

## **Wicklow County G.A.A. Competitions Control Committee 2022**

### **Match Regulations 2022**

#### **General Regulations**

1. The CCC shall organise Championships, as required in both Hurling and Football at the following grades; Senior, Intermediate, Junior, and Under 20. The CCC shall also organise All County Adult leagues in both Hurling and Football. The CCC may also organise other subsidiary competitions if it deems them necessary.
2. The CCC shall make fixtures, and if necessary, adjust same. Fixture notice is the group email distributed to all club secretaries on a Tuesday. Any changes to fixtures outside of this will be sent via email directly to both club secretaries by the CCC Fixtures Secretary. For cup games and all replays or back matches proper notice shall be considered to be 4 days. Time of delivery where fixtures are sent by email will be deemed as the time of the transmission. Notification of Games shall also be by way of The Wicklow G.A.A. Website and the Wicklow People Newspapers.
3. All games must be played as scheduled. In exceptional circumstances only, the CCC may postpone a match. In such circumstances as listed below:
  - (i) Death of a player or a member of his immediate family - where the game is scheduled prior to or on the day of the funeral
  - (ii) Death of a serving Club Officer - where the game is scheduled prior to or on the day of the funeral.

#### **In the event of a game being postponed it must be played on the Tuesday following the funeral irrespective of the following weekend fixtures.**

4. If both clubs are agreeable, they may move a league or cup fixture **to before** the scheduled start time of the original fixture date provided that both Clubs notify the CCC Secretary in writing at least 48 hours in advance of the fixture and receive CCC permission. Teams' who cancel, postpone or move any fixture without first notifying the CCC, will be subject to loss of points or elimination and/or a fine of €200. This will be applicable to both clubs.
5. Any re-arranged fixture must not interfere with any other CCC fixture.
6. Clubs are entitled to request **Two (2) free days** during the year. These must be separate days and not on the same weekend. Requests must be emailed to the Fixtures Secretary **BEFORE** 21 February 2022. The CCC will review these dates and wherever possible accommodate a request from a club for these free days. These days are granted at the sole discretion of the CCC and if it is not possible to facilitate a requested free day then the original fixture must be played as scheduled.
7. Where a club enters teams in more than one adult League, Cup or Championship then, before the 31st January every year:
  - a. each club shall submit, to the County Secretary, a list of 18\*\* players who played first team Championship the previous year. These 18\*\* named players are ineligible to play second or lower team, League Cup or Championship for the current year

- b. Where a club has a third team, the club shall submit, to the County Secretary, a list of 15 players who played second team Championship the previous year. These 15 named players are ineligible to play in a lower team, League, Cup or Championship for the current year.

No player can be included in more than one team list.

Any player who was a member of the senior county panel in the previous year must be named as one of the 18\*\* players in the clubs first team list.

The team lists submitted by each club shall be reviewed and ratified by the CCC in advance of the commencement of the League Cups. Once ratified and confirmed by the CCC no changes to the confirmed team lists shall be allowed.

Team lists shall be complete and must include full first name and surnames.

(\*\*or as provided under By-Law No 10, Coiste Chondae Cill Mhantain 2022)

8. No Player will be permitted to regrade down more than one (1) level with their club from the previous year.
9. Any player that has not played the previous year in Championship for their club will be available to play in any grade.
10. All Clubs with more than one (1) team must fill out and return the Player Grade Declaration Form(s) (*if multiple teams*) to the Fixtures Secretary before 31<sup>st</sup> January each year.
- 11. In the event of a clash of colours for league or cup games, the Home Team must change colours.**
12. Where a home team is unable to provide a pitch for any reason the onus is on that home Club to switch any game fixed for there to a suitable alternate venue or to the opponent's pitch if available. The CCC shall have the authority to appoint an alternate venue if it deems it necessary. It shall be the responsibility of the home club to make the necessary arrangements and the CCC must be notified in writing of change of venue. Failure by a club to adhere to this regulation may entail loss of game with the game awarded to their opponents and a fine of €200. Where a venue is changed due to the unavailability of the original venue the starting time of the game must remain as fixed by the CCC.
13. Where a pitch has not been declared unplayable by 6pm on the day prior to a morning fixture or 9am on the day of an afternoon or evening fixture the final decision on making such a declaration shall rest with the official referee in consultation with the CCC Secretary.

**Failure by a club to adhere to this regulation may entail loss of game with the points awarded to their opponents.**

14. Teams who fail to fulfil a League fixture for any reason, except with the permission of the CCC, shall forfeit the points and the points shall be awarded to the opposing team. The team that fails to fulfil the fixture is deducted a further Two (2) points. If there is a corresponding fixture the CCC reserves the right to award home advantage to the opposition team for the return fixture. If a team fails to fulfil a fixture for a second time, the penalty is as above with relegation to a Lower League Division for the following year at the discretion of the CCC. A fine can be imposed at the discretion of the CCC of €200 for any team that fails to fulfil a fixture.

15. A team failing to fulfil a fixture in Division 4 or Division 5 (13 A Side) of the Football League shall forfeit the game and the points will be awarded to the opposing team. If a team fails to fulfil a fixture for the second time the team shall be disqualified from the competition.
16. All teams (Home and Away) must clear their dugout area/side of pitch and dressing room of any drinks containers/plastic bottles or rubbish following their fixture. Photographic evidence will be accepted by the CCC of any breaches of this regulation.
17. It is the responsibility of each team (Home and Away) to ensure their physio/first aid person has cleared any soiled bandages, wipes or first aid debris from all areas of the pitch and dressing room following a match. Photographic evidence will be accepted by the CCC of any breaches of this regulation.
18. Any team that withdraws from a League, Cup or Championship will be automatically fined €200 and may incur sanctions from the entry of teams the following year as determined by the CCC.
19. All clubs must apply to the County Secretary, on the appropriate forms, for permission to take part in Challenge Games and run or take part in Tournaments both inside and outside the County as per Rule. (Failure to do so means a player is not covered under the Player Injury Scheme)
20. Clubs shall be required to provide the following for all matches; four (4) white bibs/coats/jackets for umpires, a ground of the standard and dimensions required by An Teorai Oifigiuil with
  - (i) all markings properly flagged on both side-lines with flags on poles with rounded tops and which must be at least 60cm in length,
  - (ii) pitch surface to be in order regarding safety and length of grass etc,
  - (iii) Goalposts to be properly fixed, goal nets securely fixed and suitable for Football or Hurling as required, and
  - (iv) End lines and parallelograms to be marked in full.
21. All trophies must be returned to the CCC prior to the 31<sup>st</sup> May each year or earlier if required by CCC. Failure to comply shall entail a fine of €200. Clubs are responsible for the safe upkeep of trophies in their custody and will be liable for any repairs or replacements.
22. Teams not ready to start a match 30 minutes after the official start time shall be considered to have failed to fulfil the fixture.
23. In the event of a Player injured waiting for medical attention, that is not moveable from the pitch on medical advice, the referee may abandon the match.
24. The CCC may fix back matches as it deems necessary. Such back matches may be fixed for neutral venues.
25. The CCC reserves the right to amend its published games calendar as it deems necessary.
26. As per the Bye Law passed where a Club has more than one team playing at the same level (i.e. adult football or adult hurling, Under 20 football level) and where that Club is forced to withdraw a team from competition at any time after competition grading has been confirmed by the CCC the team to be withdrawn must be the lowest graded team from that Club. This regulation applies to both league, cup and championship. If the team remaining in competition under this regulation, then fails to fulfil one further league games or one championship game that team shall be eliminated and relegated to the next lowest league division or eliminated from the championship,

27. For the purposes of Rules 6.21 / 6.38 T.O. 2021 the following shall apply to all League/Championships, Leagues and Cups run on a league basis; When teams finish on equal league points for Qualification for the concluding stages, or for promotion or Relegation, the tie shall be decided by the following means and in the order specified;

- (i) Where two teams only are involved - the procedures as outlined in Rule 6.21 T.O. 2021 shall apply.
- (ii) Where more than two teams are involved - Scoring difference (subtracting the total scores against from the total scores for) of the games where the teams tied on points played each other only. In the event that a team involved in a tie consisting of more than two teams had their finishing points total affected by a loss of points against that team on a proven objection, forfeiture of points for breach of rule/regulation, or by loss of points for failing to fulfil a fixture, that team shall not be included in any play-off and shall be deemed to have finished in last place in whatever means is used to decide the tie. The procedures outlined in Rule 6.21 T.O. 2021 shall then be used to separate the remaining teams in the tie.

**Penalties: Unless specifically stated above the penalties for all breaches of the Match Regulations will be as follows: First offence Fine €50; Second Offence £100. Third offence and thereafter, the fine shall be €200 for each infringement.**

### League Regulations - Football

#### Division 1

A double round of fixtures will take place on a home and away basis. In the event of teams finishing on equal points Rule 6.21\* and 6.38\*\* T.O.2021 shall apply. The Division winners shall be awarded the Dunne Cup and will meet the winners of Division 1A in the Herbie Hill Cup Final. The bottom two teams shall be relegated to Div 1A for the following season. The final of the Herbie Hill Cup will be played with a result on the day as per Rule 3.6 (a) GAA Official Guide - Part 2 March 2021.

#### Division 1A.

A double round of fixtures will take place on a home and away basis. In the event of teams finishing on equal points Rule 6.21\* and 6.38\*\* T.O.2021 shall apply. The Division winners shall be awarded the Corn na Sagairt Cup and will meet the winners of Division 1 in the Herbie Hill Cup Final.

The top two teams shall be promoted to Div 1 for the following season

The bottom two teams shall be relegated to Div 2 for the following season.

The final of the Herbie Hill Cup will be played with a result on the day as per Rule 3.6 (a) GAA Official Guide - Part 2 March 2021.

#### Division 2.

A single round of fixtures will take place. Games will be 15-a-side unless one team only has 13, then both teams must play 13-a-side. In the event of teams finishing on equal points Rule 6.21\* and 6.38\*\* T.O. 2021 shall apply. The Division Winners shall be awarded the Timmons Cup.

The top two teams shall be promoted to Div 1A for the following season

The bottom two teams shall be relegated to Div 3 for the following season.

#### Division 3

A single round of fixtures will take place. Games will be 15-a-side unless one team only has 13, then both teams must play 13-a-side. In the event of teams finishing on equal points Rule 6.21\* and 6.38\*\* T.O. 2021 shall apply. The Division Winners shall be awarded the Johnny Fox Cup.

The top two teams shall be promoted to Div 2 for the following season

The bottom two teams shall be relegated to Div 4 for the following season.

**Division 4.**

The teams will be split in to 2 groups. A double round of fixtures (Home/Away) will take place. Games will be 15-a-side unless one team only has 13, then both teams must play 13-a-side. In the event of teams finishing on equal points Rule 6.21\* and 6.38\*\* T.O. 2017 shall apply.

The top 4 teams in each group will play-off for the Finan Cup. The quarter-final (1v4 & 2v3 against opposite group; semi-final is open draw) and final of the Finan Cup will be played with a result on the day as per Rule 3.6 (a) GAA Official Guide - Part 2 March 2021.

**Division 5.**

The teams will be split in to 4 groups. A double round of fixtures (Home/Away) will take place. No promotion or relegation in 2021. Games will be 15-a-side unless one team only has 13, then both teams must play 13-a-side. In the event of teams finishing on equal points Rule 6.21\* and 6.38\*\* T.O. 2017 shall apply. The top 2 teams in each group will play-off for the Macra na Feirme Cup. The quarter-final (1v2 & 2v1) will be West v North and South v East; semi-final is open draw) and final of the Macra na Feirme Cup will be played with a result on the day as per Rule 3.6 (a) GAA Official Guide - Part 2 March 2021.

**League Cup Regulations - Hurling****Senior Division**

A single round of fixtures will take place. The top 2 teams play off for the Dessie Murphy Cup. In the event of teams finishing on equal points Rule 6.21\* and 6.38\*\* T.O.2021 shall apply.

**Intermediate Division**

A single round of fixtures will take place. The top 2 teams at the end of the League Cup play off for the Billy Byrne Cup. In the event of teams finishing on equal points Rule 6.21\* and 6.38\*\* T.O.2021 shall apply.

**Junior Division**

A single round of fixtures will take place. Games will be 15-a-side unless one team only has 13, then both teams must play 13-a-side. In the event of teams finishing on equal points Rule 6.21\* and 6.38\*\* T.O. 2021 shall apply. The top team in each group will play-off for the O'Gorman Cup.

**Matchday Regulations – Football & Hurling**

1. Total number of players allowed in the playing area is **26**.

Total number of officials allowed in the playing area is **Eight (8)**. They shall consist of Bainisteoir, Selectors, Medical Personnel, 2 Maor Uisce (must be over 18) Chairperson, Runai or Nominated Person and all must sit in Designated Area for substitutes. (These personnel cannot be replaced by Selectors)

2. A maximum of Eleven (11) players shall be allowed in the "dug-out" and they must be seated at all times unless engaged in a warm-up on pitch side.
3. A maximum of three (3) players may warm-up pitch side at any one time during a game and must wear bibs.
4. Substitutes must occupy the designated dug outs and substitutions are only be made during a break in play.
5. Club officials, Selectors & Medical personnel must remain on seating provided.
6. Club officials, Selectors & Medical personnel must maintain social distancing rules of 2 meters at all times. This may include players and officials sitting outside the pitch area and only entering the playing area upon request.

7. The Bainisteoir must wear distinctive bib provided by the Club. The Bainisteoir is permitted to move along the side-line in front of his team's dugout to make changes/give instructions but must return to the provided seating immediately.
8. All teams must wear their uniform shorts and socks.
9. All Clubs must provide the Referee with an official team list in Irish and include Jersey numbers worn by players; it must be accompanied by the appropriate match fee prior to commencement of game.
10. All Players and Team Officials must Stand to Attention and show due respect during the playing of our National Anthem.
11. Clubs when nominated must provide umpires at Championship matches.
12. During double or triple headers players /team officials are NOT permitted to enter the pitch enclosure during the first/second game, or at half time of the first/second game.
13. In the event of a clash of colours **both teams must change jerseys for championship games.**
14. Children under 17 years of age are not permitted in any of the following areas under any circumstances – pitch, dug-out and dressing room area during adult games.
15. Officials and players shall not urinate in any open public area on or around a pitch before, during or after a game.
16. In the event of failure of lights, both teams must wait a minimum of 30 minutes to allow the problem to be resolved.
17. Fixture notice is the group email distributed to all club secretaries on a Tuesday. Any changes to fixtures outside of this will be sent via email directly to both club secretaries by the CCC Fixtures Secretary.
18. All knockout games up to the final will be played with a result on the day. In the event of both teams ending on level score at the end of extra time Rule 3.6 (a) GAA Official Guide - Part 2 March 2021 will apply.
19. Where a club has more than one adult team involved at any grade in their respective code in Championship, the higher grade must play in advance of the lower grade, unless agreed by both clubs.
20. Dual clubs cannot be fixed to play championship matches in both codes at a shorter interval than 48 hours without their consent. The exception to this will be if both County Finals go to a replay.
21. A player who plays in any Football championship match may not subsequently play in a lower status football championship of the same championship year. (Penalty for breach of this regulation; Team loss of match. Player 4 week's suspension)
22. Lists of team panels (1 to 24) for inclusion in Match Programmes in all Senior football championship fixtures, Senior hurling championship fixtures and all other competition finals must be received by the CCC Secretary **at least Four (4) days prior to the game.**
23. Players must be numbered exactly in accordance with the published match programme.
24. Teams will be allowed access to the pitch where possible Fifteen (15) minutes immediately prior to the commencement of their game.
25. Players/substitutes are not permitted to have a kick / puck about on the pitch at halftime.

26. The use of video at all matches is subject to the club obtaining permission from the County Secretary and the original must be made available to the CCC if required.
27. The following regulations govern the recording on film, video, DVD or otherwise or any ADULT competition game played under the auspices of CCC Chill Mhántain.
- a. The recording of Minor competitions games are subject to the guidelines on the use of photographic images and monitoring websites in GAA clubs as outlined in the GAA Code of Best Practice in Youth Sport (copy available on [www.gaa.ie](http://www.gaa.ie))
  - b. Permission for a Club to record a game on video or any other means of recording may be granted on the following basis:
    - i. That an application is made in writing by email beforehand and is authorised by the County Secretary.
    - ii. That any recording can only be used for coaching, training, or disciplinary purposes.
    - iii. That the Club recording a game, or its agent hired for the purposes or same shall make a full, unedited copy of the recording of the game available to the CCC, on request.
    - iv. Host Clubs must provide Facilities for visiting teams (who have been authorised by the County Secretary) to record games.
    - v. In the event of a dispute preference in the allocation of advantage points for recording any game shall be in the following order:
      1. Wicklow GAA Video
      2. Participating Teams
      3. Broadcast Media

28. The onus is on each club to ensure that their members are aware of and adhere to these regulations.

29. There will be set fixed fines for breaching any championship match regulations, set as follows:

- a. **First offence - Fine €50**
- b. **Second offence – Fine €100**
- c. **Third offence and any subsequent offences – Fine €200**

**All breaches of championship match regulations are treated the same, they are not regulation specific, offences escalate on the fine offence scale for ALL championship match regulations. i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> offence on Reg 1 = Fine €50; if the 2<sup>nd</sup> offence/infringement is on a different regulation, for example Reg 4 then the Fine is €100 as this is the second offence.**

**All fines will be issued by the County Treasurer and must be paid in full within one (1) calendar month**

- d. The CCC will monitor and implement appropriate fines for any breaches of Wicklow GAA Match Regulations 2022.

### Definitions:

**Chairperson** shall remain seated in the designated area on the side-line is responsible for the adherence to Match Regulations by his Club. He/she cannot be represented by another person. In the event of his/her non-attendance the official number permitted entry to the designated seating area shall reduce to Seven (7) and responsibilities will pass to the Club Runai / Nominated Representative.

**Runai/Nominated Representative** is permitted to move to the side-line official to relay details of substitutions otherwise he/she shall remain seated in the designated area on the side-line.

**Bainisteoir** The Bainisteoir shall wear a designated distinctive top or Bib and is not permitted to enter the field of play but may move along the sideline from the 65m line to the 20m line as per the "Pitch Layout" on Page 10 of the regulations. The Bainisteoir may not act in any other capacity. The Bainisteoir also shares the responsibility of ensuring the Games Regulations are respected by players and members of team management and can have their side line privileges removed for any breaches by players and members of team management

**Break In play** is when the ball has gone out of play following a score, a wide or a stoppage in play called by the Referee for medical attention to an injured player. The taking of a free and/or side-line kick/puck does not constitute a break in play.

**Selectors** shall remain seated in the designated area on the side-line throughout the game. Selectors may not act as Water carriers/Hurley carriers.

**Medical Personnel** (1 & 2) shall wear bibs with Doctor/Physio in clear letters. They may only enter the field of play to attend to an injured player on the instruction of the referee. Medical personnel are not permitted to carry out the role of water carriers but are not restricted in providing fluids in their medical capacity. When not attending to injured players both medical personnel shall remain seated in the designated area on the side-line. Selectors/Coaches cannot act as a medic person, without advance approval from the Committee in Charge.

#### **Maor Uisce**

Two Maor Uisce who must be over 18 years of age, are permitted per team; they may not enter the field of play. Each must wear an official bib and will be situated as per the "Pitch Layout" on Page 10 of these Regulations, and at least two metres from the sideline.

**Official team personnel (Selectors/Coaches), substitutes, injured players or members of the extended panel may not act as Maor Uisce.** In the event that any official team personnel, injured player or a member of the extended panel act as a Maor Uisce, any breach of rule shall be considered as a Misconduct at Games by Team Officials infraction.

Maor Uisce are not permitted to have/use Communications devices i.e. walkie talkies.

**In Hurling the Maor Uisce** will also act as Hurley Carriers & may enter the field of play with a replacement hurley when necessary.

**Maor Camán is not allowed to carry water into the players and may enter the field of play only with a replacement hurley when necessary.**

**Unauthorised Incursions Any unauthorised incursions onto the field of play will be dealt with under Riall 7.2 2021**

#### **Distinctive Tops**

**If not wearing the official bib, the distinctive tops as listed above in relation to the Bainisteoir shall not clash with the main colour of either team.**

The Clár an Lae (Championship Games only) shall also notify teams in advance of each game as to pre-match & half time protocols, the assignation of dressing rooms, bib colours to be worn, and any pitch regulations around warmups & access.

### **Matters not provided for**

Matters not specifically provided for in these regulations shall be dealt with by the referee and his team of officials on the day, and then by An Lár Choiste Cheannais na gComortaisí when reported via either the Referee, Sideline Official or Match Monitor.

## **Entry to field of Play/Incursions**

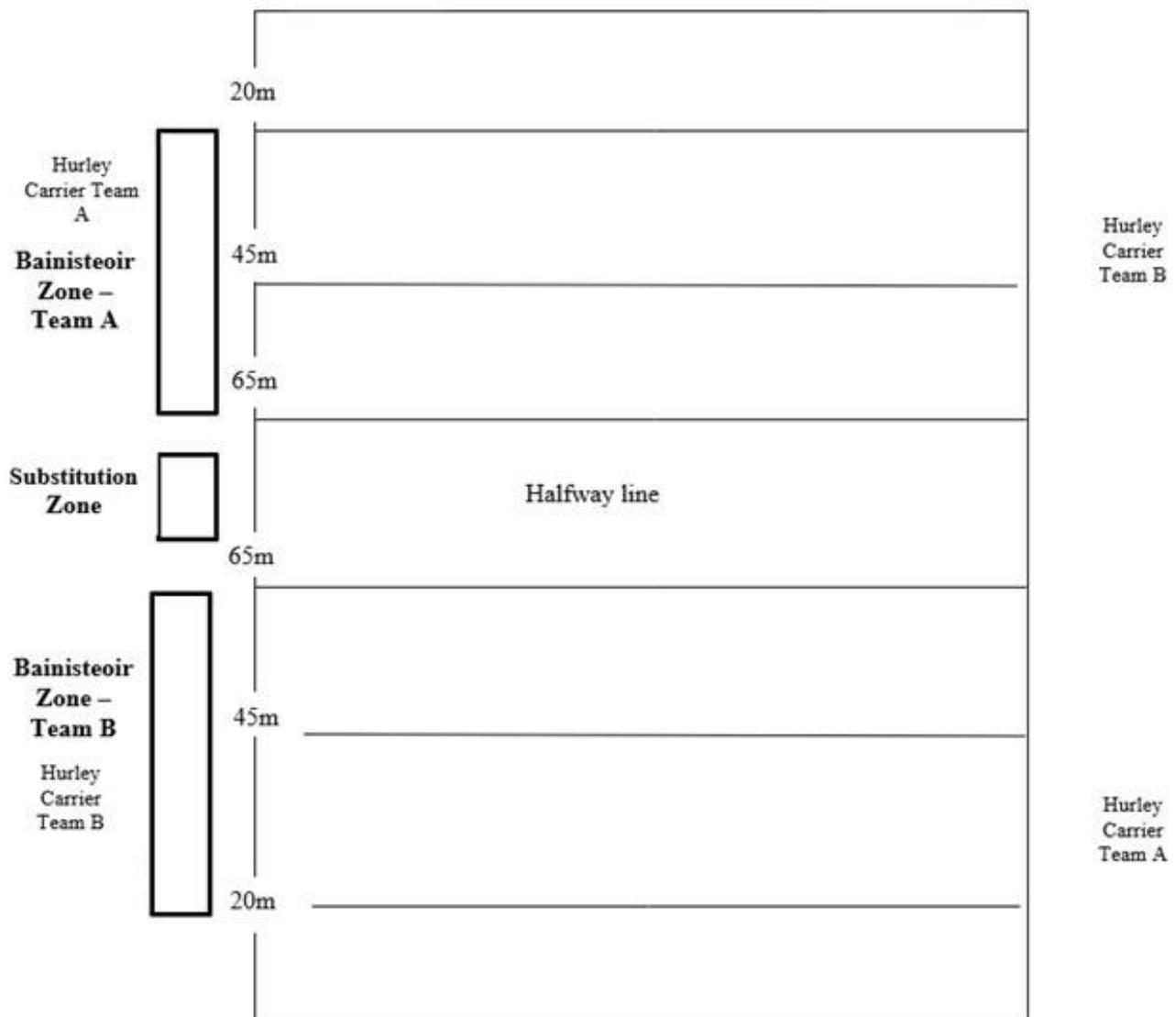
A Team Official shall not enter the field of play.

**Exception:** The Referee may give his permission to a Team Medical Officer or one authorised official to enter the Field of Play to examine an injured player.

Penalties on the day for the above infraction:

- (i) Caution offender by showing him a Yellow Card;
- (ii) Order offender from the Pitch Enclosure for a second Infraction by showing him a second Yellow Card followed by a Red Card. The offender is debarred from the Pitch Enclosure for the remainder of the Game, including any Extra-Time, when played, and he may not be replaced.

**Pitch Layout for ALL games**



**The onus is on each club to ensure that their members are aware of and adhere to these regulations.**