

Coiste na nÓg Regulations 2022

1. Equipment

Football Sizes:

- U6 – U11 See Excel Attachment
- U12 – U15 Size 4
- U16 – U 17 Size 5

Sliotar Sizes:

- U6 – U11 See Excel Attachment
- U12 – U15 Size 4
- U16 – U17 Size 5/Senior

2. Football Kick outs.

- 4.1. At U13/U14 kick outs are from the hand from the 20 metre line. [Player may also kick from the ground/tee if he chooses]
- 4.2. At U15/16 kick outs are from the ground as per GAA Official Guide.
- 4.3. Any player may use a tee for a kick out.

3. Football – 45's and Marks (Kick out and Advanced)

- 5.1. Rules as per GAA Official Guide

4. Hurling – Puck outs

- 6.1. Rules as per GAA Official Guide

5. Hurling – 65s

- 7.1. Rules as per GAA Official Guide

6. Pitches

- 6.1. If home team's pitch is unplayable the fixture must be played at opponent's venue if playable otherwise the home team will forfeit the points.
- 6.2. The home team is responsible for making contact with their opposition if the home team's pitch is unplayable. Contact must be made by 6:00 PM on Friday for a Saturday game; and by noon on Saturday for a Sunday game; or before 6:00 PM on the day before a midweek game by the home team declaring that their pitch is unplayable.
- 6.3. Under the regulations above where a home team has no playable pitch and the away team offers a pitch up to two hours before or after the official starting time of a weekend fixture (but not earlier

than 10:00 AM for a Sunday fixture) this shall become the official time of the fixture and the game must be played or conceded.

6.4. Coiste na nÓg shall have the authority to appoint an alternate venue if it deems necessary.

6.5. Coiste na nÓg shall fix matches for flood lit and/or all-weather/synthetic pitches as it deems necessary.

7. Player Eligibility

7.1. Age grades are per GAA official Guide

7.2. All players on any club team must be registered with that club.

7.2.1. Penalty for playing ineligible player(s) as per GAA Official Guide.

7.3. If a team has an issue about the eligibility of an opposing player, the mentor should ask the referee to:

- Take the player's name
- Get the player's signature
- Get the player's date of birth
- Request the referee to report this to Coiste na nÓg Secretary.

7.4. Issues of registration can only be dealt with by written request to the Secretary of Coiste na nÓg from the Club Secretary with the query.

8. Games

8.1. Coiste na nÓg publishes its annual calendar of games in advance of the new playing year. Detailed advance fixtures for all leagues and competitions will be published prior to the start of the leagues/competitions.

8.2. All fixtures must be played on or in advance of the scheduled date.

8.3. Any fixture not played and not officially called off will result in a walk-over if one team fails to field or will be void if both teams do not field. In this event a fine may also be imposed on the clubs.

8.4. Official fixtures will not be called off for school trips, friendlies outside the county, invitations to tournaments, confirmations etc. Clubs will be given permission to travel to tournaments ONLY if they have played their scheduled games in advance.

8.4.1. The penalties for unauthorised participation in a tournament or challenge game as laid down in GAA Official Guide will be imposed on clubs who do not adhere to this regulation.

8.5. All games are play or concede with the following exception - the Chairperson or Secretary of Coiste na nÓg may officially call off or postpone or alter a fixture if he/she feels that the circumstances are exceptional.

8.6. In the event of bereavements, cancellations will be at the discretion of the Chairperson of Coiste na nÓg only.

8.7. U16 & U17 Football or Hurling League games will not be called off/postponed due to a club player's involvement with Intercounty Minor (U17) squad (Football or Hurling). All games are on a play or concede basis.

8.8. Officials of Coiste na nÓg will not enter into phone correspondence regarding fixtures. All correspondence regarding fixtures must be via the Club Secretary to the secretary of Coiste na nÓg. Once decisions have been made no further correspondence will be entered into. ***Emails for fixture changes should be agreed before submitting same to Coiste na nÓg Secretary. Both club secretaries must email in their agreement to change. If one club does not email in the change it will not be reviewed by Coiste na nÓg. Once both clubs email in Coiste na nÓg will review and notify both clubs of its decision via email. If no agreement the fixture stands.*** Changes agreed by both clubs are not guaranteed as changeable as they may affect other games in the fixture planner.

8.9. Walkovers – On the concession of a first walkover a team can continue in the competition but forfeit a place in semi finals or finals. On the concessions of a second walkover a team shall be removed from the league/competition unless exceptional circumstances prevail. If Coiste na nÓg judges that exceptional circumstances have prevailed in a particular case, a team shall be allowed to continue to play but shall, on the concession of any further game, can be removed from the competition by Coiste na nÓg. Exception, the above does not apply to U6 – U11.

8.10. Coiste na nÓg may fix back matches as it deems necessary. Such back matches may be fixed for neutral venues.

8.11. If a neutral venue for Competition for Semi Finals and Finals is not possible - a draw will determine Home advantage for the Final.

8.12. Coiste na nÓg reserves the right to amend its published games calendar, as it deems necessary

9. Other matters

9.1. Bibs must be worn by all mentors, to a maximum of 5 mentors per team. Any person who is wearing a bib on the sideline is deemed to be a mentor. Coiste na nÓg will sanction as such, any person reported by a referee for misconduct.

9.1.1. Teams failing to wear bibs will be fined €25 per infringement.

9.1.2 Mentors and Club Officials are asked to ensure all supporters attending fixtures refrain from negative commentary towards match officials. Should such issues arise the mentors in charge are asked to re-inforce the positive culture to this individual(s).

9.2. Team Sheets –Team sheets are required for all Coiste na nÓg (U11 – U17) games. Team sheets must include players name in both Irish and English along with their GAA registration number. All team mentors names must also be listed.

9.2.1. Failure to issue team sheets with required information, may lead to forfeiture of game.

9.2.2. Team sheets [in duplicate] must be handed to the match referee [not the opposition mentor] before the start of the game.

9.2.3. Failure to issue team sheet [in duplicate before the start of the match] will see teams fined €10 & may lead to forfeiture of game.

10. Notes

10.1. In all other matters the rules of GAA Official Guide, or any amendments, will apply.

10.2. In particular clubs/mentors are asked to make themselves familiar with the rules relating to discipline, objections and appeals.