

Coiste Chontae Dhún na nGall Regulations 2020

Finance

1. Club subscription payable to Coiste Contae for 2017 & beyond. Clubs have 2 options or a combination of both options for payment of subscriptions and/or levies.

Option 1

Senior Clubs €6,500

Intermediate Clubs €5,500

Junior Clubs €4,500

Monies will be paid in 10 monthly instalments from Jan 1st to October 1st. All payments due on club accounts must be paid in full by October 1st.

Option 2

Donegal GAA Club Plus Card

Fee per Card is €200 per annum. Clubs will receive a rebate of €100 on each Club Plus Card sold where their club has been selected as club of card purchaser. Club + Card Holders will be entitled to Free Admission to all adult club league and championship games under the control of CLG Dhun na nGall.

2. A copy of the Club Accounts/Financial Statements, as adopted and approved at the Annual General Meeting, shall be submitted to the County Committee within four weeks of the date of the Annual General Meeting as per 11.5 Club Constitution.

3. Club who have arrears under €5,000 to be cleared before affiliations and 2020 levies payment schedule up to date by the 1st July. Club who have arrears over €5,000 subject to a payment plan and 2020 levies payment schedule up to date by the 1st July.

4. Teams competing in the Senior Football County Final shall be given expenses to a maximum of €1,500.

5. Teams competing in the Senior Hurling Championship Final be given expenses to a Max of €500.

6. 20% of the gate shall be given to clubs who have a team involved in a replay of a County Final, Semi-final or Quarter-final, to cover team expenses, to a maximum of €500.

7. Any Club hosting adult games should be given 15% of the gate to a minimum figure (figure to be decided)

8. The clubs not presently involved in the promotion of hurling shall make a donation of €50 per club towards the provision of equipment for young players playing hurling.

9. Entry fee for Championships shall be €25 for each adult team and €5 for each under-age team.

10. Coiste na Condae to approve a budget of no less than €1,500 per annum to An tOifigeach Gaeilge agus Cultúrtha.

Administration

11. County Committee meetings start at 8.30pm sharp and that a report from each member of the Executive **and the County Referees' Administrator** is circulated by the County Secretary to the Clubs via email 5 days prior to the meeting.

- 12.** All Trophies to be returned to the County Office by the April County Committee meeting. Failure to do so will incur a fine of €500. (This does not apply to the Under-21 trophy). Clubs shall be held responsible for the replacement costs of any trophies not returned in time for presentation at the following years final. Clubs shall be held responsible for any damage caused to trophies while in their care and will be liable for the cost of any repairs.
- 13.** The County Senior Football and Hurling managers shall report to County Committee at the county committee meetings following the conclusion of the National Leagues and again upon exiting the Championship.
- 14.** When a Donegal Senior Football Team reaches the All-Ireland Final, former county players who are the holder of an All-Ireland Senior Football Medal shall be entitled to purchase 2 stand tickets on application to County Committee. The onus is on each club to advise the County Committee of the required numbers.
- 15.** Allocation of tickets to clubs for Ulster and All Ireland finals involving Donegal to be based on adult club membership at close of membership at 31st March as per Rule 2.1 & 2.2 T.O. This criterion also be used in all tickets game or when demand exceeds supply/capacity.
- 16.** All Sub-Committees shall be serviced by a member of the County Executive either as Chairman, Secretary or liaison officer.
- 17.** The coaching roster for full and part time coaches be made available to all clubs monthly and county coaching officer confirm its implementation at each meeting of Coiste na Condae.
- 18.** Members of an Coiste Bainisti and members of all County sub-committees shall exempt themselves from discussions and decisions concerning their own club (or any unit which the member has a specific role with) members and supporters at all meetings.
- 19.** Clubs must apply for permission to host events (examples; Fun Run/Walk 5k & 10K Runs, Easter Camp, Halloween Camp List is Non-Exhaustive) with at least 14 days notice of events to be given to Co. Executive & provide all the documentation.
- 20.** Clubs shall submit electronically to the County PRO, the Club Officer contact details by the third Monday of February.
- 21.** Regional Boards shall have all Underage Club Officer contact details with the County PRO electronically by the third Monday of February.
- 22.** When an Adult Club reaches a County Quarter Final, Semi Final or Final, the club must supply the team list as requested to the County PRO at least 3 days in advance of the game being held where a published handout/match programme is planned. Penalty for non-compliance is a €500 fine.
- 23.** The CCC shall in consultation with the Hurling and underage boards prepare a draft indicative Master schedule of fixtures to include all county and club fixtures at both adult and underage grades. Such schedule to be provided to all units within the county no later than the February County Committee meeting. Units will then have three weeks (21 days) from the date of the February County Committee meeting to submit any observations/requests in relation to the draft fixtures Schedule to the CCC for consideration. The final Indicative Master Fixture Schedule shall then be ratified at the March County Committee. Nothing contained within this regulation, or in the Indicative Master Fixture list shall impinge on the CCC powers as contained in R.3.21 or the CCC powers to make fixtures, provided due notice as specified in the applicable Official Guide is provided.

A) The CCC in conjunction with the County Management Committee shall submit in writing to County Committee at the February meeting for consideration the operating procedures which the CCC will adopt during the year in respect of

1. Notice of Indicative Fixtures.
2. Notice of Confirmed Fixtures.
3. Operation of Star Fixtures.
4. Procedures for requesting Fixture cancellation/Change of Date/ Change of Time.
5. Procedures for effecting Regulation 25.

Such procedures shall then be adopted at the March County Committee. Any non compliance by the CCC with the specified procedures shall not negate any fixtures otherwise properly made by the CCC but the CCC shall be required to detail any instances of non compliance in its report to the next county committee meeting.

B) The County Information Booklet to be circulated at or before the April County Committee Meeting.

Competitions

24. Riail 6.21 (4) (c) T.O.2019, Cuid 1 (as permitted in this rule) to be amended to apply to all Adult Donegal Club Competitions, as follows:

When teams finish with equal points for Qualification for the Concluding Stages, or for Promotion or Relegation, the tie shall be decided by the following means and in the order specified:

- i. Where two teams only are involved – the outcome of the meeting(s) of the two teams in the previous game(s) in the Competition;
- ii. Where three or more teams are involved – total League points won in the games between the Teams involved in the tie;
- iii. Where three or more teams are involved – scoring difference in the games between the teams involved in the tie (subtracting the total scores in these games only against from the total scores for in those games only).
- iv. Highest total score for in the games between the teams involved in the tie;
- v. Scoring difference in all games (subtracting the total scores against from the total scores for) in complete league;
- vi. Highest total score for in complete League;
- vii. Play Off(s), with the format at the discretion of the CCC.

Exceptions:

In relation to means (ii) (iii) (iv) (v) and (vi) above, if the accumulated scores of a team, so involved are affected by a disqualification, loss of game on a proven objection, retirement or walkover, the tie shall be decided by Play Off(s).

25. All county panellists [Senior and U20] to be available to play for their clubs for the league up until September 14th and Rule 6.22 (T.O.) to apply thereafter.

26. There shall be County Championships in Hurling and Football. Grading, method of grading and system to be decided by the County Committee. The County Committee also has the right to hold leagues and to decide on the method and manner of how they shall be run. The County Committee shall establish Competition Regulations to aid the smooth running of Competitions.

27. The Formats agreed for Adult football at the beginning of 2020 were aside following the Covid-19 Lockdown and new arrangements were set in place. These are outlined in paragraphs 28 to

Adult Football Championships

28. There shall be eight grades of adult football Championships in 2020:

- Senior
- Senior B
- Intermediate
- Intermediate B
- Junior A
- Junior B
- Under-21 A
- Under-21 B

The Senior Championships will have a once-off one-year format in 2020, reflecting time lost due to Covid Lockdown.

A) Sixteen teams as determined by the 2019 regulation shall take part in the 2020 Senior Championship.

B) Two Pools of eight teams, A and B, will form a single league of 16 teams. Each team shall play four teams from the alternate Pool, two home and two away games. There will be two points for a win and one for a draw and the top eight teams qualify for the quarterfinals.

C) The top 4 teams will have home advantage and the quarter-finals will be as follows 1st v 8th, 2nd v 7th, 3rd v 6th, and 4th v 5th.

D) The winners of the quarter finals shall be drawn randomly to play in two semi-finals with the winners meeting in the final. The semi-finals will be played at neutral venues.

E) The Senior Reserve Championship format will be as above.

F) The bottom teams 4 teams in the league of 16 will play each other in relegations play offs semi-finals as follows: 13th v 16th and 14th v 15th. The semi-final winners qualify to play in the 2021 Senior Football Championship.

G) The two remaining losing teams shall play in the final relegation play off with the losing team being relegated to play in the 2021 Intermediate Championship and the winning team qualifying to play in the 2021 Senior Football Championship.

H) The winners of the 2020 Intermediate championship shall qualify to play in the 2021 Senior Championship.

29. Twelve teams, as determined by the 2019 regulation, shall take part in the 2020 Intermediate Championship.

A) Similar to the Senior Championship, the Intermediate championship format will be played off with a single league of 12 teams.

B) The top 8 teams qualify for the quarterfinals with 1st v 8th, 2nd v 7th, 3rd v 6th, and 4th v 5th.

C) The Intermediate Reserve Championship format will be as above.

D) The bottom 4 teams in the league of 12 will play each other in two relegation semi-finals, as follows: 9th v 12th and 10th v 11th. The semi-final winners qualify to play in the 2021 Intermediate Football Championship. The two remaining losing teams shall play in the final relegation play off with the losing team being relegated to play in the 2021 Junior Championship and the winning team qualifying to play in the 2021 Intermediate Football Championship.

E) The winners of the 2020 Junior championship shall qualify to play in the 2021 Intermediate Championship.

30. As determined by the 2019 regulation ten teams shall take part in the 2020 Junior Championship. There will be two groups of five teams. The top team in Group A and Group B progress directly to the semi-finals. The second team in each of the two groups will play at home against the third-placed teams in the quarterfinals, ie 2nd in Group A will play 3rd in Group B and 2nd in Group B will play 3rd in Group A.

31. For 2020 Senior C teams have been regraded to play in the Junior B championship. As a result the Junior B championship will involve 14 clubs in 2020. There will be two pools of seven teams – Pool A and Pool B. Each team will have seven games against the clubs in the alternate Pool. The league format and quarterfinal qualification will be as outlined above for the Senior and Intermediate Championship. The top 8 teams qualify for the quarterfinals and the top four will have home venue with 1st v 8th, 2nd v 7th, 3rd v 6th, and 4th v 5th

32. The Under 21 A and Under 21 B championships will be run on a straight knock-out basis.

33 On a 2020 only basis there will be two divisions of adult football leagues in 2020 – Division 1 and Division 2.
A) Division 1 will have 20 teams divided into three Sections – A, B and C. The top two teams in each of the three Sections and the best two runners-up qualify for Division 1 quarterfinals.
B) Division 2 will have 19 teams divided into three Sections – A, B and C. The top two teams in each of the three Sections and the best two runners-up qualify for Division 2 quarterfinals.

34. Grading/Eligibility of Players. All grading shall be effected in compliance with R.3.20 (ii) Clubs playing at the Senior and intermediate championship grades shall submit a list of their first twelve players who shall be ineligible to play in any B competitions. Those clubs with three adult teams shall submit an additional list of their second twelve players who shall in addition to the first twelve be ineligible to play in the Junior B championship or Division 5 League. All Players who are not named in either of the above lists (subject to the lists being approved by the CCC) shall be initially eligible to play in “B” championships and leagues.

Where a club has two teams once an unlisted player plays in an “A” championship he will be no longer eligible to play in the “B” championship but he will remain eligible to play in “B” league.

Where a club has three teams, a player not listed in either the first or second twelve will become ineligible for the Junior B championship if he plays in any other championship. Clubs shall also separately submit to the CCC the names of any players not included in the lists of twelve who had played for the clubs first or second teams (where applicable) in championship the previous year. Penalty for non-compliance: €200 euro fine and the CCC may decide on the twelve players without any reference to the club.

The following minimum penalties shall apply to the club and player(s) for playing at a level which they are ineligible to play in – Penalty: Player, 12 weeks suspension; Team, on a proven objection Award of game to opposing team and on an inquiry by the Committee in charge - Forfeiture of game without Award of Game to opposing team or fine depending on the circumstances.

Clubs shall return all competition entry forms (including first and second 15) electronically to the Secretary of the CCC by the 31st January of the Competition year.

35. That the CCC in exceptional circumstance may grant the postponement of a club fixture in the event of a sudden or tragic death or the death of a club member who, during his/her life had rendered exceptional service to CLG.

36. That the CCC meet with representatives of the clubs and the management of inter county teams to determine the availability of players to their clubs while county teams are involved in competitions and that the CCC structure the fixtures programme and determine (six) 6 dates that the C.C.C attempt to match Inter County players as much as is possible in games on these dates.

37. Following Covid the number of team officials permitted to remain in the pitch enclosure after the toss of the coin is up to a maximum of four: the Bainisteoir (1), Maor Foirne (1), Medical Personnel (1), and one other designated Official or Nominated Representative (1). Each Team Official to be identified by a Distinctive Bib, for ease of recognition by the Match Officials. There will be no Maor Uisce but one Maor Camán is allowed (hurling only). All Officials to be named on teamsheet. Penalties shall be applied per CCC Match Regulations.

38. In the event of a clash of colours between Clubs the following shall apply. In Rounds of the League: Away team shall change. In Championship games and Playoffs of championship and League, both teams shall change to colours that are acceptable to County Competitions Control Committee.

39. In the event of poor weather conditions Home Clubs must have their playing pitches inspected by an Official Neutral Referee four (4) hours prior to the throw in time. If the Pitch is deemed unplayable then the fixture must be reversed (Failure to comply will result in forfeit of game) This applies to first round league games only.

40. Clubs which fail to fulfil fixtures in the 2020 Regional Leagues will be deducted two points in their respective League in 2021. Any club that fails to fulfil a league fixture shall be fined the sum of €100 for each unfulfilled fixture, where the CCC Secretary have been given sufficient notice to ensure the other team involved and Referee, do not field. Clubs will be compensated for travelling expenses incurred within the limit of the fine.

41. Where a report of two (2) or more members of the County Committee who are present at any particular match is to the effect that owing to the nature of play, the conduct of spectators, or otherwise, Cumann Lúthchleas Gael may have been brought into disrepute, the County Committee may order an investigation, even though the referee's report may not have given these facts.

42. When fixing a game for a neutral venue, the CCC will assume responsibility for all aspects of the staging of that fixture. (e.g. Ensuring adequate stewarding, providing guidance to host club on what is required etc.).

43. That no video of any Donegal County Championship game, featuring the relevant Donegal champions, shall be passed on to Ulster or beyond by the Donegal Coiste Bainistí or any unit, without first getting the approval of the Donegal club involved. Penalty €500 fine, payable to club involved.

44. The underage grades in 2019, ie. U12, U14, U16 & U18, to remain the same for 2020.

Hurling

45. The Senior Hurling Championship shall be 15 a side and will involve 5 clubs. It shall be played on a league basis in a single round format. If teams finish level in the league stage then the provisions of Rule 6.20 T.O. 2019 as amended in Donegal Regulations 2020 will apply. The top four teams from the league stage shall play in the Senior Championship semi-finals (1st v 4th. 2nd v 3rd).

46. The Junior Hurling Championship in 2020 shall be 15 a side and will feature 8 teams in two Groups (A and B) of 4. Teams in each group will play each other once. The top two teams qualify for the semi-finals. 2nd in Group A will have home advantage in a quarterfinal against 3rd in Group B and similarly 2nd in Group B play at home against 3rd in Group A. Semi-finals will be at a neutral venue.

47. If three or more adult hurling clubs wish to participate in an Under 21 Hurling Championship then this may be organised at the discretion of Donegal CCC. It shall be 15 a side. These championships may be organised on a league or knockout basis at the discretion of Donegal CCC.

48. Donegal CCC may at its discretion, agree to permit Donegal Hurling Clubs to participate in a senior hurling league organised by Ulster Council.

A) Donegal CCC may also arrange a senior hurling league within Donegal.

B) Any Donegal Senior Hurling League shall be 15 a side, however, if one team has only 13 players then this game must be 13 a side. It may be played on a single round or double round basis, at the discretion of the CCC.

C) Donegal Senior Hurling League games shall generally be played on a Wednesday evening, except where Donegal CCC permits otherwise. The 72 hour rule will apply to senior hurling fixtures unless Donegal allows otherwise.

D) The team that finishes top of the league will win the league. Where two teams finish level at the top, the overall scoring difference between them in the game(s) between them will decide who wins the league. In the event that three or more teams finish equal on points at the top of the league, then overall scoring difference in all league games will determine league positions. Where scoring difference does not separate teams as above, then playoffs will decide the winner.

E) Any Donegal adult hurling club seeking to play in a hurling league outside the county must also participate in the Donegal Senior Hurling League.

49. Each adult club participating in Senior, Intermediate or Junior Hurling shall also participate fully in the Under 12 Hurling Mini-League.

50. All underage hurling fixtures shall be completed by the end of September. An underage team which fails to field twice in a competition shall be automatically expelled from that competition.

51. An indoor hurling competition may be organised in conjunction with Cumann na mBunscoil during the winter months for primary schools.

52. There will be no restrictions on Donegal CCC in making fixtures, as per Rial 3.20 T.O. 2016. Other than this exception, Thursday evenings shall be allocated to the promotion and playing of underage hurling in all Divisions and no other underage activities or fixtures are permitted during that period, e.g. tournaments, training, challenge games, etc. This will apply to dual clubs only.

Referee Administration

53. That all referees complete a fitness test and a referee in-service workshop prior to the start of the season and also update themselves on rules after congress of that year. Only those referees who have completed the in-service and fitness test and updated themselves as required can be considered for games in Donegal GAA domestic competition at all levels.

54. Referees who are appointed to take control of all games must have successfully completed a Foundation Course in Refereeing.

55. There shall be three panels of Club Referees

(a) an adult Gaelic football club fixture panel,

(b) a hurling club fixture panel and

(c) a children's club fixtures panel.

No Referee from the adult panel will referee at a level below Under-14.

56. Each club will appoint a Referee's Liaison Person whose function is to cater for the needs of its own club's nominated referees and visiting referees who officiate at its club's home fixtures.

57. Referees using their own transport may claim travelling expenses amounting to 50 cent per mile and a meal subsistence of €13.50, for being away from home more than 5 hours. The home club shall bear these expenses.

58. The expenses of referees in quarterfinals, semi-finals, finals, and play-offs of county competitions shall be paid by the County Committee.

59. The Adult Club Referee will receive and sign for expenses received from the home club Referee Liaison person or a Club Officer prior to commencement of the match:

The Children's' Referee will receive expenses in a manner as determined by the Minor Board.

A Penalty of €25 will be imposed on adult clubs who do not pay expenses on the day.

60. Referees officiating on a double header will receive an expense rate of €50. Referees who act, as Linesmen in County Committee appointed fixtures may claim travelling expenses amounting to €15 or 50 cents per mile to a maximum of €30. No payment will be made to any other Official except the Referee.

61. The Club Referee will be available to referee games as and when required during the playing season. If unavailable for upcoming fixtures the Referee must inform the Referee's Appointments Secretary on or before Sunday evening of each coming week.

62. Referees will text or phone in the result within one (1) hour of the end of the match.

63. Referees will submit their match report to the Secretary of the CCC to arrive with him/her no more than three (3) days after the date of the game.

64. Every club should have at least one active Adult and **one** under-age Referee. An Active Adult Referee is one who has officiated at a minimum of 14 adult club fixtures prior to All Ireland Final day. For Hurling substitute 5 for 14 above. An Active under-age Referee is one who has officiated at a minimum of 10 underage fixtures in the season organised by Minor Board CCC.