

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE ORGANISATION AND PRESENTATION OF INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS, INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS AND NATIONAL LEAGUE GAMES

These regulations have been drawn up by An Lár Choiste Cheannais na gComortaisí and approved by Ard Chomhairle in accordance with Riail 86 and Riail 141 T.O. 2008.

It shall be the duty of the Sideline Official to report any breaches of these Regulation to the Committee in Charge and penalties shall be imposed/proposed accordingly.

The Committee-in-charge may also impose penalties for breaches of the Regulations brought to its attention by members of the Committee-in-Charge or the Management Committee.

1. Number allowed entry

- (a) (i) The number of **players** allowed external entry to a Venue and Pitch Enclosure shall be up to a maximum of 30 in Senior Inter-County Championship games (but shall be confined to a maximum of 24 players for National League and other Competitions) and 24 in Non-Senior Inter County Championship games and Inter-Club games.
- (ii) only these names i.e. up to 30 in Senior Inter-County Championship games (but shall be confined to a maximum of 24 players for National League and other Competitions) and up to 24 in Non-Senior Inter-County Championship games and Inter-Club games shall be published in the Official Programme.
- (iii) The number of **Team Officials** (excluding players) allowed external entry to a Venue shall be up to a maximum of 17 in Football and Hurling.

- (iv) The number of **Team Officials** permitted to remain in the **Pitch Enclosure** after the toss of the coin is up to a maximum of **eleven** (if Cathaoirleach present) who are the Water Carriers/ Hurley Carriers (3) the Bainisteoir (1), Selectors (incl.) Maor Foirne (3), Medical Personnel (2), Cathaoirleach Contae (1), Runaí Contae or Nominated Representative (1).

The **Kit Manager** is permitted entry to the pitch enclosure while the Team are warming up but must take his seat outside the pitch enclosure after the warm up.

- (v) The name and number (where relevant) of the following Team Officials must be included on the Official List submitted to the Referee prior to the commencement of the game and must occupy their designated area on the sideline as outlined in Section six of these Match Regulations:

- Bainisteoir
- Maor Foirne (the Runner – who shall be one of the Selectors)
- Selectors (up to a max of three including the Maor Foirne)
- Medical Person I (Doctor)
- Medical Person II (Physio)
- Cathaoirleach Contae
- Runaí Contae or Nominated Representative
- Water Carrier I, II, III
- Water Carrier/Hurley Carrier I, II, III (Hurling)

Penalty - Fine - €700

2. Playing Attire

- (1) There shall be uniform colour of socks and shorts.

Penalty - Fine - €400

3. Punctuality

- (i) Teams shall take the field and leave the field at the time indicated by the Committee in Charge.
- (ii) Where no time has been specified teams shall take the field 10 minutes before the starting time (for photographs and warm-up) and 15 minutes before the starting time where a parade is organised.
- (iii) Teams shall take instructions from the Team Stewards regarding the pre-match warm up and team photographs before the game.
- (v) During a double or triple header players/team officials are not permitted to enter the pitch enclosure during the playing of the first/second game, at half time of the first/second game or between games.

Penalty - Fine - €700

4. Parade/Amhrán na bhFiann

(a) Parade

- (i) Only the 15 players commencing the game as per the official list handed to the Match Referee must remain on the pitch for the Parade/Amhrán na bhFiann. All other Players/Team Officials must vacate the pitch **after the toss of the coin** and go to their designated area on the sideline/dugout/stand as appropriate.

It is advised that at least three minutes notice should be given by the PA before the playing of Amhrán na bhFiann..

- (ii) Where a parade is organised, players shall march in numerical order (in their team positions) as per the match programme after the Team Captain.
- (iii) Tracksuits/Training tops shall not be worn during the parade without prior permission.
- (iv) Players may remove their helmet during the Parade/Amhrán na bhFiann.
- (v) Water bottles may be carried during the parade but Water Carriers are not permitted to approach players with water during the parade.

Penalty - Fine - €700

(b) Amhrán na bhFiann

Amhrán na bhFiann shall be played immediately prior to the 'throw in' in the main game (or second game where two games of equal status are being played) on all Championship occasions. Teams must stand to attention facing the flag in a respectful manner in accordance with Riail 15 T.O. 2008 and Regulation 4 (a) (i).

Penalty- Fine €500 - Riail 15 T.O.2008.

5. Kick-Puck Around

A Kick/Puck around shall not be allowed at halftime in accordance with Health and Safety Regulations.

Penalty - Fine - €400

6. Team Officials

Team Officials must be named on the official team list submitted to the referee.

(a) *BAINISTEOIR

One authorised Team Official shall wear a distinctive top (supplied by the County Committee) which shall have the word “BAINISTEOIR” in clear large letters. The Bainisteoir is permitted to move along the sideline between the two 45m lines for the purpose of issuing instructions to players, after which he must return to the designated area in front of his own team dugout/designated seating area. **The Bainisteoir is not permitted to enter the field of play.**

(b) *MAOR FOIRNE/RUNNER

The Maor Foirne/Runner (who must be a Selector) may enter the field of play **during a break in play via the Substitution Zone** and exit the pitch at the nearest endline or sideline after which he must return to the designated area in front of his own team dugout/designated seating area.

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 sideline kick/puck does not constitute as a break in play.

This named official shall wear a Yellow or Tangerine coloured bib/top (supplied by the County Committee) which shall have “MAOR FOIRNE” in clear large letters. The Committee-in-Charge shall determine and notify the colour to be used by each team in advance of the game.

The Maor Foirne **may not** act as a Water Carrier/Hurley Carrier and **must not** be a listed member of the Team Panel.

(c) ***SELECTORS**

All Selectors (other than the Selector acting as the Maor Foirne) shall remain in the **seating** provided in the designated area on the sideline throughout the game. Selectors **may not** act as Water Carriers/Hurley Carriers.

(d) ***MEDICAL PERSONNEL (I & II)**

The Medical Personnel (2) shall wear a distinctive top/bib supplied by the County Committee which shall have the word “DOCHTÚIR or PHYSIO” in clear large letters and may **only** enter the field of play to attend to an injured player on the instruction of the Referee. Medical Personnel are not permitted to carry out the role of Water Carriers but are not restricted in providing fluids in their medical capacity. When not attending to injured players, both Medical Personnel shall **remain in the seating** provided in the designated area on the sideline.

The Referee is advised to delegate authority to the Linesmen to assist him in the event of an emergency i.e. serious injury on the field of play.

(e) ***CATHAOIRLEACH CONTAE**

The Cathaoirleach Contae has overall responsibility for adherence to Match Regulations by his County. The Cathaoirleach must remain in the seating provided in the designated area on the sideline. The Cathaoirleach Contae cannot be represented by any other person. In the event that the Cathaoirleach is not in attendance the official number permitted entry to the designated seating area shall reduce to a maximum of seven and his responsibilities pass to the Runaí Contae/Nominated Representative.

(f) ***RUNAÍ or NOMINATED REPRESENTATIVE**

The Runaí Contae or nominated representative is permitted to move to the Sideline Official to relay details of substitutions. When not notifying the Sideline Official of substitutions, the Runaí or Nominated Representative shall remain in the **seating** provided in the designated area on the sideline.

(g) ***WATER /HURLEY CARRIERS**

Football

Three Water Carriers are permitted per Team and must **not** be under 18 years of age.

Two Water Carriers to be stationed at the 20m line on the dugout side of the field and one Water Carrier to be stationed midfield on the opposite side of the field.

Water Carriers may enter the field of play **during a break in play only**.

Water Carriers to wear a distinctive bib supplied by the County Committee with the words 'MAOIR UISCE' in clear large letters and also numbered I, II and III.

Hurling

Water Carriers shall also act as Hurley Carriers and must **not** be under 18 years of age.

Two Water/Hurley Carriers to be stationed at the 20m line on the dugout side of the field and one Water/Hurley Carrier to be stationed midfield on the opposite side of the field.

Water/Hurley Carriers may enter the field of play with water **during a break in play only** but may enter with a replacement Hurley when necessary.

A distinctive bib with the words 'MAOR CAMÁN/MAOR UISCE' in clear large letters and numbered I, II & III (supplied by the County Committee) must be worn by each Hurley Carrier/Water Carrier.

Hurley/Water Carriers are **not** permitted to carry sliotars.

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 sideline kick/puck does not constitute as a break in play.

The Referee has the authority to send any person in contravention of Match Regulations to the stand/outside the pitch enclosure and such person cannot be replaced.

The following persons are **not** permitted to act as Water/Hurley Carriers;

- (i) Bainisteoir
- (ii) Maor Foirne or other Selectors
- (iii) Cathaoirleach or Runaí/Nominated Representative
- (iv) Medical Personnel
- (v) Substitutes, members of extended panel and Injured Players

(h) OTHERS ON OFFICIAL TEAM LIST

The name and number (where relevant) of each Team Official shall be included on the Official List submitted to the Referee prior to the commencement of the game and such Team Official must occupy their designated area on the sideline as outlined in Section 6 of these Match Regulations.

(i) NONE OF THE ABOVE TEAM OFFICIALS MAY;

- interfere with play
- remain behind the goal area
- engage in any behaviour which, is deemed by the Committee in Charge, to interfere with the control of the game by Referee, Linesmen, Umpires and Sideline Official.

- (j) *The Referee or other Official(s) appointed by the Committee -in-charge shall report any unauthorised entry on the field of Play. **The Referee also has the authority to send any person in repeated contravention of Match Regulations to the stand/outside the pitch enclosure and such person cannot be replaced.**

- (k) The Committee in Charge shall determine which dressing room, seating area on the sideline, area of the pitch is to be used for the Warm-Up by the participating teams, the colour of bibs to be worn by Water Carriers and Hurley Carriers and this information shall be notified in advance of the game.

Penalties

- (i) Fine - €400

Exclusion from the pitch enclosure for one or more games as determined by the Committee in Charge and not replaced.

- (ii) Offenders reported by the Referee for unauthorised entry on to the field of play shall be dealt with under Riail 114 (e) T.O. 2008.

[Riail 114 (e) T.O. 2008 – For unauthorised entry on to the field of play by the Team Official – Penalty 4 weeks Suspension].

7.

Sliotars

- (i) Only sliotars approved by Cumann Lúthchleas Gael which display the official GAA stamp may be used.
- (ii) **Goalkeepers are not permitted a private supply of sliotars in the goal area.**
- (iii) Umpires have the authority to control the supply of sliotars to the goalkeeper and to confiscate if necessary non-approved sliotars.

Penalty- Fine - €500

8. After-match Presentation

During the post match presentation ceremony all players must wear their own Team Jerseys.

Penalty – Fine - €400

9. Programme

- (a) Teams shall be provided for the official programme four days before the game to the Committee in Charge i.e. no later than Wednesday noon prior to Saturday evening/Sunday game.

Penalty – Fine €700

- (b) Players shall be numbered in accordance with the Official Programme – an exception will be made only in the case of a valid withdrawal. Such withdrawal shall be notified in advance of the commencement of the game to the Match Referee and also to the Team Steward.

Penalty – Fine €700

- (c) The inclusion of **A.N.Other** is not permitted.

Penalty – Fine €1,000

10. Video

Use of video is subject to obtaining the prior written permission of the Committee-in-Charge and strict implementation of Ard Chomhairle directives on the use of video.

Official Video is the recording by an official contracted TV company or a recording by an official contractor who has received written permission in advance from the Committee in Charge.

11. Interviews

Any County Committee Official or Team Official(s), Designated Person(s), Players (as per the list supplied to the Match Referee prior to the game) who make derogatory comments in relation to Games Officials before, during or after a game in interviews shall be dealt with in accordance with Riail 146 (e) T.O. 2008.

Penalty – Minimum 8 weeks Suspension, together with such other Penalties as may be appropriate, including Fines, Disqualification, Debarment and Expulsion from the Association.

Definitions

Field of Play

The Field of Play is defined as follows: the area inside the Sidelines and End Lines.

Pitch Enclosure

The Pitch Enclosure is defined as follows: the area between the Side Lines and End Lines and the Perimeter Fence.

Exclusion from the Pitch Enclosure

Offenders reported by the Match Monitor for breaches of Regulation 6 who are excluded from the Pitch Enclosure for future games as determined by the Committee-in-charge may be accommodated in the stand **but must be away** from the team dug-outs/substitutes.

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 sideline kick/puck does not constitute as a break in play.

Designated Area

Seating for up to **eight** people [Bainisteoir, 3 Selectors (inc. Maor Foirne), Doctor, Physio, Cathaoirleach Contae and the Runaí Contae or nominated Representative]. shall be provided for each participating team on the sideline by the unit hosting the game. The area in front of the seating out as far as the sideline and one metre to the right and left of the seating shall be called the Designated Area

Penalties

Penalties shown are minimum penalties which may be increased for repeated contravention.

Regulation 1:	€700
Regulation 2	€400
Regulation 3	€700
Regulation 4 (a)	€700
Regulation 4 (b)	per T.O. €500
Regulation 5	€400
Regulation 6	(i) €400/Exclusion from pitch enclosure (as determined by the Committee in Charge) (ii) as per Riall 114 (e) T.O. 2008
Regulation 7	€500
Regulation 8	€400
Regulation 9 (a)	€700
Regulation 9 (b)	€700
Regulation 9 (c)	€1000
Regulation 11	per T.O. 146 (e) T.O. 2008

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