League positions will not affect status for Championship purposes. **(New regulation 22(c) only in place for 2019).**
 - (b) In all League play-off matches for promotion and relegation Extra Time (if necessary) shall be played.
 - (c) No team can be promoted or relegated in the B League if that Club already has a team in the Division they are to be promoted or relegated to.
- 37.** League winners in all divisions shall be determined by playing a final between the teams finishing first and second. Extra time must be played in the event of a draw at full time in all "B" League Finals.
- 38.** At a date directed by the C.C.C.C. prior to the commencement of the B leagues clubs must submit to the C.C.C.C. the list of players ineligible to play on the various B league teams. Fifteen (15) for Divisions 1, 2 & 3, and Ten (10) for Division 4 and lower.
- 39.** When the club plays its first Championship game the starting 15 in this game shall replace the list of 15 previously submitted for Division 1, 2 & 3 and from there on it is that starting 15 in the first Championship game, plus any of the Top 8 submitted for the Championship who, for whatever reason, were not part of the starting 15 for the first round, who are ineligible to play in the B League Divisions 1, 2, or 3.

In respect of the lower Divisions of the B Leagues, the list of 10 originally submitted as being ineligible for league duty shall be replaced by 10 of the starting 15 in the first round of the championship plus any of the Top 8 who did not play in the opening championship game. New list shall be submitted by the club to the C.C.C.C. after the first round of the championship and before the club's next game of the B League. The rules regarding clubs with more than one B league team shall be pro rata.

A Club whose second/third B League team also plays in the B Leagues must name a second/third top 15 players that are ineligible to play in named B League Divisions. These players shall be drawn from the 2nd/3rd Championship team.

For Clubs with two or more B League teams the following additional requirement shall apply.

1. Any Substitutes used in the 1st Championship game shall be included on the Clubs second 15 for B League.
2. The Club shall select the appropriate number of players from the starting 15 of the Clubs next level of Championship, including the Substitutes used in the highest level Championship to make up the list of 15 players who are ineligible to play with the Clubs second B League team. The same criteria shall apply to a Club with 3 or more B League teams.

PENALTY: A minimum fine of €200 shall be imposed on a club that fails to comply with the Rules for League eligibility as outlined in the preceding three paragraphs of this regulation. Resulting from objection or investigation the player or players who are deemed to be in breach of the rule shall be suspended for four weeks and the person deemed to be in charge of the team shall also be suspended for four weeks. The team shall also forfeit the points from any game won while fielding an ineligible player or players and such points will be awarded to the opposition in each relevant match.

Changes in Regulations/Format of Competitions in line with Football Competition Restructure To be included from 2020 Relevant Regulations to be amended accordingly

1. There shall be 6 Championships at Adult Football level in Meath- namely Senior Intermediate, Junior, District, U21 and a Premier Club Championship (at various grades) as graded by CCCC An Mhi under Rule 3-20(ii). Twenty four medals shall be provided for the winners of each Championship.
2. The Senior Football Championship shall Contain 16 teams drawn in rotation into 4 groups each containing 4 teams. The top 2 teams as decided in Regulation 3 and TO 6-21 shall progress to the Quarter Finals which shall have a predetermined draw.
(1)A1 v D2, (2) B1 v C2, (3)C1 v A2, (4)D1 v B2 Semi Finals 1 v 2 and 3 v 4.
The bottom 2 in each group shall contest the Relegation Quarter Finals using the same predetermined draw as the Quarter Finals and semi Finals as above. With 1 team relegated to IFC each year.
3. The Intermediate Football Championship shall consist of 20 teams drawn randomly in 5 groups each containing 4 teams. The top 2 teams in each group as decided by Regulation 3 and TO 6-21 shall contest the knock out stages in a predetermined draw (10 teams in total).
 - (i). Preliminary Quarter Finals (1) B2 v C2, (2) D2 v E2.
 - (ii). Quarter Finals (3)A1 v 1, (4)B1 v 2, (5)A2 v C1, (6)D1 v E1
 - (iii). Semi Finals 3 v 4 and 5 v 6.
 The bottom 2 in each group shall contest the Relegation Quarter Finals using the same predetermined draw as the Preliminary Quarter Finals, Quarter Finals and semi Finals as above. With 1 team relegated to JFC each year. Intermediate winners shall be promoted to SFC each year.

4. The Junior Football Championship shall consist of the remaining 1st team Clubs and following the receiving of Affiliations each year CCCC An Mhi under rule 3.20 (ii) decide the format of this Competition. The Winners of the JFC each year shall be promoted to IFC the following year.
 - (a) There shall be no relegation from JFC
 - (b) A Club can apply to CCCC An Mhi under Rule 3.20(ii) to be re-graded to the Premier Football Championship should they so wish.

5.
 - (a) A Premier Club Football Championships shall be organised.
 - (b) These shall consist of 2nd, 3rd & 4th teams from Clubs.
 - (c) In exceptional circumstances a 1st team Club can apply to play in this Championship and this must be passed each year under 3-20 (ii).
 - (d) The Premier Club Football Championships shall be graded in Groups of 8 with Top 4 teams in each group qualifying for the Semi Finals of each grade. The Winner of each grade shall be promoted each year with the exception of the winners of Grade A. The bottom team in each grade shall be relegated to the grade lower each year once Regulation 9 (Rialachain 2019) is observed.
 - (e) The Top 3 grades of the Premier Club Football Championships shall be played in 8 team groups. CCCC An Mhi can decide to play lower grades of the Premier Club Football Championship's in Two Groups of 4.
 - (f) The Bottom grade of this Championship must contain at least 6 teams.

6. A District Senior Football Championship shall be ran from 2020 on. It shall contain at least 8 independent teams from Clubs from the Intermediate and Junior Football Championship teams.

7. The District Championship shall commence after the Intermediate and Junior Football Championships are completed.

8. Independent teams shall be ratified each year before 28th February under Rule 3-20 (ii). Following the ratification of the Independent teams the Format of the District Championship shall be decided by CCCC An Mhi under 3.20(ii).

9. Players from Clubs that have won their respective Intermediate or Junior Football may opt out of District Championship while their Clubs are involved in Provincial Championships.

10. The Feis Cup, Corn na Boinne and Tailteann Cup may be played as a preseason Competition in Groups of 4 or less. The Format each year shall be decided by CCCC An Mhi with Group winners only progressing to knock out stages.

FORMAT OF COMPETITIONS

HURLING

HURLING COMPETITIONS

1.

- (a) There shall be five Championships in hurling at adult level - Senior, Intermediate, Junior, Junior 2 and Under 21.
- (b) Where teams finish with equal points for qualification for concluding stages of any Hurling Championship, the tie shall be decided as follows;
- (i) Where three teams are involved - the outcome of the meetings of the three teams in their previous games in the competition. If three teams finish level on points for three places and one team has beaten the other two teams that team qualifies in first place and the other places are determined by the specified order. If there are two positions and one team has beaten the other two teams that team qualifies and the second place is determined by the specified order.
If there is one position and one team has beaten the other two teams that team qualifies.
 - (ii) Where two teams are involved – the outcome of the meeting of the two teams in the previous game in the competition;
 - (iii) Scoring Difference;
 - (iv) Highest total scores for;
 - (v) A play-off.
- (c) If a preliminary quarter final, quarter final, semi-final ends in a draw extra time shall be played.

- 2.** If a Quarter Final, Semi Final or playoff (either to qualify or for Relegation) in ANY Hurling Championship ends in a Draw then Extra time must be played

SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

- 3.** Senior Hurling Championship shall be run on a combination of a League and knockout basis under Rule 6.20 T.O. Two Divisions of six teams each.
Senior Hurling Championship to be ran in two sections i.e. A and B.
In 2019 Group A to comprise of the following Clubs; Kiltale, Kildalkey, Killyon, St Peters Dunboyne, Ratoath and Longwood.
Group B to comprise of the following Clubs; Trim, Kilmessan, Blackhall Gaels, Boardsmill, Navan O'Mahonys and Na Fianna.

After the League stages, the top two teams in Group A qualify for Semi Finals with the 3rd and 4th placed teams play the top two teams in section B in the Quarter Finals.

A4 v B1 v A1

A3 v B2 v A2.

The team that finishes 6th in Group A is placed in Group B for the following year and is replaced by the Top team in Group B.

Bottom team in Group B to be relegated to Intermediate Hurling Championship.

Senior Hurling Relegation; the same method above 6.21 TO & Regulation 1(b) applies to relegation as qualification.

INTERMEDIATE HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

- 4.** Intermediate Hurling Championship shall be run on a combination of a League and knockout basis under Rule 6.20 T.O. Two Divisions of six teams each.
Intermediate Hurling Championship to be ran in two sections i.e. A and B.

In 2019 Group A to comprise of the following Clubs; Derry, Gaeil Colmcille, Clann na nGael, Wolfe Tones, Drumree & Donaghmore/Ashbourne.

Group B to comprise of the following Clubs; Kilslyre/Moylagh, Rathmoylan, Kildalkey, Kilmessan, Kiltale & Trim.

After the League stages, the top two teams in Group A qualify for Semi Finals with the 3rd and 4th placed teams play the top two teams in section B in the Quarter Finals.

A4 v B1 v A1

A3 v B2 v A2.

The team that finishes 6th in Group A is placed in Group B for the following year and is replaced by the Top team in Group B.

Bottom team in Group B to be relegated to Junior Hurling Championship.

Intermediate Hurling Relegation; the same method above 6.21 TO & Regulation 1(b) applies to relegation as qualification.

JUNIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

- 5.** The Junior Hurling Championship shall be organized on a combination of a League and a Knock Out basis under Rule 6.21 T.O. One Group of Six (6) teams. The top team after the Group stages are completed will qualify for the Junior Hurling Final. The second and third finishing team shall play off in the Semi Final.

The Draw as Follows A2 v A3. Winner play A1.

The team finishing A6 shall be relegated to Junior 2 Hurling Championship the Following year.

- 6.** The teams to compete in Junior Hurling Championship for 2019 are; Navan O'Mahonys, Ratoath, St Peters Dunboyne, Killyon, Rathmoylan & Clann na nGael.

JUNIOR 2 HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

7. The Junior 2 Hurling Championship shall be organized on a combination of League and Knock Out basis under Rule 6-21 TO. Pending yearly Club Affiliations the Meath CCCC shall decide on the Junior 2 Hurling Championship format. Teams drawn 1st in League section shall have home venue if deemed suitable.

BRENDAN DAVIS CUP

- 8.
- (i) Brendan Davis Cup shall be played annually on the knock out system.
 - (ii) It shall be open to senior and intermediate hurling clubs only.
 - (iii) Teams must play without players involved with County Teams (Football or Hurling) except in final.
 - (iv) Extra time if necessary shall be played in all matches including final.
 - (v) Twenty four medals shall be provided for the Winners of the Competition.
 - (vi) The County Competitions Control Committee shall have the right to play the first two rounds at home or neutral venue if necessary.
 - (vii) An entry fee of €100 be charged.
 - (viii) Should a Club fail to fulfill a fixture in this Competition the game shall be awarded to the opposing team and a fine of €200 may be imposed on the team failing to fulfill the fixture.
- 9.
- (i) An U21 Hurling Competition shall be organized as follows:
 - (ii) An U21 Hurling Championship.
 - (iii) An U21 Hurling A Competition.
 - (iv) Subject to an application from Clubs and approval from the CCC, Independent Teams plus Club Teams may be permitted to participate in the U21 Hurling Competitions.
 - (v) Such Independent teams shall not bear the name of an Adult Club in the County.
 - (vi) Players involved in Independent Teams shall be drawn from a maximum of 3 Adult Clubs.
 - (vii) Depending on the time restraints available the CCC can decide to run the U21 Hurling Championship and Competitions as a Knock out Competition, a League Competition or a knock out with a Back door Competition.
 - (vii) Extra Time if necessary shall be played in all games in the U21 Hurling Competitions.
 - (vii) The Draw for the U21 Hurling Competitions shall be included with the Championship Draws (where possible).
 - (vii) All Clubs affiliated for U21 Hurling in the various grades shall make submissions to the CCC before a date set each year by the CCC.

1. In regard to their Club performance at Minor level over past 3 years.
2. The number of U21 players who lined on 1st Adult team in the current Championship.
3. The names of players for the current year who are on County Panels.

4. The names of players ineligible from the previous year.
5. These submissions are also required from Independent Teams.

10.

- (a) The winners of the Intermediate, Junior & Junior 2 Hurling Championships shall automatically pass on to the next highest grade the following year except in the event of a club already having a team in that grade.
- (b) In the event of the above occurrence no relegation will take place from the next highest grade in that year.

11. Each team must bring a ball for Championship, (All grades) Brendan Davis and Hurling League Division matches. Coiste Chontae will supply same for Championship finals. Eight club officials shall be admitted to the sideline where their team is engaged in Championship, League matches.

12. Where a team's continuation in a championship may have a bearing, however remote, on the final result, failure to fulfil those fixtures will render the offending team liable to a fine of €200 for each unfulfilled fixture.

ALL COUNTY HURLING LEAGUE

13. Each Club shall supply to Rúnai Coiste Contae before the commencement of Hurling League each year the name and GAA ID number of a Certified Referee who must be a Club Member who will be available to Referee Hurling Games in County Meath. Failure to do so shall entail forfeiture of home advantage in ALL League games. Such games will be played at opposing Club's grounds. In the event of the opposing Club not having submitted the name of Club member with GAA ID number who is a Certified Referee, the game will be played at a neutral venue or at a venue suitable to the CCC An Mhí.

14. The All County Hurling League shall be run in a minimum of Four Divisions.

- Division One; The competition shall consist of 1 Division of 8 teams.
- Division Two; The competition shall consist of 1 Division of 8 teams.
- Division Three; The competition shall consist of 1 Division of 8 teams.
- Division Four; This Division shall consist of the remaining teams entered (Format of
- Division 4 to be organized by C.C.C.C.)

15.

- (a) A promotion/relegation system of 1 up 1 down shall apply in all Divisions. The competition shall be played on a single round basis (7 rounds Division 1-3) and a Clubs League position shall not affect Championship status.

- (b) The top 2 teams after the completion of the 7 rounds in each Division shall play in the All County Hurling League Final with the Winner promoted to the next highest Division unless that Club already has a team in that Division.
 - (c) The team that finishes bottom of the table after the completion of the 7 rounds shall be relegated unless that Club already has a team in the lower Division.
 - (d) Where Teams finish on equal points for Qualification for the Final or for Relegation Rule 6.21 T.O. and Regulation 1(b) shall apply.
 - (e) All Division 4 games be played at 13 aside including Playoffs and Finals.
- 16.** A list of the first 15 players shall be submitted by each club to An Rúnaí, C.C.C. prior to the commencement of the Hurling Leagues. These players shall only be eligible to play with their top league team. When the club plays its first Championship game the starting 15 players in this game must now be named and are now ineligible to play with the Clubs 2nd team in Hurling League. This will replace the list of 15 previously submitted. Players named on the first list and not on the Championship 15 shall become eligible to play on the lower league team.
- 17.** Should a Club enter a third League team they must name a second 13 players that cannot play with the 3rd League team (28 players in total). The 2nd 13 must come from the starters in their 2nd Championship team and include any substitutes used by Club on 1st Championship team in Round 1 of 1st team Championship. However, any player listed on the Club's top 8 who is not included in the Championship starting 15 is also ineligible to play on the lower league teams. New list shall be submitted by the club to the C.C.C. after the first round of the championship and before the club's next game of the League.
- PENALTY: A minimum fine of €200 shall be imposed on a club that fails to comply with the above rule. The player or players who are deemed to be in breach of the rule shall be suspended for 4 weeks and the person deemed to be in charge of the team shall be suspended for 4 weeks. The team shall also forfeit the points from any game won while fielding an ineligible player and such points will be awarded to the opposition. This list is to be circulated to each team in the Division after ratification by C.C.C. Where a club is allowed to enter a second or third team the matches may be played on the same day or evening as the first team is fixed to play.
- 18.** An entry fee of €100 per team shall be charged for entry for each team in the Hurling Leagues.
- 19.** Clubs shall fulfil League fixtures despite the loss of inter-county players.
- 20.** No postponements will be allowed in the League, except in the case of a death deemed to involve the Club and where the C.C.C.C. deems it necessary.
- 21.** A minimum fine of €200 shall be imposed on clubs which withdraw from the All County Hurling Leagues.

- 22.** A team conceding one walkover in the Leagues shall have the points from that game awarded to the opposition. They may be fined under Rule 6.36 T.O. but they may continue to participate in the Competition.
- 23.** A team conceding a second walkover shall be removed from the League and the points awarded to the opposition and may be subject to a minimum fine of €200.
- 24.** A Club's League position shall not affect their status for Championship purposes.

REGULATIONS

TOURNAMENTS/CHALLENGE MATCHES & VIDEO PERMITS

1.

- (a) Permission for tournaments or challenge matches shall be considered on application from clubs only to the Secretary of the C.C.C. Applications for tournaments shall be made on appropriate application forms as provided by Comhairle Laighean and accompanied by a fee of €40.00 if inter-county matches and €20.00 if inter-club matches.
- (b) Cheques should be made payable to Coiste na Mí.
- (c) Such tournaments may not commence until ratification, on the blue copy of the application form, is received by the club.
- (d) ALL applications for CHALLENGE MATCHES and VIDEO PERMITS must be submitted not later than 12 Noon - 2 Days (48 hours) before game.
- (e) Tournaments must not interfere in any way with Coiste Chontae Fixtures and clubs must not include inter-county players on their teams in tournament matches on the thirteen days prior to inter-county championship matches.
- (f) Any Club seeking to video any official game under the auspices of the Meath County Committee shall seek a Video Permit from the County Secretary. Permission for a Club to record a game on video or any other means of recording may be granted on the following basis:
 - (i) That an application is made in writing beforehand and is authorised by the Secretary of the County Committee.
 - (ii) That any recording may only be used for coaching or training. No commercial gain is allowed.
 - (iii) That the Club recording a game, or its agent hired for the purposes of same, shall make a full, unedited copy of the recording of the game available to the Meath C.C.C., on request.
 - (iv) Host Clubs must provide facilities for visiting teams (who have been authorised by County Committee to record games).
 - (v) In the event of a dispute, preference in the allocation of vantage points for recording any game shall be in the following order:
 - (1) Broadcast Media
 - (2) Meath GAA TV
 - (3) Meath GAA Team Management
 - (4) Participating Teams (Home Club or Team A shall receive first preference)

RE-GRADING

2.

Where a club has failed to fulfil all of its fixtures in any Championship in the current or preceding year the County Competitions Control Committee shall have the power to:

- (i) Recommend to An Coiste Chontae that the Club's affiliation application be refused.
- (ii) Recommend to An Coiste Chontae that it refuse to allow a club to enter a team in the Championship in which it failed to fulfil all of its fixtures.
- (iii) Recommend to An Coiste Chontae that it re-grade the team that failed to fulfil all of its fixtures.

FIXTURES

3.

- (a) The Secretary of C.C.C.C. shall notify club Secretaries of all adult hurling and football fixtures.
- (b) C.C.C.C. shall meet regularly during the playing season.
- (c) Official notice of all fixtures shall be in the form of a weekly fixtures list signed by the Secretary of C.C.C.C. and circulated to Club Secretaries.
- (d) The C.C.C.C. shall have the right, where deemed necessary, to fix championship matches on week evenings.
- (e) Between meetings of the CCC, the Chairperson and/or Secretary of Coiste na nÓg or Coiste Mionúir, in consultation with the Chairperson and/or Secretary of the Competitions Control Committee shall have the power to make such arrangements as are necessary to have Fixtures carried out. Where it is necessary to alter a Fixture the Secretary of the CCC shall notify the Clubs concerned.
- (f) That where C.C.C.C. deems it necessary - All competitions in both Hurling and Football be played under lights and/or on synthetic pitch.
- (g) A master fixture list shall be drawn up by the C.C.C.C. (or other approved committee/body) and distributed to all clubs before the 28th February each year. The master fixture list shall be drawn up for the complete A leagues, B Leagues, Feis Cup, Corn na Bóinne, Tailteann Cup and Brendan Davis Cup games in football and Hurling League's and Subsidiary competitions other than Championships in Hurling. It shall also include Championship fixtures up to the 1st round of Meath Senior Football and Hurling involvement in the Leinster Championship. The master fixture list shall include the competition and round thereof without showing the individual matches, giving the actual date of the fixture, where possible. The master fixture list may be

amended to accommodate exceptional circumstances and events not envisaged during the compilation of the master fixture list. The amended list shall be forwarded to Club Secretaries as soon as possible after compilation. The master fixture list shall be reviewed at the end of each year.

4. A complete draw shall be made at a Coiste Chontae meeting annually for Senior, Intermediate and Junior Championships and this draw shall be adhered to as far as possible. All other championship draws shall be made at subsequent Coiste Chontae meetings. A report on the "Progress of Competitions" shall be included on the agenda for all Coiste Chontae meetings.
5. Where a team's continuation in a championship may have a bearing (however remote) on the final result, failure to fulfil those fixtures will render the offending team liable to a fine of €200 for each unfilled fixture.
6. In the case of a play off, five clear days' notice in writing shall be given.
7. In all inter-county competitions, after first twenty one players named by selectors or coaches, the rest shall be available for club fixtures if required.
8. Club Championship matches involving members of County Panels other than Senior Panels may be fixed for the Sunday prior to or following an Inter-County Championship fixture.
9. Where Clubs have up to two (2) players who play hurling and football C.C.C.C. shall be permitted to fix games involving these clubs on the same weekend, though at different times.
10. It shall be incumbent on Clubs to notify the Secretary of C.C.C.C. of the names of dual players by end of January each year.
11. No club Championship fixtures involving any Meath Senior County players shall be arranged for the period commencing at midnight on Saturday, 1 week prior to Inter County Senior Championship matches.

FINANCE

12. Registration, Affiliations and Insurance
 - a) All affiliation, public liability insurance, players' injury scheme fees and outstanding fines are to be paid to the Treasurer of Coiste Chontae before 1st December of the preceding year.
 - b) Teams failing to pay fees and outstanding fines due may not be allowed to take part in the county championships.

- c) The treasurer is empowered to deduct fines from gates, grants or other monies due to the clubs.
 - d) All new club affiliations shall be dealt with in accordance with Rule 3.3 T.O.
 - e) Any club/unit failing to meet its agreed club levy contribution as ratified by Coiste Contae on 1st September 2014 shall be subject to sanction as deemed appropriate by Coiste Bainistí.
- 13.** All accounts for payment shall be brought before Coiste Airgeadais and ordinarily no payment shall be made unless authorized by the Coiste. In exceptional circumstances the Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer may, however, pay accounts of an urgent nature, but all such accounts shall be brought before the next meeting of the Coiste for approval.
- 14.** Expenses shall not be incurred, on behalf of the Coiste Chontae, by any person or FoChoiste, without the express sanction of Coiste Airgeadais.
- 15.** Finalists in all grades of championships shall receive grants (to be decided by Coiste Bainistíochta).
- 16. Gate Vouchers & Administration Charges**
- (a) Gate receipts/vouchers must be returned to an Cisteoir within five days of fixture.
 - (b) Failure to comply with the above shall entail a fine of €50.00 per week for each week when the five day period expires and club grounds may not be considered for further championship games.
 - (c) Gate receipts at all play offs, quarter finals, semi-finals and finals shall go to the Coiste Chontae.
 - (d) Each club affiliated to Coiste na Mí C.L.G. must pay an annual administration contribution of €1,000 toward the running of the office of Coiste na Mí.
 - (e) That gross gate takings for which gate vouchers were issued, be itemized in the balance sheet for the County Convention.

17. REFEREES EXPENSES

- (a) Referees expenses shall be deducted from gross gates and be paid on the night and the remainder shall be divided as follows:
 - 50% to An Coiste Chontae
 - 25% to Development Fund and clearance of Interest Free Loans on Páirc Tailteann.
 - 25% to Clubs in Charge of "Gates".
 - This applies to all Championship Matches: S.F.C., I.F.C., J.F., J.F. "B", J.F. "C", JF "D", U-21 (All grades), Feis Cup, Corn na Bóinne, Tailteann Cup, Brendan Davis Cup competitions, Football League Play Offs, Semi Finals, Finals, S.H.C., I.H.C., J.H.C., J.H.C. II, U-21 H., and Hurling League Finals.

- (b) Clubs hosting games under floodlights on behalf of Coiste na Mí. Referees expenses shall be deducted from gross gates and be paid on the night and the remainder shall be divided as follows:
- Club in charge of gate receive €100.00 (lights).
 - Páirc Tailteann Fund 25%.
 - Club in charge of “gates” 25%.
 - Coiste Chontae €50%.
- (c) This applies to all Football and Hurling matches.
- (d) The rate for referee’s expenses shall be reviewed by Meath CCC and the Meath Finance Sub-Committee each year. Their proposal shall be forwarded to Coiste Bainistí and ratified by Choiste Chontae na Mí at the start of each year.
- (e) The rates agreed apply to adult and underage games only and must be strictly adhered to. Referees Expenses to be deducted from gross gate and paid by club to the referee on the day of the game.

GENERAL

- 18.** All County Team Managers shall be appointed by the Coiste Contae on a majority decision in favour of the recommendation of Coiste Bainistí.
Nominations for the position of team manager shall be submitted by clubs, to Rúnaí Coiste Contae, prior to a date to be specified by Coiste Bainistí. Coiste Bainistí shall have the power to nominate other persons outside those nominated by clubs. Coiste Bainistí must establish a Fo Choiste to interview all nominated candidates. This Fo Choiste shall recommend a candidate to Coiste Bainistí which shall in turn may recommend this candidate to Coiste Contae for ratification by a majority decision
Where there is only one person nominated by clubs for position of any county team manager and also a person nominated by Coiste Bainistí then the process of establishing a Fó Coiste must take place. Coiste Contae shall also ratify on a proposal from Coiste Bainistí the length of term, up to a maximum three years, for each manager. The successful candidate in each case shall nominate his/her selectors and members of his management team to Coiste Bainistí for recommendation to Coiste Contae for ratification. He shall also appoint the Captain and Vice - Captain of the relevant team.
- 19.**
- (a) Minutes of the meetings of Coiste Bainistíochta shall be placed before the Coiste Chontae and be made available to all delegates. The Chairperson of Coiste Bainistíochta (i.e. Cathaoirleach Coiste na Mí) may declare certain matters of a sensitive nature to be confidential when placing the minutes of Coiste Bainistíochta Meetings before the Coiste Chontae.

- (b) Coiste Bainistíochta shall meet regularly between January and October.
- 20.** Congress and Leinster Convention motions shall be discussed annually, at a special meeting of the Coiste Chontae and this meeting shall give a directive on how delegates attending Congress and Leinster Convention should vote.
- 21.**
- (a) All cups/trophies at all age grades and levels must be returned to the Secretary of the County Committee before 15th May every year. Failure to do so will entail a minimum fine of €200.
- (b) The Management Committee will appoint a Cups Officer to be responsible for the management of all aspects relating to the maintenance, upkeep, storage, and return of all cups and plaques.
- (c) Official notice in writing shall be sent to affected Clubs and Award winners informing them two weeks before due date reminding them to return cups won in previous year.
- (d) The Management Committee shall set up a Sub-Committee to review all Trophies awarded to winners of all existing competitions under the auspices of Coiste na Mí. The task of the Committee in consultation with Clubs and Committees who have donated Cups, is to examine and to make recommendations regarding the cups that are awarded for Competitions. The Management Committee will then receive their findings no later than 1st May every year.
- 22.** Each club must notify to Rúnaí, Coiste Chontae before 1st February annually the name of its Insurance Officer.
- 23.** The results of all competitive matches must be notified on the day of the match, by the referee to the Secretary of the relevant organising committee of Coiste na Mí.
- 24.** All applications from clubs to host Summer Camps must be submitted to Coiste Contae at least 1 month prior to the specified starting date for approval. Application should include a list of proposed events and personnel involved. Clubs are not permitted to organise their own Summer Camp. Coaching and Games Development Committee will co-ordinate and supervise all club Summer Camps. All such Summer Camps must be organised in conjunction with the Coaching and Games Development Committee.
- 25.** All information provided for compilation of match programme's for County Finals must be submitted electronically i.e. Email/disc.

FO-CHOISTÍ (SUB COMMITTEES)

26.

- (a) The Coiste Chontae as controlling body of the Fo-Choistí shall draw up suitable regulations. If any Fo-Choiste is not functioning to the satisfaction of the Coiste Chontae, the Coiste Chontae may assume control of that Fo-Choistí.
- (b) The deadline for acceptance of correspondence for consideration at all Sub-Committee and County Committee meetings shall be 24 hours prior to date of meeting. Correspondence received after this time will not be considered until the next meeting.
- (c) That the Coiste Cultúrtha (County Cultural Committee) shall have as part of its remit the commemoration of notable historical anniversaries in Meath GAA, the collections of archives such as programme's, club and county minute books, publications and all other material related to the GAA in Co. Meath. Such material to be held by Coiste na Mí and made available for consultation or donated to Meath County Library or Croke Park Library and Archive.

27. All club grounds to very visibly display the club grounds Eir Code so that it is easily obtained in the event that the emergency services need to be directed to that location. Eir Code to be displayed on defibrillator.