

2018 Fixtures Masterplan

Coiste Cheannais na gComórtaisí Fhear Manach

Fermanagh Competitions Control Committee



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TÉARMAÍ TAGARTHA – TERMS OF REFERENCE

An Coiste Cheannais na gComórtaisí Fhear Manach shall:

- Be responsible for all arrangements, including the appointment of Referees, for and control of any matters arising from Games under the jurisdiction of the County Committee, including disciplinary matters other than those functions reserved to the County Hearings Committee.
- Process and make recommendations to the County Committee on the Grading of Clubs.
- Investigate and process matters relating to the Enforcement of Rules, including hearing Objections and Counter-Objections.
- Be responsible, in the first instance, for making decisions on applications for Transfer Within the County and the Grading of Players.
- Consist of a minimum of five members, who shall be appointed from members of the County Committee and/or other suitable personnel, together with the County Referees' Administrator who shall be entitled to vote only on the appointment of referees.
- Have plenary powers.

RÉAMHRÁ - FOREWORD

A chairde,

It is with great pleasure that, on behalf of the Fermanagh Competitions Control Committee (CCC) and the GAA in Fermanagh, I present the 2018 Fixtures Masterplan.

We believe in being open, honest and accountable to members of the association in Fermanagh and we have endeavoured to engage with the appropriate bodies and individuals to explain why we have taken the decisions we have and to address any questions or queries there may be as early as possible.

I am indebted to and extremely grateful for the commitment, input and support of each member of the CCC, in what is a challenging role in a busy sub-committee of Coiste Chontae Fhear Manach.

As a committee, we are very conscious of the current challenges facing clubs across Ireland with regards to the pressures on the calendar, particularly with regards to fixture scheduling, the regularity and certainty of games and the varying needs of different groups of players within our association.

Club football is the heart of soul of our association and we all need to work collectively to ensure that we showcase our games in the best light possible.

Change has taken place at a national level, with the condensing of the provincial championship, the abolition of replays (except for finals) and the moving of both All Ireland Finals.

As a committee, we have an extremely challenging role in making decisions, which at times we know will not be universally popular.

However, we have put in place key principles to guide us in our decision-making process, which will allow us to be consistent and strategic in our thinking and hopefully allow all stakeholders of the association to understand why we have arrived at the decisions we have, regardless of whether there is universal agreement with the outcome.

As has been the case in recent years, we have made provision for, and indeed formalised, the playing of 'Games for Club Players' without some or all members of the Inter County Panel.

Whilst all of us, as players, mentors, administrators, supporters and spectators, want to see the best players playing for our clubs as often as possible, there are hard choices to be made.

The only uncertainty is whether, and how many of, the County panel will be playing for their clubs in any given fixture. The introduction of an intercounty U20 competition and its timing in the calendar will also have an impact on the availability of players in that squad for at least one round of fixtures. Provision has been made for potential changes to the masterplan as a result of that.

The current league arrangements, with the introduction of considerable 'safety nets' has made the introduction of 'Games for Club Players' much more acceptable to clubs as there is now no automatic promotion or relegation in either Senior Football League and any club that may have a higher than average representation in the Inter County Panel has a chance to prove themselves with a full team out during the league playoff stages, which will once again take place after the Championship block.

In organising the year's fixtures in this manner, we believe that we are keeping our league competitions as competitive as possible, for as many as possible, for as long as possible.

We are also providing for all clubs to have the best possible preparation for the Championship block by scheduling it immediately after the final round of league games rather than leaving a period of up to 8 weeks where a team may not be involved in league semi-finals or promotion/relegation games and have a lengthy break between their last league game and a championship quarter final.

We are being ambitious in 2018 and are working to deliver both adult and underage football using the same masterplan to ease the pressure on players, coaches, referees, host clubs, spectators and families by having a strategic approach to fixture scheduling across boys and men's football.

We have also taken the challenging task of reforming underage club competitions in the county. We believe that these changes will transform underage club football, offer our young players more competitive football and allow them to grow and develop into adult players.

We hope you will support us in practical terms and with your goodwill as we attempt to meet our own challenging targets and to meet the varying needs of all of our stakeholders over the course of this season.

We have endeavoured, in so far as possible, to produce a finalised schedule of fixtures for the year, however, on occasion, events will transpire that will be outside of our control and as such, this schedule may unfortunately be subject to change, which shall be at the discretion of the CCC.

We have included a closed period of club football matches between 2nd July and 12th July (inclusive). We have taken this step to allow players, coaches, referees and families to organise a holiday in the knowledge that they won't be missing any games if they go in that window.

Finally, on behalf of the CCC, may I take this opportunity to wish all of our players and our clubs every success in 2018 in reaching the goals that each individual and team has set.

If you have any queries on this document, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Is mise le meas,

Phil Flanagan - Chairperson

Fermanagh Competitions Control Committee (CCC)

ADULT FOOTBALL

Ár bPrionsabail – Our Principles

Our key principles in decision making have been as follows:

1. Players, along with all our stakeholders, deserve and require fixture certainty
2. Having a season with a definite completion date for all internal competitions
3. Clubs support a regular flow of games for senior club players through the summer months, including ‘Games for Club Players’
4. That there are ‘safety net’ and ‘reclaiming lost ground’ opportunities within the end of season league formats
5. All rounds of the league competitions shall be completed before any of the championship starts
6. Sustain a season long interest in club training, with championships, as the climax of the season and offering the best preparation possible for going into the end of league formats
7. Organising adult competitions where games are competitively important and meaningful throughout the season
8. Consistently, fairly and strictly enforcing all competition regulations, particularly with regards to postponements, compliance with the 13-day rule and accurate First 13 lists
9. Meeting the welfare needs of all players, club and county by recognising that there are club player needs and county player needs, and they are both equally important within the amateur ethos of the GAA
10. The need for those who have a ‘say’ in club fixtures (County Committee, Senior County Management team, CCC and Club Management groups) to respect the desire and need for players to play regular games for their clubs.

Fixtures

SFL 1 & 2 Fixtures 2018 – subject to change – see overleaf

				GCP?	Notes
Sunday	08 April 2018	1:00 PM	Round 1		
Sunday	15 April 2018	1:00 PM	Round 2		
Friday	20 April 2018	7:00 PM	Round 3		
Sunday	22 April 2018	1:00 PM	Round 4		
Sunday	29 April 2018	1:00 PM	Round 5		
Sunday	06 May 2018	1:00 PM	Round 6		
Sunday	13 May 2018	12:00 PM	Round 7	GCP – Full Panel	Fermanagh v Armagh (19 th May)
Sunday	20 May 2018	12:00 PM	Round 8	GCP – 15 + used subs	Fermanagh v Armagh (19 th May)
Friday	25 May 2018	8:00 PM	Round 9	Potential GCP – Full Panel	If Fermanagh beat Armagh
Friday	01 June 2018	8:00 PM	Round 10	GCP (26 matchday) GCP – Full Panel	If Fermanagh beat Armagh If Armagh beat Fermanagh
Sunday	10 June 2018	12:00 PM	Round 11	Potential GCP - 15 + used subs	If Fermanagh in Qualifier Round 1
Sunday	17 June 2018	1:00 PM	Round 12	Potential GCP – Full Panel	If Fermanagh in Ulster Final or Qualifier Round 2
Friday	22 June 2018	8:00 PM	Round 13	Potential GCP – (26 matchday)	If Fermanagh in Ulster Final or Qualifier Round 2
Sunday	01 July 2018	1:00 PM	Round 14	Potential GCP - 15 + used subs	If Fermanagh in Qualifier Round 3
Friday	13 July 2018	8:00 PM	Round 15	Potential GCP – (26 matchday)	If Fermanagh in All Ireland Quarter Final
Friday	20 July 2018	8:00 PM	Round 16	Potential GCP – (26 matchday)	If Fermanagh in All Ireland Quarter Final
Friday	27 July 2018	8:00 PM	Round 17	Potential GCP – Full Panel	If Fermanagh in All Ireland Quarter Final
Friday	3 August 2018	7:30 PM	Round 18	Potential GCP – (26 matchday)	If Fermanagh in All Ireland Quarter Final

SFL 1, 2 & 3 Semi Finals & SFL 1 & 2 Playoff Semi Finals

28th & 29th September (if teams not in SFC Final) AND/OR

5th, 6th & 7th October (12th, 13th & 14th October if SFC Final replay)

SFL 1, 2 & 3 Finals & SFL 1 & 2 Playoff Finals

5th, 6th & 7th October AND/OR 12th, 13th & 14th October

Ulster U20 Football Championship – Implications

The purpose of this scenario planning is to avoid clubs having to play Senior Football League games without members of the Fermanagh Senior Football Panel and members of the Fermanagh U20 Football Panel.

If Fermanagh defeat Armagh in Ulster SFC on 19th May,
AND

If Armagh defeat Fermanagh in Ulster U20 FC on 27th May,
Round 9 on SFL will move from 25th May to 15th June.

If Fermanagh defeat Armagh in Ulster SFC on 19th May
AND

If Fermanagh defeat Armagh in Ulster U20 FC on 27th May,
Round 9 on SFL will move from 25th May to 15th June.

AND Round 11 of SFL will move from 10th June to 9th June (without County U20 squad)

If Fermanagh reach Ulster U20 FC Final

AND

either Ulster All Ireland Round 2 Qualifiers or Ulster SFC Final

AND

don't reach All Ireland Quarter Final,

Round 13 SFL will move from 22nd June to 15th July

If Fermanagh reach Ulster U20 FC Final

AND

either Ulster All Ireland Round 2 Qualifiers or Ulster SFC Final

AND

reach All Ireland Quarter Final,

Round 13 SFL will move from 22nd June to 29th July

Erne Cup 1 & 2 Fixtures 2018

				Notes
Sunday	24 March 2018	5:00 PM	Round 1	
Saturday Sunday	31 March 2018 01 April 2018	6:00 PM 3:30 PM	Round 2	If Fermanagh in NFL3 Final, games played on 1 st April
Saturday	07 April 2018	6:30 PM	Round 3	
Saturday	14 April 2018	6:30 PM	Round 4	
Sunday	21 April 2018	1:00 PM	Round 5	
Saturday	28 April 2018	6:30 PM	Round 6	
Saturday	05 May 2018	6:30 PM	Round 7	
Saturday	12 May 2018	6:30 PM	Round 8	
Friday	19 May 2018	7:30 PM	Round 9	
Saturday	26 May 2018	6:30 PM	Round 10	
Saturday	02 June 2018	6:30 PM	Round 11	
Friday	08 June 2018	8:00 PM	Round 12	
Saturday	16 June 2018	6:30 PM	Round 13	
Saturday Sunday	23 June 2018 24 June 2018	6:30 PM 11:00 AM	Round 14	If Fermanagh in Qualifier Round 2, games played on 24th June at 11:00 AM
Friday	29 June 2018	8:00 PM	Round 15	
Saturday	14 July 2018	6:30 PM	Round 16	
Saturday Sunday	21 July 2018 22 July 2018	6:30 PM 12:00 PM	Round 17	All Ireland QF clash - Game shall be played at time of games involving non-Ulster teams if possible
Saturday	28 July 2018	6:30 PM	Round 18	
Sunday	05 August 2018	2:00 PM 4:00 PM	Erne Cup 1 Final Erne Cup 2 Final	

Senior/Intermediate Football Championship

SFC/IFC Quarter Finals

17th/18th August and 24th/25th August

Senior Football Championship Fixtures

QF1	Ederney St Joseph's	v	Belcoo O'Rahilly's
QF2	Teemore Shamrocks	v	Devenish St Mary's
QF3	Roslea Shamrocks	v	Derrygonnelly Harps
QF4	Tempo Maguires	v	Erne Gaels

Intermediate Football Championship Fixtures

QF1	Maguiresbridge St Mary's	v	Belnaleck Art McMurrough's
QF2	Enniskillen Gaels	v	Kinawley Brian Borus
QF3	Newtownbutler First Fermanaghs	v	Irvinestown St Molaise
QF4	Lisnaskea Emmets	v	St Patrick's Donagh

SFC/IFC Quarter Final Replays

31st August & 1st September

SFC/IFC Semi Finals & Relegation Semi-Finals (replays)

7th/8th/9th September (14th/15th September)

SFC/IFC Relegation Finals (replay)

22nd September (28th/29th September)

Intermediate Championship Final (replay)

23rd September (28th/29th September)

Senior Championship Final (replay)

30th September (7th October)

Junior Football Championship

JFC Quarter Finals

24th/25th August

QF1	Aghadrumsee St Macartan's	v	Derrylin O'Connell's
QF2	Coa O'Dwyers	v	Brookeborough Heber MacMahon's

JFC Quarter Finals (replays)

31st August & 1st September

JFC Semi Final 1

8th/9th September

Winner of QF1 v QF2

JFC Quarter Final 3

8th/9th September

Loser of QF1 v QF2

JFC Semi Final 2

14th/15th/16th September

Loser of SF1 v Winner of QF3

JFC Final (replay)

21st September (29th September)

Reserve Football Championships

The draw for the 2018 Reserve A and B Football Championships will be made once the finalists of Erne Cup 1 and 2 Leagues are known as these four teams will enter the RFC at the Quarter Final stage and will be on either end of the draw.

Reserve 'A' Championship

Round 1 (finish on the day)

5th August

Quarter Finals (finish on the day)

12th August

Semi Finals (finish on the day)

1st September

Final (finish on the day)

16th September

Reserve 'B' Championship

Round 1 (finish on the day)

5th August

Quarter Finals (finish on the day)

12th August

Semi Finals (finish on the day)

1st September

Final (finish on the day)

16th September

AGUISÍN 1 - APPENDIX 1

Key Points on CCC Masterplan 2018

1. The last NFL 3 league game is on 25th March; final fixed for 31st March. First SFL games scheduled for 8th April.
2. There is a double round of SFL games (Friday and Sunday) four weekends (20th and 22nd April) before the First Round of the USFC (20th May).
3. There is a break in club football in Fermanagh (adult and underage) from the SFL matches played on Sunday 1st July until Friday 13th July. This is an opportunity for club players (adult and underage) and their families, referees, coaches, etc to plan for holidays knowing there won't be any internal competitions. If Fermanagh are still in action, Round 4 of the Qualifiers will take place on the weekend of 7th/8th July, so this may not apply to our county panellists.
4. There is some uncertainty in terms of dates for fixtures and the U20 county squad. More details on this are included in this pack.
5. We may need to play some Erne Cup games during the week in the summer.
6. The four teams reaching the Erne Cup 1 & 2 Finals will receive a bye in their respective Reserve Championships to the Quarter Final stage and be placed at opposite ends of the championship draw.
7. Ulster Club Championships are scheduled to start on 20th/21st October as both our Senior & Intermediate winners will enter at the Preliminary Round Stage. Unfortunately, this does not allow for a guaranteed free weekend for those teams.
8. With the exception of Club Championship games and SFL Finals, all other knockout games will conclude on the day in line with the Regulations at Appendix 3.

AGUISÍN 2 - APPENDIX 2

Fermanagh GAA Adult Gaelic Football Competition Regulations 2018

1. Senior Football Leagues

- i. SFL Division 1 Competition (2018) shall consist of ten teams and be played on a double round basis i.e. 18 league games for each club. The Top 4 teams will compete in the league semi-finals (1st v 4th and 2nd v 3rd) with the two winners contesting the SFL 1 Final. There will be no automatic relegation; instead relegation will be decided by the following format: The teams finishing 9th and 10th will play off with the loser relegated. The teams finishing 7th and 8th will play off with the winner safe. The winner of 9th/10th will then play the loser of 7th/8th with the loser of that game relegated.
- ii. The SFL Division 2 Competition (2018) shall consist of ten teams and be played on a double round basis i.e. 18 league games for each club. There will be no halfway split. There will be no automatic promotion. The Top 4 teams will compete in the SFL 2 semi-finals (1st v 4th and 2nd v 3rd) with the two winners contesting the SFL 2 Final and being promoted to SFL 1.
- iii. The SFL Division 3 Competition (2018) shall consist of four teams, those finishing in 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th place of SFL Division 2. The teams finishing 5th and 8th will play in the first Semi Final, with the teams finishing 6th and 7th playing in the second Semi Final. The winners of the two Semi Finals will play in the SFL Division 3 Final.

2. Erne Cup

- i. The Erne Cups shall consist of second teams of those clubs in SFL 1 and SFL 2 and clubs not participating in SFL.
- ii. The Erne Cups shall be in 2 Divisions, separate to SFL.
- iii. The Erne Cup Division 1 Competition (2018) shall consist of ten teams and be played on a double round basis i.e. 18 league games for each club. The top 2 teams will contest the final. The bottom 2 teams in Erne Cup Division 1 will be relegated to Erne Cup Division 2.
- iv. The Erne Cup Division 2 Competition (2018) shall consist of ten/eleven teams and be played on a double round basis i.e. 18/20 league games for each club. The top 2 teams will contest the final and are promoted to Erne Cup Division 1.
- v. Games in Erne Cup Leagues Division 1 & Division 2 are 13 aside, or 15 aside by agreement.
- vi. In the Erne Cup only, 3 points are awarded for a win (whether the opposing team turns up or not), 2 points for a game that ends in a draw, 1 point for a defeat (where the losing team turns up) and fields a team and 0 points are awarded to a team that fails to field. This information may not appear on the website, but an official league table will be circulated by CCC on a regular basis.

- vii. A Reserve 'A' Football Championship shall be organised on a knockout basis for the teams in Erne Cup 1.
- viii. A Reserve 'B' Football Championship shall be organised on a knockout basis for the teams in Erne Cup 2.
- ix. Games in the Reserve Football Championships shall be 15 aside.

3. Players ineligible for Erne Cup

- i. Any club fielding a team in the SFL 1 or 2 and wishing to field a team in the Erne Cup must name 13 players who will be ineligible to play in the Erne Cup.
- ii. Any club fielding a second Erne Cup team must name another 13 players who will be ineligible to play in the lower division of Erne Cup.
- iii. These lists must be submitted to the secretary of CCC at least one week prior to the start of Erne Cup competitions. The initial list shall be based on participation by players in the 2017 SFC/IFC/JFC championship. The inclusion of any player who was not a regular participant in the 2017 SCF/IFC/JFC must be justified by the club.
- iv. These lists may be changed at any time by the CCC on the written request of the club provided that:
 - a. The player being removed from the list has missed or will miss two consecutive games in SFL.
 - b. The player being removed from the list is replaced by another player (normally this player should be the one who is replacing him on the club's first/second team).
- v. Any player who has been named on a matchday panel with the County Senior Squad (McKenna Cup, National League or Championship) in a calendar year, or in the two calendar years' prior, is prohibited from playing in the Erne Cup or Reserve Football Championship in that year.
PENALTY: On a Proven Objection or On an Inquiry by the Committee-in-Charge – Award of Game to Opposing Team.
- vi. The 1st 13 lists from each club shall be revised before the first round of Reserve Football Championships to exclude 13 players from Reserve Football Championships.
- vii. No revisions will have been deemed to have been made until written confirmation has been provided to the club secretary by the CCC.
- viii. After a club has played its first SFC/IFC/JFC game, it shall resubmit within seven days, to the CCC a list of 13 players, who shall subsequently be ineligible to participate in the Erne Cup and Reserve Championship. No further re-gradings shall be permitted after this deadline.

4. Club Championships

The first round Championship draws shall be made at a full County Committee meeting. Draws for subsequent rounds shall be made when the previous rounds have been played. Championship games shall be played (except by agreement) at neutral venues.

The Senior Football Championship (SFC) is organised as follows-

Round 1 games - SFC quarter finals.

The four 1st Round winners will enter the semi-final of the SFC and the two winners will contest the SFC final.

The four 1st Round match losers will enter the championship relegation play-offs. The two defeated teams from those play-offs will contest the SFC relegation final with the loser being relegated to the following year's Intermediate Championship (IFC).

The Intermediate Championship(IFC) is organised as follows-

Round 1 games-IFC quarter finals.

The four 1st Round winners will enter the semi-finals, two winners will contest the IFC final and the winners will be promoted to the following year's Senior Football Championship (SFC). The four 1st Round match losers will enter the championship relegation semi-finals. The two defeated teams will contest the IFC relegation final, with the loser being relegated to the following year Junior Football(JFC)

The Junior Football Championship is organised as follows:

Round 1 games - JFC Quarter Finals 1 and 2.

The two 1st Round winners will play in Semi Final 1. The two losers shall play-off in Quarter Final 3 with the loser going out. The winner of QF3 shall play the loser of SF1. The winner of this game will play the winner of SF1 in the JFC Final.

Competition Regulations shall be produced for the Club Championships.

5. In the event of teams finishing on level points in the Erne Cup, SFL or League stages of a Championship, the tie shall be decided by the following means and in the order specified:
 - i. Scoring Difference (subtracting the total Scores Against from the total Scores For);
 - ii. Highest total Score For;
 - iii. Highest total Goals For;
 - iv. Scoring Average (dividing the total Scores For by the total Scores Against);
 - v. Where two teams only are involved - the outcome of the meeting of the two Teams in the previous game(s) in the Competition;
 - vi. A Play-Off.
6. In relation to Regulation 5 (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) 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 CCC may decide that the tie may be decided by a Play-Off.
7. Drawn Games in Knockout/Playoff

- i. Replays shall be held for all SFC/IFC/JFC knockout and playoff matches and SFL Finals ending in a draw. In the event of the replay ending in a draw, extra time shall be played, which shall consist of two periods of ten minutes. If, after playing extra time, the match is still drawn, a further replay shall be arranged.
- ii. For all other knockout games not included in Regulation 7(i) finishing as a draw, two 10-minute periods of extra time shall be played. If teams are still level, an additional two periods of five minutes each way will be played. There shall be a maximum time space of five minutes between the end of the first phase of Extra Time and the beginning of the second phase. The Half Time interval in the second phase of Extra time should not exceed five minutes. For the purposes of Riail 2.6 (a) (f) "Players in Extra Time"—Rules of Specification T.O Cuid II, Phase 2 of Extra Time shall be considered an extension of the initial "Extra Time" provision rather than as a new period of Extra Time (e.g. a team reduced to 14 players because of a sending off during the playing of the first phase of Extra Time must start Phase II with only 14 players etc.) If still level, a "Free taking competition" to decide the outcome:
 - (a) Each team will nominate 5 free takers for the competition and indicate to the referee in which order (1 to 5) the free takers will take the frees.
 - (b) The 5 players above must be chosen from players who have participated in the game, either in normal time or in one of the periods of Extra Time.
 - (c) Players who receive a black or red card, in normal time or any of the four periods of Extra Time are not permitted to participate in the free-taking competition.
 - (d) The Referee will toss a coin for choice of ends in the presence of the Team Captains. The Captain who wins the toss will choose which end the free taking competition should be played into and will have the option of his team going 1st or 2nd.
 - (e) The Referee will ensure two goal umpires are in place at the end in which the competition is being played into.
 - (f) Frees will be taken by each of the five players from a position of their choosing on the 45-metre line. Frees may be taken from the hands or off the ground.
 - (g) Frees shall be taken in accordance with the provisions of T.O 2017 Cuid II Rules of Set Play - Rule 2.5 and Rules of Foul Play 4.23, 4.24 and 4.26. Breaches of these provisions will render frees null and void and they cannot be retaken.
 - (h) Frees will be taken for points only, with no goalkeeper/defenders facing the free-takers.
 - (i) With the exception of the player taking the free, all other players, managers, officials, backroom personnel etc should be at their designated sideline area, and off the field of play when the free-taking competition is taking place.

- (j) The game is awarded to whichever team scores more of their 5 frees.
 - (k) If still level, then sudden death frees to be taken using the same 5 players in order (i.e. first sudden death free is taken by the player who took the first free for each side, 2nd sudden death free if required to be taken by the player who took the 2nd free and so on).
 - (l) If a player scores in sudden death and his direct opponent misses, the game is awarded to the team of the player who has scored.
 - (m) The sudden death element will continue until such time as there is a definite outcome (i.e. returning to the first player(s) and repeating the sequence again if required)
8. The period of time during which Senior Inter-County Players shall not be expected to fulfil Club Fixtures prior to Inter-County Championship Games shall be as follows:
Senior Inter-County Championships:
- (1) All-Ireland Final - 17 days.
 - (2) All other Games - 10 days.
9. The Competitions Control Committee may designate certain SFL matches to be 'Games for Club Players' (GCP).
- i. Where the CCC designated a game as a "GCP 26 Matchday Panel" - Players who are not included in an Inter-County Senior Panel of twenty-six players, shall be available to their Clubs for these 'Games for Club Players' on the weekends of Inter-County Senior games.
 - ii. Where the CCC designated a game as a "GCP Full Panel" - Players who are not included in an Inter-County Senior Panel shall be available to their Clubs for these 'Games for Club Players' on the weekends of Inter-County Senior games.
 - iii. Where the CCC designated a game as a "GCP 15 + used subs" - In the event of a club game taking place on the same weekend, but after the Inter County match, and no less than 10 days before the next scheduled Inter County match, those players who did not play for the County team in the preceding game shall be available to their Clubs for that game.
 - iv. The penalty for the club of an ineligible member of an Inter-County Panel participating in a 'Game for Club Players', shall be the awarding of the game to the opposing team. In the event of both teams involved in a game breaching this rule, this shall result in the forfeiture of points for the two teams. There shall also be a fine for the responsible Club(s) of €100.
10. The penalty for each unfulfilled fixture in SFL and Erne Cup shall be the award of the game to the opposing team and a fine for the responsible Club of £100, in line with T.O. 2017 (6.38). Failure to field in two consecutive matches in the same season may leave the team liable to disqualification from that competition for the rest of the season.

11. Postponement of Matches

- i. Matches may be postponed in the following circumstances:
 - a. Death of, or death of a first degree relative (father/mother, son/daughter, brother/sister, husband/wife/partner) of a Player, Manager, Club Chairman, Club Secretary, Club Treasurer or Club President during the 72 hours preceding the game.
 - b. In case of death of Parish Priest or Curate of any team engaged.
 - c. If for any reason the Competitions Control Committee considers it necessary.
- ii. The Secretary of the Competitions Control Committee (or in his/her absence the Chairman of CCC) must be notified by the secretary of the club responsible for the postponement, in reasonable time of all postponements, stating the reasons for same.
- iii. In the event of a postponement being agreed by the two Clubs and with the permission of the CCC, the re-fixtures must take place by agreement with the two Clubs within four weeks of the postponement. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of points for the two teams. The four-week rule shall not apply to Rounds 14-18 (inclusive) of SFL and Erne Cup. No fixture can be postponed more than once.
- iv. All postponement re-fixtures must take place before the playing of the final round of league fixtures and there shall be no postponement of the final round of fixtures, except under regulation 11a. i., ii. or iii. above.
- v. Matches postponed in accordance with Regulation 12 or matches not played due to failure of a referee to turn out will be re-fixed by the Competitions Control Committee.

12. When a pitch may be unplayable:

- i. The Secretary of the Club must request a pitch inspection from the CCC Secretary or the CCC Chairperson.
- ii. A pitch can only be judged to be unplayable by a referee chosen by the Referees' Appointment Officer.
- iii. An officer of the club must be present when the pitch inspection is being done and the decision being made.
- iv. CCC has the power to rearrange a game from a pitch deemed unplayable to an alternative venue, including that of the other team involved.
- v. The steps in the allocation of an alternative venue, either to reverse the fixture or move it to another venue will involve CCC, the two clubs, possibly a third club with the venue and the Referees' Appointment Officer.

13. In addition to the requirements of T.O Cuid II, 2.5 (i) before all official games, the Referee shall be given a list of players, in duplicate, generated and printed from the GAA Management System (Servasport), which shall include the following details:

- i. Full name of player (in both Irish and English)
- ii. Player's GAA membership number
- iii. Date of Birth
- iv. Jersey number of starting players only

14. The names of the following team officials must be included on a list provided to the referee prior to commencement of all adult fixtures.
 - i. Bainisteoir
 - ii. Maor Foirne
 - iii. Maor Uisce
 - iv. Medical Person/First Aid/Physio

15. The CCC reserves the right to amend its published games calendar as it deems necessary.

16. Any Club seeking to video a game must seek and receive permission in writing from the Secretary of both clubs and the Secretary of Coiste Chontae Fhear Manach. Approval would be granted on the understanding that the CCC would be provided with a copy of the recording if requested. The club must inform the opposition of the recording and a copy provided if requested.

17. Referees
 - i. Each club shall supply at least one 'full-time' referee for Youth Competitions and at least one 'full-time' referee for Adult Competitions. (Total –at least two referees) to the county panel.
 - ii. If a club does not provide a referee for Youth Fixtures: - penalty 'no home Youth Games'.
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 - iv. The Host club and Travelling Club shall each be responsible for providing two umpires and one linesman, in the event of the referee having none, for all Erne Cup and SFL matches.

18. Winners of all competitions under the control of the County Committee shall be presented with a trophy. The number of medals shall be 24 for all adult competitions.

19. A trophy shall be awarded to the club making the most positive contribution to sportsmanship.

20. All trophies must be returned to the Secretary of Coiste Chontae Fhear Manach, before the April County Committee meeting. PENALTY: £20 fine per month per trophy.

21. The Club Committee is responsible for the safe custody of all trophies and shall be held responsible for the cost of repair or replacement necessitated as a result of any damage to trophies, as determined by the CCC. Each club shall have a nominated officer who shall be the point of contact for CCC with regards to trophies.

22. The above regulations shall supersede all previous regulations and regulations passed at County Committee. They shall be referred to by number in all objections, appeals and such like documents wherein they are used. Recommendations for their amendment or deletion shall quote the number of the regulation to be amended or deleted, and if passed by the required majority at a County Committee meeting shall become operative. Fermanagh GAA regulations shall be reviewed annually.

AGUISÍN 3 - APPENDIX 3

Underage Football - 2018

In October 2017, the Competitions Control Committee (CCC) in Fermanagh announced details of a review of internal underage club competitions in the county.

The intention of this review was two-fold; to examine (1) the age-grade structures at club level and (2) the timing of these competitions, taking into consideration the other pressures on this group of players, including other commitments such as schools football, exams, holidays and work.

One of the main challenges we were hoping to address was the lack of football opportunities for players that turned 17 before January 1st. In 2017, that cohort of players had no football after the month of June once their U18 championship was over and with some only getting 6 games over the whole calendar year of 2018 if no changes were made.

There is a significant dropout rate amongst our players around this level and this is also a key time in the development of footballers, so we felt it was imperative to deliver more games for this age group of players as they are no longer allowed to play adult football due to decisions taken at a national level.

We did not initiate this review to bring about change. We carried out this review to take a step back and assess the current underage competitions structure in Fermanagh and to explore whether things can be done better.

I do not accept the logic that we should continue to do something because that is the way things have always been done. Sometimes, it is really worthwhile to take a step back, start with a blank page and see if things can be done better, or if the current structures are the best way of doing things.

It was hoped that this review would be completed in 2017, with proposals brought before the County Convention in December. However, given the volume of responses to our consultation process, that timeframe proved impossible.

An online survey was made available from 10th October to 10th November and 402 people responded to this survey, with a strong representation from members of every club in the county.

What was really special about this survey was the volume of responses that were received directly from underage players. 40% of the people that responded (162) were underage players.

From my experience with exercises of this nature, engaging with this demographic can prove extremely challenging so we were delighted with the level of the responses.

One of the main comments we received from people was that there was a strong desire to retain an U18 competition in the county as this was an important stage in

the development of players and offered a worthwhile step-up from U16/U17 football to adult competitions.

We also felt that the existing system of having sectional competitions before the leagues actually commenced was adding games that were not played

The purpose of section games was to decide the league divisions a team were entered into, but which wasn't always accurate. We secured agreement quickly that this could be achieved just as well be looking at the performance of that same group of players in previous years. This allowed for more time for meaningful games, which was one of our key objectives.

There is a growing challenge within and indeed a threat facing our underage club competitions due to the demands on our players from a range of activities, none more so that from inter county development/academy squads.

The scale of this problem absolutely amazes me, and it is being absolutely ignored. Every single weekend, from the start of March until the middle of July, there is some form of inter-county activity for a small group of players at either U15, U16 or U17 level.

Are 600 young players in Fermanagh supposed to stop playing games because 60 players are getting football for their county? I would love someone to explain to me how such an approach is in the long-term interests of our games. We may have a very small number of players that are able to participate at a higher level, but how many players will stop playing as a result.

Rather than the club scene being the heartbeat of the association for these players, it is becoming an increasing afterthought and a distraction for these "county players" that are on development/academy squads. We have to take steps to rebalance this problem and that means putting clubs and club football at the centre of our activities operations.

We are acutely aware of the challenges facing families with GAA players in terms of arranging holidays at a time that doesn't clash with important fixtures. We therefore were keen to have a holiday period that would allow people to book holidays in advance to minimise the disruption to football activities, if they were so inclined. We also wanted to take steps to offer periods for preparation of exams at an important time of the lives of these young men.

In order to advance this process, we held two public meetings to have a structured discussion on various options.

A draft proposal was presented for consideration, with competitions to be played at U12, U13, U15, U17 and U18 age groupings.

At a meeting of the Youth Board, three proposals were considered and in a narrow vote, the proposal to introduce competitions at U12, U13, U15, U17 and U18 age groups was chosen as the preferred option. There will also be a blitz weekend at U14 level to decide which teams represent Fermanagh in the provincial and national Féile Peil na nÓg competitions at the end of June.

That recommendation has subsequently been accepted the Competitions Control Committee and we will move forward with competitions on that basis for 2018.

These structures will offer considerable games for all our players. The number of games (minimum/maximum) at each age grouping are as follows: U12 (10/11), U13 (10/11), U15 (11/15), U17 (11/15) and U18 (6/8). The under 18 competition will take place early in the year and offer players turning 18 a chance to play at a higher level than they are used to and integrate them into playing senior/reserve football.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of those who took the time to engage in this process.

We set out with no preconceived notice of change but listened to the feedback received and developed various proposals based on those opinions.

We believe that none of the proposals were perfect and certainly accept that any of them come with strong advantages and disadvantages.

However, on balance, we believe that these changes are worthy of trying to see how

We are hopeful that these changes will lead to improvements to underage club competitions in Fermanagh and to the development of better players which will go on to represent their clubs and their county at underage and adult level in the future and hopefully develop into the best footballers they can be.

AGUISÍN 4 - APPENDIX 4

Underage Masterplan 2018

U12		U13		U14		U15		U17		U18	
Groups of 5/6		Groups of 5/6				Groups of 5/6		Groups of 5/6		4 Groups-A/B Champ	
Sn 1	21st Apr	Rd 1	19th Jul	Féile 1	14th Apr	Rd 1	10th Mar	Rd 1	18th Jul	U16 FL/U17 FL/HL	3rd Mar/4th Mar
Sn 2	28th April	AC (U14)	21st Jul	Féile 2	15th Apr	Rd 2	24th Mar	Rd 2	21st Jul	U17 HL	11th Mar
Sn 3	5th May	Rd 2	28th Jul	Féile	29th June	Rd 3	31st Mar	Rd 3	25th Jul	U16 FL/U17 FL/HL	24th/25th Mar
Sn 4	12th May	Rd 3	2nd Aug	Féile	30th June	Rd 4	7th Apr	Rd 4	31st Jul	U16 FL/HL	31st Mar
Sn 5	19th May	AC (U14)	4th Aug			Rd 5	12th Apr	Rd 5	4th Aug	Rd 1	4th Apr
Rd 1	26th May	Rd 4	11th Aug			Rd 6	19th Apr	Rd 6	8th Aug	Rd 2	11th Apr
Rd 2	2nd Jun	Rd 5	16th Aug			AC (U16)	21st Apr	Rd 7	14th Aug	Rd 3	17th Apr
Rd 3	9th Jun	AC (U14)	18th Aug			Rd 7	27th Apr	Rd 8	18th Aug	U17 FC	28th Apr
Rd 4	16th Jun	Rd 6	25th Aug			Rd 8	4th May	Rd 9	23rd Aug	Rd 4	2nd May ?
Rd 5	23rd Jun	Rd 7	1st Sep			AC (U16)	5th May	Rd 10	28th Aug	U17 FC	6th May ?
Finals	28th Jun	Rd 8	8th Sep			Rd 9	11th May	FINALS	4th Sep	Rd 5	9th May ?
		Rd 9	15th Sep			Rd 10	16th May	PR	5th Sep	U17 FC	12th May ?
		Rd 10	22nd Sep			AC (U15)	19th May	QF	11th Sep	Rd 6	15th May ?
		FINALS	29th Sep			FINALS	24th May	SF	15th Sep	U17 FC	19th May ?
						PR	25th May	B FINAL	23rd Sep	SF	23rd May
						AC (U15)	26th May	A Final	30th Sep	Finals	29th May
						QF	31st May				
						AC (U15)	2nd Jun				
						SF	7th Jun				
						AC (U14)	9th Jun				
						FINALS	15th Jun				
						AC (U15)	23rd Jun				
						AC (U14)	30th Jun				

AGUISÍN 5 - APPENDIX 5

Fermanagh GAA Underage Gaelic Football Competition Regulations 2018

1. The main point of contact for all matters relating to Underage Fixtures under the jurisdiction of Coiste Chontae Fhear Manach shall be the Secretary of the Youth Committee, who shall administer such matters on behalf of the Competitions Control Committee (CCC).
2. All disciplinary matters regarding underage football in Fermanagh shall remain a matter for the Competitions Control Committee.
3. Club secretaries shall send details of their registered teams to the Secretary of Youth Board at least 96 hours prior to the commencement of a competition or that team(s) may be refused entry into that competition.
4. A club which is entering two teams at the same age level must submit a list of players who shall not be eligible to play in the second named team. The number of players on this list shall be two fewer than the number of players starting in the competition in which the first team is participating. This list can be amended at any stage during the competition with the approval of the CCC.
5. Competitions shall be organised at the following age groups in Fermanagh in 2018 and will be available to the following ages of players:
 - a. Under 12 (league only)
 - i. Player shall have celebrated his/her 9th birthday prior to January 1st and his/her 12th birthday on or after January 1st, 2018.
 - ii. Leagues shall be organised, in so far as possible, into Divisions with 5 or 6 teams. Each team shall play each other team twice on a home and away basis. Where there are sufficient club teams to fill a division entering two teams, both teams from both clubs shall play each other at the same time at the same venue. One referee shall be appointed by the Competitions Control Committee and the other referee shall be agreed between the two clubs involved. The top two teams in each Division shall compete in the Final.
 - b. Under 13 (league only)
 - i. Player shall have celebrated his 9th birthday prior to January 1st and his 13th birthday on or after January 1st, 2018.
 - ii. Leagues shall be organised, in so far as possible, into Divisions with 5 or 6 teams. Each team shall play each other team twice on a home and away basis. Where there are sufficient club teams to fill a division entering two teams, both teams from both clubs shall play each other at the same time at the same venue. One referee shall be appointed by the Competitions Control

Committee and the other referee shall be agreed between the two clubs involved. The top two teams in each Division shall compete in the Final.

- c. Under 14 (Féile Blitz)
 - i. Player shall have celebrated his 10th birthday prior to January 1st and his 14th birthday on or after January 1st, 2018.
 - ii. There shall be an 'A' Féile and a 'B' Féile competition in Fermanagh. Depending on the number and standard of nominees required for Féile Peile na nÓg from Fermanagh, the winners of both these competitions may represent Fermanagh. Other teams may represent the county in a Provincial Féile as deemed appropriate by the Competitions Control Committee depending on the number and standard of nominees required.
- d. Under 15 (league & championship)
 - i. Player shall have celebrated his 11th birthday prior to January 1st and his 15th birthday on or after January 1st, 2018.
 - ii. Leagues shall be organised, in so far as possible, into Divisions with 5 or 6 teams. Each team shall play each other team twice on a home and away basis. The top two teams in each Division shall compete in the Final.
 - iii. Teams reaching the League Finals shall be entered at the Quarter Final stage of their respective championship and those finalists from the same league division shall be on opposite ends of the draw. Teams drawn first in the Quarter Final pairings shall have home advantage.
 - iv. The winners of the U15 'A' Championship shall represent Fermanagh in any Provincial competition or other appropriate tournament that may be arranged.
- e. Under 16 (A Championship only)
 - i. Player shall have celebrated his 12th birthday prior to January 1st and his 16th birthday on or after January 1st, 2018.
 - ii. The structure of this Championship shall be determined once the number of entrants has been confirmed.
 - iii. The winners of the U16 Championship shall represent Fermanagh in any Provincial competition or other appropriate tournament that may be arranged.
- f. Under 17 (league & championship)
 - i. Player shall have celebrated his 13th birthday prior to January 1st and his 17th birthday on or after January 1st, 2018.
 - ii. Leagues shall be organised, in so far as possible, into Divisions with 5 or 6 teams. Each team shall play each other team twice on a home and away basis. The top two teams in each Division shall compete in the Final.
 - iii. Teams reaching the League Finals shall be entered at the Quarter Final stage of their respective championship and those finalists from the same league division shall be on opposite ends

of the draw. Teams drawn first in the Quarter Final pairings shall have home advantage.

- iv. The winners of the U17 'A' Championship shall represent Fermanagh in any Provincial competition or other appropriate tournament that may be arranged.
 - g. Under 18 (championship with Round Robin)
 - i. Player shall have celebrated his 14th birthday prior to January 1st and his 18th birthday on or after January 1st, 2018.
 - ii. Two Championships shall be organised, an 'A' competition and a 'B' competition. There shall be two league groups (1 and 2) in each competition and an open draw shall be made to determine which group a team shall enter. Each team shall play each other team in that group once. In each competition, the team finishing 1st in Group 1 shall play the team finishing 2nd in Group 2 and the team finishing 1st in Group 2 shall play the team finishing 2nd in Group 1. The winners of those games shall meet in the finals.
 - iii. The winners of the U18 'A' Championship shall represent Fermanagh in any Provincial competition or other appropriate tournament that may be arranged.
6. A Grading Workgroup shall be formed before the February Youth Committee meeting to make recommendations on the grading of each team entered in each competition. The membership of this workgroup shall be appointed by the Youth Committee and shall include the Chairperson and Secretary of the Youth Committee and at least three other members deemed to have relevant knowledge, skills or experience. It shall be a matter for the Grading Workgroup how it decides on the grading of each team, but it should take relevant factors into consideration, such as the number of players and the performance of this group of players in previous years.
7. In the event of teams finishing on level points in the league stages of a competition, the tie shall be decided by the following means and in the order specified:
- a. Where two teams only are involved - the outcome of the meeting of the two Teams in the previous game(s) in the Competition;
 - b. Scoring Difference (subtracting the total Scores Against from the total Scores For) from the games involving only teams finishing on level points;
 - c. Highest total Score For from the games involving only teams finishing on level points;
 - d. Highest total Goals For from the games involving only teams finishing on level points;
 - e. Scoring Average (dividing the total Scores For by the total Scores Against) from the games involving only teams finishing on level points;
 - f. A Play-Off.

8. In relation to Regulation 7 (a), (b), (c) and (d) 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 CCC may decide that the tie may be decided by a Play-Off.

9. Drawn Games in Knockout/Playoff

- a. Replays shall be held for all Finals ending in a draw. In the event of the replay ending in a draw, extra time shall be played, which shall consist of two periods of ten minutes. If, after playing extra time, the match is still drawn, a further replay shall be arranged.
- b. For all other knockout matches finishing as a draw, two 10-minute periods of extra time shall be played. If teams are still level, an additional two periods of five minutes each way will be played. There shall be a maximum time space of five minutes between the end of the first phase of Extra Time and the beginning of the second phase. The Half Time interval in the second phase of Extra time should not exceed five minutes. For the purposes of Riail 2.6 (a) (f) "Players in Extra Time" – Rules of Specification T.O Cuid II, Phase 2 of Extra Time shall be considered an extension of the initial "Extra Time" provision rather than as a new period of Extra Time (e.g. a team reduced to 14 players because of a sending off during the playing of the first phase of Extra Time must start Phase II with only 14 players etc.) If still level, replay shall be arranged, which should be played between 3 and 5 days later.

10. The penalty for each unfulfilled fixture shall be the award of the game to the opposing team and a fine for the responsible Club of €100, in line with T.O. 2017 (6.38). This fine shall not be imposed if notification of three hours or more is provided to the Secretary of the Youth Committee and the club secretary of the other team involved. Failure to field in two consecutive matches in the same season may leave the team liable to disqualification from that competition for the rest of the season.

11. Postponement of Matches

- a. All correspondence regarding postponements shall be between the Club Secretary and the Youth Committee Secretary (or in his/her absence the Chairman/Secretary of the CCC). Clubs should not contact the Referee or the Referee's Appointment Officer directly.
- b. Matches may be postponed in the following circumstances:
 - i. Death of, or death of a first degree relative (father/mother, son/daughter, brother/sister, husband/wife/partner) of a Player, Manager, Club Chairman, Club Secretary, Club Treasurer or Club President during the 72 hours preceding the game.
 - ii. In case of death of Parish Priest or Curate of any team engaged.
 - iii. If for any reason the Competitions Control Committee considers it necessary.

- c. The Secretary of the Youth Committee (or in his/her absence the Chairman/Secretary of the CCC) must be notified by the secretary of the club responsible for the postponement, in reasonable time of all postponements, stating the reasons for same.
- d. In the event of a postponement being agreed by the two Clubs and with the permission of the Secretary of the Youth Committee (or in his/her absence the Chairman/Secretary of the CCC) following the submission of an approved form by both Club Secretaries, the re-fixture must take place by within a reasonable period of the postponement. The definition of reasonable shall be a matter for the Competitions Control Committee to determine on a case by case basis. Failure to comply may result in forfeiture of points for the two teams.
- e. All postponement re-fixtures must take place before the playing of the final round of league fixtures and there shall be no postponement of the final round of fixtures, except under regulation 11a. i., ii. or iii. above.
- f. Matches postponed without an agreed alternative between both clubs, or matches not played due to failure of a referee to turn out, or an unplayable pitch will be re-fixed by the Competitions Control Committee.

12. When a pitch may be unplayable:

- a. The Secretary of the Club must request a pitch inspection from the Secretary of the Youth Committee (or in his/her absence the Chairman/Secretary of the CCC).
- b. A pitch can only be judged to be unplayable by a referee chosen by the Referees' Appointment Officer.
- c. An officer of the club must be present when the pitch inspection is being done and the decision being made.
- d. CCC has the power to rearrange a game from a pitch deemed unplayable to an alternative venue, including that of the other team involved.
- e. The steps in the allocation of an alternative venue, either to reverse the fixture or move it to another venue will involve CCC, the two clubs, possibly a third club with the venue and the Referees' Appointment Officer.

13. In addition to the requirements of T.O Cuid II, 2.5 (i) before all official games, the Referee shall be given a list of players, in duplicate, generated and printed from the GAA Management System (Servasport), which shall include the following details:

- a. Full name of player (in both Irish and English)
- b. Player's GAA membership number
- c. Date of Birth
- d. Jersey Number

14. There shall be no maximum number of substitutions made during a game of a competition up to and including U15 (but not the U15 Championship). A substitute may only be made during a break in play. A substitute may only enter

the field of play having received permission from the referee and after the player being replaced has left the pitch.

15. The names of the following team officials must be included on a list provided to the referee prior to commencement of all fixtures.
 - a. Bainisteoir
 - b. Maor Foirne
 - c. Maor Uisce
 - d. Medical Person/First Aid/Physio
 - e. Any other personnel present
16. The CCC reserves the right to amend its published games calendar as it deems necessary.
17. Any Club seeking to video a game must seek and receive permission in writing from the Secretary of both clubs and the Secretary of Coiste Chontae Fhear Manach at least two working days before a game. Approval would be granted on the understanding that the CCC would be provided with a copy of the recording if requested. The club must inform the opposition of the recording and a copy provided if requested.
18. Referees
 - a. Each club shall supply at least one 'full-time' referee for Youth Competitions and at least one 'full-time' referee for Adult Competitions. (Total –at least two referees) to the county panel.
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 - d. The Host club and Travelling Club shall each be responsible for providing two umpires and one linesman, in the event of the referee having none.
19. All cups/trophies awarded, together with any cups/trophies which may be presented to the County Committee at any time, shall be the exclusive property of the County Committee
20. Winners of all competitions under the control of the County Committee shall be presented with a trophy. The number of medals shall be 24 for all underage competitions.
21. All trophies must be returned to the Secretary of the Youth Committee (or the Secretary of Coiste Chontae Fhear Manach), before the April Youth Board meeting. PENALTY: £20 fine per month (or part month thereof) per trophy.
22. The club Committee is responsible for the safe custody of all trophies and shall be held responsible for the cost of repair or replacement necessitated as a result

of any damage to trophies, as determined by the CCC. Each club shall have a nominated officer who shall be the point of contact for CCC with regards to trophies.

23. The above regulations shall supersede all previous regulations and regulations. They shall be referred to by number in all objections, appeals and such like documents wherein they are used. Recommendations for their amendment or deletion shall quote the number of the regulation to be amended or deleted. Fermanagh GAA regulations shall be reviewed annually.

FERMANAGH YOUTH FOOTBALL PLAYING RULES 2018

Teams	Ball Size	2 Touch	Kick Outs	45's	Square Balls	Subs	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Division 4	Pitch Dimension
U12	4	Y	H	H	Y	Rolling	11 or 13 BA				*1
U13	4	Y	H	H	Y	Rolling	15 a-side	15 or 13 BA	13 or 15 BA	11 or 13 /15 BA	*2
U14 Féile	4	Y	H	H	Y	Rolling	15 a-side				Full Size *3
U15	4	Y	H/G	H/G	Y	Rolling	15 a-side	15 a-side	13 or 15 BA	11 or 13 /15 BA	Full Size *3
U15 AFC	4	Y	H/G	H/G	Y	6 limit	15 or 13 BA				Full Size *3
U15 BFC	4	Y	H/G	H/G	Y	6 limit	13 or 15/11 BA				Full Size *3
U16	5	N	G	G	Y	6 limit	15 a-side				Full Size *3
U17	5	N	G	G	Y	6 limit	15 a-side	15 a-side	13 or 15 BA	13 or 15 BA	Full Size *3
U17 AFC	5	N	G	G	Y	6 limit	15 or 13 BA				Full Size *3
U17 BFC	5	N	G	G	Y	6 limit	13 or 15/11 BA				Full Size *3
Minor	5	N	G	G	Y	6 limit	15 or 13 BA				Full Size *3

KEY

Y Yes

N No

H From the hands only

G From the ground only

BA By Agreement

*1 U12 Go Games Rules will apply. Goal = 2 points and Point = 1 point

*2 Full playing field width will be used, with small removable goal posts located on both 13m lines. Goal = 3 points and Point = 1 point

*3 Any 11 a-side match – A full size playing field shall be reduced by 7m from each side-line suitably marked out with cones or flags

NB: All clubs and teams are asked to show good sportsmanship & enable as many players to take part as possible by considering 15 a-side fixtures upon requested.