

### **HEC LGFA League Rules 2021-22 Academic Year.**

1. For Group games, it is the responsibility of the Home team to supply and pay the match fee for the referee. The referee should be a qualified LGFA referee. Match fee is €40, mileage 30c a km (referee only), umpires €15 each.
2. All other games including knockout games, halfway venue games, the HEC will appoint and the referee and pay match fee as above.
3. If a team cannot field due to a Covid-19 outbreak during the group stages or league semi-final, the game will be classified as a walkover to the opposition team.
4. If a team cannot field due to a Covid-19 outbreak for a final, the final will be re-fixed for a time prior to the commencement of the HEC Championships. If this is not possible, then the game will be awarded as a walkover to the opposition team.
5. Both League Finalists across all divisions will gain promotion (except Division 1). There will be two relegation playoffs in all divisions (except Division 7). In Divisions 3, 4, 5 & 6 the relegation playoffs are as follows: 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Group A v 4<sup>th</sup> place in Group B and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Group B v 4<sup>th</sup> place in Group A. In the Division 1&2 combo, the relegation play offs will be made up of the four losing quarter finalists for each division respectively. The relegation playoffs will be as follows: Loser of Q1 v Loser of Q3, and Loser of Q2 v Loser of Q4.
6. All League Finalists will be seeded by the HEC for their respective championships.
7. If a team gives a walk over then they are automatically ranked lower than teams on the same points
8. If two teams are level on points then the head-to-head result decides table placing.  
  
If the game was a draw, then score difference in the game involving the next highest rank team above the two teams on equal points decides the table placing. If the two teams are tied for first place, then, it is the score difference with the 3rd placed team that decides table ranking.
9. If 3 teams are level on points then score difference in the games between these 3 teams decides table placing. If one of these 3 teams has given a walkover, then they are automatically ranked lowest of the 3 teams in the table. The table placing of the remaining 2 teams shall then be decided on their head-to-head results as stated in point 8.
10. The All-Ireland League and Championship fixtures will be set by the HEC and each college must play the named opposition on the date and time set, unless both colleges agree and notify the HEC Secretary of change of date and time. This re-arranged fixture must be cleared by the Secretary. In the event of the HOME teams pitch being unplayable/closed the fixture will be played at the AWAY team's venue. In the case of both pitches being unplayable the HEC may assign a venue. If games are not played, and one college is clearly at fault then the offending college will be fined €250 and the opposing college will be awarded the match. If both colleges



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are clearly at fault both Colleges will be fined €250 and both teams will be excluded from the remainder of the competition.

11. Walkovers - Colleges giving walkovers will be fined €200 each time.
12. Any team that receives a walkover, shall be awarded a win with a +5 score difference.
13. There are unlimited subs allowed in the group stages of the league. Knockout stages, teams are permitted to have 5 subs.
14. In Division 6 and 7, teams may play 13- a-side, only if one or both colleges have 17 players or less available to play at the pitch.
15. All knockout games are played to a winner on the night. Extra time (10 minutes per half) and penalties (goals only, best of 5, players who are on the pitch at the final whistle of extra time are only allowed take a penalty. Sudden death if necessary) if required.