

**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 85 T.O. 2007.*

*The Committee-in-charge shall appoint a Match Monitor who shall report any breaches of the Regulations to the Central Competitions Control Committee who shall impose penalties 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 games and 24 in Non-Senior Inter County games and Inter-Club games.
- (ii) only these names i.e. up to 30 in Senior Inter-County games and up to 24 in Non-Senior Inter-County 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 eight (not including two Water Carriers (football), four Water Carriers / Hurley Carriers (Hurling)) who are the Bainisteoir, Selectors (incl.) Maor Foirne, Medical Personnel (2), Cathaoirleach Contae, Runaí Contae or Nominated Representative.

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 toss of the coin.**

- (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)
- Runaí Contae or Nominated Representative
- Water Carrier I, II,
- Hurley Carrier I, II, & Water Carrier/Hurley Carrier III, IV (for Hurling Games only)

***Penalty - Fine - €700***

## 2. Numbering of Players/Playing Attire

- (a) (i) In Senior Inter-County games players shall be appropriately numbered from 1 to not more than 30  
*Exception – In the case of an injured player returning as a direct replacement for the blood substitute, he may wear No. 31 or higher.*

In Non-Senior Inter-County games and in Inter-Club games players shall be appropriately numbered from 1 to 24.

*Exception – In the case of an injured player returning as a direct replacement for the temporary substitute he may wear No. 25 or higher.*

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

***Penalty - Fine - €500 Riail 124 T.O. 2007.***

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

***Penalty - Fine - €400***

- (c) Playing attire shall comply with the Association's rule on playing gear (Riail 13 T.O. 2007).

***Penalty as per Treoraí Oifigiúil.***

- (d) The Association's corporate logo shall be displayed on jerseys.

Numbers shall be on the back and in small format (5cm x 5cm), on the front of the jersey.

***Penalty - Fine - €700***

### **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.
- (iv) The half time interval shall not exceed 10 minutes (15 minutes in Senior Inter-County Championship).  
Rules of Specification Riall 114 T.O. 2007.

***Penalty as per Treoraí Oifigiúil.***

- (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 are permitted on the pitch for the Parade/Amhrán na bhFiann. All other 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.
- (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.

***Penalty per Treoraí Oifigiúil - Riail 15 T.O.2007.***

## 5. Kick-Puck Around/Warm Up

- (i) Pre-match warm up area of the pitch shall be determined and notified by the Committee in Charge.
- (ii) 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 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 pitch enclosure shall reduce to a maximum of seven.

**(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**

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

One Water Carrier to be stationed at each side of the field of play, but not behind the end lines. These two Water Carriers are permitted to enter the field of play, **only during a break in play.**

Water Carriers must wear a distinctive bib, supplied by the County Committee, with the words “MAOR UISCE” in clear large letters and also numbered 1 and 2.

**Hurling**

***Hurley Carriers***

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

One Hurley Carrier to be stationed at each side of the field of play and another at each end line. Hurley Carriers must **not** interfere with play. The two Hurley Carriers operating at the end lines **cannot** also act as Water Carriers.

Hurley Carriers operating at the two end lines must wear a distinctive bib, supplied by the County Committee, with the words “MAOR CAMÁN” in clear large letters and also numbered 1 and 2.

***Water Carriers***

The two Hurley Carriers operating on the two sidelines may also act as Water Carriers. These Water Carriers are permitted to enter the field of play, **only during a break in play.** Water / Hurley Carriers must **not** interfere with play.

Water / Hurley Carriers operating at the two side lines must wear a distinctive bib, supplied by the County Committee, with the words “MAOR CAMÁN / MAOR UISCE” in clear large letters and also numbered 3 and 4.

Hurley / Water Carriers are **not** permitted to carry sliothars at any stage.

**A Break in Play**

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**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) Runaí or Nominated Representative
- (iv) Medical Personnel
- (v) Substitutes and Injured Players

**(h) OTHERS ON OFFICIAL TEAM LIST**

The name and number (where relevant) of each Team Official as noted in Section 1 (iv) 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) (i) For games at Croke Park the Committee in Charge shall determine which dressing room, seating area on the sideline, area of the pitch is to be used for the Kick/Puck Around/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.
- (ii) For games at other venues the Runaí Contae of the County hosting the game shall determine which dressing room, seating area on the sideline, area of the pitch to be used for the Kick/Puck Around/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.

- (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. 2007.

**[Riail 114 (e) T.O. 2007 – 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. Substitutions**

- (a) A maximum number of three substitutes, without a football(s)/sliotar(s), shall be allowed to warm up on the sideline at any one time and shall be confined to their own half of the field as determined by the location of their dugout.

***Penalty- Fine - €200***

- (b) Substitutions shall be made as per Treoraí Oifigiúil Riail 2 T.O. (Part II) 2007.

(i) A maximum of five substitutions shall be allowed.  
A substitution is not allowed in the case of a player ordered off.

(ii) In Senior Inter-County games all substitutions must be from players on the official list of up to 30 submitted to the Referee.

In Non-Senior Inter-County games substitutions must be from players on the official list of up to 24 submitted to the Referee.

(iv) A substitution may only be made during a break in play after the substitution note has been given to the Referee or in the case of Senior Inter County game, to the Sideline Official.

(v) 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.

***Penalty(s) per Treoraí Oifigiúil Riail 114 (c) (ii) & (iii) 2007.***

## 9. Substitution Zone

*An area of the sideline extending 5 metres on either side of the centre line shall be marked as the Substitution Zone and all the players coming off/going on to the field of play in acts of substitution shall go through this point, when given permission by the Referee.. **Exception:** an injured player may leave the field at the nearest point to him.*

### **Control: substitute going on to the field of play**

- (i) The Linesman shall authorise and control the entry of a substitute on to the field of play.
- (ii) A substitute shall present himself to the sideline official in the substitution zone and give him a note bearing his name and number as substitute and the name and number of the player leaving the field. During a break in play, the Sideline Official shall indicate, by use of an electronic board or other means, the number of the player to be substituted.
- (iii) A substitute shall enter the field of play when authorised to do so by the Linesman.
- (iv) The Sideline Official shall report all substitutions made during the game to the referee (for inclusion in his report)
- (v) The Sideline Official shall report to the referee any breaches of the rules governing substitution (for inclusion in his report).

***Penalty(s) per Treoraí Oifigiúil 2007.***

**10.****Blood Rule**

*A player who is bleeding or who has blood on any part of his body, playing attire or playing equipment, as a result of an injury sustained during play, shall on the instruction of the Referee immediately leave the field of play to receive medical and/or other attention. He shall not be allowed to return to the field of play until the bleeding has stopped, all blood has been cleaned off and, where possible, the injured area has been covered, any blood stained playing attire has been replaced and any blood stained equipment has been fully cleaned. In that circumstance, a Temporary Substitute may be used, and the following acts shall not count as substitutions under Rule 2.4 (i) and (ii), Rules of Specification*

- (i) The use of the Temporary Substitute for a Player instructed to leave the field under the Rule.*
- (ii) The return to the field of play of the injured (blood) player as a direct replacement for the Temporary Substitute.*
- (iii) The return to the field of play of the injured (blood) player as a replacement for any other player if the Temporary Substitute has previously been sent off or substituted.*

**A Temporary Substitution (Blood), which is under the control of the Referee, can be made from any one of the allowable panel (up to 30 in Senior Inter County; 24 in other Inter County).**



**(a) Control: Temporary Replacement Player going on to the field of play**

- (i) The Linesman shall authorise and control the entry of a temporary substitute on to the field of play.
- (ii) A temporary substitute shall present himself to Sideline Official in the Substitution Zone and give a temporary substitute note to him bearing his name and number as temporary substitute and the name and number of the player leaving the field with a blood injury.
- (iii) A temporary substitute shall only enter the field of play when authorised to do so by the Linesman.
- (iv) The Sideline Official shall report all temporary substitutes made during the game to the referee (for inclusion in his report).
- (v) The Sideline Official shall report to the referee any breaches of the Blood Rule (for inclusion in his report).

**(b) Control: Player with blood injury resuming playing**

- (i) When the player who had the blood injury is ready to resume playing, he shall present himself to the Linesman at the Substitution Zone and await authorisation from the Linesman before entering the field of play.
- (ii) The Sideline Official shall ensure that the bleeding has stopped, that all blood has been cleaned off, that any blood stained playing attire is replaced and that any bloodstained playing equipment is fully cleaned.
- (iii) The player shall only enter the field of play on the authorisation of the Linesman.

## **Note**

Where the injured player has to change his jersey before resuming playing, he is not required to wear the same number as he wore when he came off the field. In Senior Inter-County games he shall wear No. 31 or higher. In Non-Senior Inter-County games, he shall wear No. 25 or higher. In Inter-Club games, he shall wear No. 25 or higher.

If a player who resumes playing after a blood injury is wearing a jersey with a different number to that which he was wearing before sustaining the blood injury, the Sideline Official shall give the player a card bearing the new number and previous number which the player will hand to the Referee before taking up his position.

*Penalty(s) per Treoraí Oifigiúil 2007.*

## **11. After-match Presentation**

- (i) A player ordered off during a **Final** shall not participate in the after-match presentation ceremony.

*Penalty - 4 weeks additional suspension in accordance with Riail 110 T.O. 2007.*

- (ii) During the post match presentation ceremony all players must wear their own Team Jerseys.
- (iii) Counties shall instruct Team Captains to prepare a short acceptance speech, totally or partly “as Gaeilge”, having regard for the dignity of occasion.

*Penalty – Fine - €400*

## 12. 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) The names of players shall be in Irish and English and the full names of up to 30 players in Senior Inter-County games (together with Club names) and 24 players in Non-Senior Inter-County games and Inter- Club games shall be included.

***Penalty as per Part 1 Riail 114 T.O. 2007 - Riail 2.5 T.O. (Part II) 2007.***

- (c) In All Ireland Semi-Finals and Finals the placing of teams must be given to the Director General at least six days prior to the game.

***Penalty – Fine €500***

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

***Penalty – Fine €1,000***

### **13. 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.

### **14. 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 143 (d) T.O. 2007.

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

## 15. 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 Exclusion**

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

## 17. Penalties

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

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| Regulation 1:              | €700  |
| Regulation 2 (a)           | Penalty as per T.O. €500  |
| Regulation 2 (b)           | €400  |
| Regulation 2 (c)           | Penalty as per T.O.   |
| Regulation 2 (d)           | €700  |
| Regulation 3:              | Penalty as per T.O. €500 -€1500   |
| Regulation 3 (iv)          | €700  |
| Regulation 4 (a)           | €700  |
| Regulation 4 (b)           | Penalty as per T.O. €500  |
| Regulation 5               | €400  |
| Regulation 6               | (i) as per Riail 114 (e) T.O. 2006 I.V.<br>(ii) Exclusion from pitch enclosure (as determined by the Committee in Charge)<br>(iii) €400 |
| Regulation 7               | €500  |
| Regulation 8 (a)           | €200  |
| Regulation 8 (b)           | Penalty as per T.O.   |
| Regulation 9               | Penalty as per T.O.   |
| Regulation 10              | Penalty as per T.O.   |
| Regulation 11 (i)          | Penalty as per T.O.   |
| Regulation 11 (ii) & (iii) | €400  |
| Regulation 12 (a):         | €700  |
| Regulation 12 (b):         | Penalty as per T.O.   |
| Regulation 12 (c)          | €500  |
| Regulation 12 (d)          | €1000   |
| Regulation 14              | Penalty as per T.O.   |

*Adopted by Ard Chomhairle 8 Nollaig 2007*