

NOTE: Bye Laws have been sent to Croke Park for approval. We have to wait for them to come back to say they are ok before they can come into effect.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

BYE LAWS

- 1.1 That team's field the same amount of players in all Under Age and Adult league Competition
- 1.2 That we field teams of 15 a side ,13 aside or 11 aside only at all underage competitions.
- 1.3 That a club who has entered two team in the same competition provide the full panel of players (all) listing the first fifteen *best twelve players* that can only play on the first team prior to the start of the competition.
- 1.4 That a club promoted to a higher grade in Adult Championship, remains at the higher grade for two year in exceptional circumstances
- 1.5 *That the 'Delegates to County Board' elected at Club AGMs can attend the County Board meetings.*
- 1.6 *That Delegates to the County Board if unable to attend County Board meetings, substitutes (proxy) may attend, provided they are eligible registered members of the delegates club and the delegate must inform the county secretary minimum 2 hours prior to the meeting. A shorter time period may be accepted in exceptional circumstances.*
- 1.7 *That substitutes (Proxy) must identify themselves at the start of the meeting.*

2. OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION

- 2.1 All Official Correspondence to the Secretary of the County Board or Fixtures email must come from Club Secretary's Official Email only and must include the name of the sender.

3. CALLING OF GAMES

All games must go ahead on or before the date as set out by the Fixtures Committee, except in circumstances outlined below. If none of these is applicable the team unwilling/unable to fulfil the fixture will be deemed to have conceded the game and forfeited the points/game.

Where a Club has trouble in arranging a game or contacting the opposition, they must contact the designated coordinator over that competition by phone call / text, email to the fixtures email address (fixtures.roscommon@lgfa.ie) at least **2 DAYS** before the date of the game. The team unwilling/unable to fulfil the fixture is deemed to have conceded the game and the points shall be automatically awarded to the opposing team.

If no contact is made by **either** team with the competition coordinator by phone call / text, email to the fixtures email address (fixtures.roscommon@lgfa.ie) at least **2 DAYS** prior to the game and the fixture is not fulfilled, the game will be deemed **NULL AND VOID**.

PENALTY: **Fine – € 50 each club**
 Forfeit the game (if one club)
 No – Re-Fixture

3.1 Bereavement:

- Game may be called off on the death of a club member or someone associated with the club, where the club executive deems that there should be no club activity until after the funeral. Family deaths will be taken under consideration. Clubs may subject to the mutual agreement (between competing teams) concede home advantage to allow games to be played. Match to be played within eight (8) days.

3.2 Pitch Unplayable:

- A game may be called off if the Referee, Groundsman or authorised Official of the home club deems the pitch to be 'unplayable'. In this event, the Competition Coordinator shall re-set a date for the fixture at the earliest possible opportunity. Responsibility of Clubs to confirm pitch availability two days before the game and not wait for referee to turn up to call off games. Please see 3.3 Pitch Unavailable.
- Clubs that travel away to a game that is subsequently called off due to bad weather/pitch unplayable, will have home advantage when the game is rescheduled.

3.3 Pitch Unavailable:

- If a home team's pitch is unavailable for playing for whatever reason, (including weather) and they cannot source a neutral venue then Home Advantage is conceded to the opposition. Opposition provides their pitch or source a neutral venue.

3.4 Agreement between two Clubs:

Clubs to agree new date and time prior to the original Fixture, must not affect County training or County Matches (Official Matches).

- Both clubs to inform fixtures coordinator and
- send email to fixtures email address (fixtures.roscommon@lgfa.ie).
- Valid reason must be given ~ **"Managers agreed"** will not be accepted.

Note: A re-fixed match by clubs cannot be re-fixed.

Club secretary to contact Fixture Coordinator (Phone Call / Text) concerning the change of fixture only and send email to fixtures email address (fixtures.roscommon@lgfa.ie).

TEXT: <Competition>, <Fixture>, <Date>, <Time>, <Venue>
e.g. U16 Lge, Rd 1 – M.Glaveys v Castlerea, 1/5/20, 4:00pm, Castlerea

PENALTY: FINE €50 for Club which does not contact coordinator.

EMAIL: Format of email is on the Roscommon LGFA Website.

<http://roscommonlgfa.ie/fixture-change/>

PENALTY: FINE €50 for Club which does not send in email

4. PERMISSION TO PLAY

- 4.1** Clubs wishing to combine for competition purposes must have their application submitted to the County Board at least six (6) weeks in advance of the commencement of the relevant competition.
- 4.2** Clubs wishing to have underage players on “Permission to Play” must submit details of those players to the County Board at least six (6) weeks prior to the commencement of the competition they are going to be involved in.

5. FAILURE TO FIELD A TEAM

- 5.1** Teams that forfeit a game (concede the game prior to the game starting) are fined the following amount:

PENALTY:	Adult	€75
	Juvenile	€50

- 5.2** Teams who withdraw from competitions after fixtures have been released but before games commence, will be fined, and lose their affiliation.

Breach of the above

PENALTY: Fine €150

- 5.3** A team that fails to turn up for a fixture without notifying the competition coordinator by phone call / text, email to the fixtures email address (fixtures.roscommon@lgfa.ie) will face the following penalty.

Breach of the above

PENALTY: Fine €50

- 5.4** As per Rule 3 the team is deemed to have conceded the game and the points shall be automatically awarded to the opposing team. Rule 3.1 covers the case where neither team contact fixtures.
- 5.5** Clubs who do not play minimum 50% of their games during the round matches cannot progress to the next phase of the competitions.
- 5.6** Clubs who concede a knockout game are immediately removed from the competition.

6. TROPHIES

- a. All cups and trophies shall be returned to the Committee, Board or Council in charge four weeks prior to the final date.

Breach of the above

PENALTY: Fine € 150

- b. Clubs who return Cups / shields / trophies that are damaged, are liable for the cost of repair / replacement of the cup/shield.
- c. Clubs that mislay Cup / shield / trophy are liable for the cost of replacement of the Cup / shield / trophy.
- d. All Cups / shields / trophies must be returned in a cleaned and polished state.

7. TEAMLISTS

7.1 Team lists for Programs

Clubs must supply to the organising Committee, Board or Council team lists of their starting 15 players, their substitutes and management where required for publication. Clubs must provide this information six (6) days before the game where the publication will be available.

Breach of the above

PENALTY: Fine: € 50

7.2 Team Lists and Substitute Slips

Team lists and substitute slips must be provided for all fixtures.

Breach of the above

PENALTY: Fine €50

8. MULTIPLE TEAMS FROM THE SAME CLUB

8.1 Leagues, Underage Championships

Clubs entering two teams or more teams in the same competition must always field maximum number of players in their first team.

- 8.2 Where clubs have entered two or more teams in the same competition, fixtures will endeavour to facilitate the teams by having games on different days. This will not always be possible.

9. COMPETITION REGULATIONS

9.1 All competitions are 15 a-side.

- Juvenile teams can field 15, 13 or 11 aside only as per BYE LAW, unlimited substitutes.
- Under 19 teams can field 15, 13 or 11 as per Juvenile, unlimited substitutes.
- Adult League teams can field 15 aside, minimum 11 aside – teams must match, unlimited substitutes.
- Adult Championship:

Senior, Intermediate, Junior A

Round Games: 15 Aside, Unlimited Substitutes (No Matching)

Knockout 15 Aside, 5 substitutes.

Junior B, Junior C

Round Games: 15 Aside, can match to 13, Unlimited Substitutes

Knockout 15 Aside, 5 substitutes.

9.2 Regulations for Final Stages - Knockout

Age Group: Juvenile (Under 14 – Under 18(Minor)), Adult

Juvenile/Adult League: Result on the day will apply (Rule 350) where one period of Extra Time will be played followed by a point shoot-out from 25 metre, if necessary, under 14 the point shoot-out is from the 20 metre line.

Adult Championship: All knockout games that end in a Draw have Extra Time
Quarter Final: Result on the Day will apply.
Semi-Final: Result on the Day will apply.
Final: may have a replay depends on Connacht Club C'ship
Result on the day may replace Replay in this case.
Replay to be played within 15 days of Final.

9.3 Duration of GAMES

Juvenile	15/13 A-Side	60 Minutes (30 Minutes a Half) Extra Time (10 Minutes a Half)
	11 A-Side	50 Minutes (25 Minutes a Half) Extra Time (5 Minutes a Half)
Adult	15/13 A-Side	60 Minutes (30 Minutes a Half) Extra Time (10 Minutes a Half)
	11 A-Side	50 Minutes (25 Minutes a Half) League ONLY Extra Time (5 Minutes a Half)

9.4 Where 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.

Juvenile

- All Games played—they did not concede a fixture, or forfeit a fixture.
- Head-to-Head
- Scoring Difference

Adult Championship / League

- All Games played—they did not concede a fixture, or forfeit a fixture.
- Head-to-Head- if it does not decide a team losing out on a knockout round.
- Scoring Difference

9.5 Final Change Request

Clubs can request a final to be re-fixed 14 days prior to the final. They must indicate in writing (EMAIL) from the official club email account outlining the reasons. All requests will be looked at but will not necessarily mean that Final will be re-fixed. The Fixtures will set the Re-fix date and not the clubs.

10. GROUNDS

The Home team shall be responsible for the provision of a pitch unless Rule 3.1.3. The pitch must be properly lined and nets, and flags provided. In the event the Home Team cannot provide a pitch responsibility for the provision of a pitch moves to the opposition.

Neutral Venues: Responsibility lines with the club where games are being played to have the pitch lined, nets, flags,

PITCH LAYOUT



11. GAME REGULATIONS

- 11.1 In all games teams must take to the field at least five minutes before the official starting time.

Breach of the above

PENALTY: Fine: € 50

- 11.2 Only officials directly involved with the team will be allowed onto the side line (Max 7). Side line must wear bibs and remain in dugout area. As per rule 307, manager, one other team mentor along with the medic are permitted on the side line. They may only stay in the designated area.

Designated area [20 metre line to 65 metre line] and not walk around pitch.

Breach of the above

PENALTY: Fine € 50

11.3 Bainisteoir

- The Bainisteoir shall wear a designated distinctive top and is not permitted to enter the field of play. S/he may move along the sideline from the 65m line to the 20m line as per the "Pitch Layout" in these Regulations.
- The Bainisteoir may not act in any other capacity (e.g. as Maor Uisce, etc.).
- The Bainisteoir also shares the responsibility of ensuring the Games Regulations are respected by players and members of team management and can have their sideline privileges removed for any breaches by players and members of team management.
- The Bainisteoir is not permitted to enter the field of play unless to attend to an injured player with the team medic/physio. In the case of joint managers, only one is permitted to move along sideline at any time.

Breach of the above

PENALTY: Fine € 100

11.4 Water Carriers

- **Four** Water Carriers are permitted per Team and must not be under 16 years of age. They must be **female** and members of the LGFA.
- Water girls must not be members of the management team or substitutes. The girls/women should be confident and capable and know exactly what their role on the day is.
- Water Carriers may only enter the field of play during a **break in play**.
A Break in Play: *A break in play is when the ball has gone out of play following a score or a wide or a stoppage in play called by the Referee for medical attention to an injured player. The taking of a free and/or side-line kick does not constitute as a break in play.*
- Water Carriers must wear distinctive bibs

Breach of the above

PENALTY: Fine € 50

11.5 Substitutes

All substitutes must wear distinctive tops/bibs and without a football(s) may warm up on the sideline at any one time on their designated half of the field **during the game.**

Substitutes should not swap bibs or tops.

Breach of the above

PENALTY: Fine € 50

11.6 No verbal abuse towards opposing team members, mentors and/or Match officials will be tolerated.

Breach of the above

PENALTY: Fine €250

11.7 Under no circumstances are children permitted inside the playing Area/dugout for obvious safety reasons.

12. Adult Competition

The Adult Competition shall consist of Leagues and a Championship (Senior, Intermediate, Junior).

12.1 Adult League

League games must be played irrespective of availability of Co. Panellists. The fixtures committee in consultation with the county team management will endeavour to have county panellists available for as many games as possible.

13. Juvenile Competition

13.1 Teams are discouraged from running up one-sided scores against weaker opposition. To discourage teams from running up one sided score in Juvenile games. The losing team has the option of conceding the points. They must inform the referee and opposition that they are conceding the points. The game should continue to its normal conclusion. This will not be regarded as a forfeit game as per Rule 5.1.

13.2 If a team has no substitutes to replace an injured player, that must come off the field of play due to injury, the opposition must remove one player so that both teams have equal numbers. Failure to do so shall result in the game being forfeited. Responsibility lies with the management of the teams to communicate with each other and to the referee. They must inform their opposition and the referee. This will not be regarded as a forfeit game as per Rule 5.1.

14. Misc.

14.1 Clubs must provide information in relation to major events that occur in their parish that affect original fixtures sent out at the start of the year. Minimum FOUR (4) weeks' notice must be given to the fixtures committee. E.g. First Holy Communion, Confirmation, School Tours, Weddings, Dinner Dances. Fixtures committee will endeavour to accommodate the clubs.

- 14.2** Fixtures Committee reserves the right to change original fixtures. Dates provided in original fixtures are provisional and are subject to change due to outside influences.
- 14.3** Clubs are responsible to ensure that match regulations are adhered to for the duration of the game. N.B. Breaches of the above regulations that are brought to the attention of the County Board will be dealt with through CODA.