

GENERAL RULES FOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE COMPETITIONS 2016

1. Games cannot be changed except with the consent of the county competition and control committee Cill Dara .
2. Application for change/postponement shall be based on exceptional criteria for example: Death of a player, club official, prominent club member or close family relative of above. Agreement C.C.C. Cill Dara must be given. Games to be re-fixed by C.C.C. Cill Dara
3. Approval from Kildare CCC is required for proposed fixture changes. Clubs requesting a postponement/change must have a proposed re-fixture date agreed before contacting the CCC for approval. Written confirmation of this proposed re-fixture date is required from both club secretaries. CCC Cill Dara decision is final.
4. When Championship games are within four days, application can be made for change. Any postponed game to be re-fixed by C.C.C. Cill Dara. N.B. – Four days defined to include league game date.
5. The top two teams in league division 1 & 2 will contest the league final to decide league winners. In Div 3 when all games are completed in first section the league will split into 2 halves top and bottom based on finishing position in league table. All teams will carry forward the points from first section. Teams in top half will play against each other and teams in bottom half will play against each other. When all games are completed the top 2 teams in the Top half will contest the League final and the top 2 teams in the Bottom half will contest a Shield final.

The top 4 teams in Reserve League 1, will qualify for the semi-final. 1 v 4 & 2 v 3, 1 & 2 at home. Winner of final will decide league winners. In Divisions 2 North, 2 South, 3 North and 3 South, the top two teams in each league will qualify for the semi-final with the top team in North playing the 2nd in South and the top in South playing the 2nd in North. Top two teams play at home. The winner of the final will decide the league winners. Final league positions will be decided by the following criteria:

Rule 6.20 (4) T.O.2015

- (i) Where two teams only are involved the outcome of the meeting of the two teams in the previous game in the competition.
 - (ii) Scoring difference (subtracting total scores against from total scores for) Scoring average (divide total score against into total score for)
 - (iii) Highest total score for
 - (iv) A play- off
- Exception to (c): (1) In relation to means (ii) and (iii) above if the accumulated scores of a team, so involved, are affected by a disqualification, loss of game on a proven objection, retirement or walk-over, the tie shall be decided by a play-off.
- (2) Regulations (i), (ii) and (iii) shall not apply to under 16 or younger age grade competition

6. Extra time will be played in all play-offs (if required), semi-finals if applicable and finals.
7. All fixtures must be up to date before the last two rounds are played. Last 2 Rounds of each

League to be played at the same time. No changes or cancellations shall be allowed. Non compliance and exceptional cases will be dealt with by Cill Dara CCC.

8. Clubs shall play league games without county panellists when unavailable.
9. Promotion and relegation for 2016 season. Teams that finish in position 1 to 10 inclusive in Div 1 will play in Div 1 for 2017; Teams that finish in position 12 to 16 inclusive will be relegated to Div 2 for 2017. Team finishing in 11th position in Div 1 will play team finishing 2nd in Div 2 in playoff. Winner of playoff will play in Div 1 for 2017. Loser of playoff will play in Div 2 for 2017. Team in 1st place in League table in Div 2 will be promoted to Div 1 for 2017. Teams that finishes in position 3 to 6 inclusive in Div 2 will play in div 2 for 2017. Teams that finish in position 7 to 14 inclusive in Div 2 will play in Div 3 for 2017. Team that finishes in 15th place in Div 2 will play team finishing in 2nd place in league table after both sections of the league are completed in Div 3 in playoff. Winner of playoff will play in Div 3 for 2017. Loser of playoff will play in Div 4 for 2017. Team finishing in 16th position in Div 2 will play in Div 4 for 2017. Team that finishes in 1st position in the league table after both sections of the league are completed in Div 3 will play in the new Div 3 for 2017. All other teams including the play off loser will all play in the new Div 4 for 2017.

Teams that finish in the bottom two in the Reserve Div 2 North & Reserve Div 2 South will be relegated to Reserve Div 3 North & Reserve Div 3 South. Teams that finish 1st and 2nd in Reserve 3 North & Reserve 3 South will be promoted to Reserve Div 2 North & Reserve 2 South. The CCC to examine all grading in Reserve Competitions. Final league positions will be decided by the following criteria.

Rule 6.20 (4) as above rule 5

10. Clubs giving a walkover in Senior Football League Divisions 1, 2 and 3, if applicable, shall be automatically relegated to the next lowest Division and shall take no further part in the league competition. (SFL).
11. A Team failing to fulfil a fixture shall forfeit the points and shall be deducted a further point and the opposing team shall be awarded the 2 points. If both teams fail to fulfil fixture penalty shall apply to both teams.
12. Failure to notify Kildare CCC with adequate notice (24 hours) of a postponement or agreed re- fixture will result in a fine Non compliance and exceptional cases will be dealt with by Cill Dara CCC. (Rule 7.7 T.O. 2015)
13. All referees shall be appointed by C.C.C. Cill Dara. Referee fee Senior € 40.00 Minor €30.00
14. SFL Divisions 1, 2 and 3 and Reserve League 1 (15 a side). Division 2 north and 2 south (13 a side or 15 a side by agreement, such agreement not to be withheld). Final will be 15 a side. Division 3 north and 3 south (11 a side or 15 a side by agreement , such agreement not to be withheld) final 15-a-side.

Please note that the onus is on all clubs to be aware of this league rule and to inform their team management of same.

It is not the responsibility of the referee's to inform the clubs of this rule.

15. First named-teams to have home venue. In the event of home side's pitch being unplayable the game shall be played at opposing team's venue on the same date.
16. Teams failing to fulfil a fixture cannot qualify for the play-off stages of that competition, i.e. semi - finals (if applicable)and Finals. This applies only to SFL Division 1, 2 & 3
- 17 Clubs who enter teams in the S.F.L.-
 - a. Must submit a regrading list to the CCC Chill Dara to be ratified by the CCC.
 - b. Rule 6.19 (T.O. 2015) applies.
18. Clubs will not be allowed to have a second team in either the same league division or championship grade.
19. Where a club enters an adult league and subsequently fails to take part in that league, this club cannot then partake in a league at a lower grade than the league they failed to take part in.
20. Home team in league games must use alternative colour jerseys i.e second set in the event of clash with the opposing team. Non compliance will result in a fine. (Rule 7.7 T.O 2015 applies).

LEAGUE FORMAT FOR 2017 (BASED ON 2016 FINISHING POSITIONS)

Division one - 12 teams. Teams that finish in positions 1 to 10 plus the team with the most points from Division two plus the winner of the play off between the team finishing in 11th position in Division one and 2nd position in Division two.

Division two - 10 teams. Teams that finish in positions 12 to 16 in Division one plus losers of the playoff between the 15th place team in Division one and the 2nd placed team in Division two plus teams finishing in positions 3 to 6 in Division two.

Division three - 10 teams. Teams that finish in positions 7 to 14 in Division two , plus the top team in Division three plus the winner of the play off between the 15th team in Division two and the 2nd team in Division three.

Division four - 11 teams. The loser of the playoff between the 15th team in Division two and the 2nd team in Division three, plus the team finishing in 16th position in Division two , plus the teams that finish in positions 3 to 11 in Division three.

Please note that all finishing positions will be determined on the basis of points won during the League. Winning the League will have no bearing on a team's finishing position.