

## TOURNAMENT AND CHALLENGE GAMES

### 6.38 Tournament Games

- (a) All Tournament games shall be sanctioned by the appropriate controlling authority, which will deal with any disciplinary matters arising.
- (b) An Inter-County Tournament shall be limited to a maximum of four teams, except as otherwise permitted by Provincial or Central Council. Sanction must be obtained from Provincial Council where teams are from one Province, and from Central Council if teams are from more than one Province.
- (c) An Inter-Club Tournament shall be limited to a maximum of eight teams, except as otherwise permitted by the Controlling Authority. Sanction must be obtained as follows:
  - From the County Committee where teams are from within one County.
  - From the County Committees involved where teams are from more than one County, and in such circumstances the sanction of the Provincial Council or Central Council, as appropriate, must be obtained.
- (d) All applications for the sanction of Tournaments which involve teams from outside a Club's Own County must be recommended by the Home County Committee.
- (e) A fee of €40 for an Inter-County Tournament and €20 for an Inter-Club Tournament shall be paid with the application.
- (f) Units organising Tournament Games shall make application, in writing, to the appropriate authority/ authorities in such time as to have permission granted or otherwise, seven days prior to the commencement date of the proposed Tournament. The Council or Committee-in-Charge may give authority to its Secretary to grant permission.

Where sanction is required from more than one Unit of the Association for a particular Tournament, notice shall be given by the Applicant Unit, at or about the same time, directly to all relevant Units.
- (g) The following details shall be included in an application:

The Names of the Competing Teams; the Venue; the names of neutral Referees, who shall be on the current and recognised List of Referees, at County/ Provincial/National Levels, as appropriate.

- (h) A Referee's Match Report shall be submitted to the appropriate authority within three days of a game. When the Council or Committee-in-Charge deems it necessary, the Report shall be submitted within 24 hours.
- (i) The above Rules apply to Seven-a-Side Competitions, with exception of the limitation of teams as specified in Section (c) above. The number of teams allowed in Seven-a-Side Competition is at the discretion of the appropriate Controlling Authority. These competitions shall be subject to the Rules of the Official Guide, and other relevant Rules drawn up by the Central Competitions Control Committee. No alteration in Rules governing discipline shall be permitted.
- (j) The above Rules are applicable to Juvenile Tournaments (involving players at under 16 age group or younger).
- (k) Subsidiary Inter-County Competitions played at the beginning of the year shall be completed before the beginning of the respective National Leagues, or be completed later under Floodlights as mid week fixtures.

Failure to comply with any of the above Rule Provisions shall not affect Disciplinary Proceedings being taken, arising from a Game played.

**Penalties:**

**For Organising an Unauthorised Tournament -**

- County - Fine €1,000
- Club - Fine €500; Liable to a minimum Suspension of 8 weeks.

**For Participation in Unauthorised Tournament -**

- County - Fine €500
- Club - Fine €250
- Team/Player - Liable to a minimum Suspension of 8 weeks