



GALWAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE COMPETITION RULES (CR)



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CR 1: JURISDICTION

1.1 All rules in this book are applicable solely to matches and competitions played under the jurisdiction of the GFL and shall be subject to annual review and alteration by the GFL or designated sub-committee.

1.2 The GFL Committee, standing committees or its sub-committee/s shall have the power to deal with any situation, event or circumstances which arise and is not specifically covered within these rules.

1.3 All clubs playing in GFL completions must pay an annual affiliation fee and such fee must be paid in full by 3 equal instalments in Oct, Nov ,and December. Any club in breach of this rule is liable to be denied any further fixtures.

CR 2: PLAYERS

2.1 For Any player who falls under the following categories to be deemed eligible to play in any competition under the jurisdiction of Galway Football League, an acknowledged email must be sent to registration@galwayfa.ie outlining the listed category of the player complete with the team onto which the club intends to submit the player having never been previously approved to play for said club in a GFL competition in the previous season.

- a) A player who has received Senior International honours (amateur honours excluded).
- b) A player who has, in the current or season prior, played more than five games in any Football League of Ireland competitions, in leagues of similar status, in other associations or has been re-graded for his Club by his Association.
- C) A player who has played 5 matches or more in the Leinster Senior League, the Munster Senior League, the Ulster Senior League, and/or a League of similar to higher status.
- d) Any player who has been approved for a transfer to the club from a club competes in competitions organised by another league.

2.2 Where a player who falls under any category listed in CR 2.1 and the club has not received an acknowledged email from registration@galwayfa.ie prior to the clubs submission to a GFL competition team, the player will be deemed ineligible.

CR 3: DIVISIONAL STRUCTURES

3.1 The Competitions Committee will form teams into divisions for each age group on the basis of approved applications received from clubs in membership of the League at the start of each season as follows.

- a) U8, U9, U10 & U11 will be non- competitive football.
- b) U12 will be a 9-a-side competitive format.
- c) U13,U14,U15, U16, Youth and upwards will be 11-a-side competitive format.

3.2 In all age groups and formats, teams shall be promoted or demoted prior to the start of any new season, as far as possible on their ranking from the previous season's league competition or play-off.

3.3 Teams shall be ranked in accordance with all relevant information available to the competitions committee in supplement to any information provided by the Club.

3.4 Divisions for teams will be formed by the Competitions Committee in a manner to ensure competitive divisions and that permits a suitable fixture schedule. This may involve moving teams to accommodate a change in division sizes.

3.5 Member clubs will have 48 hours (2 days) from the date of division publication on the GFL website to withdraw without penalty if they are not satisfied with the placement.

3.6 Players registered in the any graded panel/team within the club, shall also be allowed to play in any Reserve League created.

3.7 The Competitions Committee will aim to create divisions with even numbers of teams.

3.8 At Juvenile level Divisions will primarily be two rounds with home and away fixtures if there are Eight or less teams in a division. With Nine teams or more it will be a one round league. The Competitions Committee has the power to create single round divisions, or other formats in a manner to ensure competitive divisions and in a manner that permits a suitable fixture schedule.

3.9 For Junior level, Divisions will comprise of Ten teams where possible. At Junior level if any division has 13 or more teams these divisions will be one round leagues.

3.10 For the 2025/2025 season, two teams will be promoted and two teams will be relegated from each Division where it is possible. In Divisions with seven or less teams, one team will be promoted and one relegated. However, when two teams from the same club may end up in the same division the competition committee will decide on the outcome as two teams from the same club cannot play in the same division.

3.11 For the 2025/2025 season only one team will be relegated from the Brod Trill Premier Division, two teams will be promoted from the Art Friel Mens Championship.



CR 4: CLUB COLOURS

4.1 Every club must register its club colours with the league who can decide as to their suitability.

4.2 All matches in GFL Competitions will comply with Law 4 of the IFAB Laws of the game.

4.3 In the event of two teams having the same colours, the home team must change.

4.4 Where there is a clash of colours in a final, the 1st named team on fixture schedule will be the ones to change kit.

4.5 All jerseys must be numbered in correspondence to the match card. Each team must have a set of matching shorts and socks in all competitive matches.

4.6 As per the Principles of IFAB Law 4, the GFL must approve advertising used on all equipment (including clothing) worn by players, substitutes, substituted players, and team officials and will be approved subject to compliance with all IFAB Laws, GFL Rules or governing body rules.

CR 5: FIXTURE SCHEDULING

5.1 The GFL Committee will appoint a Competitions Committee before the first match is played.

5.2 The Competitions Committee will be responsible for the creation and operation of all Galway football competitions in line with the Terms of Reference set out by the GFL Committee and the governance rules of the GFL.

5.3 The Competitions Committee will set the default day and time for each division at the start of the season.

5.4 The Competitions Committee can at their discretion order teams to play on mornings or evenings, midweek and on bank holidays.

5.5 In the event that the Competitions Committee wishes to set an underage match for midweek, a minimum of 7 days calendar notice will be provided.

5.6 Fixtures will be published on the GFL website. This will be official notification of matches to all clubs.

5.7 All results must be notified by app before 5.30.pm. each Saturday and Sunday evening, or midnight on the day of the match for midweek fixtures. Failure to comply with the above will result in a fine of €10 for each match. A maximum score difference of 5 goals to be applied e.g. 6-1 / 2-7 .

5.8 The Competitions Committee must supply two months of fixtures and a schedule of all cup competition dates to each club. The Competitions Committee has the power to alter the fixtures if a justification is provided to the affected teams.

5.9 Clubs must receive the league calendar no later than 7 days prior to the commencement of each league. Any fixture dates provided are provisional and subject to change by the Competitions Committee.

5.10 If fixtures are changed after initial publication, a note will be added to the fixture on the GFL website to state this.

5.11 All cup draws will be planned out and published before Round 1 so that clubs can see a pathway to the final.

5.12 For U16/U17/U18 Boys and Girls local competitions (League & Cup) fixtures committee will strive to complete on or before April 30th. Matches may be permitted beyond this date due to circumstances outside of the control of the Competitions Committee.

5.13 Prior to publication of leagues, clubs may request kick off time for home domestic fixtures to suit home facilities. The Competitions Committee will inform all relevant clubs involved in the competitions. If the requested has been granted, Any club involved with fixtures that has an objection to the kick off times advised, must inform the Competitions Committee via electronic mail within 7 days of notice issuing. The Competitions Committee then will revert the home fixture concerned to the default kick-off determined by the Competitions Committee at season outset.

5.14 Domestic league fixtures for schoolboys/girls and youth will be set so that odd age groups are on an alternate weekend to the even age groups. Matches may be scheduled out of sequence but were deemed necessary by the Competitions Committee.

5.15 The Competitions Committee have the power to alter the scheduled opponent in divisional fixtures to ensure competitive divisions and in a manner that permits a suitable fixture schedule. The alterations would typically be due to the rescheduling of postponed/ abandoned games.

5.16 The Competitions Committee has the power to alter kick-off times due to match official and venue availability. 7 calendar days' notice must be provided to impacted teams if greater than 2 hours from original kick-off time.



CR 6: GROUNDS

6.1 Before the commencement of each season the Committee shall review the playing pitch & changing facilities at the home venue of each club to decide on its suitability. In the interest of Child Safety & Protection a club will lose home advantage for each game that it cannot provide adequate changing facilities.

CR7: UNAUTHORISED FIXTURES

7.1 No club or player shall be entitled to play any match (Other than fixtures organized by the CFA or FAI) outside the GFL without getting the consent of the Committee in writing.

7.2 The application must be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary of the GFL.

7.3 Challenge games are exempt from this rule.

CR8: POSTPONEMENTS / CANCELLATIONS

8.1 A cancellation is any game cancelled by the Competitions Committee that will not be rescheduled.

8.2 Regarding bereavements, postponements may be granted for the death of an immediate family member of a registered club officer or player at the discretion of the Competitions Committee. Postponements may not be granted a day after the burial service has taken place; one minute's silence may be observed as a mark of respect.

8.3 The Competitions Committee has the power to postpone and/or cancel fixtures.

8.4 Application for fixture reschedule must be made to the Competitions Committee at least 7 calendar days prior to the date of the fixture and the new date and scheduled time that has been agreed with the opposition. No verbal applications will be considered. The Competitions Committee has the power to grant or deny any such request. All rescheduled games must be completed within 21 days of original date and time.

8.5 In the event of a major tragedy or similar occurrence in a particular area, the Competitions Committee may exercise its discretion to cancel/postpone a fixture if the tragedy affects a registered Club in that area.

8.6 Games that are postponed may be re-fixed by the Competitions Committee midweek or in place of other scheduled fixtures if this is in the best interest of competition integrity.

8.7 Games that are postponed may be re-fixed by the Competitions Committee at a neutral venue. Cost of the venue hire may be charged to the club that caused the postponement.

8.8 In cases where external (FAI, SFAI, CFA) matches are scheduled on the same day/weekend as GFL fixtures, the GFL fixture will only be rescheduled if it is at the same age group and level as the external match, with the exception of Quarter Finals onwards.

8.9 When a blanket call off is issued by the league for grass and/or synthetic surface facilities, and a domestic fixture is postponed, home advantage will not be lost. Fixtures that are scheduled for Astro at the time of the blanket call are exempt if specifically stated by the GFL.

8.10 When a domestic fixture is postponed due to facility unavailability, daylight, weather or unplayable pitch condition, home advantage is lost.

8.11 The original home team is responsible for the match official postponement fee (if applicable) and match official fee on the day of the rescheduled match, with exception of rule 8.9.

8.12 In the event of an Orange or Red Weather warning from Met Eireann, ALL local league and cup games will be postponed for the duration of the warning, home advantage will not be lost

For a Yellow warning, games will proceed unless otherwise notified.



CR 9: FAILURE TO FULFILL A FIXTURE

9.1 Any Junior club team failing to fulfil a competitive divisional GFL fixture shall be fined €200 for the 1st game and lose the game 3-0 , €400 for the second game and lose the game 3-0 and be automatically relegated to division below. All previous/remaining games will be recorded as a 3-0 win to the opposition. This may be deemed a withdrawal in accordance CR11.2.

9.2 Any Juvenile team that fails to fulfil three fixtures in the same competition shall be fined €150 for the first game, €200 for the second game and €250 for the third game, lose the games 3-0, and be automatically relegated to division below . All previous/remaining games will be recorded as a 3-0 win to the opposition. This may be deemed a withdrawal in accordance CR11.2.

9.3 Any club team failing to fulfil a competitive cup fixture shall be fined €150 at Juvenile level & €250 at Junior level, lose the game, and therefore be eliminated from that specific cup

CR 10: ABANDONED GAMES

10.1 In the case of an abandoned tie, after examining the referee's report the Competitions Committee shall decide on the matter.

10.2 The Competitions Committee will review all abandoned games individually. All parties must submit a report within 48 hours of the time of abandonment. Clubs must submit any reports through their Club Secretaries. These reports may form part of the Competitions Committee review and may be used in Disciplinary proceedings.

10.3 If an abandoned match is due to be rescheduled, it may be re-fixed for the opponents venue subject to review by the Competitions Committee.

10.4 In cases where it is to the advantage of the competition and no injustice is done to either team, the Competitions Committee are empowered to order the score at the time of the abandonment to be recorded as the final result.



CR 11: WITHDRAWALS

11.1 Any club or team that withdraws after first fixtures are published from a GFL competition before the first match in that competition is played will still be invoiced for affiliation and will be fined an additional €250 per withdrawn team.

11.2 Any club withdrawing a team from the GFL competition after the first game in the division has been played, shall be deemed guilty of misconduct and bringing the game into disrepute. The team will be fined €500.

11.3 If any club with multiple teams at one age group decide to withdraw a team, the lowest divisional team will be removed by the competitions committee.



CR 12: PERMISSION TO PLAY ON GFL REGISTERED GROUNDS.

12.1 Any Club wishing to play a home fixture on any other venue other than home facility set out on affiliation sheet, must request this from the Competitions Committee and receive approval prior to fixture date.

12.2 If more than one club apply for the use of the ground on the same date the first applicant has the choice of time.

12.3 The Competitions Committee shall decide ground rent on use of EDP.

CR 13: PROTESTS

13.1 All protests must be received by the Honorary Secretary per registered post or electronic mail within 4 days (Sundays and Bank Holidays excluded) after the cause of the protest.

13.2 The protest must be accompanied by a deposit of €200 which shall be refunded in the event of the protest being upheld.

13.3 This €200 shall be forfeited in all cases where the protest has been rejected or withdrawn.

13.4 An exact copy of such a protest must be sent by registered post or electronic mail to the club, league, or association protested against within the same period.

13.5 A period of 4 days after receipt of the protest shall be afforded to the body protested against to lodge a counter protest in accordance with the same regulations that apply to the protest. Personal hearings may be requested and granted provided all expenses involved are paid for by the club concerned.

13.6 At the end of a game a club shall be at liberty to obtain the signature and date of birth of any substitute who as introduced to the game after the half-time interval. All such signatures and dates of birth shall form the basis of any protest and be produced at any subsequent protest hearing.

13.7 Any team's refusal to accede to such a request will be regarded as an effort to conceal an irregularity in registration and/or overage, and will be a breach of this rule.

13.8 Clubs may search the team registration document for an opposition team as per CR15.7.

13.9 Protests can only be lodged and dealt with by the GFL where they emanate from a game played by the protesting club against their opponents. No third-party protests will be dealt with by the GFL.

CR 14: RIGHT OF APPEAL

14.1 Any official, club, player or member of a club dissatisfied with a decision of the league has the right to appeal to the Connacht Football Association, the SFAI, and/or the FAI.

14.2 Any such appeal must be forwarded to the Honorary Secretary of the aforementioned bodies in writing by registered post, and bearing a postmark.

14.3 This appeal in accordance of the rules of the body with which the protest is being made must be accompanied by the appeal fee as per the Appeal Rules of that particular body.

14.4 An exact copy must be forwarded by registered post within the same period to the body against whom the appeal has been lodged.



CR 15: REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

15.1 All players must be registered in the manner prescribed and outlined by the league Committee.

15.2 No player can be submitted on the comet registration system for more than one team at the same age category for one club in the current season with the exception of players transferred under rule CR16.7

15.3 The following registration charge shall be applied to each player assigned to a team sheet by a club to the following teams:

- a) Junior Male/ Female €30.
- b) School Boy/Girl U11 and up €15,
- c) School Boy/Girl U10 and below €10

The charge will apply based on the lowest age group the player is registered in.

The Galway Football League will keep an up to date record of all players registered via FAI Comet.

15.4 Club secretaries from a club affiliated to Galway Football League will be provided by GFL on request and following payment of search fee, a copy of all details contained on team roster used to register any team within its jurisdiction, verified by league registrar, of each document and containing all details excluding DOB of player. If this request is in relation to a potential protest regarding a specific match, the GFL will verify the status on the date of that fixture.

15.5 A search fee of €75 will apply to each team registration status application.

15.6 A club that fields a player in a competition who is not correctly registered, and/or has not been made status "Active" by Galway FA to a given team registered to compete in said competition will lose the game, and be dealt with accordingly by the Committee. The fine for this offence is € 250. This player is therefore considered an illegal player for the purpose of CR15.8.

Where both Teams filed a player under this rule no points will be awarded to either Team.

15.7 Any team playing an illegal player may be eliminated from that competition. If the disclosure of this irregularity is delayed the team can still be eliminated from the competition. If the team won the competition they will have to return the trophy and the other finalists declared the winners. In the event of the irregularity being disclosed too late to eliminate the team, a club found to be guilty will be fined €250.

15.8 A player that plays in a game and is ineligible / over age for that competition shall receive a minimum 3 game ban from the date of the offence and fined €250. Rule CR15.10 will also be applied to the relevant club.

15.9 Any Club that plays a player already suspended will be fined €250 and TeamvManager will be suspended for three months

15.10 Any player that plays who plays while serving a suspension will be covered under the following.

a) Players will be suspended for a period of 3 months with the exception of Players under the age of 16 who will instead be suspended for an additional 3 games along with the original suspension. (The game played will not be deemed as having served the original suspension).

b) Coaches playing a suspended player fall under 15.9.

15.11 Any player already suspended that plays a game will be suspended for a minimum of Three Months from the date of the completion of the original suspension and fined €250.

15.12 A manager or coach who questions the eligibility of a player from another team or suspects a player is over age for a game is not entitled to challenge or speak to the player directly and must request the players details to be included in the match report, the referee will collect the name, date of birth and signature directly from the player in the company of club representative and/or a parent or guardian which will be returned with match card to GFL along with any interference by any club member in collecting of said data.

Any refusal will be deemed to fall under CR 13.7.

15.13 Any team's refusal to accede to such a request will be regarded as an effort to conceal an irregularity in registration and/or overage and will be a breach of this rule. This refusal will result in the player(s) been deemed ineligible and will revert to CR 15.7.



CR 16: TRANSFERS

16.1 A player shall only play for his new club and/or team if the correct process under CR2.1 has been completed and the player has been made status active for new team, prior to Commencement of any fixture

16.2 In the case of inter-club transfers, the rules of the receiving league will apply. A fee equivalent to the registration value of given player as determined at the start of the season by GFL will be invoiced to the player's new club by the treasurer.

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16.4 Clubs wishing to transfer players within their own club panels may submit requests do so between 1st July to 23rd September, and 1st January to 28th January this may only be done following an acknowledged email to registration@galwayfa.ie detailing the player/s the club intends to transfer including team from and to, the acceptance of each request is at the sole discretion of GFL. This rule does not apply to players being added to additional teams within the club where said player has not been added to a team at the same age category within the club in the current season.

16.5 A letter/email of clearance may be requested from the player's previous league outlining any outstanding disciplinary sanctions or monetary commitment to his former league or association.

a) The first Club registration period is from 1st July to 23rd September (where a player registered with a Club is registering with a different club).

b) The second Club registration period is from 1st January to 28th January (where a player registered with a Club is registering with a different club).

16.6 These players can then be added to GFL Competitions subject to competition specific windows set out by FAI. With the exception of Summer Competitions organised by GFL the following applies, players that are not assigned to a Competition may only be assigned to a Competition during the period from 1st July to 31st March (inclusive).

16.7 A club desiring to transfer to a different league at the end of the season must obtain a transfer in accordance with the rules of the body governing Inter League transfers.



CR 17: REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS.

17.1 Any player selected to play in a match arranged by the GFL, C.F.A. /F.A.I./S.F.A.I . who without sufficient cause refuses or fails to play will be deemed guilty of misconduct and subject to a two (league) game ban.

17.2 Players who do not wish to participate in such games must notify their club secretary at the start of each season, who in turn will notify the Honorary Secretary.

17.3 A club that has any players selected for a Match arranged by the League, CFA/FAI/ SFAI will be entitled to request that their game is postponed if that game clashes with the Representative Fixture at the same age group only. The game will only be postponed if the club has one player and/or one coach in the matchday squad. The Competitions Committee will decide on each request on an individual basis.

17.4 Any Representative Coach/Manager found to be approaching players to the advantage of his/her own club will be dismissed immediately and his representative expenses withheld by the GFL.

17.5 The Galway District League enter representative squads in all the Inter League Competitions.



CR 18: INDUCEMENT

18.1 Any Club or Team found guilty of inducing or attempting to induce players from another Club or Clubs outside the normal window will be dealt with severely by the GFL Committee.

18.2 Clubs may not sign more than two players in any given season who have played for any Inter league squad from under 11 to under 16 inclusive whilst being registered to another Club in the previous season

18.3 Clubs are entitled to retain any players from the Inter leagues squads who were registered with that Club in the previous season.

18.4 A list of registered players who have been members of any Inter League squad in the previous season shall be available from the GFL Committee.

18.5 Clubs failing to adhere to this rule shall be fined €1,000 per extra player signed.

CR 19: REFEREES REMUNERATION

19.1 The Competitions Committee shall provide details in advance of the appointed referee for each fixture, and any changes.

19.2 Referees will be paid the agreed fee by the club before the start of each match. Clubs may request a receipt from the referee for such expenses.

19.3 If a referee deems it unsuitable to start the game they must be paid the agreed postponement fee by the home Club.

19.4 The fees that are paid to the referees shall be defined each year by the new GFL Competitions Committee.

19.5 The new GFL representatives will meet with the local referee's representatives to set the fees for the forthcoming season.

19.6 These referees' fees shall be communicated to all clubs before the start of each season and at any other time that may be appropriate.



CR 20: OWNERS OF CUPS AND SHIELDS

20.1 The GFL is the sole owner of all trophies competed for under its jurisdiction.

CR 21: CUPS AND SHIELDS

21.1 The Competitions Committee will create Cup competitions at every age group. They may create a Cup competition for every division.

21.2 All Local trophies must be returned on or before the 28th of January each year to the Galway Football League Office.

21.3 The cost of repairs to any damage to cups will be redeemed from the Club.

21.4 Clubs that do not return a cup, trophy or shield by the 28th January will be fined €50. The sanction will increase to €200 if not returned within 30 days of 28th January.

21.5 Clubs are responsible for the safe keeping of trophies whilst in their possession and all trophies shall be returned when requested and in good condition.

CR 22: SPORTSMANSHIP

22.1 Each club must field its strongest team in all competitions where applicable, age groups covered by the Player Development Plan should be played in accordance with that Plan.



CR 23: COMPETITIONS & MATCHES

23.1 All Galway competitions and matches will be played according to these rules and the FAI Player Development Plan.

23.1 The GFL Committee will appoint a Competitions Committee before the first match of the new season is played.

23.3 The Competitions Committee will operate in line with the Terms of Reference set out by the GFL Committee and the governance rules of the GFL.

23.4 The Competitions Committee shall be responsible for the setting up of, management, and control of all GFL competitions and fixtures and no team or club may alter the fixtures details issued without the consent of the Competitions Committee. This includes any fixture administration duties required by external competition organisers i.e. CFA, FAI.

23.5 Breach of this rule may result in disciplinary action being taken, the level of which shall be at the discretion of the Competitions & Disciplinary Committee.

23.6 Any club intending to organise a competition must seek permission from the Competitions Committee.

23.7 All-weather/synthetic playing surfaces shall be used for Galway Football matches provided these are in complete compliance with, and certified as such, the current FAI standards/codes. This certification shall be available for inspection by the Competitions or GFL Committee on demand.

23.8 All visiting clubs must be notified by home clubs at least 12 hours in advance of the kick off time should there be the possibility that an artificial surface of the required standard and certification will be used. This notification shall include any additional restrictions on footwear. No steel studs are permitted on the all-weather/synthetic surfaces used in all Galway Football matches. Where clubs do not have all-weather/synthetic surface available at the same ground as the original scheduled fixture, application for fixture reschedule must be made to the Competitions Committee with the new date, time and venue that has been agreed with the opposition. No verbal applications will be considered. The Competitions Committee have the power to grant or deny any such request.

23.9 All matches in whichever of its competitions, shall be played according to these rules. The competitions committee may create additional rules for specific competitions providing the specific rules are published to the clubs before the first match in that competition.

23.10 In all Galway Football games inclusive of Girls and Boys U12,U13,14,15,U16,U17,U18 , U21 and Junior Ladies, roll off roll on substitutions are allowed. Teams must notify the match official before making the substitution. The player leaving, must exit the field of play before the new player enters.

a) Clubs shall be responsible for the Following:

b) Ensuring their playing field is marked to required standards, and in accordance with the laws of the game.

Ensuring their goalposts, nets, and corner flags must be of the approved standard.

c) Providing two match footballs in accordance with the IFAB laws of the game and or the FAI Player Development Plan.

d) Adequate First Aid Kit.

e) Spectator control.

f) Technical areas that segregate players and coaching staff from spectators. The preference is for the Technical areas to be on the same side of the field of play.



CR 24: MATCH CARDS/ REFEREES REPORTS

24.1 A total of 7 substitutes may be listed on all GFL Mens Junior referee's card but only 5 may be used.

24.2 In all GFL games inclusive of Girls and Boys U12,U13,14,15,U16,U17,U18 & U21 and Ladies Junior a total of 7 substitutes may be listed and roll off roll on substitutions will be used.

24.3 All referees reports shall be dealt with and clubs may be required to attend at disciplinary hearings at the discretion of the Committee or disciplinary sub-committee.

24.4 Subject to a review of the referee's report, the sanction may be increased by the investigating committee.

CR 25: SUSPENDED CLUBS PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS

25.1 All suspensions of clubs, teams, players, members, or supporters will disqualify them from any involvement with any other Club under the jurisdiction of the Galway Football League.

25.2 All clubs will be notified of any such suspension affecting them, with the exception of automatic suspension. An expulsion automatically incurs an automatic suspension even if imposed in a match that is later abandoned and/or annulled.

25.3 Any player accumulating 5 cautions in a season while playing in GFL completions, will receive a mandatory one match suspension, clubs will be notified of any such suspension.

25.4 In all matches played under the auspices of the Galway Football League an expulsion automatically incurs a one (1) match suspension from the next Domestic Competitive Match (Local league or Cup). A Player and/or Official sent from the field of play and/or technical area shall serve an automatic suspension at the same age/level of football, i.e. A player sent off in a Local Cup game can serve automatic suspension in next league game at same age or level if this is the next scheduled game for the player at the age/level offence took place. The Disciplinary Committee may extend the duration of suspension.

25.5 In all matches played under the auspices of the Galway Football League additional suspension will apply to the next Domestic Competitive Match (Local league or Cup). A Player and/or Official sent from the field of play and/or technical area shall serve suspension at the same age/level of football, i.e. A player sent off in a Local Cup game can serve suspension in next league game at same age or level if this is the next scheduled game for the player at the age/level offence took place.

25.6 Players dismissed in Reserve league are not permitted to serve suspension in Junior league and players dismissed in Junior Divisions cannot serve suspension in Reserve league.

25.7 Clubs are required to take all precautions necessary to prevent spectators threatening or assaulting officials and/or players while in the vicinity of their playing Ground.

25.8 Any officer, committee member, and/or player suspended by the league and wishing to sign or join another club must apply in writing to the league to be reinstated, before being admitted to any other club in that League.

25.9 Referees aged 16 and 17 will wear a clearly visible yellow armband during matches, indicating that they are under 18.

This armband will help raise awareness among all participants and spectators that the referee is a minor. In the unfortunate event that a referee wearing the U18 armband is subjected to abuse, the incident should be reported to the league as per standard procedures. The league will then apply the usual disciplinary measures in line with the league's disciplinary regulations. In addition, if the referee confirms in their report that they were wearing the U18 armband at the time of the offence, an automatic minimum one-game ban will be added to any sanction given to the offender. This aims to provide an extra layer of protection and accountability for young referees.



CR 26: BEHAVIOUR/FINES

26.1 All member clubs are fully responsible at all times for the behaviour and actions of its players, technical staff and supporters.

26.2 Clubs should ensure that their competing teams are on the pitch 10 minutes prior to kick off time.

26.3 No player will be expected to pay any fine imposed under the jurisdiction of the league. All fines for player or adult misconduct shall be imposed against his/her club which shall be responsible for its payment.

26.4 Any fine imposed which is not the subject of an onward appeal must be paid within 14 days of the date of issuing of the notice of that fine.

26.5 Failure to pay fines within this timeframe may result in additional sanctions being imposed.

CR 27: LAWS OF THE GAME

27.1 All matches shall be governed by current IFAB laws of the game.

27.2 Games of a knock-out nature that end in a draw will be decided by playing 10 minutes each half extra time at underage and junior level.

27.3 Where extra time fails to produce a winner the game shall be decided by using IFAB penalty shoot-out rules.

27.4 In all games of a league nature, three points will be awarded for a win, one point for a draw and no points for a loss.

27.5 In all League type competitions the winner and ranking in each division shall be determined by the highest or lowest number of match points accrued respectively.

27.6 No team shall win or be ranked in any division based on goal difference.

27.7 Where more than one team has accrued the same number of match points for winner, runner- up or relegation position at the conclusion of the division's schedule of games, a knock out basis play-off game shall be staged by the competitions committee to separate the teams. Where more than two teams cannot be ranked according to points, an open draw knock-out competition will be created. The finals of these games will be set for neutral venues. The cost of the venue and match official will be covered by the GFL.

27.8 Size of footballs to be used:

Size 5 Match ball, except where covered by FAI Player Development Plan.



CR 28: EXCHANGE LISTS OF PLAYERS

28.1 Each team manager shall exchange a full list of players and substitutes names before kick-off if requested to do so by either team in all games at Junior and Underage level.

CR 29: GAP BETWEEN MATCHES

29.1 No team shall be scheduled to play two matches at the same age group and/or level within 24 hours of each other unless both teams agree.

CR 30: CUP FINALS

30.1 The cup finals of all local competitions shall be played at Eamonn Deacy Park (subject to availability), or at a ground designated by the Competitions Committee.

30.2 All clubs participating in a Final must supply three stewards to control their own spectators.

30.3 Failure to supply stewards will incur a fine

CR 31: PRESENTATION OF CUPS & MEDALS

31.1 All trophies and medals will be presented to teams on the day (or final day) they win the competition where possible.

CR 32: START OF LEAGUES

32.1 All Junior League shall commence on the date agreed at the AGM, or if this is not possible, the GFL shall give clubs a minimum of 7 days' notice on the date and first fixture that matches will commence.

CR 33: ARTIFICIAL LIGHTING AND ARTIFICIAL SURFACE

33.1 Matches under the jurisdiction of the league can be played on artificial turf surface only where the surface has been certified in accordance with FIFA standards appropriate to the relevant competitions.



33.2 Matches under the jurisdiction of the league can be played with the use of artificial lighting provided that they are installed as per FIFA directives for leagues and clubs as may be revised from time to time.

CR34: FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHY

34.1 Players, teams and all relevant persons, are obliged to cooperate with and participate in any filming or photography authorized by the GFL for the purposes of the promotion of these competitions.

34.2 Any and all such filming or photography will be published under the authorization of the GFL on social media and or any other form of public media consumption.

34.3 By entering these competitions all relevant clubs and teams grant permission to the GFL on behalf of all persons who will be subject to this rule, including all under-age players.

34.4 Failure to comply with this rule may lead to those responsible for any such failure liable to sanction by the GFL, the level of any such sanction shall be determined by the GFL