

Regulations for the Administration for Youth Football and Hurling 2012.

The Competitions Control Committee shall in compliance with the Official Guide, County Bye-Laws and Annual County Regulations be given power herewith to;

1. In relation to under-twelve and under-fourteen competitions the Parish Rule shall apply in all cases except that the *Competitions Control Committee* gives permission to include players from outside the parish. Permission shall only be granted where the following criteria is met.
 - (i) That there is agreement between the two clubs involved.
 - (ii) That the player in question is a child of a former or current adult player of the club for which the player wishes to play.
 - (iii) That the player in question is a child of a former or current official of the club for which the player wishes to play.
 - (iv) That another member of the players immediate family is already playing legally with the club for which the player wishes to play.
 - (v) The onus is on the club seeking the player to provide evidence that above criteria has been met.
 - (vi) A maximum of five players per club shall be granted in any one competition year.

Penalty; A team found guilty of breach of this regulation shall be suspended for the remainder of the competition.
 2. Applications by clubs for permission to play juvenile players from outside the parish must be made in writing to the County Secretary. The latest date for application by clubs for permission to play juvenile players from outside the parish shall be **20th February 2012** and the last day for determining such requests shall be the next meeting of the *Competitions Control Committee* who will consider such applications and decide on acceptance or otherwise.
- Note: An Coiste Bainisti shall hear **a request from any Club for a review** arising from a decision of Competitions Control Committee in relation to this regulation.*
3. A club registering a player for the first time, where more than one club affiliates from the same parish shall require written consent signed by a parent/s or guardian/s. This consent form to be retained by the registering club. The minimum age for first time registration shall be nine years of age.

Players then wishing to transfer to another club in the same parish must obtain official transfer from the County Committee
 4. Under-sixteen football and hurling fixtures shall not be made for the **twelve days** prior to the commencement of the *Department of Education and Science* examinations or during the period of the examinations.
 5. No postponement of any fixture under the auspices of the *Competitions Control Committee* shall be allowed except in the following circumstances,
 - (a). Subject to the prior approval of the *Competitions Control Committee*, the two competing teams may make an alternative arrangement **at least seven days** before the fixture is scheduled, the fixture then must be played within seven days either side of the original date on the official fixtures list. Clubs are restricted to a maximum of five (5) alterations in any one-year over all grades of hurling and football.
 - (b). All juvenile fixtures shall be played as per times shown on the Official Fixture list.
 - (c). All requests for a change to a juvenile fixture must be communicated to the Youth Fixtures Secretary seven days before the date of the proposed fixture.

6. Clubs shall give two clear days notice of cancellation or non-fulfilment of any underage fixture to the Youth Fixtures Secretary of the *Competitions Control Committee*.
Penalty: Loss of match and fine of €25.
7. The *Competitions Control Committee* shall decide upon the status and placing of each team in all underage League and Championship competitions.
Note: An *Coiste Bainisti* shall hear any **request from any Club for a review** arising from a decision of the *Competitions Control Committee* in relation to this regulation.
8. (i) First team drawn in championship have home advantage up to **and including** the semi final stages.

(ii) The semi-finals and finals of all league competitions and **all** championship matches shall be played on enclosed pitches.
(iii) Extra time shall be played in all juvenile league semi-finals as well as Under 14 and Under 16 Football and Hurling Championships up to and including semi-finals.
9. All Juvenile trophies to be returned to a representative of the Trophies Committee at the April meeting of the County Committee.
Penalty: a fine of €100 to be imposed for breach of this regulation.

10. League Rules for Juvenile (U12-U16) Competitions

- (i) Eight substitutions allowed in Under 12 and 14 juvenile competitions (football and hurling)
- (ii) Five substitutions allowed in Under 16 competitions (football and hurling).
- (iii) Playing pitch shall not be less than 100m long in any Under 12 or Under 14 football or hurling competition and the widths should be within the range stated for each competition below.
- (iv) Pitch sizes **must be** as follows for all competitions:

Football	Pitch length	Pitch width
Under 12		
11 a side	20 m line to 20 m line	Min 50m – Max 55m
9 a side	20 m line to 20 m line	Min 40m – Max 45m
Under 14		
15 a side (Div 1 Champ)	Full adult pitch	Full adult pitch
13 a side	13 m line to 13 m line	Full adult width
11 a side	13 m line to 13 m line	Min 55m – Max 60m
9 a side	13 m line to 13 m line	Min 50m – Max 55m
Under 16		
15 a side	Full adult pitch	Full adult width
13 a side	Full adult pitch	Full adult width

11 a side	Full adult pitch	Min 55m – Max 60m
Hurling	Pitch length	Pitch width
Under 12 – 11 a side	13 m line to 13 m line	Full adult width
<i>Under 14 League – 15 a side</i>	Full adult pitch	Full adult width
<i>Under 16 (championship) – 15 a side</i> <i>Under 16 (league) – 13 a side</i>	Full adult pitch	Full adult width

(v) Goal posts shall be 5.50m wide and crossbar 1.8m high for all Under 12 competitions and Under 14 football competitions with the exception of Under 14 Div 1 Championship. Full adult size for Under 14 Div 1 Championship, all Under 14 Hurling and all Under 16 football and hurling competitions.

(vi) The following regulations shall apply for all Under 12 and U 14, competitions (football only)

- 13metre frees... from a line 13m from juvenile goal posts
- 45 metre free from... 45metre line on the adult pitch
- Kick outs and 45 metre frees can be taken from the hand
- Goal nets to be provided. Penalty for breach €25
- Size 4 football to be used
- Under 12 games shall be of three periods of 20 minutes duration. The final score of the game is calculated at the end of the second period and all substitutes are used in the final period.
- *In Under 12 games in the Spring League, all scores shall count as one point.*
- Under 14 games shall be of four quarters of 15 minutes duration.
- A player in possession of the ball is allowed one solo & one hop or two solo's and then must release the ball. *If a player deliberately drops the ball to the ground once they have taken two touches, another player must touch the ball before the original player can touch the ball again.*
- Player fouled must take the free awarded. In the event of the player fouled being injured and unfit to continue, the substitute who replaces him takes the free.

(vii) The following regulations shall apply for all Under 16 competitions (football only)

- Goal nets to be provided. Penalty for breach €25
- Size 5 football to be used
- Games shall be of two halves of 30 minutes duration

- A player in possession of the ball is allowed one solo & one hop or two solo's and then must release the ball. *If a player deliberately drops the ball to the ground once they have taken two touches, another player must touch the ball before the original player can touch the ball again.*

(viii) The following regulations shall apply for Under 12 competition (hurling only)

- Goal nets to be provided. Penalty for breach €25
- Games shall be of three periods of 20 minutes duration. The final score of the game is calculated at the end of the second period and all substitutes are used in the final period.
- Player fouled must take the free awarded. In the event of the player fouled being injured and unfit to continue, the substitute who replaces him takes the free
- *Goals and points to have the same value*

(ix) The following regulations shall apply for Under 14 League competition (hurling only)

- Goal nets to be provided. Penalty for breach €25
- Games shall be of four quarters of 15 minutes duration.
- Player fouled must take the free awarded. In the event of the player fouled being injured and unfit to continue, the substitute who replaces him takes the free.

(x) The Under 14 Football Division 1 Championship and Under 14 Hurling Championship must be played under Feile rules with the winners gaining entry to the Feile competition.

(xi) Under 16 hurling competitions – full adult hurling rules applying, *with the exception that in the League competition games are played 13 a side.*

(xii) Where clubs are entering a second team in the same age group, the following rule applies:

- Under 12 – the first fourteen players must be submitted to County Youth Officer seven days prior to commencement of competition.
- Under 14 – the first fifteen players must be submitted to County Youth Officer seven days prior to commencement of competition.
- Under 16 – the first seventeen players must be submitted to County Youth Officer seven days prior to commencement of competition.
- Named players are ineligible to play on second team.
- Penalty: Loss of match.

(xiii) All Clubs entering a second or third team in the same age group must be aware that these teams will have fixtures fixed for the same date and time.

(xiv) *Under 16 hurling teams are allowed to play a League fixture with 11, 12, or 13 players and a Championship fixture with 13, 14 or 15 players. Under 14 hurling teams are allowed to play a League fixture with 13, 14 or 15 players. In each case the team with the lesser number of players must be accommodated and the fixture must proceed.*

(xv). In juvenile league competitions, position determines home advantage for semi-finals.

(xvi) In the event of two teams or more finishing on equal points positions *that effect qualification for semi finals* will be determined by a play off. Score difference is not calculated in any situation.

(xvii). The gate receipts collected from Finals of Juvenile competitions shall go towards the promotion of coaching.

11. The Competitions Control Committee deal with day-to-day matters that may be delegated from time to time by *An Coiste Bainisti* on behalf of *An Coiste Chontae*

12. The "*Regulations for the Administration of Youth Football and Hurling*" be adopted at *the January meeting of the County Committee in January 2012.*