

## 2020 Laois GAA Rules and Regulations

As amended by CCC Meeting on 10/06/20 & 23/06/20, and ratified by Laois Coiste Bainistí in accordance with Rules 3.19 & 3.63, T.O. 2020:

- a) Laois GAA Club's Catchment Area shall be defined as within the Parish and within the County boundary. (List of 24 Parishes based on the boundary of the Roman Catholic Parish - Clonaslee, Rosenallis, Mountmellick, Emo, Portarlinton, Stradbally, Portlaoise, Ballyfin, Camross, Castletown, Mountrath, Raheen, Abbeyleix, Ballinakill, Ballyadams, Barrowhouse / Athy, Arles, Doonane, Graiguecullen / Killeshin, Durrow, Aghaboe, Rathdowney, Borris in Ossory, Kyle / Roscrea).
- b) Affiliations & Entry Fees: In accordance with Riail 3.2 (b), T.O. 2019 - A Club shall affiliate annually with the County Committee on a standard affiliation form, which shall include the names of the Club Executive Committee, the Club colours and alternative colours and shall confirm that it has adopted the appropriate form of the Official Club Constitution and Rules. The closing date for submission of such affiliation form shall be 14 January each year, and in accordance with Riail 3.2 (c), T.O. 2019 - Before a Club may take part in any competition, an affiliation fee of €20 shall be paid for the year to the County Committee. Entry fee for Championships shall be €20 for each adult team and €8 for each under-age team. The closing date for entry into championship and league competitions shall be 14 January each year.
- c) In Football and Hurling, the team which win the Senior, Intermediate, Junior, Junior "B" and Junior "C" Championship must play in the higher grade of respective Championship the following year. The exception being where the club has a team competing in the higher grade, whereby they must apply to CCC for regrading or at the discretion of the CCC. *In the event of a team winning their respective Championship and who have a team already competing in the higher grade, promotion to the higher grade for the following year will be determined by means of a playoff between the team to be relegated from the higher grade and the team which was beaten in the final of that respective Championship;*
- d) In Hurling, Relegation will take place in Senior, Premier Intermediate, Intermediate, Junior and Junior "B" Championships with one team being relegated via the Relegation process as outlined in the agreed Championship format. The relegation process will proceed regardless of whether Clubs have teams in the lower grade *or it being a Group or Divisional team;*
- e) In Football, Relegation will take place in Senior and Intermediate Championships with one team being relegated via the Relegation process as outlined in the agreed Championship format. The relegation process will proceed regardless of whether Clubs have teams in the lower grade *or it being a Group or Divisional team;*
- f) Group Senior or Intermediate team applications will only be considered provided they are in accordance with Rule 3.19 (m), TO 2019 and where the teams are confined to within Catchment areas or historical Independent teams or where Clubs cannot justifiably field teams on their own. Group Senior or Intermediate team relegated in Senior or Intermediate Championships will not be allowed participate in that grade the following year.
- g) In **Hurling Leagues** – where full division is played, the Top Team qualifies for the Final & 2<sup>nd</sup>. Team and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Team Play off in Semi Final; where division is divided into two groups, top two teams in each group qualify for semi-finals (1<sup>st</sup>. Team Group A v 2<sup>nd</sup>. Team Group B and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Team Group A v 1<sup>st</sup>. Team Group B). In the event of a draw in Semi Finals and Final, "Winner on the Day regulations" to be applied. The team which wins the League Final is promoted, the team bottom of the League is relegated. In the event of the Club having a team already in that Division, where promotion is concerned the beaten finalist will be promoted, where relegation is concerned the team will still be relegated, with the team of that Club in the lower Division being automatically relegated to the next lower Division. *(Note in the event of any Fixture Review Committee proposal for realignment of Leagues for following year – 2020 placings will determine any such realignment)*

- h) **In Football Leagues** - Division 1A & 1B will consist of two Groups x 8 teams, whereby on conclusion of the seven Round Robin games, the Top 4 teams and Bottom 4 teams in each Division play in an additional four team Round Robin competition, giving each team a further three games (nb. Points received and Scoring Difference from initial Round Robin games will be carried forward to final Round Robin series). The top 2 teams from the "Top 4" in each Division will play the respective league finals and the bottom 2 teams in the "Bottom 4" will be relegated to Division 1B & 2 respectively; Division 2 will consist of 8 teams, playing seven games in the Round Robin series and following the same model as Division 1 & 1A. The top 2 teams (league finalists) to be promoted to Division 1A and Bottom 2 teams to be relegated to Division 3A; Divisions 3A & 3B shall be divided and constructed to comprise of two Groups x 8 teams and to follow the same model as higher divisions, except the bottom team only in Division 3B, after the round robin stage, will be relegated to Division 4; Division 4 & 5 will consist of balance of teams, with top 2 teams qualifying for Final, winner only promoted and bottom team relegated to lower Division. In the event of the Club having a team already in that Division, where promotion is concerned, only one team will be promoted and only the team bottom of the higher League will be relegated, where relegation is concerned the team will still be relegated, with the team of that Club in the lower Division being automatically relegated to the next lower Division. *(Note in the event of any Fixture Review Committee proposal for realignment of Leagues for following year – 2020 placings will determine any such realignment).*
- i) **Ceding in Championships** – In the event of a Draw in a Championship, where ceding applies, and if CCC deem necessary that the draw for the next round should proceed prior to replay, CCC shall treat the two teams involved in replay as same for ceding purposes (i.e. if Team "A" cannot play Team "B", then the team meeting Team "A" in replay game, cannot play Team "B" either);
- j) **Home Clubs pitch unplayable** – In all competitions played on a Home and Away basis, where the Home Clubs pitch is deemed unplayable either by the Referee or the Home Club, the re-fixture will be fixed for the opposing Clubs grounds.
- k) **13-a-side with unlimited substitutions** will be allowed in all Junior "B", Junior "C" Competitions, ACFL Div. 3, 4 & 5 and ACHL Div. 3, 4 & 5. In the interests of sportsmanship where Clubs have sufficient players at these grades, it is recommended that 15-a-side be played. This is permissible once there has been agreement between both Clubs and the Referee has been notified.
- l) **All Under Age Competitions (U13 to 20 Grades), with exception of U17 & U20 "A" grades in Football and Hurling**, are proposed to be 13 –a-side competitions, with unlimited substitutions (Substitution slip must be provided to Referee for all substitutions, in accordance with Rule). Clubs at their discretion may agree to play 15-a-side, but must notify Referee if this arises.
- m) In the event of teams finishing on equal points in the League or League stages of Championship, the tie shall be decided as per Rule 6.21 (4) and 6.38, Official Guide 2019. This shall not apply to Under 15 or younger age grade competitions, whereby the outcome of the meeting of the two Teams in the previous game in the competition will determine the tie, or if this cannot be applied and the tie has no effect on promotion or relegation in a specific competition the tie shall be decided by lottery. If promotion or relegation is involved in the tie, a playoff within three days of the previous fixture will be used to determine the tie.
- n) **In the event of a Draw, Extra Time** to be played in all Under 13, Under 14, Under 15, Minor (Under 17) and Under 20 Championships or Competitions, Junior "B" and "C" Competitions, Football and Hurling, including finals.

- o) **Replay / Extra Time / Winner on the Day:** Extra time shall consist of two periods of ten minutes each way (Exception being Under 14 or younger grades whereby it shall consist of two periods of seven minutes each way).  
In the event of a League Final or semi-final game (all grades) ending in a draw after extra time, the Rules of Specification 3.4 & 3.6, T.O. Part 2 2019 shall apply whereby, Phase 1 shall consist of two additional periods of extra time of ten minutes each shall be played. If the teams are still level after this additional extra-time, Phase 2 shall apply whereby the result will be determined by penalty kick or pucks, the regulations for which are determined in the Official Guide.  
In the event of a knockout Championship game ending in a draw, "Winner on the Day" as per Rules of Specification 3.4 & 3.6, T.O. Part 2 2019 shall apply whereby, Phase 1 shall consist of two additional periods of extra time of ten minutes each shall be played. If the teams are still level after this additional extra-time, Phase 2 shall apply whereby the result will be determined by penalty kick or pucks, the regulations for which are determined in the Official Guide. The exception being Senior and Intermediate Football Championship Finals and Senior and Premier Intermediate Hurling Championship Finals, whereby a Replay will take place on 3 days after Replay date. In the event the Replay is a Draw, "Winner on the Day" as per Rules of Specification 3.4 & 3.6, T.O. Part 2 2019 shall apply.
- p) **Home and Away** venue basis to be played in all Under 13, Under 14, Under 15, Minor "B" (Under 17) and Under 20 Championships (or at discretion of CCC) and Junior, Junior "B" and "C" Competitions, Football and Hurling, (First named team out at home) up until and including quarter final stage of Competition or Championship. "Home and Away" venue shall also apply to the opening two rounds of the Intermediate Hurling Championship, the third Round shall be played at a neutral venue. The First named team has Home venue in all League Competitions. In the event of the Home Venue being deemed unsuitable by the Committee in Charge, the Home Club may be allowed by the Committee in Charge to nominate an alternative venue or will be decided by the Committee in Charge. In all such cases the Home Club is responsible for payment of Referee expenses. Home Clubs are allowed charge a gate admittance fee to a maximum of €5, exception being Under 13 and 15 Competitions.
- q) Team competing in Under 20 or Minor (Under 17) championship as part of an area team is discouraged from competing in respective "B" competition. Entry to Under 20 and Minor "B" competitions confined to weaker or rural Clubs and at discretion of C.C.C., who may in exceptional circumstances allow amalgamations in respective "B" competitions.
- r) CCC reserve the right to fix any Championship or Competition games under Floodlights, regardless of any earlier Home or Away arrangements in place.
- s) All County Football & Hurling Leagues to be played and concluded without County players if they are in training or playing with the County. CCC in agreement with County Managers to designate a number of rounds in respective Leagues whereby County players will be available to Club. Clubs who play their County players in these competitions, including Leinster Hurling League, without the consent of respective Team Managements shall be liable to a sanction being imposed for deduction of points where appropriate. CCC may review scheduling of final two rounds of Leagues pending progress of Inter County teams.
- t) The penalties for a Club /Unit failing to fulfil a Championship game, including "League Stage" of Championship and All County Hurling and Football Leagues (including Minor) will be determined as per Rule 6.21, 6.24 and 6.38, Official Guide 2019. In Championship and "League Stage" of Championship, the penalty for a first unfulfilled fixture shall be award of game to opposing team and a minimum fine of €100; in All County Hurling and Football Leagues, for a second unfulfilled fixture shall be award of game to opposing team, disqualification from the League, a minimum fine of €100 and automatic relegation to lower League Division for the following year (final penalty will be determined and at the discretion of the CCC).
- u) In an instance whereby a Club wishes to or withdraws a team from a League Competition or Championship, after the Draw for this League Competition (as approved by County Committee) or Championship has been made, it shall apply to the lowest ranked team from that club. In effect a Club withdrawing a team from either League or Championship, it shall be the lowest ranked team from that club will be eliminated. Forfeiture penalty shall be a minimum fine of €200.

- v) Requests for **postponements** will only be entertained in the event of a death in a player's or official's immediate family or at the discretion of the CCC and only whereby the re-fixture will be played within three days of the postponed fixture or prior to the next game in that competition. All such requests must be communicated through the CCC Secretary;
- w) In the event of a postponement being agreed by the two Clubs and with the permission of the CCC, the re-fixture must take place by agreement with the two Clubs within three days of the postponement or prior to the next game in that competition. Failure to do this will result in forfeiture of points for the two teams.
- x) In all knockout championship games, when the game ends in a draw, the replay will take within three days or prior to the next game in that competition as determined by the CCC.
- y) In the event of a **clash of colours** both teams must change jerseys for championship games, for league games home team must change.
- z) Games will not be changed after **10.30am on a Monday**, prior to the Fixture.
- aa) In all Adult Competitions, **Referees Expenses** for League, Championship and Competition games (including Minor (U17) & U20 "B") played on Home and Away basis, the Home Club is responsible for payment to Referee, (i.e. League €45 / game and Championship & "B" and "C" Competitions €50 / game). In all Juvenile Competitions, the two Clubs involved are equally responsible for payment of Referee expenses (i.e. €20 from each Club). In the event of the opposing Club failing to turn up and where the Referee has not been notified, the Home Club will be responsible for reimbursing the Referee his expenses in full. Where a Gate Collection has been organised by the Committee in Charge, the Host Club is responsible for payment of Referee expenses. Payment must be paid to Referee by Club prior to game.
- bb) League games – Host club and Travelling Club, each to be responsible for providing **two umpires and one linesman** in the event of the referee having none.
- cc) **Videoing Games** – Permission must be sought from Laois CCC for the videoing of all games under the jurisdiction of Laois GAA. Such application shall include the name of the person videoing the game. Only unedited video evidence supplied of the full game on dvd and submitted 24 hours prior to the meeting for all or any Hearing application requests wishing to use video as evidence will be accepted and provided permission has been sanctioned by Laois CCC (through its Secretary) for videoing of game.
- dd) **Competitions (non-Championships) Rule 6.21 (4) (ii) & (iii)** – In the event of Teams finishing on equal points for Qualification for the concluding stages, or for Promotion or Relegation, and the accumulated scores of a team, so involved, are affected by a disqualification, loss of game on proven objection, retirement or walk over, the tie shall be determined by Rule 6.21 (4) (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) without consideration to all results involving teams that have been disqualified, lost game on proven objection, withdrawn or retired as a result of too many walkovers.
- ee) **Underage Football Competitions** up to and including Under 15 grade, when a player is in possession of the ball, he shall be only permitted a maximum of two plays (i.e. One Hop / One Solo or Two Solos). Penalty - Free Kick (indirect) from where the foul occurred.
- ff) **Under 13 Competition Regulations** – Juvenile Goals to be used from 13metre line to opposite 13 metre line, full width. 25 Minutes a side. Size 4 Football and Sliothar to be used. Unlimited substitutions