

## **GENERAL RULES FOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE COMPETITIONS 2014**

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, 3 & 4 North will contest the league final to decide league winners. The top 4 teams in division 3A, 4 South, 5 North & 5 South will qualify for the semi-final. 1 v 4 & 2 v 3, 1 & 2 at home to decide league winners. Final league positions will be decided by the following criteria:

### **Rule 6.20 (5) T.O.2013**

(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)

(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 2014 season. Top 2 teams from Division 2 & 3 will be promoted (winners only promoted from 4 North, 4 South, 5 North & 5 South) and bottom 2 teams in each division will be relegated. No promotion or relegation in div 3A and no relegation in div 3. If a 1<sup>st</sup> team qualifies for promotion from Div 4 they will be promoted to Div 3. Final league positions will be decided by the following criteria.

### **Rule 6.20 (5) as above rule 5**

10. Clubs giving a walkover, 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. All referees shall be appointed by C.C.C. Cill Dara. Referee fee Senior € 40.00 Minor €30.00
13. SFL 3A, 4 North, 4 South & MFL - All games 15-a-side, 13 by agreement (agreement not to be withheld) final 15-a-side. Failure to comply will result in forfeiture of the game.  
Exception: Minor league division 4 is a 11 a side competition (any more by agreement only)  
SFL Div 5 North & SFL Div 5 South is minimum 11 a side competition (any more by agreement not to be withheld)
14. 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.
15. 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
16. 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 6.18 & 6.19 (T.O. 2013) applies
17. Clubs will not be allowed to have a second team in either the same league division or championship grade.
18. 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.
19. Aldridge/Keogh and Dowling cup competition's only, up to 8 substitutions may be used.