

## REGULATIONS FOR LEAGUE AND CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITIONS 2012.

### Championships:

1. The draws for the preliminary rounds of the Senior, Intermediate and Junior Football and Hurling Championships shall be made *at a meeting of the County Committee* on an open draw basis. Subsequent rounds shall be drawn as designated by the Coiste Cheannais na gComortaisí (CCC).

2. The winner of the Intermediate Football Championship will be promoted to play in the Senior Football Championship in the following year. The winner of the Junior Football Championship will be promoted to play in the Intermediate Football Championship in the following year.

### General: Applicable to all Competitions:

3. (a). The Senior Football League comprises ten teams competing in the Senior Football Championship.

(b). The Intermediate Football League comprises ten team competing in the Intermediate Football Championship

(c). The Junior Football League comprises nine teams competing in the Junior Football Championship (excluding the Fergal O'Hanlons club).

(d) The last 2 rounds of the SFL, IFL and JFL and MFL's must be played on the same date and at the same time as fixed by CCC. In exceptional circumstances, determined by CCC; this regulation may be waived.

(e). Reserve leagues, divisions one and two comprising of eight teams in each division.

(f). Reserve league division three comprising *of nine teams.*

(g) Reserve league division four comprising of the remaining reserve teams (plus Fergal O'Hanlons first team).

(h). The senior, intermediate and junior leagues will be double round leagues. Reserve leagues division one, two will be double round leagues. Reserve leagues division three and four will be a single round league and may be played thirteen aside if one of the participating teams has not got the required fifteen players. The referee will be the sole adjudicator on this matter.

4. In order to avoid clashes with club minor fixtures the following procedure will apply.

(a). Adult fixtures will have precedence on Wednesday evenings.

(b). Minor fixtures will have precedence on Tuesday evenings except during the Department of Education examination period, when it may be necessary to play a Senior, Intermediate or Junior fixture.

(c). When the county football team is playing at home all adult fixtures shall be played at a time earlier or later than the official inter-county fixture.

(d). In the event of a home venue clashing with a Allianz League (Football or Hurling) home fixture then that fixture shall be played at an alternative venue nominated by the home club or the fixture shall be reversed.

5. (a). Extra time shall be played in the event of a draw in all league semi-finals

(b). In the senior, intermediate and junior leagues as well as the minor division one and two, four teams will qualify for the semi-finals as follows; First v Fourth Second v Third.

(c). In the reserve divisions one, two, three and four the top four teams shall qualify for the semi-finals as follows; First v Fourth Second v Third.

(d) The teams finishing in the first and second places shall have home advantage in the semi-finals. In the event of a pitch being deemed unplayable the fixture shall be played at an alternative

venue, nominated by the home club, and, failing this, it shall be played at the opposition venue. In the event of all such venues being unplayable CCC shall appoint a neutral venue. The finals shall be played at a neutral venue.

(d). A team failing to field for three consecutive fixtures in any league competition shall be deemed to have withdrawn from that competition. If this occurs the particular team shall be withdrawn from all other competitions, and any other lower graded team from the same club shall also be withdrawn from all competitions.

(e). Any third team player who plays in the senior, intermediate or junior championships *should not automatically* be ineligible to play on the third team for the remainder of the year.

(h). CCC reserves the right to monitor any league fixture.

(i). Clubs must get written permission to DVD / video any game from *An Runai Cunta*. The original copy of video to be made available to CCC and the opposing club if requested within three days of fixture. Failure to provide DVD / video to CCC or opposing team within specified time will incur fine €500. The opposing club to pay half the cost if copy required.

6. (a). The semi-finals and finals of all competitions shall be played in enclosed pitches.

(b) The gate receipts shall be divided as follows for League Semi Finals and Finals and Reserves championship fixtures; €50 or 15% of gate (which ever is the greater) going to the home/host club, with the remainder being divided equally between both competing clubs.

### **Promotion and Relegation.**

7. (a) The bottom two teams in the SFL shall be relegated to the IFL for the following year. The eighth placed team shall be relegated in the event of either the bottom two teams winning the Senior Football Championship.

(b). The winner of the IFL shall be promoted to the SFL for the following year. The team with the highest number of points shall also be promoted to the SFL, if the winner of the IFL also wins the Intermediate Football Championship.

(c). The bottom two teams in the IFL shall be relegated to the JFL. The eighth placed team shall be relegated in the event of either of the bottom two teams winning the Intermediate Football Championship.

(d). The winner of the JFL shall be promoted to the IFL for the following year. The team with the highest number of points shall also be promoted to the IFL if the winner of the JFL also wins the championship (e). There can be no promotion from Reserve League Division One.

(f). Promotion in the Reserve Leagues shall be on a one up one down basis. The team winning the competition shall be promoted and the bottom placed team shall be relegated with the following exceptions.

(g) A Reserve team cannot be promoted to a higher division if that club has already a team in the higher division, if this occurs the reserve team with the highest number of points will be promoted. A Reserve team cannot be relegated to a lower Division, if that club has already a team in the lower division, if this occurs the reserve team with the lowest number of points will be relegated.

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(j). The Reserve Knockout Competitions, O'Duffy Cup and Crawley Cup shall have no bearing on promotion / relegation.

### **Dates and Times of Fixtures.**

8. Hurling fixtures shall have precedence on Thursday evenings.

### **Special Knockout Adult Competitions.**

9. The competitions shall be structured as follows;

(a). The O'Duffy cup comprising of Reserve Division One and Reserve Division Two teams shall

be played on a knockout basis. The first team drawn out shall have home venue, except the final.  
(b). The Crawley cup shall comprise teams from the Reserve League Division Three and teams from the Reserve League Division Four.

(c) Where a club has two teams eligible for the same Cup Competition, the higher graded team only shall play in that competition.

(d). The competition shall be played on a knockout basis. The first team drawn out shall have home venue for all rounds, except the final.

(e). Extra time shall be played in all rounds including the semi-finals. It shall consist of two periods of ten minutes each way and if necessary. In the event of a draw after extra time the replay shall be at the venue of the other team.

**10** (a) The maximum number of players permitted to be substituted shall be two as outlined in Coiste Chontae Mhuineachain CLC Annual Regulation 9(b) 2011 (b) When a Reserve Division two team play a reserve Division one team in the reserve Championship (O' Duffy Cup) they are permitted to use their two lowest graded players for that game. Senior clubs whose reserve team are playing in reserve league Division two are prohibited from using any graded player in the O' Duffy Cup competition except as specified at 10(a)

*(c). When a Reserve Division 4 team plays a Reserve Division 3 team in the Reserve Football Championship (Crawley Cup), the Division 4 team are permitted to use their two lowest graded players for that game.*

### **Under 21 Football Competitions**

**11**(a).The Under Twenty-One fixtures shall be played on a league basis

(b). The Competitions Control Committee shall group the affiliated teams.

(c). The under Twenty-One competition shall be played irrespective of County Teams commitments or Club Championship commitments

(d) Under twenty-one football fixtures shall not be made for a **12 day period** prior to the commencement of the Dept. of Education and Science examinations or during the period of the said examinations.

### **Minor Football Competitions**

**12.** (i) In the event of a draw in Minor Football Leagues Semi Finals, extra time must be played.

(ii) In the Minor Football Leagues division one, two, three position determines home advantage for semi-finals.

**13.** In the event of a draw extra time must be played in all Minor Football Championship games up to, and including, Semi Finals.