

## 2023 TG4 Championship Regulations

1. In group stages 3pts for a win and 1pt for a draw
2. No extra time in group stages
3. Games against any team that gave a walkover during the group stages are disregarded in score difference
4. A walkover will incur a fine of €1,500 in all grades and at all stages
5. Regulations for Group Stages

If teams finish on equal points in the Group Stages, the final placings shall be decided by the following means and in the order specified:

**(i) Where two teams only are involved, the placing will be determined as follows and in the specified order:**

- a. The outcome of the head-to-head game between the two teams concerned will determine the placings.
- b. Should the head-to-head match between the two teams concerned have finished in a draw the team that finishes in the higher position will be the team that registered the highest number of points i.e. scores converted over the bar, in that head to head match.
- c. Should the teams remain equal at this point the team that finishes in the higher position will be the team with the highest score difference throughout the Championship i.e. score remaining when all scores for team throughout the Championship are added together (points will have a value of one whilst goals will have a value of three) and all scores conceded are subtracted from that number. Games against any team that gave a walkover during the Championship are disregarded in score difference.
- d. Should the teams remain equal at this point the team that finishes in the higher position will be the team with the lowest number of goals conceded throughout the Championship

**(ii) Where more than two teams are level on points the following shall apply:**

- a. The placing will be decided by score difference i.e. score remaining when all scores for team **throughout the Championship** are added together (points will have a value of one whilst goals will have a value of three points) and all scores conceded are subtracted from that number.
- b. Should the score difference between the three teams concerned have finished the same the team that finishes in the higher position will be the team that **registered the highest number of points** i.e. scores converted over the bar, this will determine the overall table placings; e.g. (1st, 2nd, 3rd 4th)

- c. If Teams are still level on points scored, as per point (b), then the team that finishes in the higher position will be the team **that registered the highest number of points and goals** i.e. scores converted over the bar equals 1 point, goals equals 3 points, this will determine the overall table placings; e.g. (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th)
  - d. If two teams are still level after the above, their head-to-head will come into effect.
  - e. Should the head-to-head match between the two teams concerned have finished in a draw, then the team that finishes in the higher position will be the team with the lowest number of goals conceded throughout the Championship
6. TG4 Championship fixtures are set as per the 2023 Master Fixture Plan. However, a fixture may be moved to the Saturday/Sunday once both counties are in agreement and notify Andrew Cunningham ([andrew.cunningham@lgfa.ie](mailto:andrew.cunningham@lgfa.ie)) at least 5 days in advance of the fixture.
7. The Home County must confirm the venue with Andrew Cunningham ([andrew.cunningham@lgfa.ie](mailto:andrew.cunningham@lgfa.ie)) no later than Monday at 10 a.m. the week of the game. If a suitable venue cannot be secured by the Home County by the Wednesday at 12 p.m., the game will move to the Away County.
8. Result on the day for all Relegation Play offs, Quarter-finals and Semi-Finals (Rule 354). Rule 356 will apply where one period of Extra Time will be played followed by a point shoot-out from 25 metres if necessary.
9. Relegation play offs dates are confirmed as per the 2023 Master Fixture Plan

### Ground/Match Regulations

10. Central Council are responsible for the payment of referees, €40 fee per Referee and 0.40c per Km as per Rule 457.
11. Both counties must provide an accurate team list to Andrew Cunningham [andrew.cunningham@lgfa.ie](mailto:andrew.cunningham@lgfa.ie) in Head office by the Tuesday (10 a.m.) of the week of the game at the latest.

Please note Rule 327 applies in relation to panel size:

A team shall consist of 15 players. A panel of 30 players and a maximum of 10 officials are allowed for inter-county teams.

*Only those players named on the Official Panel list (30 players) shall be allowed to the controlled zone. The controlled zone is defined as the dressing room and pitch-side area. All team officials and substitutes must sit in the designated areas identified and must leave the field of play 3 minutes before the throw-in to go to the appropriate designated areas.*

**On the side-line:** only the Manager, Maor Foirne, Physio and Doctor are permitted.

**Sub Slips:** Designated person to write out sub slip and the player to give directly to the referee if no 4<sup>th</sup> official is appointed to the game.

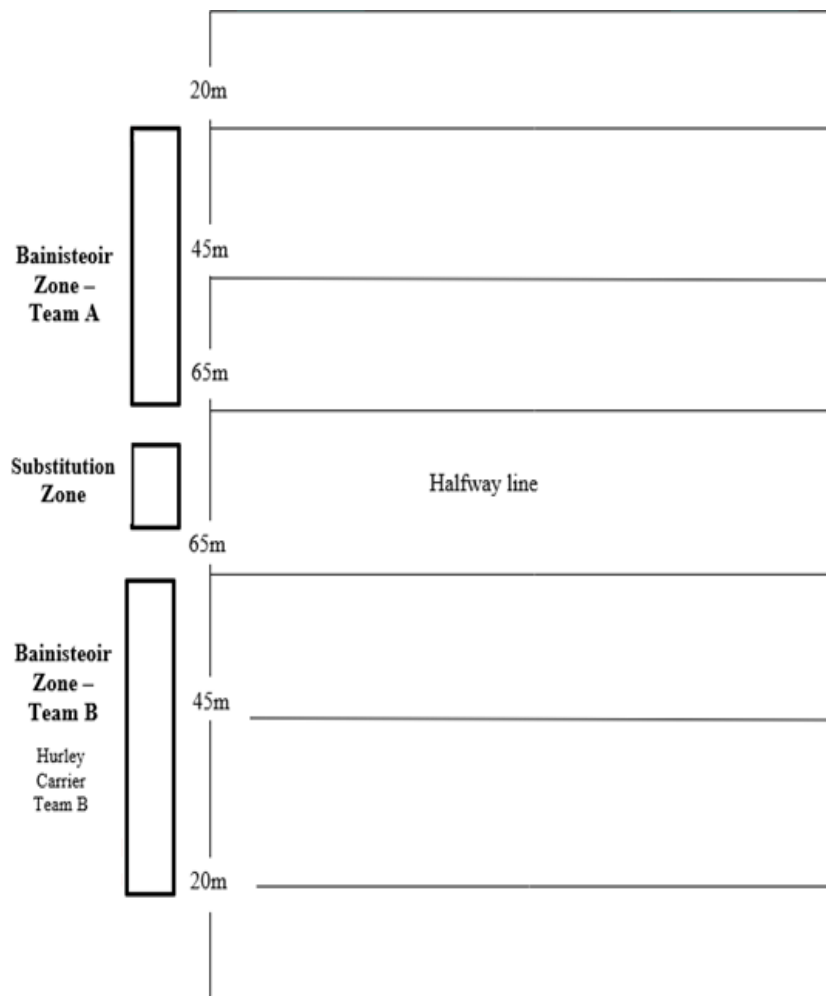
12. There shall be two designated areas for team personnel and officials:

- Management zone in which seats for the Bainisteoir, Maor Foirne, a Physio and a Doctor should be provided (see pitch layout below);
- A seated area for substitutes and all other permitted team officials.

Seating for medics must ensure uninhibited access to the playing area at all times. Medics may sit together in the designated area for substitutes, or one medic may be positioned in the Management zone.

- 13.** Players shall be numbered in accordance with the official list forwarded and from 1 to 30 as per Rule 319. An exception will be made only in the case of a valid withdrawal. Such withdrawal shall be notified in advance of the commencement of the game to the referee or for the final stages to the Committee in Charge 30 minutes before game.
- 14.** The inclusion of A.N. Other is not permitted as per Rule 320.
- 15.** Ball Girls/Boys mascots are not permitted.
- 16.** All TG4 Championship games will be streamed by the LGFA with the exception of the live broadcast games.
- 17.** Accreditation Requests  
Any media (local or national) who wish to cover a Championship game must apply directly to Jackie Cahill ([jackie.cahill@lgfa.ie](mailto:jackie.cahill@lgfa.ie)) before the Wednesday the week of the game. Only approved media will be permitted to attend the game.

## Pitch Layout



## Game Regulations

### 18. Match Officials

- The Referee is in overall charge of Game Regulations and shall delegate authority to the linespeople & fourth official if in place; s/he shall include the fourth official report(s) with their match report as appropriate.
- The Referee has the authority during the game to send any person in repeated breach of these regulations to the stand/outside the pitch enclosure and such person cannot be replaced.

### 19. Bainisteoir

- The Bainisteoir shall wear a designated distinctive top and is not permitted to enter the field of play. S/he may move along the sideline from the 65m line to the 20m line as per the "Pitch Layout" on Page 4 of these Regulations.
- The Bainisteoir may not act in any other capacity (e.g. as Maor Foirne, etc.).
- The Bainisteoir also shares the responsibility of ensuring the Games Regulations are respected by players and members of team management and can have their sideline privileges removed for any breaches by players and members of team management.

- The Bainisteoir is not permitted to enter the field of play unless to attend to an injured player with the team medic/physio.
- In the case of joint managers, only one is permitted to move along sideline at any time.

## 20. Maor Foirne

- The Maor Foirne (who must be a Selector/Coach) must wear an official approved bib and may enter the field of play *only through the area in front of the team's designated area, and only when the ball has gone out of play following a score, wide or during a break in play.*

### A Break in Play

*A break in play is when the ball has gone out of play following a score or a wide or a stoppage in play called by the Referee for medical attention to an injured player. The taking of a free and/or sideline kick does not constitute as a break in play*

- They shall exit the field at the nearest point and return to her/his designated area without interfering with play or opposition personnel.
- The role of the Maor Foirne is to deliver messages to players on their team and any disruption to the playing of the game, challenging the authority of the match officials, interference with opposing players, entry onto the field of play not at a time as listed above or breach of match regulations shall result in their removal from the pitch enclosure and they cannot be replaced for the remainder of the game, included Extra Time.
- The Maor Foirne must not be a listed member of the team panel
- The Maor Foirne may not act as a Water Carrier.

## 21. Selectors

- Selectors must sit in their designated area in the stand. Only the Bainisteoir, Maor Foirne and Medic are permitted access to the sideline when the game has commenced.
- Selectors may not act as Water Carriers and do not wear bibs.

## 22. Team Officials

Team Officials are not permitted to:

- Remain on the opposite side of pitch to the dugouts
- Interfere with play
- Remain behind the goal area
- Engage in any behaviour which is deemed by the Committee in Charge to interfere with the control of the game by Referee, Linespersons, Umpires and Fourth Official.

## 23. Medics

- A maximum of two (2) Medical personnel shall be identified on the Officials list and shall sit in the areas designated in Ground Regulations; they shall wear clear identification which must not clash with the playing jerseys of either team and may only enter the field of play to attend to an injured player(s) on the instruction of the referee.
- When not attending to injured players, the Medical Personnel shall remain seated in the designated area on the sideline.
- Selectors/Coaches cannot act as a medic person, without advance approval from Central Council

- Medical personnel while performing their duties are required to wear PPE.
- The Referee is advised to delegate authority to the Linesperson to assist him/her in the event of an emergency i.e. serious injury on the field of play.
- Ambulance cover will be provided by the LGFA for all Championship games.

#### **24. Water Carriers**

**Four** Water Carriers are permitted per Team and must **not** be under 16 years of age. They must be **female**. Water girls must **not** be members of the management team or substitutes. The girls/women should be confident and capable and know exactly what their role on the day is.

***Water Carriers may only enter the field of play during a break in play.***

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Water Carriers must wear distinctive bibs (**supplied by the County Committee**) with the words 'MAOR UISCE' in clear large letters and numbered 1, 2, 3, or 4.

#### **25. Substitutes**

- Substitutes are not allowed a kick around at half-time.
- A maximum of three substitutes wearing designated distinctive tops/bibs and without a football(s) may warm up on the sidelines at any one time on their designated half of the field.

#### **26. Media Interviews**

- Any Provincial/County Committee Official or Players who make derogatory comments in relation to Games Officials before, during or after a game in interviews may be dealt with under the CODA Rules.
- Team Official(s) or Designated Person(s) (as per the list supplied to Andrew Cunningham prior to the game) may be subject to the withdrawal of sideline privileges for future games

#### **27. Distinctive Tops**

- If not wearing the official bib, the distinctive tops as listed above in relation to the Bainisteoir, shall not clash with the main colour of either team.

#### **28. Matters not provided for**

- Matters not specifically provided for in these regulations shall be dealt with by the referee and the team of officials on the day, and then by Central Council when reported via the Referee or designated official.

### **Penalties**

- 29.** Penalties for breaches of Ground/Pitch/Game Regulations shall be at the discretion of the Management Committee. These may include warnings, fines, the withdrawal of sideline privileges for individuals as outlined in these regulations or suspension of individuals as considered appropriate.

30. The **Referee** has the authority during the game to send any person in repeated breach of these Regulations to the stand/outside the pitch enclosure and such person cannot be replaced.
31. The Bainisteoir shares the responsibility of ensuring the Games Regulations are respected by players and members of team management and can have their sideline privileges removed for any breaches by players and members of team management as deemed appropriate by Committee-in-Charge.
32. Maximum fines for breaches of Ground/Pitch/Game Regulations and Clár an Lae:  
**High €700; Medium €500; Low €300** (for each reported breach).
33. Where Maor Foirne privileges have been withdrawn, a replacement may not be permitted; where an individual Maor Foirne is suspended. However, a replacement is permitted to perform this role.
34. Where Bainisteoir sideline privileges have been withdrawn for the next or subsequent games, the Bainisteoir will be confined to a designated area as decided on by the Management Committee.
35. The frequency and gravity of reported breaches in each game shall be taken into account by the Committee-in-Charge and may lead to next match penalties.
36. The misconduct of any Team Official shall be dealt with as per CODA Rules.
37. Individuals reported for unauthorised entry on to the field of play may be dealt with under CODA Rules.

### **Player and Team Officials**

38. **Compression Garments**
  - Players can wear compression tops once in same colour as county colours e.g. Cork are red and white so could be red or white.
  - Players cannot wear compression shorts or leggings that show below shorts
  - Compression tops cannot contain any sponsors name on sleeve unless it is the logo of:
    - (a) The current sponsor as per the County jersey
    - (b) The LGFA licensee,
    - (c) LGFA
    - (d) The county name/crest