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Derry CCC want to ensure smooth running of their Championship Competitions and rely on you our 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.

1. Playing Panels:

- a. Club Secretaries shall submit to the Communications Officer at least 24 hours in advance of throw-in the playing panel (1-30 as appropriate) for all adult games for release on social media prior to the game. These will not be shared with opposition teams or media and will be published no earlier than 1 hour before throw-in for each fixture. Note: Starting 15 is not required to be shared, just the panel.
- b. For all Adult and Underage games played in Celtic Park or Owenbeg, and all underage finals played in neutral venues, clubs will provide their starting 15 and subs for PA and Press Purposes. This must be handed into the control room not later than one hour before your game throws in. This list **will not** be circulated to your opposition and is **in addition** to your team sheets for the referee.

2. Senior Results & Scorers:

- a. Club secretaries / PRO's shall submit a list of their scorers for all adult championship games within 24 hours of a game being completed using the link which was in use during the Club Leagues. This information is not needed for reserve competitions.
Link to form: [Submit Scorers Here](#)

3. Derry TV will video all senior knockout championship games and all adult games played in Owenbeg or Celtic Park.

4. ClubGameXchange

Derry GAA will provide a sharing platform for ClubGameXchange. The details will be circulated to clubs when the logistics have been finalised. Only clubs who sign up will have access to all the footage.

5. Permission will automatically be granted to clubs to video their Round Robin games at their home venue.

If a club is not videoing their home game they must inform their opposition and give them the opportunity to video the game. Clubs must share all video with their opposition.

6. Derry will **not** be videoing any underage championship games. Clubs may, on agreement of both parties, video their championship games including finals, providing approval has been given and **the GAA guidance on videoing games is adhered to.**

7. 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.

8. 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).**

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. Underage championship:

- a. 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 prior to competition commencing.
- b. 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 3.6 Derry Competition Regulations.
- c. At underage level any player who plays 'A' knockout championship becomes ineligible for B championship. A club with an A and a B team must provide the names of 13 'A' players who cannot play B championship. This must be submitted on request and before commencement of championship.

12. Adult Championship:

- a. The **Relegation stages** of Senior and Intermediate Football will run alongside the knockout stages of championship.
- b. **Reserve Football Championship Eligibility**
 - i. A reserve player may play senior football in group games if applicable but becomes ineligible for Reserve Championship if he plays at any stage of Senior Knockout Championship.
- c. **Reserve Hurling Championship Eligibility:**
 - i. Any player who starts in all 3 group games is ineligible for reserve hurling.
 - ii. Any player who plays in the Knockout stages of Senior Hurling Championship becomes ineligible for Reserve Hurling Championship.
- d. **Recreational Reserve Championship Eligibility:**
 - i. No player listed in the 25 Senior & Reserve Panel is eligible to play in Recreational Reserve Championship.
 - ii. Additionally, once a player plays any Senior (including group stages) or Reserve Knockout Championship, he becomes ineligible for Recreational Reserve.

13. Pitch Regulations

a. Players

- i. 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. Substitutes must remain in the dugout or vicinity and must not impede/interfere with the side-line official.
- ii. 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.
- iii. A substitution may only be made during a break in play, after the substitute has given a substitution slip to the sideline official.
- iv. The linesman or 4th Official shall authorize and control the entry of a substitute on to the field of play.

b. Officials

- i. A maximum of five (football) & seven (hurling) team officials in total shall be allowed within the pitch enclosure or designated area.
- ii. All **must** wear distinctive tops or bibs with their designated role clearly written on the back.
- iii. 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.
 - 2x Maor Caman(Hurling) who may only enter the field with a replacement hurley when necessary (one on opposite 45's)
 - 1x Club Official (remains seated with subs and is responsible for sub slips)
 - Only the Bainisteoir, Selector and One Medic may stand outside the dugout area.

14. The Bainisteoir

- a. The Bainisteoir shall wear a designated distinctive top and is not permitted to enter the field of play.
 - i. Only the Bainisteoir move along the side-lines between the 65m line and the 20m line on their respective ends.
- b. The Bainisteoir may not act in any other capacity.
 - i. If not wearing the official bib, the Bainisteoir's top must not clash with the main colour of either team.

15. Medical Personnel:

- i. Only designated medical personnel are permitted to enter the playing area to attend to injured players and **ONLY** with permission of the referee.

16. Match Officials Dressing Room:

- a. Players and team officials shall not enter the Match Officials Dressing Room without permission. Any breaches will be dealt with under Rial 7.2 T.O.

17. Penalties for Breaches of Regulation

- a. **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. 2025 Cuid II, but any errors or omissions in respect of this shall not invalidate the Report as a whole.
- b. 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.
- c. **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.
- d. 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.
- e. The minimum fine for breaches of these Regulations or Clár an Lae will be £100 (for each reported breach).
- f. All Fines will be invoiced to the Club and must be paid before a club's next championship game or within one month of the invoice date, whichever is soonest. **Fines will be in addition to any penalties imposed as per An Treoraí Oifigiúil.**