

(14) TOURNAMENTS & CHALLENGE GAMES

(14.1) Tournament Games

- (a) All Tournament games shall be sanctioned by the appropriate controlling authority, which will deal with any disciplinary matters arising.
- (b) An Inter-County Tournament may be organised only in the following grades: (i) Up to and including Under 16 (Football and Hurling); (ii) In Under 19 (Football and Hurling).

Sanction must be obtained from Provincial Council where teams are from one Province, and from Central Council where teams are from more than one Province.

- (c) An Inter-Club Tournament shall be limited to a maximum of eight teams, except as otherwise permitted by the Controlling Authority. Sanction must be obtained as follows:
 - From the County Committee where teams are from within one County.
 - From the County Committees involved where teams are from more than one County, and in such circumstances the sanction of the Provincial Council or Central Council, as appropriate, must be obtained.
- (d) All applications for the sanction of Tournaments which involve teams from outside a Club's Own County must be recommended by the Home County Committee.
- (e) A fee of €40 for an Inter-County Tournament and €20 for an Inter-Club Tournament shall be paid with the application.
- (f) Units organising Tournament Games shall make application, in writing, to the appropriate authority/ authorities in such time as to have permission granted or otherwise, seven days prior to the commencement date of the proposed Tournament. The Council or Committee-in-Charge may give authority to its Secretary to grant permission.

Where sanction is required from more than one Unit of the Association for a particular Tournament, notice shall be given by the Applicant Unit, at or about the same time, directly to all relevant Units.

- (g) The following details shall be included in an application: The Names of the Competing Teams; the Venue; the names of neutral Referees, who shall be on the current and recognised List of Referees, at County/ Provincial/National Levels, as appropriate.
- (h) A Referee's Match Report shall be submitted to the appropriate authority within three days of a game. When the Council or Committee-in-Charge deems it necessary, the Report shall be submitted within 24 hours.
- (i) The above Codes apply to Seven-a-Side Competitions, with exception of the limitation of teams as specified in Section (c) above. The number of teams allowed

in Seven- a-Side Competition is at the discretion of the appropriate Controlling Authority.

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These competitions shall be subject to the Rules of the Official Guide, and other relevant Rules

drawn up by the Central Competitions Control Committee or the Development Competitions Control Committee. No alteration in Rules governing discipline shall be permitted.

- (j) The above Codes are applicable to Juvenile Tournaments (involving players at under 16 age group or younger).
- (k) Adult pre-season Inter-County competitions organised by the Provincial Councils shall be completed before the final round of games in Division One of the respective National Leagues.

Failure to comply with any of the above Rule Provisions shall not affect Disciplinary Proceedings being taken, arising from a Game played.

Penalties:

For Organising an Unauthorised Tournament -

County - Fine €1,000

Club- Fine €500; Liable to a minimum Suspension of 8 weeks.

For Participation in Unauthorised Tournament - County - Fine €500

Club - Fine €250

Team/Player - Liable to a minimum Suspension of 8 weeks

(14.2) Challenge Games

- (a) All Challenge Games shall be sanctioned by the appropriate Controlling Authority, which will deal with any disciplinary matters arising.
- (b) An Inter-County Challenge game shall be sanctioned by Provincial Council(s) and Central Council, as appropriate. Sanction must be obtained from the Provincial Council where teams are from the one province, and from the appropriate Provincial Councils and Central Council where teams are from more than one Province.

- (c) An Inter-Club Challenge Game shall be sanctioned by County Committee(s), Provincial Council(s) or Central Council. Sanction must be obtained from the County Committee where the teams are from the one County, from the County Committees and from the Provincial Council where the teams are from two or more Counties, and Sanction must be obtained from the County Committees, from the appropriate Provincial Councils and from Central Council where the teams are from more than one Province.
- (d) Units organising Challenge Games shall make applications, in writing, to the appropriate authority/authorities in such time as to have permission granted or otherwise, two days prior to the date of the proposed game. The Council or Committee-in-Charge may give authority to its Secretary to grant permission. Where sanction is required from more than one Unit of the Association for a particular Challenge Game, notice shall be given by the Applicant Units, at or about the same time, directly to all relevant Units.

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- (e) The following details shall be included in the application: The Names of the Competing Teams; the Venue; the Name of the Referee, who shall be on the current and recognised List of Referees at County/Provincial/National Levels, as appropriate. The Referee shall be neutral in the case of a Senior Inter County Game.
- (f) The Referee's Match Report shall be submitted to the appropriate authority within three days of the Game. When the Committee or Council-in-Charge deems it necessary, the Report shall be submitted within 24 hours.
- (g) The above Codes are applicable to Juvenile Challenge games (players in the Under 16 age group or younger). Failure to comply with any of the above Code provisions shall not affect Disciplinary Proceedings being taken, arising from a Game played.

Penalties:

For a Unit participating in an unauthorised Challenge Game: Fine - County €250; Club €100 *GAA OFFICIAL CODES*