

Donegal Minor Sub Committee
RULES & REGULATIONS 2020

1.1 The Donegal Minor Sub Committee shall be the governing & controlling body of all underage Hurling and Football games within the County.

1.2 Roles and Responsibilities of the Donegal Minor Sub Committee / Minor CCC

a) To agree competition formats with all Regional Boards and the Hurling Board at start of the year.

b) Will have final decision in the grading for all competitions.

c) Will draw up match regulations for all competitions

d) Will work in conjunction with the Coaching & Games Development Committee to co-ordinate new coaching initiatives.

e) Will deal with all disciplinary matters arising from all stages of all Competitions in both Football and Hurling.

2.0 Regional Boards:

The Three Regional Boards shall be called the Northern Regional Board, the Southern Regional Board and the Inishowen Regional Board.

3.0 Role and Responsibilities of All Regional Boards:

a) To organize Leagues, Championships and Blitzes competitions up to and including Minor League age group.

b) To produce a detailed fixture list in conjunction with the Minor CCC at the start of the year for all the above competitions.

c) To send all disciplinary matters within their Board's area to be dealt with by Minor CCC secretary. Appeals arising out of decisions made by the Minor CCC will be dealt with by the County Hearings Committee.

e) To have one (1) vote on County Committee.

4.0 Regional Boards AGMs

The Annual General Meeting of all the Regional Boards shall be held not later than November 30th each year. It shall consist of the officers of the outgoing Boards and two delegates from each club, which competed, in an underage Championship of the preceding year.

5.0 Finance Funding will be determined by the Donegal County Committee. The Treasurers shall lodge all monies in a bank as nominated by the Donegal County Committee and shall produce all books including those of the Regional Boards, when requested to do so for audit purposes.

5.1 The Treasurer and one of either the Chairman or Secretary must sign all cheques. The Treasurer shall submit a financial report to every monthly meeting of the Regional Board.

5.2 The Regional Board Treasurer shall send a copy of their annual report to the County Treasurer immediately after the AGM.

6.0 Fixtures, The Donegal Minor CCC in conjunction with Minor CCC Regional Board delegates and delegate from Hurling Board shall produce a complete set of all underage fixtures, these to be ratified by Minor Sub Committee and be set up on the Donegal Gaa Website.

6.1 The Regional Boards' Minor CCC delegate shall be responsible for coordinating Regional Board fixtures and the selection of venues that arise between meetings.

6.2 The Donegal Minor Sub Committee Executive Members & Regional Board representatives will meet at least six (6) times during the year to ensure smooth running of the fixture programme.

6.3 Players who reside in a Club area where no underage teams exist may apply in writing to the County Committee as per Rule 6.4 T. O 2020.

6.4 Fixtures in all regions will take place as per master fixture plan with the following exception on a postponement. The Minor CCC in exceptional circumstances 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 their lifetime had rendered exceptional service to CLG. The CCC may grant a postponement on the death of an immediate family member of a player, Team Manager, 3 Main Club Officers and the CCC will have responsibility for the rescheduling. (Immediate Family Members shall include husband, wife, child, parent, sibling and in the case of player grandparent or parent's sibling.

6.5 As the last round of League Games will be played simultaneously, no postponement of any game to a date beyond that round, or of the final round of fixtures, will be granted.

6.6 In the case of unplayable pitches, games cannot be called off without a pitch inspection by an official referee appointed by the County Referees Administrator at least 4 hours before appointed time. If the pitch is deemed unplayable the game automatically reverts to the opponent's grounds (provided it is playable).

6.7 Challenge Game

The Club Secretary of all Clubs wishing to seek permission to play an Underage Challenge Match, must do so on the Official Challenge match App in advance of the Fixture as per Rule , 6.41 T.O. 2020.

Challenge Games outside the County and within Ulster require permission from Ulster Council, Challenge Games outside the Province must be sought from Croke Park, Clubs participating in unauthorized challenge games will be fined E100.

7.0 Referees unable to fulfill a fixture must contact the Referees Administrator for the services of a neutral referee, and he shall inform the Assistant Secretary of the relevant Board before 6pm on day prior to fixture.

7.1 Referees shall forward their reports to the relevant Regional Secretary / Treasurer who will reimburse their expenses. The referee's expenses shall be recovered from the relevant club.

Referees Reports in Regional games with Disciplinary issues must be with relevant secretary no later than 48 hours after game who shall forward them immediately to Minor CCC secretary.

Referee reports in all county competitions with Disciplinary issues must be with Minor CCC secretary Jim Quinn at assistantsecretary.donegal@gaa.ie within 48 hours.

The expenses of referees in semi-finals and finals of all county competitions shall be paid for by the Treasurer of the Donegal Minor Sub Committee.

8.0 Games and control of games:

(a) All “45” s up to and including U14 level shall be taken from the hand on the 30-metre line.

(b) Both teams qualifying for County Finals should be properly attired and presented on County Final Day.

(c) Five (5) Subs only are permitted at all underage levels in Football.

(d) All knockout League games including County Final’s must be finished. Therefore, in the event of a draw at full time, extra time (10 minutes each way) must be played. Penalty kicks to be taken if still level after extra time.

(e) In the event of teams finishing level on points after completion of group games in Regional leagues the positions in league table will be determined by Scoring Difference (subtracting the total Scores Against from total Scores For) per Rule 6.21(4) c (ii).

(f) An underage player is not allowed to play 2 grades above his/her age (4 years above the competition date) i.e. an U10 is not allowed to play U14, U12 is not allowed to play U16 (see below). Girls may participate only up to and including the U12 grade.

Age Grades:

Under 18: Be over 14 and under 18 years

Under 16: Be over 12 and under 16 years

Under 14: Be over 10 and under 14 years

Under 12: Be over 9 and under 12 years

(g) Each team to have only Four Mentors including medical person on the sidelines during underage matches from U12 to U18. Distinctive bibs to be worn to identify same (Home Team shall wear Blue Bibs and Away Team shall wear Orange Bibs,) The penalty for breach of this rule is €50.00 payable to relevant Regional Boards if Regional Games or to Minor CCC if County Semi-Final or Final matches.

9.0 Returning of Trophies, all cups and trophies to be returned to the relevant Regional Board Secretary by 1st September 2020. All County Trophies won in 2018 (outstanding) and 2019 to be returned to Assistant Treasurer Paddy Tinney, assistanttreasurer.donegal@gaa.ie by 1st September 2020, clubs who fail to do so will incur a €150 fine and may be made financially liable for any damage caused.

10.0 Role of the Minor CCC.

- a). shall organize and decide format of all competitions under its jurisdiction.**
- b). shall deal with all objections and counter objections arising from the fixture programme within its jurisdiction.**
- c). shall deal with referees reports and matters arising other than those functions that are reserved for the County Hearings Committee.**
- d). shall investigate and process matters relating to the enforcement of the rules and match regulations except where these matters are reserved for the County Hearings Committee.**
- e). shall control all grading or re-grading in respect of county/club and Regional competitions.**
- f). the powers of the CCC Secretary are plenary.**
- g). The CCC will ensure that the provisions of the official guide are upheld in relation to games and competitions.**
- h). Due to exceptional circumstances all previous fixtures and competitions notified for 2020 are null and void. The Minor CCC reserve the right to abandon all new competitions fixed for 2020, in the event of further restrictions being imposed as a result of medical advice.**

11.0. Number of Players: If a team has 17 players or more available on match day they must play 15 a Side. This applies to all competitions from U14 up to and including Minor in all Divisions. Advance notice of less than 17 players available should be given to opposing team no later than 24 hours before the match.

12.0 U14 All County Division One League

Winner of Northern, Southern and Inishowen Regional Under 14 Division One Leagues shall qualify for County Play Offs of All County U14 Division One League.

One of Regional Winners will receive a Bye to County Final

Other two Regional Winners shall meet in County U14 Division One League Semi Final (Neutral Venue where possible)

Winner of above shall meet Bye in County u14 Division One League Final (Neutral Venue where possible)

12.1 U14 All County Division Two League

Winner of Northern, Southern and Inishowen Regional Under 14 Division Two Leagues shall qualify for County Play Offs of All County U14 Division Two League.

One of Regional Winners will receive a Bye to County Final

Other two Regional Winners shall meet in County U14 Division Two League Semi Final (Neutral Venue where possible)

Winner of above shall meet Bye in County u14 Division Two League Final (Neutral Venue where possible)

13.0 U16 All County Division One League

Winner of Northern, Southern and Inishowen Regional Under 16 Division One Leagues shall qualify for County Play Offs of All County U16 Division One League.

One of Regional Winners will receive a Bye to County Final

Other two Regional Winners shall meet in County U16 Division One League Semi Final (Neutral Venue where possible)

Winner of above shall meet Bye in County u16 Division One League Final (Neutral Venue where possible)

13.1 U16 All County Division Two League

Winner of Northern, Southern and Inishowen Regional Under 16 Division Two Leagues shall qualify for County Play Offs of All County U16 Division Two League.

One of Regional Winners will receive a Bye to County Final

Other two Regional Winners shall meet in County U16 Division Two League Semi Final (Neutral Venue where possible)

Winner of above shall meet Bye in County u16 Division Two League Final (Neutral Venue where possible)

14.0 Minor All County Division One League

Winner of Northern, Southern and Inishowen Regional Minor Division One Leagues shall qualify for County Play Offs of All County Minor Division One League.

One of Regional Winners will receive a Bye to County Final

Other two Regional Winners shall meet in Minor Division One League Semi Final (Neutral Venue where possible)

Winner of above shall meet Bye in County Minor Division One League Final (Neutral Venue where possible)

14.1 Minor All County Division Two League

Winner of Northern, Southern and Inishowen Regional Minor Division Two Leagues shall qualify for County Play Offs of All County Minor Division Two League.

One of Regional Winners will receive a Bye to County Final

Other two Regional Winners shall meet in County Minor Division Two League Semi Final (Neutral Venue where possible)

Winner of above shall meet Bye in County Minor Division Two League Final (Neutral Venue where possible)

