

Regulations Governing the Organisation and Presentation of Inter-Club Championships, Inter-County Championships and Allianz League Games

Introduction: *These Regulations have been drawn up by An Lár Choiste Cheannais na gComortaisí and approved by Ard Chomhairle in accordance with Riail 3.43 (h), Riail 3.47(f) and Riail 6.36 T.O. 2017 and Riail 4, Rules of Control, Official Guide 2017 Cuid II.*

The Central Competitions Control Committee (CCCC) is mindful of the GAA Give Respect Get Respect campaign and has drawn up these Regulations for the benefit of all stakeholders – players, referees, team management, officials, media, members and spectators.

Categories of Games: *For the purposes of imposition of penalty under these Regulations three Categories of games have been created, as follows:*

Category A:-

*All GAA Senior Inter-County Championship & Allianz League games & all National Finals,
GAA All Ireland Senior Club Semi-finals,
GAA Inter-Provincial Hurling and Football Championships;*

Category B:- *All other Inter-County games;*

Category C:- *All other Inter-Club games.*

Sideline Official/Match Monitor - A Sideline Official will be appointed by the Committee-in-Charge and it shall be his duty to report any breaches of these Regulations.

The Committee-in-Charge may also appoint a Match Monitor who shall be responsible for any duties assigned. The Sideline Official shall include in his report any relevant observations or breaches reported to him by the Match Monitor. These will then form part of the Referee's Report in accordance with Rule 1.6, Rules of Control, T.O. 2017 Cuid II but any errors or omissions in respect of this shall not invalidate the Report as a whole.

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.

Failure to respect the regulations and follow laid down procedures therein may lead to penalties as defined in General Rule & Section 3 of this document being imposed on individuals, teams, County Committees, or Clubs by the Committees-in-Charge.

1. Ground/Pitch Regulations

1.1 Ground Regulations shall apply to all venues considered suitable for Inter-County competitions and Inter-Club All-Ireland championships. They shall include procedures for entry to each ground, designated areas for substitutes and Team Officials and shall be communicated to Teams along with the official Clár an Lae (sample in Appendix A).

1.2 The Clár an Lae shall also notify teams in advance of each game as to pre-match & half time protocols, the assignation of dressing rooms, bib colours to be worn, etc.

1.3 Only those players named on the Official Team list (26 for senior Inter-County games, 24 in Non-Senior Inter-County games & 30 in Inter-Club games) shall be allowed external entry to venue and pitch Enclosure.

1.4 A maximum of 17 Team Officials shall be allowed entry to a venue. **All Team Officials and substitutes must sit in the designated areas identified** & must leave the field of play 3 minutes prior to the throw-in to go to the appropriate designated areas.

1.5 There shall be two designated areas for team personnel and officials:

- I. Bainisteoir's zone in which seats for the Bainisteoir, Maor Fóirne and a Medic should be provided (see pitch lay out on page 3);
- II. A seated area for substitutes and all other permitted team officials.*

** Exception: Where this designated area for substitutes & Team Officials is considerably removed from the sideline area and provides a practical difficulty for Team Managers in terms of consultation with backroom personnel (i.e. selectors or medics only), seats in an appropriate area recessed from the pitch enclosure (e.g. in **the front row** of the stand/viewing area or in a dug out) may be provided for a maximum of 4 additional personnel who must remain seated in this area at all times.*

Seating for medics must ensure uninhibited access to the playing area at all times. Medics may sit together in the designated area for substitutes or one medic may be positioned in the Bainisteoir's zone.

Where facilities in particular grounds do not permit for the specific arrangements outlined above, alternative arrangements may be made in advance with the approval of the Committee-in-Charge and communicated to the relevant units.

1.6 Where the National Anthem precedes a game, Teams shall stand to attention facing the flag in a respectful manner; helmets must not be worn for Amhrán na bhFiann, for the parade or in team photographs.

1.7 The team captain shall lead the parade and only the 15 players commencing the game as per official team list may march in the parade, in team jerseys & in numerical order.

1.8(a) For Senior Inter-County Championship games Teams must be registered with the Committee-in-Charge not later than 9am on the Thursday before a weekend game. (Riail 6.36 T.O. 2017).

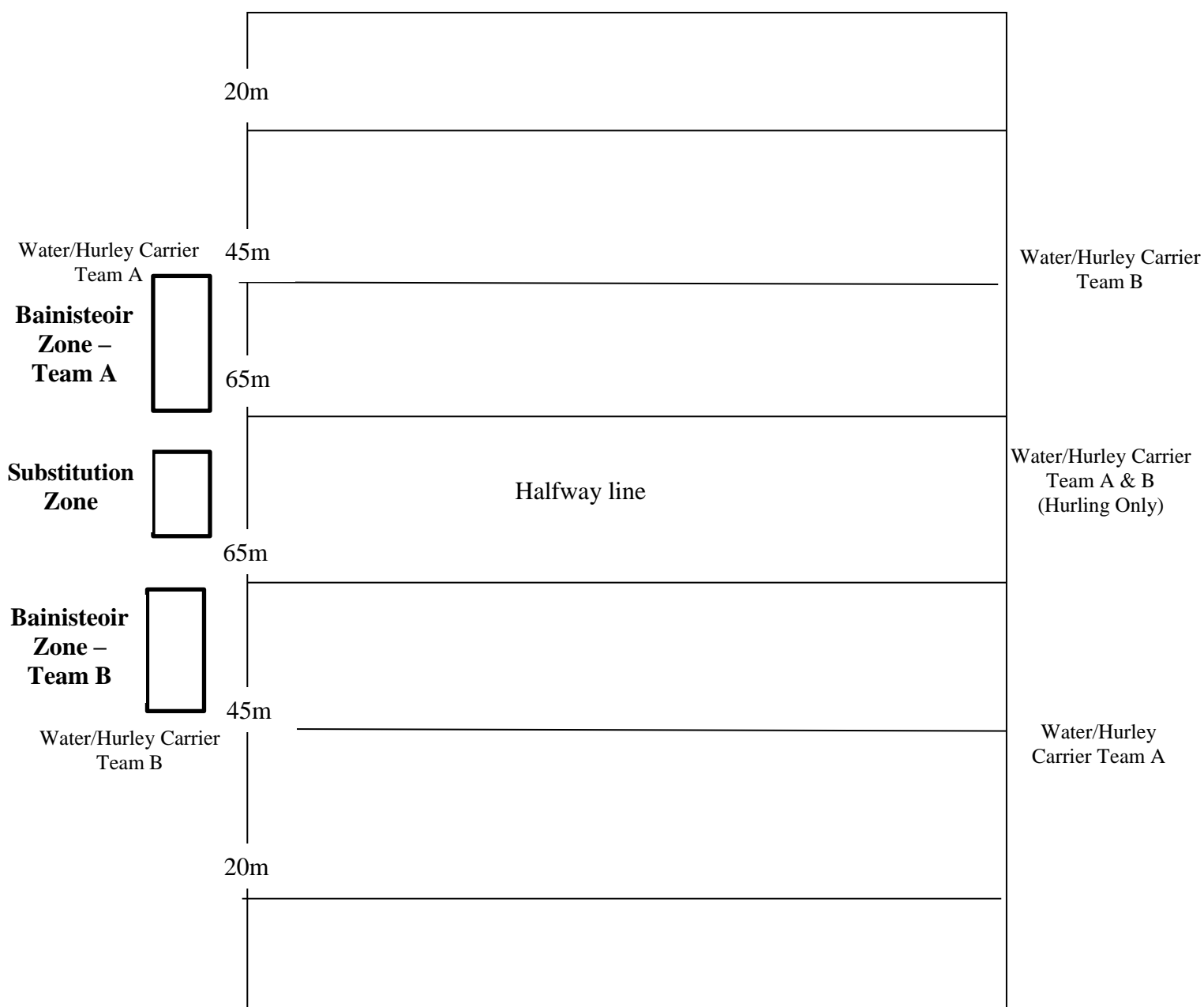
1.8(b) For Non-Senior Inter-County Championship games, Teams shall be provided to the Committee-in-Charge for the official programme, and to the media, four days before the game i.e. no later than Wednesday Noon prior to a weekend game.

1.9 Players shall be numbered in accordance with the Official Programme and from 1 to not more than 24 (26 in the case of Senior Inter-County games) and from 1 to not more than 30 in Inter-Club games. (Riall 6.32 T.O. 2017).

1.10 In the case of a valid withdrawal for For Non-Senior Inter-County Championship games the jersey number of the player being replaced shall be used by the replacing player. Such withdrawal shall be notified in advance of the commencement of the game to the Committee-in-Charge/Match Monitor at least 15 minutes prior to throw-in. The inclusion of **A.N.Other** is not permitted.

1.11 Ball Boys are not permitted

Pitch Lay out



2. Game Regulations

2.1 The Referee is in overall charge of Game Regulations and shall delegate authority to his Linesmen & Sideline Official; he shall include the Sideline Official/Match Monitor's report(s) with his match report as appropriate. ***The Referee has the authority during the game to send any person in repeated breach of these Regulations to the stand/outside the pitch enclosure and such person cannot be replaced.***

2.2 All Team Officials in the designated areas must be named on the Official list given to the Referee and should include: Bainisteoir, Maor Fóirne, Selectors, Medics, Water/Hurley Carriers, Cathaoirleach, Rúnaí & any other relevant backroom personnel.

2.3 Cathaoirleach - Games and Ground regulations apply to all players and officials and adherence to the regulations is the responsibility of the County Chairman. In his absence his responsibilities will pass to the Rúnaí/Nominated Person. The Bainisteoir also shares the responsibility of ensuring the Games Regulations are respected by players and members of team management.

2.4 Rúnaí - The Rúnaí or Nominated Person shall relay details of substitutions to the Sideline Official.

2.5 Bainisteoir - The Bainisteoir shall wear a designated distinctive top and is not permitted to enter field of play. He may move along the sideline from the 65m line to the 45m line as per the "Pitch Layout" on Page 3 of these Regulations. The Bainisteoir may not act in any other capacity (e.g. as Maor Fóirne, etc).

2.6 Maor Fóirne - The Maor Fóirne (who must be a Selector) shall wear a designated distinctive top and may enter the field of play ***only through the area in front of the teams designated area, and only when the ball has gone out of play following a score, wide or during a stoppage called by the Referee.*** He shall exit the field at the nearest point and return to his designated area without interfering with play or opposition personnel. The Maor Fóirne must not be a listed member of the Team panel and may not act as a designated Water Carrier/Hurley Carrier.

2.7 Selectors - Selectors must sit in their designated area and may not act as Water/Hurley Carriers.

2.8 Medics - Two (2) Medical personnel shall be identified on the Official Team list and shall sit in the areas designated in Ground Regulations; they shall wear clear identification and may only enter field of play to attend to injured player(s).

2.9 Maoir Uisce - Two Maoir Uisce (Football) /Three Maoir Uisce (hurling) who must be over 18 years of age, are permitted per team; they may not enter the field of play. Each must wear a designated distinctive top and will be situated as per the "Pitch Layout" on Page 3 of these Regulations, and at least two metres from the sideline. Official team personnel, substitutes, injured players or members of the extended panel may not act as Maoir Uisce. In Hurling the Maoir Uisce will also act as Hurley Carriers & may enter the field of play with a replacement hurley when necessary.

2.10 Substitutes - Substitutes are not allowed a kick/puck around at half-time. A maximum of three substitutes wearing designated distinctive tops may warm up on sidelines at any one time on their designated half of the field.

2.11 Media Interviews - Any Provincial/County/Club Committee Official or Players who make derogatory comments in relation to Games Officials before, during or after a game in interviews may be dealt with in accordance with Riail 7.2(e) T.O. 2017. Team Official(s) or Designated Person(s) (as per the list supplied to the Match Referee prior to the game) may be subject to the withdrawal of side-line privileges for future games

2.12 Sliotars - Umpires have the responsibility to control the supply of sliotars approved by CLG to the goalkeeper. Any sliotars not officially approved and displaying the official GAA stamp shall not be used. Breaches shall be brought to the attention of the Referee. Goalkeepers are not permitted a private supply of sliotars in the goal area.

2.13 Late Fielding - A team taking the field late before a game shall be subject to the penalties outlined in Rule 6.44(d)(i), T.O. 2017; a team responsible for a half time interval being exceeded shall be subject to penalties outlined in Rule 6.44(d)(ii)(a), T.O. 2017 and a team responsible for an interval period allowed being exceeded by more than 10 minutes shall be subject to penalties outlined in Rule 6.43(d)(ii)(b), T.O. 2017.

2.14 Extra – Time - Regulations governing the playing of Extra Time are outlined in Rule 2.6, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6 & 3.7, Rules of Specification, T.O. 2017 Cuid II.

3. Penalties

3.1 Penalties for breaches of Ground/Pitch/Game Regulations shall be at the discretion of the Committee-in-Charge. These may include warnings, fines, the withdrawal of sideline privileges as outlined in Regulations 2.3 to 2.11 above or suspension of individuals as considered appropriate.

3.2 Maximum fines for breaches of Ground/Pitch/Game Regulations and Clár an Lae: **Category A €700; Category B €500; Category C €300** (for each reported breach).

3.3 Where Maor Uisce sideline privileges have been withdrawn the Committee-in-Charge will appoint Maor Uisce on a team's behalf.

3.4 Where Maor Foirne privileges have been withdrawn, a replacement may not be permitted; where an individual Maor Foirne is suspended however, a replacement is permitted to perform this role.

3.5 Where Bainisteoir sideline privileges have been withdrawn the Bainisteoir will be confined to a designated area as decided on by the Committee-in-Charge.

3.6 The frequency and gravity of reported breaches in each game shall be taken into account by the Committee-in-Charge and may lead to next match penalties.

3.7 The provisions of Riail 7.2(c) T.O. 2017 with regard to Misconduct at Games by Team Officials shall apply.

3.8 Individuals reported for unauthorised entry on to the field of play may be dealt with under rule 6.44 (e) T.O. 2017.