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Louth LGFA Regulations

- (1) Fixtures, blitzes and competitions shall be arranged for all age groups by the Executive committee and

Fixtures committee of Louth LGFA.

It is an absolute priority that all games are played on the specified date due to the condensed season resulting from Covid 19. Clubs are responsible for the observation of current Covid 19 guidelines within the LGFA and GAA. Any club found to be disregarding the guidelines will be removed from competition. We are relying on all clubs to use common sense and observe all guidelines imposed.

- (2) A master calendar will be published and emailed out to Clubs with dates for all competitions and fixtures.

It will also be available on Louth LGFA website.

There will be no promotion or relegation in the Adult League programme. WE encourage clubs to give all players on their panel sufficient playing time in these games.

There will be promotion in the Adult Championship. Both finalists will be promoted in both the Intermediate and Junior A competitions.

- (3) Official confirmation of all fixtures will be emailed to clubs at the beginning of each competition by An Runai, Louth LGFA having been approved by the Fixtures Committee and shall not be changed.

In Championship fixtures a team that fails to fulfil a fixture, having received official notification, and fails to give 2 days' (48Hrs) notice in written or in electronic form, of its intended default, to An Runai, Louth LGFA, may be subject to sanction under the CODA Rules (LGFA Rule 300). In all other competitions clubs will be fined €100. Any club who gives insufficient notice (ie less than 48hrs notice) will also incur a fine €35 to cover cost of referee.

- (4) Any Club wishing to request a change in time or date to a fixture must follow this procedure:-

(a) Contact the other Club involved and make a request for change.

(b) If no new date/time is agreed then the game goes ahead as fixed.

(c) The planned re-fixture must be played before the due date of the official fixture.

(d) If agreement is reached then both clubs shall email An Runai Louth LGFA with justification for requesting the game to be moved and proposed rescheduled date/time/venue.

(e) Louth LGFA Fixtures Committee will decide if the requested change can be accommodated and notify both clubs if the request is approved or not.

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- (f) If the altered fixture fails to materialise as agreed, then the Louth LGFA Fixtures Committee will decide to whom the match/points will be awarded to.
- In Adult Division 3**, any clubs requesting a change of date due to a clash with Camogie must agree a change of date with the opposing team not later than the Sunday of the same weekend as the fixture is set to be played. This must be done by the commencement of the League for all clashing fixtures. **All agreed change of dates must be forwarded to An Runai by 17th July.** This will enable clubs to set the calendar with their players. If two Clubs cannot agree then the game must be played on the original date. Clubs must remember that both the LGFA and Camogie Associations have dates set and as well as asking for the football game to be refixed there is nothing to stop the club also asking for their Camogie match to be refixed. It does not all fall on the LGFA to accommodate dual players.
- (5) All correspondence regarding fixtures must be sent to An Runai, Louth LGFA (email address: secretary.louth@lgfa.ie) in an official LGFA email by the Club Runai. Once decisions have been made no further correspondence will be entered into. All contact with non-secretaries and non-chairpersons will be deemed null and void by Louth LGFA.
- (6) **Official fixtures will not be called off for challenge matches, school trips, holidays, managers being away, graduations etc. However confirmations and communions will be dealt with on an individual basis. Notice for any such situations was due by 9th February 2020 Pre Covid, but we are sensitive to the confirmation and communion situations.**
- (7) No challenge match can interfere with any official fixtures.
- (8) A club fielding two teams in the **League** at any age level shall provide in writing to An Runai, Louth LGFA, their **top twelve** players for the highest grade team who shall be ineligible to play for the lower grade team. This information must be received prior to competition commencing.
Penalty: Exclusion of the 2nd team from their respective competition.
A club fielding two teams in the **Championship** at any age level shall provide in writing to An Runai, Louth LGFA, their **top fifteen** players for the highest grade team who shall be ineligible to play for the lower grade team. This information must be received prior to competition. NOTE: Any player who participates for their Senior team, even just taking to the pitch for one minute, cannot return to play with their lower grade team.
Penalty: Exclusion of the 2nd team from their respective competition.
- (9) The listed players shall only be eligible to play on the team named in any competition at that age level for the entire year. Listed players can be altered with the approval of Louth LGFA.
Penalty: Removal of team who played illegal player from competition, suspension of involved persons and €200 fine.
- (10) Clubs fielding more than 1 team in the **League must** play in the highest grade first. Teams shall forfeit any game played in a lower division if the higher division game is not played.

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- (11) In **ALL** games from U13 to Adult level team lists must be provided to the referee prior to the commencement of the game (as per LGFA Rule 464) and substitution slips produced for all substitutions made.
At Under 12 grade, a list of **ALL** players must be provided to the referee prior to the commencement of the game. Jerseys worn by **ALL** players from U12 to Adult level must be numbered and the numbers must correspond with team lists provided and match programmes (as per LGFA Rule 353).
For ALL blitzes (i.e. U8, U10, U11, etc) a full list of current players **MUST** be submitted to An Runai prior to the first organised blitz and an attendance sheet given to the event coordinator prior to the commencement of the corresponding blitzes.
- (12) A team giving a walk-over will be fined €40 but may continue in the league. A team giving a second walk-over will be removed from the league and fined a further €100. Where a team either withdraws or is disqualified from a League Competition, LGFA Rule 310 will be applied, i.e. ***“Should a team withdraw or be disqualified during the course of the League, the results of games played shall stand. Points from its remaining un-played fixtures shall be awarded to its nominated opponents in those matches”.***
The final position of the withdrawn/disqualified team(s) shall be ignored for future stages of a League competition and any teams below them will have their placings moved up in order accordingly.
Scores in all games played by the disqualified/withdrawn team(s) shall be disregarded in the event of the necessity for score difference to be considered in a competition.
- (13) Louth LGFA fixtures may be fixed to be played under lights and/or on full size all weather/astro-turf surfaces.
- (14) No more than **seven officials**, which **must** include one female liaison officer, and a medic, where possible, from each team shall be allowed on the side-line. **PLEASE NOTE THE LATEST LGFA REVISED MATCH REGULATIONS FOR COVID 19.** All seven persons **must** wear a distinctive bib and make themselves known to the referee prior to the commencement of the game. **Penalty: €50 fine .All persons, officials and substitutes must observe social distance guidelines as specified by Government regulations.**
- (15) Games in knockout stages of competitions at all levels up to and including Senior shall be result on the day **with the exception of Finals**. If a game ends in a draw, one period of extra time shall be played. As per LGFA Rule 359, extra time shall consist of 10 minutes each way and shall commence not more than 10 minutes after the end of Normal Time. There shall be an interval in Extra Time not exceeding 5 mins (LGFA Rule 360). The referee shall toss a coin in the presence of both captains for choice of ends at the commencement of extra time (LGFA Rule 365). If the game still remains a draw after extra time, the match will be decided by a point shoot-out (procedures as per LGFA Rule 364).

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In the case of Finals, the game will go to a replay as per LGFA Rule 361. Should a Replay end in a draw, extra time will be played, as above, followed by point shoot-out if necessary.

- (16) In the event of a clash of colours in League fixtures, **Away** team must change. In Championship or League games at neutral venues, both teams shall change to alternative colours. Clubs must check in advance their opponent's colours (LGFA Rule 126).
- (17) If the home team's pitch is unplayable/unavailable they must seek an alternative venue. If no alternative venue is available then the fixture venue is changed to that of the away team. If a team refuses to change when pitch is unplayable/unavailable then the points are conceded to the away team.
- (18) **In ALL competitions from U13 upwards**

If two teams finish level on points for knockout places, the placings will be decided as follows:-

- (a) The head to head result between these two teams.
- (b) If the result between the same two teams in the league rounds ended in a draw, the scores between the two teams will be considered with both goals and points being considered as one score each.
- (c) Finally score difference in the competition will be considered. ***
- (d) Should the teams still be level, a play-off between the two teams will take place.

If three teams finish level on points, placings will be decided as follows:-

- (a) Score difference between the three teams only, will be considered.
- (b) Finally score difference in the competition will be considered. ***
- (c) Should the teams still be level, a playoff between teams still level will decide.
- (d) If two teams only, a playoff will decide.
- (e) If three teams then the draw format will be: First team out will receive a Bye, Teams 2 and 3 drawn out will play off and the winners play Team 1.

****Scores from games played against any withdrawn/disqualified team shall not be considered when deciding knockout placings.*

- (19) All games are 15-a-side. If a team has only 13 players available for a game, the opposing team **MUST** play 13 a side, **at Adult Division 3 only**. If a team refuses to play 13 and the game takes place the points will be awarded to the opposing team. In all other competitions, if a team has 15 players available, they **MUST** play 15 a side. In all other games Clubs are asked to observe the Fair Play recommendation especially if the result is secure.

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SUBSTITUTES:

In Adult League competition there is unlimited substitutes in the league format but a limit of 5 substitutes in the knockout stages.

In Adult Championship competition there is a limit of 5 substitutes for each game.

In Juvenile competition this year, as there is only Championship, it is agreed that there will be unlimited substitutions.

- (20) All clubs should have goalposts, nets, flags and pitch markings suitable for all competitions. (Note: Cones may be used at under 12 and below for pitch markings). **Penalty:** €50 fine.
- (21) All cups & trophies shall be returned to Runaí LGFA on/before 1st May annually or earlier if Louth LGFA sends notice to clubs. Failure to do so shall incur a fine of €100. Clubs will be liable for any damage caused to trophies or cups and will replace any trophy or cup that is not repairable.
- (22) A "holiday period" of not more than 2 weeks duration shall be agreed at the beginning of the calendar year and strictly adhered to. No fixtures will be scheduled during this period unless by prior agreement with each club requested to participate in a game. Both clubs must agree before a game goes ahead.
- (23) No fixtures shall be scheduled to take place on the days of the mens' All-Ireland football and hurling Finals and the Camogie All-Ireland Final. Fixtures will be arranged on the Friday night/Saturday evening of the same weekend instead. Teams may elect to play on the Sunday by agreement of both clubs.
- (24) U12 games shall be organised in a blitz or league format. There shall be no championship and/or finals played in Under 12 grade. Teams should be a maximum of 13-A-Side. Games will consist of four quarters of 10 minutes each and ALL members of the team panel MUST participate in a minimum of one quarter per game. Blitz Games shall be played from sideline to sideline with the pitch edge being marked 5 metres inside the endline and 5 metres inside the half way line. Blitz matches will be 11 a side.

Clubs are asked to referee their own games, (different coach each half?) due to the limited numbers of referees available.

- (25) Games in Under 11 and younger grades shall be organised on the Go Games Model. Teams at Under 6 & 7 grades shall be a maximum of 7-A-Side. Teams at Under 8 & 9 grades shall be a maximum of 9-A-Side. Teams at Under 10 & 11 grades shall be a maximum of 11-A-Side.

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(26) As per LGFA Rule 366, authorisation to hold and/or participate in all tournaments, friendlies and challenge games MUST be obtained **48 hours** in advance from:

- (a) The County Board in the first instance (where both teams are from Louth)
- (b) Provincial Council, where the teams are from different Counties within the same Province.
- (c) Central Council, where teams are from more than one Province.

(d) County Secretary to be copied in on all applications in the case of (b) and (c). (LGFA Rule 311)

(e) For permission to play in any games/tournaments/friendlies **outside the Province** the 48hr rule still applies but clubs should use the following link and ALL questions must be answered:-

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=hrxFrNSvpUKfwz6H4bd_zj0cZ1G19e_BJISm5LjkWQxtUNihXTEhKQVFERkNUN0xJTjM0QURNT1VINy4u

A player or team taking part in any unauthorised tournament, friendly or challenge game shall not be covered by the Injury Fund and may be subject to sanction under the CODA Rules.

(27) Organised Louth LGFA fixtures shall not be deferred to accommodate external competitions or friendlies other than those organised by Leinster LGFA Fixtures Committee and the National Fixtures Committee.

(28) Louth LGFA Fixtures Committee reserve the right to alter fixtures where necessary.

(29) For Juvenile Championships we intend to maximise game time for all clubs as follows:

Groups of 6 teams: Top 4 in semi finals of Championship, Bottom 2 in Shield Final

Group of 7 teams: Top 4 in semi finals of Championship, Bottom 3, draw out team to final of shield and other two teams play semi final to qualify.

Group of 8 teams: Top 4 teams in semi final of Championship and bottom 4 in semi final of Shield.

LOUTH LADIES FIXTURES COMMITTEE July 2020

Fixtures Committee:2020:Pat Carr:Chairperson/Angela O'Neill:Secretary/Veronica Traynor/Shannen McLoughlin/Liam O'Neill.

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