

HEC LGFA League Rules 2023-24 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 50c a km (referee only), umpires €15 each.
2. All other games including knockout games and 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. All League Finalists will be seeded by the HEC for their respective championships.
6. If a team gives a walk over then they are automatically ranked lower than teams that finish level on the same points total as them.
7. 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.
8. 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 during the group stages, 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 7.
9. The All-Ireland League and Championship fixtures will be set by the HEC LGFA and each college must play the named opposition on the date and time set, unless both colleges agree and notify the HEC Secretary of a change of the 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 €350 and the opposing college will be awarded the match. If both colleges are clearly at fault both Colleges will be fined €350 and both teams will be excluded from the remainder of the competition.
10. Walkovers - Colleges giving walkovers will be fined €350 each time.
11. Any team that receives a walkover, shall be awarded a win with a +5 score difference.

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12. There are unlimited subs allowed in the group stages of the league. Knockout stages, teams are permitted to have 5 subs.
13. 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.
14. In Division 8, teams may play 11-a-side.
15. All knockout games are played to a winner on the night. Extra time (10 minutes per half). If still level, free kicks as per national rule. Where a shoot-out takes place after one Period of Extra Time it shall take place from 25 metres, between the two posts, where indicated by the referee. Each team shall take 5 kicks at point scoring. If the scores are still tied after each team has taken their 5 kicks, sudden death procedure shall follow, using different players within the panel of players, until such time as there is a winner. Only players who are remaining on the field of play at the end of Extra Time are eligible to take the kicks. Where a player is Sin Binned or Sent Off the field before the end of Extra Time, that player cannot take part in the shoot-out. The ball must go directly over the crossbar, off the crossbar and over, or off the uprights and over the crossbar, to be counted as a point. A ball that hops in front of the goal and goes over the bar shall not be counted as a point. Any player that crosses the 25m mark while kicking for a point shall have her score disallowed. LGFA Playing Rules 2023 15 The referee shall add the points scored by both teams in the shoot-out to the scores at the end of Extra Time in reporting the final score.