



## Fixture Policy And Competition Details 2023

**All Carlow GAA official fixtures must be fulfilled to the best of all Clubs' abilities. Clubs are responsible for the behavior of their Mentors, Players and Supporters.**

**Postponements:** To seek a postponement of an official C6iste na n6g fixture please see Regulations Regarding Fixture Postponement (See Appendix 1).

If a Kilkenny league fixture falls on the same date as a Carlow fixture, the Kilkenny fixture must be changed.

**Challenge Matches:** These will not be sanctioned for the same day as an official C6iste na n6g fixture unless all the criteria on the checklist can be fulfilled. (See Appendix 2). All challenge matches must have formal written permission prior to the game taking place. Otherwise, sanctions will occur. (See Appendix 3)

**Walkovers:** If a team doesn't fulfil a fixture it is regarded as a walkover, however if a team fulfils the fixture with no more than 3 players less than the required amount, the points will be awarded to the opposing team, but this **does not** constitute a walk over. If a team gives two walkovers, they are no longer in the competition.

**The Referee** is in overall charge of Match Regulations and shall delegate authority to his linesmen that shall include breaches of Match Regulations with his match report as appropriate. The Referee and Officials shall leave the field immediately when the game is over and shall not enter into conversation with Players or Mentors. Match officials shall not be in contact with any Clubs or Players regarding incidents which occur during or after games. All information regarding such games shall only be reported to C6iste na nOg Competitions Committee via Referees' report.

**Winner on the Day:** All matches will be winner on the day in accordance with Rules of Specification 3.4 & 3.6 T.O. Part 2 2021, with the exception of finals who will go to a replay after extra time but then will have winner on the day in the replay

Matches will take place subject to public health and GAA guidelines

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**APPENDIX**

**1 REGULATIONS REGARDING FIXTURE POSTPONEMENT**

1. Official Carlow GAA fixtures may only be postponed in the event of;
  - a. Death in the family of a player/mentor involved in the fixture
  - b. Death of a Club official
    - i. (\*Parish Communion/Confirmation dates must be communicated to opposing Clubs and relevant Competition Secretary at least 28 days prior to event)
  
2. In the event of an official Carlow GAA fixture being postponed due to events specified in Regulation 1 above the following steps must be adhered to;
  - c. Contact the Competition Secretary relevant to the fixture
  - d. The C oiste na nOg Competitions Committee will determine when the re-fixture will take place
  - e. If the re-fixture does not take place as per C oiste na nOg Competitions Committee instructions the game will be forfeited and points will be awarded after investigation

In the event of a Club requiring a postponement **other than those specified in Regulation 1 and after the proposed date** the following steps must be adhered. U11 and U13 as per the 7-day rule. U15 and U17 as per the 10-day rule with each team allowed **two** fixture change only (Final round of competitions, Quarterfinals, Semi-finals and Finals are exempt). Any number of games can be re-scheduled before the fixture however the following must be adhered to: The request must be sent by e-mail to the competition secretary.

2. The other club must be included in the e-mail and clearly state which club is requesting the change.
3. A proposed date, time and venue must be included along with reasonable time for the fixture to be re-arranged.
4. There will be no time limit to complete the fixture before the scheduled date.
5. All clubs are requested where possible to facilitate other clubs with changes.
6. If agreement cannot be reached between the two teams, the original fixture stands and must be played or the game will be forfeited and points awarded.

**APPENDIX**

**2 CHALLENGE MATCH/TOURNAMENT CRITERIA CHECKLIST**

	<b>REQUIREMENTS FOR CHALLENGE MATCH/TOURNAMENT</b>	<b>YES/NO</b>
1	Does the Challenge clash with an official Carlow GAA fixture at that age level ?	
2	Does the Challenge pose an issue for another Club/code within Carlow GAA ?	
3	Have you ensured your players involved with the Carlow Colts U.14/15/16 Talent Academy Programme have been excused from the Challenge ?	
4	Has an official referee been appointed, where relevant, for insurance purposes ?	
5	Has your Club Secretary completed and returned the relevant forms/sent written request to Carlow GAA prior to Challenge ?	

• **Points to note:**

1. This application must be sent to Robert Sansom [robert.sansom.gdm.carlow@gaa.ie](mailto:robert.sansom.gdm.carlow@gaa.ie) and include Runai Coiste na nOg [secretarybng.carlow@gaa.ie](mailto:secretarybng.carlow@gaa.ie)
2. All Challenge matches played either within the County or cross-border require official permission from Carlow GAA
3. Any Challenge Match/Tournaments played without official permission are not covered under The Player Welfare Fund
4. Any Challenge Match/Tournament played without official permission will incur sanctions (See Appendix 3)
5. If the answer to requirements 1, 2, is **YES**, and answer **NO** to requirements 3,4 & 5, then most likely the Challenge Match/Tournament is **not** suitable to be played at the time in question.

**APPENDIX      3**

**CHALLENGEMATCH/TOURNAMENT SANCTIONS**

If a Club plays a Challenge Match/Tournament without official permission from Carlow GAA the following sanctions will apply:

6. For a first transgression a 6 week moratorium will be put on the playing of any Challenge Matches/Tournaments.
7. For a second transgression no further Challenge Matches/Tournaments will be sanctioned within the calendar year.

Most importantly, unsanctioned challenge games are not covered under The Player Welfare Fund.

## Go Games Rules

Go Games Football	<b>U7</b>	<b>U9</b>
Team Sizes	Max 5 V 5	Max 7 V 7
Football Sizes	First touch	Quick/Smart Touch
Max. Pitch length & Width	45 X 30 m	65 x 40m
Playing Time per child	Full Game, every game	Full Game, every game
Zones	2 Zones	No Zones
Max. Goal size	Training Poles : 3 m apart	Training poles or portable goals 3m x 1.8m
0Referee/Coaches notes	Encourage 1 V 1 tackling Allow up to 6 steps but remind player when possible, to take their play	N/A
Game duration	12 minutes	15 minutes

Go Games Hurling	U7	U9
Team Sizes	Max 5 V 5	Max 7 V 7
Football Sizes	First touch	Smart Touch
Max. Pitch length & Width	45 X 35 m	65 x 40m
Playing Time per child	Full Game, every game	Full Game, every game
Zones	2 Zones	No Zones
Max. Goal size	Training Poles : 3 m apart	Training poles or portable goals 3m x 1.8m
Referee/Coaches notes	Only 2 players allowed crowd a sliotar Encourage ground hurling 4 seconds to rise or strike a sliotar, then a second one is dropped.	Player can only solo in their own zone
Game duration	12 minutes	15 minutes

## U11 Hurling and Football

<b>Red</b>	<b>Green</b>
Bagenalstown Gaels	Bagenalstown Gaels
Setanta	Kildavin / Clonegal
Carlow Town	Carlow Town
MLR	MLR
Naomh Brid	Naomh Brid
Burren Rangers	Burren Rangers
Naomh Moling	Naomh Moling
Naomh Eoin	Ballinkillen

<b>Red Group</b>	<b>Green Group</b>	<b>Yellow Group</b>	<b>White Group</b>
Eire Og	Eire Og	Eire Og	Eire Og
Palatine	Palatine	Rathvilly	Clonmore
Asca	O Hanrahans	St. Patricks	St. Patricks
Tinryland	Tinryland	St. Mullins	St. Mullins
Ml.Davitts	Ml.Davitts	MLR	MLR
St. Martins	St. Martins	Fenagh	Fenagh
Bagenalstown Gaels	Bagenalstown Gaels	Kildavin / Clonegal	Kildavin / Clonegal
Naomh Eoin	Railyard	Grange	Grange

Each club will play 10 rounds of fixtures in each code

- Matches are 25 minutes per side
- Referees will be appointed to referee concurrent games
- In the absence of an official referee, a **qualified coach** or “Young Whistler” may officiate
- There are no tiered teams, all teams are treated equally

- Groups will be realigned mid-season to allow for non-repetitive games i.e. you will not play the same club twice in the year
- No games are to be left unplayed
- Fixture dates (due to confirmation etc.) may be change, but only with prior agreement of both clubs and within Coisde na nOg guidelines
- Adequate notice to be given to the fixture's secretary in advance in order to notify officials
- Where teams have large numbers of players, coaches may agree to split the teams and have 2 games continuing at the same time, in order to give kids as much game exposure as possible.
- All game weeks will be double fixtures per location.
- Players are permitted to play both concurrent games where numbers may be short
- A full Go Games policy is attached.
- The fixtures secretary and members of Carlow GAA GDAs will attend games throughout the season to evaluate clubs potential in respect of grading for future Under 13 competitions.
- Any queries, send me an email with your telephone number & I will respond.
- Dates excluded
  - 8<sup>th</sup> April (Easter)
  - 15<sup>th</sup> April Feile (non availability of referees & venues)
  - 29<sup>th</sup> April Feile (non availability of referees & venues)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> June (Bank Holiday)
  - 24<sup>th</sup> June (Community games)
  - 5<sup>th</sup> August (Bank Holiday)
- Clubs will be permitted to arrange challenge games on these weekends, with prior consultation with the fixtures secretary, and associated documentation submitted.



## Under 13 Football Mini League

Division 1	Division 2	Division 3
Palatine 1	Naomh Eoin	St. Martins 2
St. Martins 1	Kildavin/Clonegal	St Patricks 2
St Patrick's 1	Fenagh	MLR 2
Michael Davitts 1	Clonmore	Eire Og 2
MLR 1	Rathvilly	Ml. Davitts 2
Eire Og 1	Tinryland	Fenagh 2
	Grange	
	Bagenalstown Gaels	
	O'Hanrahans	
	Palatine 2	
	Asca	
	Railyard	

First named team- home venue Home team books venue

League matches to take place on Sunday mornings.

Two legal plays(one hop. One solo or two solos)

Kick outs and 45s can be taken from the hand or the ground.

Roll on/off substitutions for all matches . Size 4 ball

## Division 1

- Single round fixtures
- Teams 1-4 in a round robin, top two teams in 1A final
- Teams 5-8 in a round robin, top two teams in 1B final
- Round robin games have to have winner on the night
- Juvenile goals on the 13 meter lines, full width.
- 25 mins aside
- 15 aside competition, can play down to 13, both teams to use the same numbers. There are to be no subs if using less than 15. Result still stands if numbers reduced by injury, both teams reduce to same number.
- For clubs entering two or more teams a panel of 14 must be named before the first match is played. These players will be tied to this division for 2023. Panels will be circulated to all clubs. Team sheets will be checked after two games for compliance. Players will have to have played with their clubs in the previous two years to be named on the first panel. If clubs feel the rules are not being adhered to, they must object as per the GAA official guide.

## Division 2

- Single round fixtures
- Kilkenny teams exit the competition
- 2A semi-finals 1V4 2V3
- 2B Quarter final 8V9
- 2B semifinals 5 V winner of Q/F, 6 V7
- Juvenile goals on the 13 metre lines, full width.
- 25 mins aside
- 15 aside competition, can play down to 13, both teams to use the same numbers. There are to be no subs if using less than 15. Result still stands if numbers reduced by injury, both teams reduce to same number.
- For clubs entering two or more teams a panel of 14 must be named before the first match is played. These players will be tied to this division for 2023. Panels will be circulated to all clubs. Team sheets will be checked after two games for compliance. Players will have to have played with their clubs in the previous two years to be named on the first panel. If clubs feel the rules are not being adhered to, they must object as per the GAA official guide.

### **Division 3**

- Double round fixtures
- Q/final 4v5 , Semi-finals 2v3, 1 v winners of Q/final
- 25 mins a side
- 15 aside competition, can play down to 9, both teams to use the same numbers. There are to be no subs if using less than 15. Result still stands if numbers reduced by injury, both teams reduce to same number.
- Juvenile goals on the 13m lines , pitch can be reduced in width by 20 metres depending on how many playing a-side.

# Under 13 Hurling Mini League

<b>Division 1</b>	<b>Division 2</b>
Naomh Eoin	Kildavin/Clonegal
Naomh Moling	Ballinkillen
MLR	MLR
CTHC	Naomh Brid
Burren Rangers	Bagenalstown Gaels
Naomh Brid	
Setanta	

First named team – home venue - Home team books venue

League matches to take place on a Sunday morning.

Roll on / off substitutions for all matches

Sliotar: Size 4

## Division 1

- Single round fixtures
- Team 1 straight to semi-final, V winners of (team 6 &7 play-off for a quarter final V team 3.)
- Team 2 straight to semi-final V winners of 4 &5
- Pitch: Juvenile goals, full width with end lines on the 13-metre line
- 25 mins aside
- 15 aside competition, can play down to 13, both teams to use the same numbers. There are to be no subs if using less than 15. Result still stands if numbers reduced by injury, both teams reduce to same number.
- For clubs entering two teams a panel of 14 must be named before the first match is played. These players will be tied to this division for 2023. Panels will be circulated to all clubs. Team sheets will be checked after two games for compliance. Players will have to have played with their clubs in the previous two years to be named on the first panel. If clubs feel the rules are not being adhered to, they must object as per the GAA official guide.

## Division 2

- Single round fixtures
- Team 4 V 5 in quarter final, winner plays Team 1. Team 2 V 3 in second semi-final
- Pitch: Juvenile goals, full width with end lines on the 13-metre line
- 25 mins aside
- 15 aside competition, can play down to 13, both teams to use the same numbers. There are to be no subs if using less than 15. Result still stands if numbers reduced by injury, both teams reduce to same number.

## U15 Football Championship

Group 1	Group 2	Division 3
Eire Óg	Palatine	Tinryland 2
St. Martins	Bagenalstown Gaels	St. Patrick's 2
Kildavin/Clonegal	Tinryland	St Martins 2
Michael Davitts	St. Patrick's	Eire Og 2
Naomh Eoin	Rathvilly	Palatine 2
Fenagh	Clonmore	O'Hanrahans
Grange	Mt. Leinster Rangers	Railyard
	Asca	

First named team in fixture – home venue      Home team books venue

Group 1 & 2 League matches to take place on a Thursday night, division 3 matches on a Tuesday

Unlimited substitutions in group stage.

Kick out off the ground, Division 3 can kick from their hand. Size 4 football

Two legal plays of the ball (one hop & one solo or two solos)

### Group 1 & 2

- Each group plays a single round
- Teams 1 & 2 in both groups play round robin , top two go straight to 1A final
- Teams 3&4 in both groups play round robin, top two go on to 1B final
- Teams 5&6 in both groups play round robin, top two straight to 2A final
- Teams 7 & 8 in both groups play round robin, top two teams straight to 2B final
- Round robin games need to have a winner on the night
- 30 mins a side
- 15 aside competition in the group stage, can play down to 13, both teams to use the same numbers. There are to be no subs if using less than 15. Result still stands if numbers reduced by injury, both teams reduce to same number. Have to play 15 aside for the 1A final.
- For clubs entering two teams a panel of 14 must be named before the first match is played. These players will be tied to this division for 2023. Panels will be circulated to all clubs. Team sheets will be checked after two games for compliance. Colts in their final year of this age group have to be named on the first team. Players will have to have played with their clubs in the

previous two years to be named on the first panel. If clubs feel the rules are not being adhered to, they must object as per the GAA official guide.

### **Division 3**

- Single round
- Carlow teams progress to knock-out rounds ,top two teams to semi final, 3 V 6 4 V 5  
Quarter finals
- 15 aside competition can play down to 11 including the final, both teams to use the same numbers. There are to be no subs if using less than 15. Result still stands if numbers reduced by injury, both teams reduce to same number.
- 30 mins a side

## U15 Hurling Championship

Division 1	Division 2
Burren. Rangers	Naomh Moling
Naomh Eoin	CTHC/Setanta 2
Mount Leinster Rangers	Bagenalstown Gaels 2
CTHC/Setanta	Naomh Bríd
Bagenalstown Gaels	Ballinkillen

First named team – home venue

Home team books venue

Unlimited substitutions in group stages

### Division 1

- Single round fixtures
- Quarter-final Teams 4v5, winners play Team 1. Teams 2v3 in second semi-final
- 15 a side competition
- 30 mins a side
- For clubs entering two teams a panel of 14 must be named before the first match is played. These players will be tied to this division for 2023. Panels will be circulated to all clubs. Team sheets will be checked after two games for compliance. Colts in their final year of this age group have to be named on the first team. Players will have to have played with their clubs in the previous two years to be named on the first panel. If clubs feel the rules are not being adhered to, clubs must object as per the official GAA guide.

### Division 2

- Single round fixtures
- Quarter-final Teams 4v5, winners play Team 1. Teams 2v3 in second semi-final
- 15 a side competition but can play down to 13, including the final, there can be no subs if playing less than 15, if numbers reduced by injury result still stands, the other team must use the same number of players.



- 30 mins a side

## U17 Football Championship

Group 1	Group 2	Division 3
Eire Óg	Palatine	Palatine 2
St. Martins	Kildavin/Clonegal	Eire Og 2
Mt. Leinster Rangers	Michael Davitts	St Martins 2
Tinryland	Bagenalstown Gaels	Asca
St. Patrick's	Fenagh	N. Eoin
Rathvilly	Grange	MI. Davitts 2
Clonmore	Railyard	

First named team – home venue

Home team books venue

League matches to take place on a Monday night

Unlimited substitutions in group stages

Ball: Size 5

### Group 1 & 2

- Each group plays a single round
- Following group stage, Carlow Teams broken into 3 groups 1A, 1B & 2A
- G1 1 V G2 2 G1 2 V G2 1, winners play 1A final
- G1 3 V G2 4 G1 4 V G2 3, winners play 1B final
- G1 5 v G2 6 G1 6 V G2 5 winners play 2A final
- Railyard & team 7 in other group drop out at this stage
- 30 mins a side
- 15 aside competition in the group stage, can play down to 13, both teams to use the same numbers. There are to be no subs if using less than 15. Result still stands if numbers reduced by injury, both teams reduce to same number. Have to play 15 aside for 1A finals.

- For clubs entering two teams a panel of 14 must be named before the first match is played. These players will be tied to this division for 2023. Panels will be circulated to all clubs. Team sheets will be checked after two games for compliance. County players in their final year of this age group have to be named on the first team. Players will have to have played with their clubs in the previous two years to be named on the first panel. If clubs feel the rules are not being adhered to, they must object as per the GAA official guide.

### **Division 3**

- Single round
- Quarter final 3 V 6 and 4 V 5 , Semi finals 1 v winner of 3v6, 2 plays winner of 4v5
- 15 aside competition can play down to 11 including the final, both teams to use the same numbers. There are to be no subs if using less than 15. Result still stands if numbers reduced by injury, both teams reduce to same number.
- 30 mins a side

## U17 Hurling Championship

<b>Group 1</b>	<b>Group 2</b>
CTHC/Setanta	Burren rangers
Bagenalstown Gaels	Mt. Leinster Rangers
Ballinkillen	Naomh Eoin
Naomh Moling	Naomh Brid

First named team – home venue

Home team books venue

League matches to take place on a Monday night

Unlimited substitutions in group stages

Sliotar: Size 5

### **Group 1 and 2**

- Single round
- 30 mins a side
- Following group stage teams ranked 1 & 2 from both groups play Division 1 semifinals 1v2 across the groups . Teams ranked 3 & 4 from both groups play Division 2 semifinals 3V 4 across the group
- 15 aside competition, can play down to 13, both teams to use the same numbers. There are to be no subs if using less than 15. Result still stands if numbers reduced by injury, both teams reduce to same number.

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