

Wicklow County G.A.A. Competitions Control Committee 2023

Championship Regulations – Football & Hurling

1. There will be one (1) team relegated in the 2023 Senior, Intermediate, Junior A and Junior B Football Championships.
2. Total number of players allowed in the playing area is 24.

Total number of officials allowed in the playing area is Nine (9). They shall consist of Bainisteoir, Selectors, 2 x Medical Personnel, Chairperson, Runai or Nominated Person, maximum of 2 x Maor Uisce and with the exception of the Maor Uisce must all sit in the Designated Area for substitutes. (These personnel cannot be replaced by Selectors) The 2 x Maor Uisce will also act as hurley carriers and are permitted in the playing area at the 45-meter lines.

ALL MUST BE OVER 18 Years of age

3. A maximum of Nine (9) players shall be allowed in the "dug-out" and they must be seated at all times unless engaged in a warm-up on pitch side.
4. A maximum of three (3) players may warm-up pitch side at any one time during a game and must wear bibs.
5. Substitutes must occupy the designated dug outs or seated area in the stand/terrace provided and substitutions are only be made during a break in play.
6. Club officials, Selectors & Medical personnel must remain on seating in the stand/terrace provided.
7. The Bainisteoir must wear a distinctive bib provided by the Club. The Bainisteoir is permitted to move along the side-line in front of his team's dugout to make changes/give instructions but must return to the provided seating immediately. All other personnel must remain seated in the dugout. Medical personnel may stand outside the dugout.
8. All teams must wear their uniform shorts and socks.
9. All Clubs must provide the Referee with an official team list in Irish and include Jersey numbers worn by players; it must be accompanied by the appropriate match fee prior to commencement of game.
10. All Players and Team Officials must Stand to Attention and show due respect during the playing of our National Anthem.
11. All players and officials must have their own water bottles clearly marked with their name for their use only.
12. Clubs when nominated must provide umpires at Championship matches.

13. During double or triple headers players /team officials are NOT permitted to enter the pitch enclosure during the first/second game, or at half time of the first/second game.
14. In the event of a clash of colours **both teams must change jerseys for championship games.**
15. Children under 17 years of age are not permitted in any of the following areas under any circumstances – pitch, dug-out and dressing room area during adult games.
16. Officials and players shall not urinate in any open public area on or around a pitch before, during or after a game.
17. In the event of failure of lights, both teams must wait a minimum of 30 minutes to allow the problem to be resolved.
18. Championship notice is the group email distributed to all club secretaries on a Tuesday. Any changes to fixtures outside of this will be sent via email directly to both club secretaries by the County Secretary or CCC Secretary/CCC Chairperson.
19. All knockout games up to the final will be played with a result on the day. In the event of both teams ending on level score at the end of extra time Rule 3.4 (a) GAA Official Guide - Part 1 effective from March 18th 2023 will apply.
20. For the purposes of Rules 6.21 GAA Official Guide - Part 1 effective from March 18th 2023 the following shall apply to all League/Championships, Leagues and Cups run on a league basis; When teams finish on equal league points for Qualification for the concluding stages, or for promotion or Relegation, the tie shall be decided by the following means and in the order specified;
 - (i) Where two teams only are involved - the procedures as outlined in Rule 6.21 GAA Official Guide - Part 1 effective from March 18th 2023 will apply.
 - (ii) Where more than two teams are involved - Scoring difference (subtracting the total scores against from the total scores for) of the games where the teams tied on points played each other only. In the event that a team involved in a tie consisting of more than two teams had their finishing points total affected by a loss of points against that team on a proven objection, forfeiture of points for breach of rule/regulation, or by loss of points for failing to fulfil a fixture, that team shall not be included in any play-off and shall be deemed to have finished in last place in whatever means is used to decide the tie. The procedures outlined in Rule 6.21 GAA Official Guide - Part 1 effective from March 18th 2023 shall then be used to separate the remaining teams in the tie.
21. Where a club has more than one adult team involved at any grade in their respective code in Championship, the higher grade must play in advance of the lower grade, unless agreed by both clubs.
22. Dual clubs cannot be fixed to play championship matches in both codes at a shorter interval than 48 hours without their consent. The exception to this will be if either County Finals go to a replay after all logical options have been thoroughly explored by the CCC and the clubs involved.
23. A player who plays in any Football championship match may not subsequently play in a lower status football championship of the same championship year. (Penalty for breach of this regulation; Team loss of match. Player 4 week's suspension)

24. Lists of team panels (1 to 24) for inclusion in Match Programmes in all Senior football championship fixtures, Senior hurling championship fixtures and all other competition finals must be received by the CCC Secretary **at least Four (4) days prior to the game.**
25. Players must be numbered exactly in accordance with the published match programme.
26. Warm up area for Echelon Park Aughrim 2023 will take place on playing field only 30 minutes prior to start of your championship game.
Teams using town dug near dressings room, their warm up area is at opposite side of field under the stand from middle of field to 21-yard line, alongside line.
Teams using Dug out at top of field (west side) warm up from middle of field to 21-yard line, alongside line.
- We are asking clubs not to be doing sharp turning or constant drills in same area as there is a lot of championship games scheduled for Echelon Park Aughrim for 2023, especially if ground is any way soft; Give respect Get respect.
27. Players/substitutes are not permitted to have a kick / puck about on the pitch at halftime.
28. The use of video at all matches is subject to the club obtaining permission from the County Secretary and the original must be made available to the CCC if required.
29. The following regulations govern the recording on film, video. DVD or otherwise or any ADULT competition game played under the auspices of CCC Chill Mhántain.
- a. The recording of Minor competitions games are subject to the guidelines on the use of photographic images and monitoring websites in GAA clubs as outlined in the GAA Code of Best Practice in Youth Sport (copy available on www.gaa.ie)
 - b. 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 by email beforehand and is authorised by the County Secretary.
 - ii. That any recording can only be used for coaching, training, or disciplinary purposes.
 - iii. That the Club recording a game, or its agent hired for the purposes or same shall make a full, unedited copy of the recording of the game available to the CCC, on request.
 - iv. Host Clubs must provide Facilities for visiting teams (who have been authorised by the County Secretary) to record games.
 - v. In the event of a dispute preference in the allocation of advantage points for recording any game shall be in the following order:
 1. Wicklow GAA Video
 2. Participating Teams
 3. Broadcast Media
30. The onus is on each club to ensure that their members are aware of and adhere to these regulations.

31. Tickets will not be issued to enter playing area as it causes hassle for teams and our gate personnel. The number of personnel in dugouts ie Players and Management will be counted and if Clubs are over this a fine will be issued by the CCC.
32. There will be set fixed fines for breaching any championship match regulations, set as follows:
- a. **First offence - Fine €50**
 - b. **Second offence – Fine €100**
 - c. **Third offence and any subsequent offences – Fine €200**

All breaches of championship match regulations are treated the same, they are not regulation specific, offences escalate on the fine offence scale for ALL championship match regulations.

***Please note: if your 1st fine is on Reg 1 this will be €50 fine, if you then break a different regulation, for example Reg 4, this will count as a 2nd offence and the Fine is €100 as this is the second offence and so on.**

All fines will be issued by the County Treasurer and must be paid in full within one (1) calendar month

33. The CCC will monitor and implement appropriate fines for any breaches of Wicklow GAA Championship Match Regulations 2023.

Definitions:

Chairperson shall remain seated in the designated area on the side-line is responsible for the adherence to Match Regulations by his Club. He/she cannot be represented by another person. In the event of his/her non-attendance the official number permitted entry to the designated seating area shall reduce to Five (5) and responsibilities will pass to the Club Runai / Nominated Representative.

Runai/Nominated Representative is permitted to move to the side-line official to relay details of substitutions otherwise he/she shall remain seated in the designated area on the side-line.

Bainisteoir should wear a distinctive Bib with Bainisteoir clearly marked on it. He/She is permitted to move along the marked exclusion line to issue instructions to players after which he must return to the designated area of his own team dugout/designated seating area. The Bainisteoir is not permitted to enter the field of play.

Break In play is when the ball has gone out of play following a score, a wide or a stoppage in play called by the Referee for medical attention to an injured player. The taking of a free and/or side-line kick/puck does not constitute a break in play.

Selectors shall remain seated in the designated area on the side-line throughout the game. Selectors may not act as Water carriers/Hurley carriers.

Medical Personnel (1 & 2) shall wear bibs with Doctor/Physio in clear letters. They may only enter the field of play to attend to an injured player on the instruction of the referee. Medical personnel are not permitted to carry out the role of water carriers but are not restricted in providing fluids in their medical capacity. When not attending to injured players both medical personnel shall remain seated in the designated area on the side-line

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