

Regulations Governing the Organisation and Presentation of Donegal Club Championships and Leagues.

Introduction: *These Regulations have been drawn up by Choiste Cheannais na gComortaisí Dhun Na nGall and approved by Coiste an Chondae in accordance with Riail 3.43 (h), Riail 3.47(f) and Riail 6.36 T.O. 2018 and Riail 4, Rules of Control, Official Guide 2018 Cuid II and Regulation*

Match Monitor - A Match Monitor will be appointed by the Committee-in-Charge and it shall be his/her duty to report any breaches of these Regulations.

The Committee-in-Charge may also impose penalties for breaches of the Regulations brought to its attention by members of the Committee-in-Charge or the Management Committee.

Failure to respect the regulations and follow laid down procedures therein may lead to penalties as defined in General Rule & Section 3 of this document being imposed on individuals, teams, or Clubs by the Committees-in-Charge.

1. Ground/Pitch Regulations

1.1 Ground Regulations shall apply to all venues considered suitable for Inter-Club championships. They shall include procedures for entry to each ground, designated areas for substitutes and Team Officials and shall be communicated to Teams along with the official Clár an Lae.

1.2 The Clár an Lae shall also notify teams in advance of each game as to pre-match & half time protocols, the assignation of dressing rooms, bib colours to be worn, etc. For Regulation league and Championship matches, Home team will wear Blue Bibs and away team will wear Orange Bibs.

1.3 Only those players named on the Official Team list (30 in Inter-Club games) shall be allowed external entry to venue and pitch enclosure.

1.4 A maximum of 7 Team Officials shall be allowed entry to a venue. **All Team Officials and substitutes must sit in the designated areas identified** & must leave the field of play 3 minutes prior to the throw-in to go to the appropriate designated areas.

1.5 There shall be two designated areas for team personnel and officials:

- I. Bainisteoir's zone in which seats for the Bainisteoir, Maor Fóirne and a Medic should be provided (see pitch lay out on the next page);
- II. A seated area for substitutes and all other permitted team officials.

Seating for medics must ensure uninhibited access to the playing area at all times. Medics may sit together in the designated area for substitutes or may be positioned in the Bainisteoir's zone.

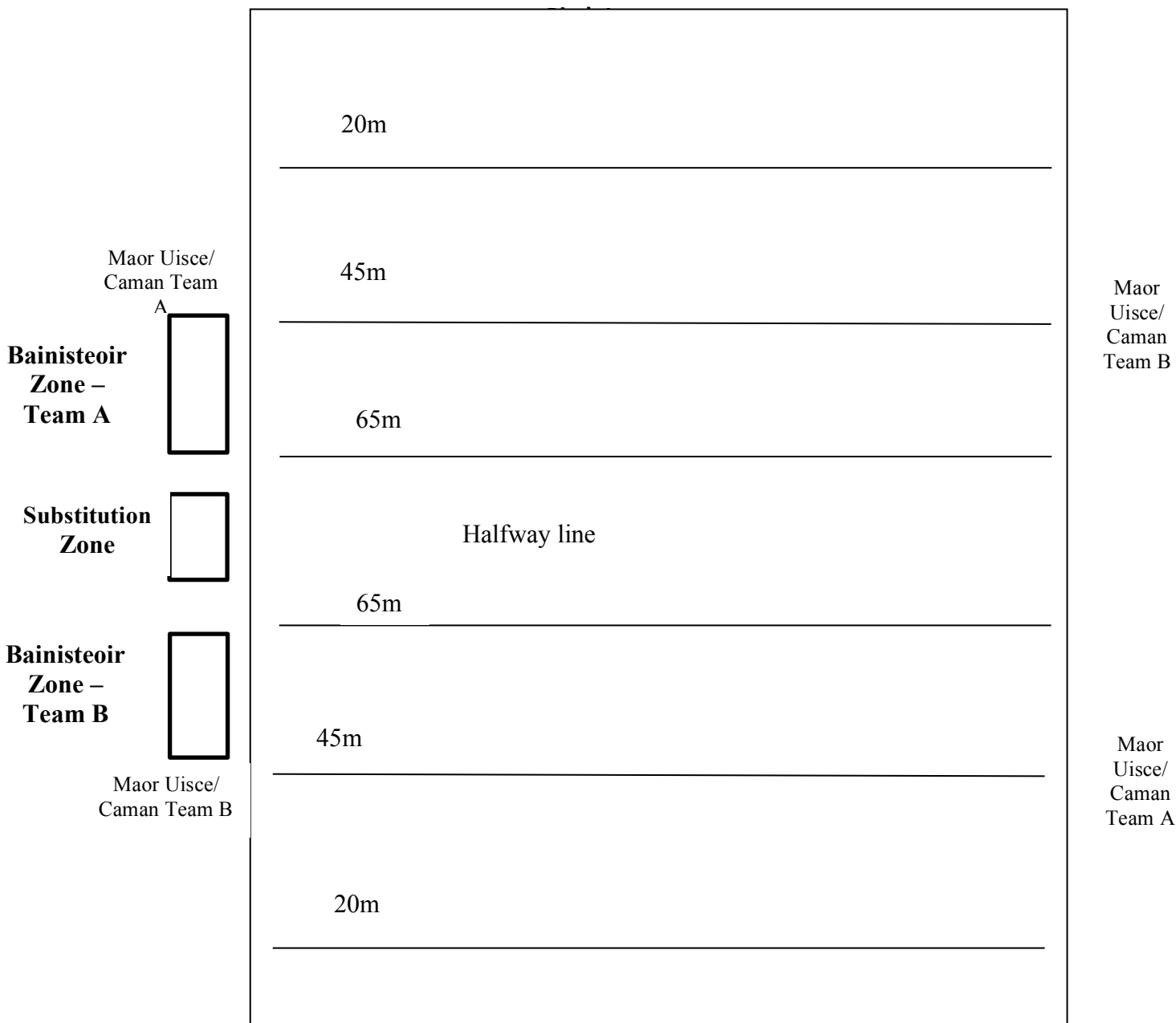
Where facilities in particular grounds do not permit for the specific arrangements outlined above, alternative arrangements may be made in advance with the approval of the Committee-in-Charge and communicated to the relevant units.

1.6 Where the National Anthem precedes a game, teams shall stand to attention facing the flag in a respectful manner; helmets must not be worn for Amhrán na bhFiann, nor for the parade or in team photographs.

1.7 The team captain shall lead the parade and only the 15 players commencing the game as per official team list may march in the parade, in team jerseys & in numerical order.

1.8 Players shall be numbered in accordance with the Official Programme and from 1 to not more than 30 in Inter-Club games. (Riail 6.31 T.O. 2018).

1.9 Ball Boys are not permitted



2. Game Regulations

2.1 The Referee is in overall charge of Game Regulations and shall delegate authority to his Linesmen & Sideline Official. ***The Referee has the authority during the game to send any person in repeated breach of these Regulations to the stand/outside the pitch enclosure and such person cannot be replaced.***

2.2 All Team Officials in the designated areas must be named on the Official list given to the Referee and should include: Bainisteoir, Maor Fóirne, Selectors, Medics, Water/Hurley Carriers, Cathaoirleach, Rúnaí & any other relevant backroom personnel.

2.3 Cathaoirleach – The Cathaoirleach shall wear a designated distinctive Bib (No. 6). Games and Ground regulations apply to all players and officials and adherence to the regulations is the responsibility of the Club Chairman. In his absence his responsibilities will pass to the Rúnaí/Nominated Person. The Bainisteoir also shares the responsibility of ensuring the Games Regulations are respected by players and members of team management.

2.4 Rúnaí - The Rúnaí/Nominated Person shall wear a designated distinctive Bib (No. 7). The Rúnaí or Nominated Person shall relay details of substitutions to the Sideline Official.

2.5 Bainisteoir - The Bainisteoir shall wear a designated distinctive top (No. 1) and is not permitted to enter field of play. He may move along the sideline from the 65m line to the 45m line as per the “Pitch Layout” on the previous page. The Bainisteoir may not act in any other capacity (e.g. as Maor Fóirne, etc).

2.6 Maor Fóirne - The Maor Fóirne (who must be a Selector) shall wear a designated distinctive top (No. 2) and may enter the field of play ***only through the area in front of the teams designated area, and only when the ball has gone out of play following a score, wide or during a stoppage called by the Referee.*** He shall exit the field at the nearest point and return to his designated area without interfering with play or opposition personnel. The Maor Fóirne must not be a listed member of the Team panel and may not act as a designated Water Carrier/Hurley Carrier.

2.7 Selectors – Selectors (No. 3 & 4) must **sit** in their designated area and may not act as Water/Hurley Carriers.

2.8 Medics - One Medical personnel shall be identified on the Official Team list and shall sit in the areas designated in Ground Regulations; they shall wear clear identification (No. 5) and may only enter field of play to attend to injured player(s).

2.9 Maoir Uisce - Two Maoir Uisce (Football)/Two Maoir Caman (hurling) who must be over 18 years of age, are permitted per team; **they may not enter the field of play.** Each must wear a designated distinctive top and will be situated as per the “Pitch Layout” on Page 2 of these Regulations, and at least two metres from the sideline. **Official team personnel, substitutes, injured players or members of the extended panel may not act as Maoir Uisce.** In Hurling the Maoir Uisce will also act as Hurley Carriers & may enter the field of play with a replacement hurley when necessary.

2.10 Substitutes - A maximum of three substitutes wearing designated distinctive tops may warm up on sidelines at any one time on their designated half of the field.

2.11 Late Fielding - A team taking the field late before a game shall be subject to the penalties outlined in Rule 6.43(d)(i), T.O. 2018; a team responsible for a half time interval being exceeded shall be subject to penalties outlined in Rule 6.43(d)(ii)(a), T.O. 2018 and a team responsible for an interval period allowed being exceeded by more than 10 minutes shall be subject to penalties outlined in Rule 6.43(d)(ii)(b), T.O. 2018.

2.12 Extra – Time - Regulations governing the playing of Extra Time are outlined in Rule 2.6, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6 & 3.7, Rules of Specification, T.O. 2018 Cuid II.

3. Penalties

3.1 Penalties for breaches of Ground/Pitch/Game Regulations shall be at the discretion of the Committee-in-Charge. These may include warnings, fines, the withdrawal of sideline privileges as outlined in Regulations 2.1 to 2.9 above or suspension of individuals as considered appropriate.

3.2 Maximum fines for breaches of Ground/Pitch/Game Regulations and Clár an Lae:

Category A €100; (for each reported breach).

3.3 The frequency and gravity of reported breaches in each game shall be taken into account by the Committee-in-Charge and may lead to next match penalties.

3.4 The provisions of Riail 7.2(c) T.O. 2018 with regard to Misconduct at Games by Team Officials shall apply.

3.5 Individuals reported for unauthorised entry on to the field of play may be dealt with under rule 6.43 (e) T.O. 2018.

4. POSTPONEMENTS/ CHANGES OF TIME

4.1 Any requests for consideration of change of the time of a fixture for a Club Function must be made on the Reschedule Match form to secretaryccc.donegal@gaa.ie by the 30th of April, 2019. The agreement of the Referee and opposing club must be sought, before a change of fixture will be considered by the CCC.

4.2 The CCC may grant a Postponement on the death of an immediate family member of a Player, Team Manager, Club Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer, the CCC shall have the responsibility of rescheduling the fixture.

*(Immediate family shall include, Wife, Child, Parent, Brother or Sister, **and in the case of a Player, a Grandparent**)*

4.3 The CCC reserves that in the event of a death of a person who has rendered exceptional service to CLG, then the CCC shall have the responsibility of rescheduling the fixture.

5. NOTIFICATION OF FIXTURES

5.1 A complete set of Fixtures to be set up on the Donegal GAA website.

5.2 The Runaí of the CCC shall send a fixture report to Clubs at the beginning of each Month.

5.3 Official fixture time to be confirmed at least a week prior to games, and any necessary adjustments made by the CCC to be notified by Runaí, no later than three days prior to match time.

5.4 All requests for alterations by clubs, to the times of games, but not the date, must be made in writing to the Runaí CCC five days before the start time.

5.5 No alterations to times of games can be made within three days of the start time even with agreement of opposing team.