



Kildare Camogie Competition Rules 2026



GIVE RESPECT - GET RESPECT

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 All games to be played under the rules of Camogie Association.
- 1.2 All fixtures related issues MUST be sent by Club Secretaries to the Fixtures Committee by EMAIL ONLY to camogiefixtures2019@gmail.com. The committee will not deal with issues sent by any other means (Phone call, WhatsApp, Text etc.). Also, the Kildare County secretary will not forward issues received.
- 1.3 Return of trophies: Any club failing to return a trophy in accordance with Rule 37.6 of An Treoir Oifigiúil part 1 will be liable for the cost of replacement of the trophy - current value or €100.00 - whichever is the lower cost. Underage and League trophies must be returned at or before the April County Board meeting. Championship trophies must be returned at or before the May County Board meeting.
- 1.4 All clubs must at all times abide by the code of ethics and child protection guidelines as set out by the Camogie Association. Failure to do so will be dealt with by Kildare Camogie County Board. Clubs are reminded that there may be minors on either team & must behave in a manner accordingly.
- 1.5 All clubs are responsible for their side-line behaviour. Any misconduct will be dealt with by the Kildare Camogie County Board and may be referred to the THDC.
- 1.6 Except where a rule includes details of penalties incurred for a breach, non-compliance with these rules will incur a fine of €100 levied on the club for each non-compliance.

2. CONTROL OF COMPETITIONS

- 2.1 Adult competitions are 15-a-side. Adult Junior B Championship and Division 4 league can match down to 13-a-side if either team is short on numbers.
- 2.2 Clubs must notify their Fixtures coordinator of the name of the referee taking charge of each fixture at least 48 hours in advance of throw in. Both teams must

send the match result and the name of the referee to the Fixtures coordinator by text within 24hrs of match end.

- 2.3 All fixtures must be played on or before the appointed date unless otherwise agreed in advance with the Fixtures Committee. Postponed matches will be reset by the Fixtures committee only, unless otherwise agreed with the Fixtures Committee.

NOTE: If the home pitch is unavailable, or deemed unplayable by the referee or home club, the game is to be played in opposition pitch or neutral venue by agreement with the Fixtures committee.

NOTE: The guidelines for postponement due to bereavement should be the death of an immediate relative of a player, current official of one of the clubs involved or special circumstances approved by the Fixtures committee. (In accordance with Rule 33.5 of An Treoir Oifigiúil part 1).

- 2.4 All changes to fixtures shall be handled by the Fixtures committee only and all requests for changes must be sent, by email only, to the Fixtures committee by the secretaries of both clubs involved. (See Competition Rule 1.2 above).

- 2.5 In Adult competition, League and Championship, all round robin preliminary matches must be completed before the last round of matches take place. No match can be deferred or re-fixed to be played after the last round of matches takes place. In the event of exceptional circumstances, the last round matches will be put back to allow all deferred or postponed matches to be played. All last round matches in any division must start at the same time so that no team gains any potential advantage from playing at a later time or date.

- 2.6 If a Final, Semi-final or Play-off ends in a draw, 20 Minutes (10 minutes per half) extra time is to be played. If after extra time, the match still ends in a draw, the following will occur:
- 5 players will be chosen from the players on the pitch at the end of extra time to take 5 frees from a central point identified by the referee on the 45-metre line. For U13 and U14 only, the central point will be 30 metres from the goal line.
 - Only points shall be counted. If a free strikes the upright or crossbar and goes over the bar, the score shall be counted.
 - If the teams remain level after five frees per team, then "sudden death frees" will be taken, one player from each team (from the same five players) shall take a free until one team has scored a point and the other team misses. The five players can change order in the event of "sudden death".

- 2.7 **NAMING OF PLAYERS (ADULT COMPETITIONS)** - Any club entering more than one team in the same Adult competition should name the first 15 players in each team before the first round of the competition. The names should be given at least one week before the start of the first round, on an Official Foireann teamsheet, to the County Registrar or in the absence of one to the County Secretary.
- 2.8 **For Championship competitions**, Rule 29.1 of An Treoir Oifigiúil Part 1 applies: “Any player who plays a higher graded Championship is not eligible thereafter to play in a lower graded league or championship in the same year. This applies to all graded competitions e.g. adult and under-age A, B and C competitions.
- 2.9 **For league competitions**, players named on a lower team may play for a higher team without affecting their grading. Players named on a higher team may not play for a lower team.

3. FORFEITS / WALKOVERS

- 3.1 In the event of any **Adult or Underage team** not being willing to fulfil a game at the scheduled time/day, the team who was willing to play at the scheduled time/day will be awarded the match in accordance with Rule 33.3 of An Treoir Oifigiúil Part 1. Sanctions may also be imposed in accordance with Rule 33.4 of An Treoir Oifigiúil Part 1. NOTE: This applies to all age grades.
- 3.2 **Any Adult or Underage team** that forfeits a game will be deducted 2 points and the other team awarded 2 points. An explanation must be provided by email to the Fixtures Committee by each club.
- 3.3 **In Adult competition**, any team which forfeits more than one game in a competition will not be eligible to take part in the knock-out stages. In Underage competition (U17 or lower), teams which forfeit more than one game can still progress to the knock-out stages should the results of their other fixtures result in them finishing high enough up in the table.

4. TABLE POSITIONS

- 4.1 **For all Adult competitions:** Should two or more teams finish on equal points after group matches have been completed, the following criteria will be used to decide table positions:
- Firstly, head-to-head result i.e. winner of match played between the teams in question. If there are 3 or more teams equal on points, then the head-to-head results involving those teams only will be used to determine positions.

- b. If there are still teams equal after this analysis, then score difference within this mini-group will determine finishing positions in the group.
- c. Should score difference within this mini-group still not differentiate teams, or if the head-to-head matches were drawn, then overall score difference will be used to determine finishing position.
- d. If following a, b and c above teams remain on equal rankings, play-off game(s) will take place to determine who finishes higher in the group. Extra-time will apply in games finishing in a draw with matches playing to conclusion on the day in accordance with Rule 2.6 of these Competition Rules.

4.2 For all Underage competitions: Should two or more teams finish on equal points after group matches have been completed, the following criteria will be used to decide table positions:

- a. Firstly, head-to-head result i.e. winner of match played between the teams in question. If there are 3 or more teams equal on points, then the head-to-head results involving those teams only will be used to determine positions.
- b. If there are still teams equal after this analysis, then the overall aggregate lowest score conceded within this mini-group will determine finishing positions in the group.
- c. Should the overall aggregate lowest score conceded within this mini-group still not differentiate teams, or if the head-to-head matches were drawn, then the overall aggregate lowest score conceded in the overall group will determine finishing positions.
- d. If following a, b and c above teams remain on equal rankings, play-off game(s) will take place to determine who finishes higher in the group. Extra-time will apply in games finishing in a draw with matches playing to conclusion on the day in accordance with Rule 2.6 of these Competition Rules.

4.3 Following on from 4.1 or 4.2 above. While the implications of giving a walkover in any match is addressed in another rule(s), any relative gain or loss from playing a team that had given a walkover to another team in the group will be taken into account when deciding table positions. If a team gives a walkover, the other team gets two points but no gain on score difference. If any of 4.1(b), 4.1(c), 4.2(b) or 4.2(c) comes into effect, and one of the teams received a walkover and another played the team who gave the walkover and beat them well, the score difference from that match should be excluded when determining which of the two teams will finish higher in the group.

5. HOME ADVANTAGE

- 5.1 For round games, the first team listed on official Fixtures has home advantage.
- 5.2 For Finals and Semi-finals, the Fixtures committee will use best efforts to select a neutral venue where possible.
- 5.3 For Semi-finals where a neutral venue cannot be selected, the team that finished higher in their division will get home advantage. This will also apply in cases of crossover between 2 Groups in the same division.

Division contains only one group:

- a. Semi-final pairings are as follows – 1st plays 4th, and 2nd plays 3rd (with 1st and 2nd having home advantage).
- b. No Semi-finals – 1st plays 2nd in Cup Final, and 3rd plays 4th in Shield Final.

Division contains two groups:

- c. Semi-final pairings are as follows - 1st in Group 1 plays 2nd in Group 2, and 1st in Group 2 plays 2nd in Group 1 (with both teams finishing 1st in their group getting home advantage).

6. UNDERAGE COMPETITIONS ONLY

- 6.1 **NAMING OF PLAYERS** - For all Underage league competitions, players named on a lower team may play for a higher team without affecting their grading. Players named on a higher team may not play for a lower team. Any club entering more than one team in the same Underage competition should name the first 12 players of every team but the lowest team. The names should be given at least one week before that start of the first round, on Official Foireann teamsheets, to the County Registrar or in the absence of one to the County Secretary.
- 6.2 **For Underage competitions** the following applies:
 - a. All fixtures stand unless agreed otherwise by the Fixtures Committee.
 - b. Fixtures can be played before the fixed date if mutually agreed by both teams and notified to the competition co-ordinator.
 - c. Where a fixture is not being played at the assigned date and/or time, both teams must notify the competition co-ordinator of the new date and/or time as soon as possible, but no later than 24 hrs before thrown in.
 - d. If deemed necessary by Fixtures, a refixed date will be assigned by Fixtures.
 - e. Competition Rules 3.1 and 3.2 above also apply to Underage fixtures.
- 6.3 **Underage team numbers** - All divisions are 15-a-side but can match down to 11 if either team is short on numbers.

7. REFEREES

- 7.1 Referees must be compliant with Rule 40 of An Treoir Oifigiúil part 1.

- 7.2 For All Finals, including underage, the Referee will be appointed by a County Board delegated sub-committee.
- 7.3 **For Adult Championships:** For all Senior and Intermediate Championship matches, the Referee will be appointed by a County Board delegated sub-committee. For all other games, the Referee is to be appointed by the home team but cannot be from the home club unless by prior agreement with the opposing team.
- 7.4 **For Adult Leagues:** For Division 1 League matches, the Referee will be appointed by a County Board delegated sub-committee. For all other games, the Referee is to be appointed by the home team but cannot be from the home club unless by prior agreement with the opposing team.
- 7.5 **In Underage Leagues:** Referee to be appointed by the home team. A Neutral Referee is recommended but not required.
- 7.6 All Referees must be paid before the start of the game except when being paid by the County Executive.
- 7.7 For All Finals, including underage, the Referee fee will be paid by the County Executive.
- 7.8 For All Semi-finals, including underage, the Referee fee is shared equally between both Clubs.
- 7.9 For All Round games, including underage, the Home team pays the Referee fee.
- 7.10 All teams must present to the Referee, 2 copies of their team sheet for each match – one copy for the referee and one copy for the opposing team. The team sheet must be an official Foireann teamsheet.

8. REFEREE LIAISON

- 8.1 The role of a Referee Liaison will be to act as the primary focal point for the referee in charge of the fixture, in relation to indiscipline involving mentors, spectators or parents from their club.
- 8.2 The Referee Liaison should make reasonable attempts to stop such behaviour during the match and should report serious indiscipline back to their club Executive and/or County Secretary.

- 8.3 Clubs should appoint a Referee Liaison for each match at U13 and above. This Liaison can be independent of (or part of) the Management Team involved in the match and must be a member within the club.
- 8.4 Both clubs should have a Liaison present and in place for each fixture before a match can start.
- 8.5 The referee should be informed who the Liaisons will be prior to commencement of the fixture.
- 8.6 The Liaison should wear a White bib to distinguish themselves from the rest of the Management Team and ensure they are easily identifiable. The remainder of the Management Team must wear a different colour bib.
- 8.7 The Referee is responsible for reporting and sanctioning indiscipline and/or inappropriate behaviour during a match. In addition, the County Executive or THDC may decide to apply sanctions or penalties on a club based on the Referees report and/or information received from Referee Liaisons. Such sanctions/penalties may include a warning, fines of up to €250 or loss of one or more home fixtures for County run competitions.

Code of Conduct

Managers, Spectators & Players:

- **MUST** show respect for match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers, club & county officials, other parents and spectators.
- **MUST** adhere to the rules and spirit of the game.
- **MUST** promote and encourage fair play, respect and high standards of behaviour.
- **MUST** always respect the match official's decisions.
- **MUST** adopt a positive attitude on the sideline.
- **MUST NEVER** shout at the referee or match officials.
- **MUST NEVER** criticise players or shout at them.
- **MUST NEVER** engage in public criticism of the match officials or referee.
- **MUST NEVER** engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour towards players, coaches or match officials.
- **MUST NEVER** enter the field of play without the referee's permission or unless specifically invited to do so.
- **MUST NEVER** encroach onto the field of play for any reason, during or after the match, with the intention of confronting the referee or accosting a player or coach.

NOTE: Rule 6 of the Official Guide Part 2 (Playing Rules) 2024-2027

Rule 6. Playing gear

b. Playing gear must be of Irish manufacture if possible and must be from an official licensed supplier of the Camogie Association, a list of the official licensed suppliers is available on the Camogie Association Website.

It must consist of:

- Skirt/skort/divided skirt/shorts, sports jersey with long or short sleeves, socks and boots. Uniform socks must be worn by teams. A base layer ('skins') may also be worn. Goalkeepers may wear the team tracksuit in all competitions other than national finals.

c. The crest of An Cumann Camógaíochta must be displayed on the team jersey and skirt/skort/ divided skirt/shorts.

Penalty: If not complied with in Camogie games, the Referee will firstly caution the player/players for dissent. If the player/players continue to refuse to comply with Rule 6 as outlined above she/they will be dealt with in accordance with Rule 41.9 (b) for dissent.