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## ***Continental Youth Championships Charter And Competition Regulations***

### **CHARTER**

#### **1. PURPOSE**

- a. The Continental Youth Championship (CYC) is a 501(c)(3) pending non-profit corporation whose purpose is to ensure that Gaelic Games and other Irish cultural activities are promoted in a pleasant and enjoyable environment in North America and follows the principles and practices set out in the Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) Code of Behaviour which applies to games governed by the Ladies Gaelic Football Association, Camogie Association and the GAA.
- b. The CYC shall be managed by the CYC Steering Committee.

#### **2. THE CONTINENTAL YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS (CYC) STEERING COMMITTEE**

- a. CYC Steering Committee members are appointed by the President of the GAA after consultation with the respective county boards.
- b. The CYC Steering Committee is responsible for the organization of the CYC Games including but not limited to oversight of the CYC Host Committee, management of funding, event promotion, accommodations for traveling teams, registration of players, scheduling of games and enforcement of rules.

#### **3. THE HOST COMMITTEE**

- a. The CYC Host Committee will have the responsibility for the organization of the tournament in accordance with the Host Manual.
- b. The full manual is available on the CYC website and must be reviewed prior to submitting a bid to host CYC.

### **REGULATIONS**

#### **1. TEAM ACCOMMODATIONS AT CYC:**

- a. The CYC Hotel Coordinators will assign specific hotels to each club/team.
- b. All traveling clubs/teams are required to book into the hotel assigned to them by the host city.
- c. Failure to use the assigned hotel accommodations will eliminate the club from competing in the CYC competition.

#### **2. TEAM REGISTRATION**

- a. Registration Deadline: June 15.
  - i. Registration and the Official Team Information Sheet must be completed online on [www.cycgaa.org](http://www.cycgaa.org) no later than June 15 of the playing year.
    1. Hurling and Camogie teams must have a separate team profile sheet and roster
    2. Any additions or changes requested to any roster in any code after June 15 will be at the Steering Committee's discretion.
  - ii. All registration details must be available for inspection upon request at any CYC venue or during the competition.
- b. Minimum Number of Players
  - i. U8- U12 competition: The minimum number of players, from the respective age group, required to register a team is:

7 for U8
9 for U10
11 for U12

1. Example: To register a U10 team in a Boys Football competition a team's roster will have to contain a minimum of nine players from the U10 age group only, to be considered 'Stand Alone'.
    - a. Additional players from younger age groups may be added after this minimum is met
  - ii. U14 through to U18 Competition: The minimum number of players required to register a team is 13 for boys football and 11 all other codes.
    1. In boys football, 13 players must be from the respective age group.
      - a. Example: 13 players from the U14 group are needed to register a U14 boys football team before playing any U12 players up.
    2. Girls Football, Hurling and Camogie: 11 players from the U14 group are needed before playing U12 players up.
- c. Amalgamated Teams
- i. An amalgamated team is defined as a team with 1 (one) or more player(s) from a different club or division.
    1. For example: If Club A is looking to register a team and is seeking to utilize players from any other club outside their own, the team is considered an amalgamation.
    2. No player may play with a team outside of their own club if their home club registers a team in that same competition.
    3. Any club with extra players needing to be placed on an amalgamated team may submit their name(s) to the CYC Registrar by June 15 for a team to be found for them.
  - ii. A club must amalgamate with a local club within their division or county prior to seeking to amalgamate with a club outside of their division or county.
    1. Teams that wish to amalgamate must submit their request to be considered an amalgamated team to their Divisional Board and/or County Board for approval prior to registering with the CYC.
    2. No amalgamated team will be accepted into the CYC competition without an email verifying approval from their respective Divisional or County Board
    3. Once approval has been achieved from the board, a club may submit their board approval email and their team(s) to CYC Steering Committee for approval by the June 15 deadline.
    4. Amalgamated Team rosters may have no more than 4 (four) subs on the panel
  - iii. Amalgamated Teams that want to compete in the CYC will be reviewed and approved at the discretion of the CYC Steering Committee.
    1. A review of all amalgamated team rosters will be completed and a final decision will be sent back to the clubs involved.
    2. If the request has been approved, it is the responsibility of the amalgamated club registrar to register all players and print the player profile sheet.
  - iv. The name of the amalgamated team must be submitted to the Steering Committee for approval prior to completing registration.
- d. Registration and Non-Participation Fees:
- i. Registration fee applies to all grades and codes
  - ii. Fee to register a non-amalgamated team is \$150 per team.
  - iii. Fee for amalgamated teams as defined is \$200 per team.
    1. The fee for amalgamated teams must be paid by the team whose name appears on the registration.
      - a. The CYC Steering Committee will not be responsible for collecting separate registration fees from separate clubs.
    2. Payments may be made by check or online by credit card

- a. All payments are due within 5 (five) days of the registration deadline.
- b. There shall be no refunds for teams withdrawing after the registration deadline.
- c. Checks should be made payable to "**Continental Youth Championships**" for the full amount of the tournament fee per club.
  - i. Any checks that are returned for payment will be charged an additional \$35 fee.
  - ii. Checks should be mailed or sent FedEx to:  
 Denis Twomey  
 812 Park Avenue  
 New York, NY 10021
- e. Failure to Participate: If after June 15, any registered team fails to participate in the tournament, the penalty will be a \$500 fine per team that fails to compete.

### 3. TEAM ROSTERS

- a. Grading: All rosters (teams) must be graded by A, B or C at the time of registration.
  - i. Final grading status will be determined by the **CYC Steering Committee**.
  - ii. If a club is entering two teams within the same age group the club must e-mail the CYC Registrar to allow the additional team to be set up on the CYC website.
- b. Player on Multiple Rosters: If a player is on more than one team, (i.e. football & hurling), that player must be named on both team rosters.
  - i. All players must be named on the roster of any team they intend to play with.
  - ii. Only players named on the team panel will be allowed to play.
  - iii. If a club has A, B and/or C teams within the same age group, players cannot play on more than one team in the group.
  - iv. If there are non-club players on an amalgamated team list, they must declare their home club. Only players declared on team rosters will be eligible to compete for that team.
- c. Maximum Rosters per Player: Any player U14-18 is allowed to play on a maximum of three (3) rosters. **AT LEAST** one of those rosters must be a Hurling or Camogie team.
  - i. Players not playing Hurling or Camogie are limited to a maximum of 2 rosters.
  - ii. Example: **Example**:
    - 1. A U14 male player may play on a U14 Boys Football team, U14 Hurling team and either a U16 Boys Football Team **OR** U16 Hurling Team.
    - 2. A U14 female player may play on a U14 Girls Football Team, U14 Camogie Team and either a U16 Girls Football Team **OR** U16 Camogie Team
- d. **Effective 2021**, any male or female player U8-U12 is allowed to play on a maximum of two (2) rosters. **AT LEAST** one of those rosters must be hurling or camogie. If a girl's team is available, a girl must be placed on the girls team roster
  - i. Players U8-U12 must play in their own age group if their club has a team in that age group.
- e. Player Eligibility: A player must be a resident in and attending school in the County they are registered under by January 1st of the Competition year in order to compete in the CYC. **No Exceptions**.
- f. If a club is fielding a boys and girls team in the competition, the girls must play with the girl's team (no exceptions).

- i. U8 – U12: Females can participate on boy’s teams.
- ii. U14-U18: No mixed gender teams are permitted at this age level.

#### 4. **PLAYER REGISTRATION**

- a. Health Insurance: All players participating in CYC must have their own health insurance provided by a parent/guardian or the club.
  - i. CYC and its affiliates will not be responsible for any medical costs related to the competition.
  - ii. Failure to provide proof of health insurance upon request will disqualify a player from participating in CYC
- b. In Person Registration Requirement: Every child participating in the tournament will have to appear before a registration committee to be registered.
  - i. When possible, teams will be assigned times and locations at the hotels for registration.
  - ii. At the time of registration, teams will line up in alphabetical order with their coach or club representative and must have their profile sheets with them, no exceptions.
    - 1. Individual players at the registration locations will have to wait until their assigned teams have been registered.
- c. Day of CYC registration: If, on the morning of the tournament, players need to be registered they must report to the registration tent at least one hour prior to their first game and will line up in alphabetical order with their coach or club representative and must have their profile sheet with them.
- d. Wristbands: Properly registered and approved players will be given a colored wristband that reflects their age group.
  - i. The wristbands must be worn by the player for the entire weekend. Should a wristband break the player must go to the registration tent to receive a replacement.
  - ii. **NO PLAYER IS ALLOWED TO PLAY WITHOUT A WRISTBAND**
  - iii. Referees and field marshals will ensure the wearing of wrist bands.
- e. Team Profile Sheets: All registrars must produce a team profile sheet for each team
  - i. The team profile sheet must list each player alphabetically.
  - ii. Each coach must have their team profile sheet with them at their designated registration time and at each and every game over the tournament
- f. Questioning of Player Eligibility
  - i. If a coach wants to check the eligibility of a player, the request must be made to referee at half time or end of game.
  - ii. The coach of the player involved must identify the player in question to the referee. Failure to comply will cause forfeit of game and discipline action taken against coach.
  - iii. The referee will ask the player in question his/her name and date of birth and player will sign his/her signature.
  - iv. Player in question is not allowed to leave playing area or change any item of playing gear/clothing until inquiry is complete.
    - 1. **CYC Steering Committee** members will respond to field if verification cannot be satisfied by player profile sheet and will then make final decision.
    - 2. Any objection must be lodged no later than 15 minutes after game in question.
  - v. Clubs who field an illegal player will have all teams banned for the remainder of the tournament.

#### 5. **COACH ELIGIBILITY, REGISTRATION AND BACKGROUND CHECK**

- a. CYC Steering Committee has taken important steps to ensure the highest level of player safety within our tournament. One of these steps is the implementation of a standardized approach to background screening for all coaches. **ALL COACHES MUST COMPLETE A BACKGROUND CHECK.**

- i. Coach Registration: Coaches must register for the CYC tournament by registering on their respective boards Coach Registration website. They must also register with the teams they are coaching on the Official Team CYC Team Registration form which is completed by Club Registrar.
- ii. Coach Certification: **ALL** Coaches must have completed a GAA recognized Award 1/Level 1 Certification who have qualified with a recognized GAA Foundation Coaching Course.
  - 1. Coaches who have qualified with a Foundation Coaching Course but have been coaching less than one year may be named as a head coach. However, any coach who has exceed one year of coaching must not be named Head Coach without an Award 1 certification completed or in progress.
  - 2. County boards must submit the list of approved Award 1 and Fundamental certified coaches by June 15 to the CYC Secretary.
- iii. Background Check: Each coach and assistant coach will be required to complete a background check through National Center for Safety Initiatives website. This includes a comprehensive background screening, using the Center's Check it Twice product and issuance of a simple "Red Light/Green Light" clearance report in accordance with the Recommended Guidelines published by the National Council of Youth Sports. This is part of a national movement towards the standardization of safety programs for youth-serving organizations in this country. This process is convenient, secure and confidential.
  - 1. This background check is good for 2 years. It is the responsibility of the coach and assistant coach to pay this fee by credit card.
  - 2. The USGAA and NY Minor Board have their own background check sites. A separate email will be sent out to clubs with detailed instructions. Canada does not have access to this site.
  - 3. Canadian coaches and assistant coaches must submit to a police background check in their local region. Since there is no expiration date for these background checks; the Canadian Minor Board Secretary will need to verify all background checks yearly and provide a list with names that have been cleared for the year.
- iv. Coaches and Assistant Coaches who do not complete a background check will **NOT** be issued a Coaches Wristband at the CYC and will not be allowed to coach or be on the field during the tournament. No Exceptions

b. Deadline to complete your background check is June 15 of the competition year

c. Coaches and Assistant Coaches must report to the registration tent in person, with identification, to receive their Coaches Wristband and Lanyard.

i. Coaches and Assistant Coaches will be required to wear a wristband and lanyard for the duration of the tournament. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

ii. Referees and/or Field Marshalls will remove any coach or assistant coach standing on the sideline without a lanyard and wristband.

iii. Should a wristband be lost or damaged the coach or assistant coach must go to the registration tent and receive another one.

**d. NO COACH OR ASSISTANT COACH WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE SIDELINE IF THEY DO NOT HAVE THEIR LANYARD AND WRISTBAND ON THEM, THE REFEREES AND FIELD MARSHALS WILL ENSURE THE WEARING OF SUCH ITEMS**

i. Any coach who permits their badge to be worn by another coach will be barred from the CYC indefinitely

## 6. PLAYER AND GAME EQUIPMENT

- a. Mouth guards are mandatory for both boys and girls football
- b. Go Games Balls:
  - i. U8 – 1<sup>st</sup> Touch - Football, Camogie/ Quick Touch - Hurling
  - ii. U10 – Quick Touch
  - iii. U12 – Smart Touch
  - iv. U14 Boys Football & Girls U14-U18 – Size 4 O’Neill’s Ball
  - v. U16-U18 Boys Football – Size 5 O’Neill’s Ball
- c. Uniforms: All teams shall wear their official club colours with numbered jerseys.
  - i. If there is a clash of colours, there will be a coin toss, the losing team will change colours.

## 7. NUMBER OF PLAYERS PER TEAM: BOYS/GIRLS FOOTBALL, HURLING AND CAMOGIE

- a. Players per side:
  - i. U8’s Boys Football, Hurling, Camogie and Girls Football: 7 a side
    1. Recommended: No more than 11 players per roster
  - ii. U10 Boys Football, Hurling, Girls Football & Camogie: 9 a side
  - iii. U12 Boys Football, Girls, Hurling and Camogie: 11 a side
  - iv. U14-U18 Boys Football: 13 a side
  - v. U14-U18 Hurling, Camogie, Girls Football: 11 a side
  - vi. International Teams: 15 a side
    1. Unlimited subs
- b. Teams must play with a full complement of players. Teams may start a game with a maximum of two players less than the regulation number. If they do not have the full complement of players by half time the match will be considered a forfeit and the points will be awarded to the team with a full complement of players.
  - i. If a team forfeits a game, that team is ineligible to compete in playoffs.
- c. Limit on Game Schedule Changes Due to Player Unavailability: Due to the complexity of scheduling it is the coach’s responsibility to have the appropriate number of players to fulfill game schedule.
  - i. Same age grade dual players or direct scheduled back to back games is sufficient reason to change the schedule or delay game.
  - ii. Any other reasons including travel arrangements, coaching conflicts, girls playing boys football or players playing in an upper age level game is not considered reason for schedule change.

## 8. CYC PLAYING RULES

- a. Game Length:
  - i. U8- U10 ALL CODES: Games will be played 10 minutes a half.
    1. Overtime in Boys and Girls Football and Hurling is 1 period of 5 minutes after which the referee will blow whistle restart the game.
    2. First score (goal or point) wins the game.
  - ii. U12-U18 ALL CODES: Games will be played 17 minutes a half.
    1. Overtime in ALL CODES is 2 periods of 7 minutes a half.
    2. If scores are still even after extra time, there will be 1 period of 5 minutes with referee tossing coin to determine sides teams will play on.
  - iii. Length of games may be reduced at the discretion of the CYC Steering Committee.
  - iv. Teams shall take the field no later than the time specified. Team that delays starting of game by 5 minutes shall forfeit the game. The referee will be the official timekeeper.
- b. Kick Outs
  - i. U8-U14: Boys and Girls Football - kick outs from the hand from the 13m line
  - ii. U16 & U18: ALL CODES - Follow same rules as adults excluding Mark, Sin Bin and 20m kick out.
    1. Kick out shall be from the 13m line.

- iii. No Scores may be registered from a puck/kick out.
  - 1. In the event of a score from a puck/kick out, the puck/kick out will be retaken.
- c. Frees
  - i. U8 Camogie/ Hurling: Frees may be taken from the hand.
  - ii. For all frees, including penalties, the ball may be struck with the hurley in either of two ways:
    - 1. Lift and strike in one continuous motion.
    - 2. Strike the ball on the ground.
- d. 45's /65's
  - i. When the ball is played over the end line and outside the goalposts by the team defending that end, a free kick/puck should be awarded to the opposing team from:
    - 1. U8: Boys Football/Hurling and Girls Football/Camogie - from the mid field area, out of hand or off the ground
    - 2. U10-U12: Boys/Girls Football - 45m line taken out of the hand  
Hurling/Camogie - 45m line taken off the ground
    - 3. U14-U18: Boys and Girls Football - 45m line taken off the ground
    - 4. U14-U18: Hurling - 65m line taken off the ground
    - 5. U14-U18: Camogie - 45m line taken off the ground
- e. U8- U12: No penalties. 14 yard free in front of goal.
- f. Square ball rule is in effect for all ages
- g. Unlimited substitutions for all games: When substitution is being made, the player must come on at halfway line during a break in play at the referee's direction.
- h. Minor Injury during Game: Injured player will be attended to on sideline.
- i. U8 limit on consecutive touches: In the U8 Boys and Girls Football competition players may take a maximum of two touches (1 solo and 1 hop or two solo's) before kicking or hand-passing the ball.
- j. Scoring U8 Boys Football, Hurling and Girls Football: Competition scores are awarded as follows 1 point for a score under the bar, 3 points for a score over the bar.

## 9. CYC PLAYING RULES FOR CAMOGIE

- a. U8 Rules of play shall follow First Touch *Go-Games Camogie*
  - i. Exceptions:
    - 1. A player who is fouled takes her own free like a sideline cut. Frees should never be taken closer than 13m from the opposing end line.
    - 2. When a team plays the sliotar over the sideline, the nearest player on the opposing team takes the sideline cut.
    - 3. Players are not permitted to kick the sliotar but if the ball strikes the foot or leg of a player this does not constitute a foul.
    - 4. First Touch (Large) Sliotar to be used in all games.
  - ii. Scoring
    - 1. 3 points when sliotar is played over the crossbar.
    - 2. 1 point when sliotar is played under the crossbar.
  - iii. Playing Rules
    - 1. 7-a-side: 1 goalkeeper, 2 defenders, 2 midfielders and 2 attackers
      - a. 10 minutes per half
      - b. Players SHOULD rotate positions (i.e. backs become midfielders, midfielders become forwards/goalie etc.)
- b. U10 Rules of play shall follow Quick Touch *Go-Games Camogie*
  - i. Normal Camogie rules will apply using the Quick Touch sliotar.
  - ii. A player who is fouled must take her own free.
  - iii. When a team plays the sliotar over the sideline, the nearest player on the opposing team takes the sideline cut.
  - iv. Free pucks should never be taken closer than 13m from the opposing end line.



- v. Players are not permitted to kick the sliotar but if the ball strikes the foot or leg of a player this does not constitute a foul.
- c. Scoring
  - i. 1 point for when ball goes under crossbar
  - ii. 3 points when ball goes over the crossbar where regulation goalposts are being used.
- d. Playing Rules
  - i. 9-a-side: 1 goalkeeper, 3 defenders, 2 midfielders and 3 attackers.
  - ii. 10 minutes per half
- e. U12-U18 Camogie Rules of play shall follow Camogie Association Official Guide

#### **10. DRAWS IN PLAYOFFS**

- a. A coin toss will determine which way the teams will play.
- b. U8-U10 All sports: In case of a draw in the U8-U10 semi-finals or finals, one period of 5-minute extra time will be played.
  - i. If, at the end of extra time a draw still exists, the game will go to a penalty shoot-out.
  - ii. U8 Camogie only: Players will strike the ball along the ground from 8 yards out. Defending teams will be allowed 1 player to stand on goal line
- c. U12-U18 Boys and Girls Football and Hurling: In the case of a draw in the semi-finals or finals, two 7-minute periods of extra time will be played.
  - i. A halftime interval in extra time shall not exceed 2 minutes.
  - ii. If at the end of extra time a draw still exists, there will not be a break. The referee will throw the ball in at midfield and teams will play until one team registers a score.

#### **11. TIE BREAKERS**

- a. Equal Points: Where teams (having won all their games) from the same group are level on points after the end of group stages, a coin toss will determine the seeding for the teams, if all other efforts as listed below have been exhausted.
  - i. A coin toss will not cause a team to exit the tournament.
- b. Tie Breaker Permutations: Where teams are equal on the same number of points the following criteria for determining playoff seeding will apply.
  - i. Head to head
  - ii. Whoever beats the highest seeded team
  - iii. Whichever team has conceded the least total (goals and points included)

#### **12. SCORE OBJECTIONS**

- a. A Referee's Report shall be presumed to be correct in all factual matters and may only be rebutted where the referee revises the game report.

#### **13. TEAM OFFICIALS**

- a. U8: 1 official allowed on sideline
- b. U10-U18: Up to 3 coaches on sideline
- c. All coaches must be identifiable by wearing a vest that will be provided by the field marshal.
  - i. Officials must wear their coaching credentials lanyard card and wristband during the game.
- d. No encroachment: Under no circumstances are coaches allowed onto the playing field without permission of the referee.
  - i. Coaches will remain in their designated area. Violation of this rule will result in coaches being ejected.
  - ii. Failure to comply will result in a forfeit of game.
- e. **NO PARENTS/SUPPORTERS WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE SAME SIDELINE AS PLAYERS AND COACHES. NO EXCEPTIONS**
- f. Coaches are responsible for ensuring that all participating have all the necessary equipment prior to starting the game.
  - i. Schedule will not be changed due to clubs having a lack of equipment.

#### **14. UMPIRES AND LINESMEN**

- a. Each team, after the completion of their game, is required to have 3 experienced officials to officiate the next game on the field they just played on.
- b. Officials must be 16 years old and know the rules of the game. Failure to comply with this will result in a \$500 fine per game.
- c. Officials must stay for the duration of the game. Failure to do so they will result in a \$500 fine for the club.
- d. Officials must check in with the Field Marshall giving name and club.
- e. The host city will provide the umpires and linesmen for the first games of each day.

#### **15. TROPHIES AND SHIELDS**

- a. Winning teams will receive a plaque to carry home to their club. Perpetual cups will be ceremonial and used only for photos.
- b. Cups will be retained by the CYC Committee for engraving and presentation at the next CYC.
- c. Runner up medals will only be awarded at ages U8-U12.

#### **16. CYC HEAT REGULATIONS**

- a. **Heat Index under 90° - All Codes**
  - i. 7 a side Games to take place at 10 minutes a half.
- b. **Heat Index between 90- 95°- All Codes**
  - i. 7 a side Games to take place at 8 minutes a half.
  - ii. U12-U18 Games to have designated water break every 10 minutes. This will be part of the playing time.
    1. Water break to take a maximum of 2 minutes before play resumes and should take place during stoppages in play.
- c. **Heat Index 95° to 99° - Football**
  - i. 7 a side game take place 7 minute halves.
  - ii. U12-U18 Games to have designated water break every 10 minutes. This will be part of the playing time.
    1. Water break to take a maximum of 2 minutes before play resumes and should take place during stoppages in play.
  - iii. Helmet Sports: Hurling and Camogie: Games to be postponed and take place at a cooler period of the day.
- d. **Heat index 100° to 104°all sports: Football Only**
  - i. 7 aside games shall be reduced to 7 minute halves.
  - ii. U12-U18 Games to have designated water break every 10 minutes. This will be part of the playing time.
  - iii. Water break to take a maximum of 2 minutes before play resumes and should take place during stoppages in play.
    1. Re-check temperature and humidity every 30 minutes to monitor for increased Heat Index
  - iv. Helmet Sports Hurling and Camogie: Games to be postponed and take place at a cooler period of the day.
- e. **Heat index above 104° All sports:**
  - i. Stop all outside activity in practice and/or play and stop all inside activity if air conditioning is unavailable.

## 17. PLAYER DISCIPLINE/JUVENILE SUSPENSION – SPECIAL RULES:

### a. Player Discipline

- i. U10-U12 ALL CODES – in the event of foul or abusive language players will be sent to the sideline for 3 minutes to “cool off”. Player can be replaced for this period.
- ii. U14-U18 ALL CODES: Sin Bin **IS** in effect. Players given a yellow card will be “sin binned” for 5 minutes in regular club competition. No replacement is allowed during this period.

### iii. Suspensions

1. Suspensions for Infractions are governed by Rule 7.2 – Infractions, Official Guide Part 1 with the following exceptions:

#### a. **Category I**

- i. Being ordered off as a result of a second Cautionable Infraction or being ordered off as a result of a Cautionable Infraction followed by a Cynical Behaviour
- ii. Infraction (in Boys Gaelic Football only)
  1. Fixed Penalty - Debarment from playing for the remainder of the game to include any extra time.
  2. Fixed Penalty on a Second Repeat Infraction – A One Match Suspension in the same Code and the same Level, applicable to the next game in the CYC.

#### b. **Category II**

- i. Being ordered off for a Cynical Behaviour Infraction (in Boys Gaelic Football only). **Note:** Category II Infractions do not relate to Girls Gaelic Football, Hurling or Camogie.
  1. Fixed Penalty - Debarment from playing for the remainder of the game to include any extra time. Player may be replaced by another player.
  2. Fixed Penalty for an accumulation of three orderings-offs for Cynical Behavior – A One Match Suspension in the same Code and at the same Level, applicable to the next game in the CYC.

#### c. **Category III**

- i. Striking or attempting to strike, kicking or attempting to kick, spitting, abusive language towards Official.
  1. Minimum - A One Match Suspension in the same Code and at the same Level, applicable to the next game in the CYC.
  2. Players are not permitted to participate in any games until the suspension has been served.
    - a. In the event that the player does not have additional games at the same Code and the same Level, the suspension will be served during the player’s next scheduled game regardless of Code or Level.
  3. Minimum on Repeat Infraction – A Two Match Suspension in the same Code and at the same Level, applicable to the next game in the CYC.

4. Players are not permitted to participate in any games until the suspension has been served.
  - a. In the event that the player does not have additional games in the same Code and the same Level, the suspension will be served during the player's next scheduled game regardless of Code or Level.

d. **Category IV**

- i. Striking or attempting to strike with the head, Striking or attempting to strike with the hurley, Stamping, An act of Anti-Inclusion/Diversity nature
  1. Minimum - A Two Match Suspension in the same Code and at the same Level, applicable to the next games in the CYC.
  2. Players are not permitted to participate in any games until the suspension has been served.
    - a. In the event that the player does not have additional games at the same Code and the same Level, the suspension will be served during the player's next scheduled games regardless of Code or Level.
  3. Fixed Penalty on Repeat Infraction – Debarment from playing in all Codes and all Levels for the remainder of the CYC.

e. **Category V**

- i. Threatening or abusive conduct towards a Referee, Umpire, Linesman, Field Marshall, Host Committee Member or Steering Committee Member.
  1. Fixed Penalty - Debarment from playing in all Codes and all Levels for the remainder of the CYC.

**18. COACH DISCIPLINE**

There is zero tolerance for threatening or abusive conduct towards a Player, Coach, Parent, Referee, Umpire, Linesman, Field Marshall, Host Committee Member or Steering Committee Member.

- a. Fixed Penalty - Debarment from coaching in all Codes and all Levels for the remainder of the CYC.
  - i. If referee observes any threatening or abusive conduct, referee shall issue a verbal warning and notify referee coordinator via the Field Marshall. Upon issuance of a warning, a Steering Committee member will respond and take appropriate action.
- b. Fixed Penalty on Repeat Infraction – Debarment from the host facility for the remainder of the CYC.
  - i. If this occurs the coach will be ejected for the entire tournament and be required to submit a request to the Steering Committee in order to participate in future CYC Tournaments.

## 19. MENTOR/PARENT DISCIPLINE

There is zero tolerance for threatening or abusive conduct towards a Player, Coach, Parent, Referee, Umpire, Linesman, Field Marshall, Host Committee Member or Steering Committee Member.

- a. Fixed Penalty - Debarment from the host facility for the remainder of the day in which infraction occurred.
- b. Fixed Penalty on Repeat Infraction – Debarment from the host facility for the remainder of the CYC.

## 20. COMMITTEES RELATED TO OBJECTIONS, DISCIPLINE AND HEARINGS

- a. Committee Appointments: The CYC Chair shall appoint all committee members in advance of the CYC.
  - i. Conflict of Interest Policy: Committee members who are perceived to have a vested interest will be expected to absent themselves from sitting on an assigned committee. An alternate shall be assigned by the Chair to replace them.
- b. Competitions Control Committee (CCC) shall be appointed by the CYC Chair from within the **CYC Steering Committee**.
  - i. CCC members cannot serve on the Competitions Hearing Committee (CHC) nor the Competitions Appeals Committee (CAC).
  - ii. The CCC of the CYC is responsible for the Enforcement of Rules leading up to during and after CYC tournaments, including hearing Objections and Counter Objections arising from CYC Games.
  - iii. The CCC shall review the referee report prior to finalizing any decision.
- c. Competitions Hearings Committee shall be appointed by the CYC Chair and shall adjudicate on all disciplinary matters where a Hearing is requested relating to the enforcement of rules arising from CYC Games.
  - i. A member of the CHC cannot be a member of the CCC or CAC
- d. Competitions Appeals Committee shall be appointed by the CYC Chair and shall hear Appeals resulting from a CHC hearing.
  - i. A member of the CAC cannot be a member of the CCC or CHC.
- e. The Host Committee will appoint a person at each venue who will act as a Field Supervisor. In the event of a dispute, he/she will consult immediately with the **CYC Steering Committee**.
- f. Disciplinary matters involving adults: Any discipline matters involving adults shall be dealt with under the rules of the GAA Official Guide by the Competitions Control Committee based in Croke Park.
  - i. The **CYC Steering Committee** will bar adults for the remainder of the CYC competition if they are deemed to have committed unsporting or disruptive conduct.
  - ii. The CYC CCC will forward complaints and referees reports to the Secretary of Central Competitions Control Committee (CCCC) in Croke Park for review.

## 21. OBJECTIONS AND APPEALS PROCESS

- a. It is the responsibility of each club to be familiar with the objections, appeals and disciplinary process of the GAA and CYC
- b. Objections: An objection shall be lodged in writing, in accordance with Rule 7.10 T.O. Objections, with a **CYC Steering Committee** member no later than **15** minutes after the conclusion of the game in question.
  - i. Objections must be lodged with \$100 objection fee from the team in question. \$100 fee is refundable upon a successful objection and non-refundable upon an unsuccessful objection.

- ii. The lodgment of the objection shall be conveyed verbally to the relevant team by a member of the **CYC Steering Committee**.
  - iii. A counter objection shall be lodged in writing, with a member of the **CYC Steering Committee**, no later than **15** minutes after the verbal notification of the objection by a member of the **CYC Steering Committee**
  - iv. The written objection shall be heard by at least 3 members of the Competition Controls Committee (CCC).
- c. Appeals: An appeal shall be lodged in writing, with a member of the **CYC Steering Committee** no later than **15** minutes after the result of the objection has been conveyed verbally to the relevant team.
- i. An appeal shall be heard by at least three member of CAC and the result shall be conveyed in writing to the team by a member of the **CYC Steering Committee**.
  - ii. Appeals must be lodged with \$500 appeals fee from the team in question. \$500 fee is refundable upon a successful appeal and non-refundable upon an unsuccessful appeal.