



# **DERRY GAA**

# **CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS 2024**

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Derry CCC want to ensure smooth running of their Championship Competitions and rely on clubs to cooperate. Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action.

Club secretaries should make these regulations known to their players and managers and ensure they are adhered to.

## UNDERAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS:

1. In all **Underage Championships** the aim is to play 15 a side, this may only be reduced to 13 a side with the prior agreement of CCC (no less than 5 days' notice).
2. **Underage Championships** will be played on a home and away basis up to and including semi- finals subject to a club having fulfilled their league fixtures as per Regulation 3.3 Derry Competition Regulations
3. At underage level any player who plays 'A' championship in knockout stages becomes ineligible for B championship. A club with an A and a B team must provide the names of 15 A players who won't play any B championship before commencement of championship.

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4. The **Relegation stages** of Senior and Intermediate Football will run alongside the knockout stages of championship.
5. For Round Robin neutral games, knockout stages of Adult Championship and all Underage Finals, clubs will provide their starting 15 and subs for PA and Press Purposes. This must be handed into the control room one hour before your game throw in. This list **will not** be circulated to your opposition and is **in addition** to your team sheets for the referee.

## RESERVE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP ELIGIBILITY:

6. **Reserve Championship Eligibility:** A reserve player may play senior football in group games but becomes ineligible for Reserve Championship if he plays at any stage of Senior Knockout. In relation to clubs who have not qualified for the knockout stages of their respective Senior Championship, any player who played in the last round robin senior championship game is ineligible for reserve championship.

7. **Reserve Hurling Championship:** In hurling, clubs must provide the names of their 15 senior players who cannot play any reserve hurling. The remaining players can play in the round robin stages of senior in addition to the reserve hurling championship. Once a player participates in the knockout stage of Senior Hurling he can play no further part in Reserve Championship.
8. **Recreational Reserve Championship Eligibility:** No player listed in the 35 Senior & Reserve Panel is eligible to play in Recreational Reserve Championship. Additionally, once a player plays any Senior (including group stages) or Reserve Knockout Championship, he becomes ineligible for Recreational Reserve. For Junior Clubs the 15 named players may not play any Recreational Reserve Championship and the remaining players become ineligible for Recreational Reserve Championship once they play in any Senior Knockout game.

### **RECORDING GAMES:**

9. **Videoring Adult Games:** Derry TV will video all senior knockout championship games. Information has already been sent regarding the ClubGameXchange which Derry GAA will facilitate for round robin games. Where the home club is not videoing a game they should inform their opposition ahead of the game to allow them the opportunity to video.
10. **Videoring Underage Games:** Derry will not be videoing any underage championship games. Clubs may video their home championship games including finals, providing approval has been given.

### **GAME REGULATIONS:**

11. Teams will take the pitch 10 minutes before the appointed starting time. The team named first in the fixture as notified will take the field 10 minutes before the start of the game. The team named second will take the field 8 minutes before the start of the game, unless otherwise directed in Clár an Lae.
12. The half time interval is 10 minutes. At half time, the winning team will remain on the pitch until their opposition leaves. If there is a draw at half time, then the team which came out first will leave first. Teams will return to the pitch in the order they left at half time.

## **MATCH DAY SQUADS & SUBSTITUTIONS:**

13. A maximum of 24 players (starting 15 and nine-panel members) in the group stages, shall be allowed within the pitch enclosure or designated area during the playing of the game. This will increase to 30 for knockout stages. Substitutes must remain in the dugout or vicinity and must not impede/interfere with the side-line official.
14. A maximum of three substitutes, without a ball and wearing a bib, shall be allowed to warm up on the sideline at any one time. They shall be confined to their own half of the field.
15. A substitution may only be made during a break in play, after the substitute has given a substitution slip to the sideline official.
16. The linesman shall authorize and control the entry of a substitute on to the field of play.

## **MATCH DAY OFFICIALS:**

17. A maximum of five (football) & seven (hurling) team officials in total shall be allowed within the pitch enclosure or designated area. All must wear distinctive tops or bibs with their designated role clearly written on the back.
18. It is suggested that these officials should include:
  - One Bainisteoir
  - One Selector – may stand with Bainisteoir
  - Two Medics (must be medical professionals wearing appropriate bibs) one will remain seated until their assistance is needed.
  - 2 x Maor Caman(Hurling) who may only enter the field with a replacement hurley when necessary.
  - 1 x Club Official (remains seated with subs and is responsible for sub slips
  - 2 x Maor Uisce positioned on opposite 45m lines.
19. Only the Bainisteoir, Selector and One Medic may stand outside the dugout area.

20. The Bainisteoir shall wear a designated distinctive top and is not permitted to enter the field of play. Only the Bainisteoir move along the side-lines between the 65m line and the 20m line on their respective ends. The Bainisteoir may not act in any other capacity.
21. If not wearing the official bib the Bainisteoir's top must not clash with the main colour of either team.
22. Only designated medical personnel are permitted to enter the playing area to attend to injured players and ONLY with permission of the referee.

### **JERSEY CLASH:**

23. Where there is a colour clash of jerseys then BOTH clubs will change to a second/alternative jersey. CCC should be notified of the jersey to be used 2 days prior to the game to ensure there is not a further clash. Clubs may toss for switch if both agree.

### **FINISH ON THE DAY:**

24. All knockout championship games will be played to a finish on the day except for the Senior, Intermediate and Junior Football and Hurling Finals, which will go to a replay after Phase 1 (extra time).

### **SAFETY OF THE REFEREE:**

25. It is the responsibility of the home club to ensure the safety of the referee and officials at their club ground.

### **PENALTIES FOR BREACHES OF REGULATION:**

26. A Sideline Official/Match Monitor:
  - A Sideline Official will be appointed by the committee in charge and it shall be their duty to report any breaches of these Regulations.
  - CCC may also appoint a Match Monitor who shall be responsible for any duties assigned. The Sideline Official shall include in his report any relevant observations or breaches reported to him by the Match Monitor. These will then form part of the Referee's Report in accordance with Rule 1.6, Rules of Control, T.O. 2023 Cuid II, but any errors or omissions in respect of this shall not invalidate the Report as a whole.

27. Referee:

- The Referee has the authority during the game to send any person in repeated breach of these Regulation to the stand/outside the pitch enclosure and such person cannot be replaced.

28. Cathaoirleach:

- Game and ground regulations apply to all players and officials and adherence to the regulations is the responsibility of the Club Chairperson.
  - In their absence, the responsibility will pass to the Rúnaí/Nominated person.
  - The Bainisteoir also shares the responsibility of ensuring the games regulations are respected by players and team management. Side-line privileges may be removed for any breaches by players and members of team management as deemed appropriate by CCC.

29. Penalties for breaches of Ground/Pitch/Game Regulations shall be at the discretion of CCC. These may include warnings, fines, the withdrawal of side-line privileges for individuals or the suspension of individuals as considered appropriate.

30. The minimum fine for breaches of these Regulations or Clár an Lae will be £100 (for each reported breach).

31. All Fines will be invoiced to the Club and must be paid before a clubs next championship game or within one month of invoice date, whichever is soonest. **Fines will be in addition to any penalties imposed as per An Treoraí Oifigiuil.**

