

East Cork LGFA League & Championship Rules

Fixture Dates

1. Games to be played on or before dates given. Exceptions only in the event of both teams agreeing an alternative date, providing this date does not interfere with another fixture date. The East Cork Board Fixture Secretary must be informed in advance in writing of the new date and she/he will confirm with both clubs in writing if the new date is acceptable.
2. If both clubs agree an alternative date and time for their fixture and this is confirmed by the Fixture Secretary, this date then becomes the default date and time for the fixture.
3. The Fixtures committee has the right to re-fix a game beyond the given deadline in very exceptional circumstances.
4. Fixtures must be played in the order drawn and notified unless agreed by the Fixture Secretary.
5. Home Club to notify the Fixture Secretary of the agreed date, time and venue at least 3 days in advance of the fixture where possible in order to advertise the fixture and organise the referee.

Throw in times

6. In the event of both teams being unable to agree a throw in time, the East Cork board default time of 3.00p.m. will be imposed for Saturday/Sunday fixtures. In the case of a Midweek fixture 7.30pm will be deemed the throw in time. Where floodlights are not available and light maybe an issue this time may be adjusted by the fixtures committee.

Pitches

7. If home side cannot provide pitch in good time, they must concede home advantage. Contact to be made with the Fixture Secretary if there is a change of Venue. In the event that both teams being unable to provide a venue, both teams must agree an alternative date, providing this date does not interfere with the next fixture date and the East Cork Fixture Secretary has been informed and will confirm with both clubs if the new date is acceptable. See rule 1.

Referees

8. The East Cork Board will appoint the referee for finals only. Fees apply €30 for U10's and U8's and €40 for U12's U14's U16's Minor Junior Intermediate & Senior games. East Cork Board will pay for referees in the final if there is a collection at the gate.

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9. Only LGFA registered referees, approved by the board will be used..

Results

10. Both teams to notify Fixture Secretary of match result by text, latest before midnight of the game , the following is the contact number **089242996** Failure to notify Fixture Secretary of result directly after the match will result in a €15 fine being levied.

Details in text

- Club and opposition
- Age Group
- Grade
- Round in the League or Championship
- Scoreline

Walkovers

11. Walkovers can only be awarded by the fixtures committee following consultation with both teams involved. Failure to play a fixture may result in a walkover not being awarded to either team.

12. Where a team cannot field on the given fixture date and time and where the opposition are unable or unwilling to facilitate a change, the fixtures committee shall have the power to deem the result a walkover.

13. Any team failing to fulfil two fixtures may be expelled from the competition. A team awarded a walkover by the Fixtures committee will be deemed to have fulfilled that fixture.If a team gives two walkovers or more in the East Cork League they are not eligible to qualify for county championship competition.

14. Clubs giving a walkovers will be levied a fine of €25, for giving a second walkover the club will be expelled and fined an additional €50. And will affect you teams grading in 2 years in the case of a juvenile team from minor down and the following year in U21 and Junior

Withdrawing from Competition

Any club which withdraws from the competition after their first fixture date will be levied a fine of €100,

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Final Championship Standings

15. In the case where there is only one league group in A or B the top 4 teams go through to semi-finals Team in 1st will play the Team in 3rd position and 2nd will play 4th position. Winners will progress to higher grade final runners up the lower grade final.

- 1) In the A League winners progress to the East Cork A league final and qualify to A in the county competition.
- 2) Runners up will default to the East Cork B League final and qualify to B in the County competition.
- 3) In the B League winners progress to the East Cork C league final and qualify to C in the county competition. Note: Teams here will also be regraded to the higher league in 2 years.
- 4) Runners up will default to the East Cork D League final and qualify to D in the County competition.

In the case where there is 2 league groups within the one grade in A or B the top 2 teams go through to the semi-finals from both groups 1st in group 1 will play 2nd in group 2 and 1st in group 2 will play 2nd in group 1. Winners will progress to higher grade final runners up the lower grade final.

e.g.

- 5) In the A League winners progress to the East Cork A league final and qualify to A in the county competition.
 - 6) Runners up will default to the East Cork B League final and qualify to B in the County competition.
 - 7) In the B League winners progress to the East Cork C league final and qualify to C in the county competition. Note: Teams here will also be regraded to the higher league in 2 years due to their success.
 - 8) Runners up will default to the East Cork D League final and qualify to D in the County competition.
 - 9) In the event of a draw in a semi-final extra time must be played. Finals will go to a replay.
16. In the event of two teams finishing level on league points a playoff is required to determine their rank in the league and extra time if necessary to conclude a result.

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In the event of three teams finishing level on points, a three way playoff to determine their rank in the league and extra time if necessary to determine a result.

First Fifteens

17. Clubs with second teams in the Championship must nominate their **best fifteen active** players who will only be permitted to play with their first team. Players not named in first fifteens but who play with the first team in Championship are then tied to the first team and cannot play with the second team again. Players not expected to play in the 2018 should not be named in a club first fifteen.

Clubs with third teams in the Championship must nominate their **best fifteen active** players who will only be permitted to play with their first team. Players not named in first fifteen but who play with the first team in Championship are then tied to the first team and cannot play with the second team again.

Players not named in 2nd fifteen but who play with the 2nd team in Championship are then tied to the 2nd team and cannot play with the 3rd team again.

Players not expected to play in the 2018 should not be named in a club first or second fifteen.

LGFA rules must be followed when naming and fielding players.

These rules may change and it is the clubs responsibility to adhere to all current LGFA rules when naming players.

44. In order for a player to be eligible to play for a Club she must be a Full or Youth Registered Member of that Club in accordance with Rules 138 to 141. In order to play for a County team she must be a Full or Youth Registered member of a Club
55. Any team proved to have played an unregistered player shall be fined €100 per offending player and shall forfeit the game to their opponents unless exempted by Rule 260.
149. Should a Club or County play overage or illegal players they shall forfeit the game. The Chairperson, Secretary, team management and player(s) concerned are liable to suspension for up to 12 months, and the Club or County shall be fined €100 per offending player.

18. The board shall rule on any disputes of "first fifteen" players, any breach of this rule will result in a €100 fine and the expulsion of their team from that competition.

League Grading Process

League grading starts from U12 age group there is no grade at this age group, 2 large league groupings. The top 4 teams from both groups qualify for the semi finals, which will determine your county grading.

You are graded on your performance from 2 years previous if you had no team at that age 2 years previously you automatically default to the A group category in the league.

In the league if you have 2 or more games outstanding from your league fixtures i.e. not played you will automatically be graded to the higher grade in 2 years.

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The bottom 2 teams in A will be relegated to B league in 2 years and the top 2 teams in B will be promoted into A in 2 years.

East Cork Championship Grading Process

The grading for East Championship Gradings is carried out at the discretion of the East Cork Fixtures Committee. Grading is done to make the Championship as balanced as possible to give teams a chance.

Where we consider teams performance in this current year's leagues e.g.

- Performance (Wins/losses)
- Score line
- Ability to be able to field a team.

Grades will be released 1 month before the draw to all the clubs.

The dates of the fixtures will also be released at the draw.

An open draw @ the Board meeting will determine fixtures dates and times.

East Cork League and East Cork Championship

- East Cork Championship is a Knock out competition as long your team keeps winning you stay in the competition.
- Home and away is decided at the draw 1st team out gets home advantage.
- Away team arranges Ref for games in both League and championship up to the final.
- A ref will be appointed by the board for the final.
- In the event of a draw in the league both teams share the points.
- In the event of teams tied on points in the league this will result in playoffs to determine league position.
- In the event of a draw game in Championship at preliminary rounds quarter final and semi finals game goes into extra time. If there is no conclusion at the end of extra time a replay must be arranged and venue reversed.
- In the event of a draw game in a League or Championship final this must go to a replay. Date, time and Ref to be organised by the fixtures committee venue reverses unless pitch cannot be provided. Revert to page 2 rule #7.
- Substitutions U12 down is roll on roll off unlimited
- Substitutions U14 and up 5 permitted per game