

# Allianz League Regulations 2026

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# Allianz League 2026 Regulations

These Regulations are to be read in conjunction with **Regulations Governing the Organisation and Presentation of Inter-Club Championships, Inter-County Championship and Allianz League Games.**

## Match Programme:

1. The Home County shall provide an official match programme for each ordinary round game.
2. The Home County shall provide the Referee with a copy of the match programme for forwarding to Páirc an Chrócaigh (Central Competitions Control Committee) with his report.
3. The players' clubs shall be included.
4. The names of players and details of the game (names of counties, venue, name of referee etc.) shall be printed in Irish in the programme.
5. Additional provisions & penalties in relation to the Match Programme are as per Regulations 1.8 – 1.10, "Regulations governing the Organisation and Presentation of inter-club championships, inter-county championships and Allianz League games", as approved by Ard Chomhairle and require;
  - a. The Travelling County to forward their team selection for receipt by the Home County not later than noon on the Wednesday prior to a weekend game, to enable the Home County to produce a match programme
  - b. Players are to be numbered in accordance with the Official Programme, from 1 to not more than 26
  - c. **The use of A.N. Other is not permitted.**

**Penalty: Minimum fine of €500 for each individual breach.**

## Match Officials:

1. Coiste Náisiunta Roghnaithe na Réiteoirí are responsible for the appointment of all Match Officials.
2. It is the responsibility of the Home County to provide the Referee Radio Equipment (Where available), Substitution Board and Line Umpire flags.

## Playing Equipment:

- It is the responsibility of the Home County to provide GAA-approved sliotars / footballs for each home fixture.
- GAA Approved Smart Sliotar shall be used in the Allianz Hurling League.

**Playing Pitch:**

1. The playing pitch shall be properly marked and flagged.
2. The grass shall be cut appropriately for hurling/football.
3. The Home County shall provide adequate stewarding to ensure that spectators do not encroach on the playing pitch.

**Penalty: Minimum fine of €500/County may lose Home Venue for future games as determined by the Central Competitions Control Committee.**

**Scoreboard:**

- A scoreboard, giving the names of the counties in Irish, shall be used.

**Penalty: Minimum fine of €500**

**Clock (Hurling)**

- Where scoreboard clocks are in place, they should continue to display the time played until the referee sounds the half-time or full-time whistle.

**Clock (Football)**

- CCCC shall decide whether a Public Clock and/ or Hooter shall be used, subject to Regulations issued by the Central Council.
- CCCC shall appoint a "time official" for the game.
- CCCC will set the minimum specification of equipment required for the Clock and Hooter to be used.
- Venues should ensure all equipment is fully operational in advance of the game, and a complete test will occur 90 minutes before throw-in with the Referee, Time Official, and Stadium Officials

**Public Address System:**

- A proper Public-Address System should be available at all Grounds. The announcements shall be made in English and Irish where practical.

**Penalty: Minimum fine of €500.**

**Venues:**

The Central Competitions Control Committee is responsible for all arrangements (excluding the appointment of Referees) for and Control of Games under the jurisdiction of the Central Council in accordance with Riail 3.45 (b) T.O. 2025. It has the authority on behalf of Ard Chomhairle to decide the venues for all Allianz League games.

1. The Central Competitions Control Committee shall request Counties to nominate home (and alternative) venues for Allianz League games. Counties that do not nominate venues within the specified time may have their venues decided by the CCCC.
2. All grounds must meet the criteria set down by the National Facilities/Health and Safety Committee and must comply with Health and Safety Legislation and relevant best practice guidance.
3. An Event Controller and Safety Officer to be appointed by the Provincial Secretary at the grounds hosting National League games in accordance with Health and Safety Regulations. An adequate number of trained stewards must also be arranged.
4. All grounds to operate a ground-specific Event Safety Management Plan, including an emergency plan, are agreed with the relevant statutory agencies. A match-specific Event Management Document must also be produced for the day.
5. A Defibrillator must also be available to trained personnel.
6. The Medical Room should conform to the recommendations issued by the Medical Scientific and Welfare Committee.
7. Priority must be given to providing the highest quality Team and Match Officials Dressing Rooms and covered accommodation for spectators.
8. Where a Home County has a choice of venue, consideration to be given to the location and suitability of the nominated venue for the visiting County.
9. Grounds used to stage games in non-daylight hours should have adequate lighting and auxiliary lighting throughout all parts of the grounds which the public have access to including turnstiles and car parking areas.
10. The Rúnaí Contae of the Home County shall determine and notify both Teams in advance of the game of their designated Sideline area, designated seated area for substitutes and other officials, and area of the pitch to be used for the Warmup.

**Pitch Inspections:**

In the event of inclement weather and when there is a possibility of a pitch or pitches being unplayable, the following procedures should be followed;

1. The Rúnaí Contae must alert the Central Competitions Control Committee (CCCC) immediately.
2. The CCCC will nominate an Official to carry out a pitch inspection, on the evening before or the morning of a fixture and shall have the authority to declare a pitch unplayable.
3. Where a venue may be unplayable, due to adverse weather/ground conditions, and the game has to be transferred at short notice to the nominated alternative venue, the Rúnaí Contae, having received the approval from the CCCC, shall be responsible for notifying and the local media. The CCCC shall notify the opposing county, the Games Officials and the National Media.
4. Where the nominated and the alternative venue are both unplayable, and no other suitable pitches are available, and with the approval of the CCCC, the game may be postponed. The CCCC shall then make the necessary arrangements to notify the Teams and Officials immediately.
5. On the day of the game, all Match Officials are asked to be at the venue at least one hour before the scheduled throw-in, but if the event control has any concerns, they should contact the CCCC immediately.

**Penalty: Minimum fine of €500. County may lose Home Venue for future games as determined by the Central Competitions Control Committee.**

**Forced Postponements:**

- Any forced postponements due to bad weather or unplayable surface will be re-fixed by the CCCC for the next available date. In the case of Saturday night games, the 'next available date' should be taken to mean the following day, if deemed appropriate and practical by the Provincial Secretary of the home county so involved. In exceptional circumstances, the CCCC may re-fix the postponed game in a venue outside of the home County.
- Where postponements in the Allianz Leagues are due to an unplayable surface and when the Home County is unable to provide a suitable alternative venue, the Home County may be liable for reasonable travelling and overnight expenses of the away team (to be deducted from league pay-out as appropriate). In instances where there is a dispute over what constitutes 'reasonable' costs, CCCC will act as arbitrator. This policy applies only to counties within Ireland.

**Forced Postponements (Allianz Football League Only)**

- If, due to forced postponements, the games programme (including the final) in a given Division is not fully completed by the weekend of March 28<sup>th</sup> /29<sup>th</sup> 2026, league positioning at the end of the last full round of fixtures played in that Division shall be used to determine final league finishing positions for the purpose of ranking and qualification for the 2026 Senior Inter County Football Championship and Tailteann Cup (as outlined in Rule 6.12, T.O 2025).

**Failure to fulfil Fixtures:**

- The penalties for a unit failing to fulfil an Allianz League game shall be as outlined in Code 13.2.

**Check List for Live TV Games:**

- The National Flag is to be displayed in the most suitable and presentable location. The National Flag can be displayed at floodlight games as long as it is properly illuminated at all times, preferably by a spotlight.
- All flags (Sideline included) to be clean and crisp.
- Playing area, and grounds generally to be presented to the highest standards.
- Ground markings i.e. lines to be clear for players, spectators and viewers.
- Clean sliotars/footballs to be in use at all times.
- Prevent unapproved advertising.

**Winner on the Day**

- All knockout games in the Allianz League will be Winner on the Day.

# League Ordering

## Points

Results shall be credited as follows; two points for a win and one point for a draw.

## If a Team is Disqualified or Retires

If a team is disqualified or retired during the course of the League Stage, its played Games shall still stand and its unplayed Games shall be awarded to the Opposing Teams

## League Ordering

When Teams finish with equal 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 outcome of the meeting of the two Teams in the previous game in the Competition;
- (ii) Scoring Difference (subtracting the total Scores Against from total Scores For);
- (iii) Highest Total Score For;
- (iv) Highest Total Goals For;
- (v) A Play-Off

In the event that two teams or more finish with equal points, but have been affected by a disqualification, loss of game on a proven objection, retirement or walkover, the tie shall be decided by the following means:

- (i) *Least number of Walkovers given.*
- (ii) Score Difference from the games in which only the teams involved, (teams tied on points), have played each other (subtracting the total Scores Against from the total Scores For)
- (iii) Highest Total Score For, in which only the teams involved have played each other, and have finished equal in (ii)
- (iv) Highest Total Goals For, in which only the teams involved have played each other, and have finished equal in (ii) & (iii)
- (v) A Play-Off

## Walk Over Games

In a League or Round Robin, and for league ordering, if a walkover is given, the team who received the walkover will be deemed the winner of that game.

# Allianz Football League 2026 Format

(Year One of a Two-year cycle)

## Allianz Football League Roinn 1

Counties Roinn 1	Format
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ard Mhacha</li> <li>• Áth Cliath</li> <li>• Ciarraí</li> <li>• Dún na nGall</li> <li>• Gaillimh</li> <li>• Maigh Eo</li> <li>• Muineachán</li> <li>• Ros Comáin</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each Team to play seven ordinary rounds.</li> <li>• The top two teams contest the Roinn 1 final.</li> <li>• The bottom two teams are relegated to Roinn 2.</li> </ul>

## Allianz Football League Roinn 2

Counties Roinn 2	Format
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An Cabhán</li> <li>• An Mhí</li> <li>• Cill Dara</li> <li>• Corcaigh</li> <li>• Doire</li> <li>• Lú</li> <li>• Tír Eoghain</li> <li>• Uíbh Fhailí</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each team to play seven ordinary rounds.</li> <li>• The top two teams contest the Roinn 2 final.</li> <li>• The top two teams are promoted to Roinn 1.</li> <li>• The bottom two teams are relegated to Roinn 3.</li> </ul>

## Allianz Football League Roinn 3

Counties Roinn 3	Format
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An Clár</li> <li>• An Dún</li> <li>• An Iarmhí</li> <li>• Fear Manach</li> <li>• Laois</li> <li>• Loch Garman</li> <li>• Luimneach</li> <li>• Sligeach</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each team to play seven ordinary rounds.</li> <li>• The top two teams contest the Roinn 3 final.</li> <li>• The top two teams are promoted to Roinn 2.</li> <li>• The bottom two teams are relegated to Roinn 4.</li> </ul>

## Allianz Football League Roinn 4

Counties Roinn 4	Format
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An Longfort</li><li>• Aontroim</li><li>• Ceatharlach</li><li>• Cill Mhantáin</li><li>• Liatroim</li><li>• Londain</li><li>• Port Láirge</li><li>• Tiobraid Árann</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Each team to play seven ordinary rounds.</li><li>• The top two teams contest the Roinn 4 final.</li><li>• The top two teams are promoted to Roinn 3.</li></ul>

### Promotion & Relegation Summary

- Both promotion and relegation to be organised on the basis of two up/two down.

### Venues

- Venues for the Allianz Football League Finals will be determined by the CCCC.

### Forced Postponements (Allianz Football League)

- If, due to forced postponements, the games programme (including the final) in a given Division is not fully completed by the weekend of March 28<sup>th</sup> /29<sup>th</sup>, league positioning at the end of the last full round of fixtures played in that Division shall be used to determine final league finishing positions for the purpose of ranking and qualification for the 2026 Senior Inter County Football Championship and Tailteann Cup (as outlined in Rule 6.12, T.O 2025).

# Allianz Hurling League 2026 Format

(Year Two of a Two-year cycle)

## Allianz Hurling League Roinn 1A

Counties Roinn 1A	Format
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cill Chainnigh</li> <li>• Corcaigh</li> <li>• Gaillimh</li> <li>• Luimneach</li> <li>• Port Láirge</li> <li>• Tiobraid Árann</li> <li>• Uíbh Fhailí</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each Team is to play six games (three home, three away and one bye.)</li> <li>• The top two teams contest the Roinn 1A final.</li> <li>• CCCC will confirm the venue for the final.</li> <li>• The bottom two teams are relegated to Roinn 1B.</li> </ul>

## Allianz Hurling League Roinn 1B

Counties Roinn 1B	Format
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An Clár</li> <li>• An Dún</li> <li>• Aontroim</li> <li>• Áth Cliath</li> <li>• Ceatharlach</li> <li>• Cill Dara</li> <li>• Loch Garman</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each Team to play six games across seven rounds (three home, three away and one bye.)</li> <li>• The top two teams contest the Roinn 1B final.</li> <li>• CCCC will confirm the venue for the final.</li> <li>• The top two teams are promoted to Roinn 1A.</li> <li>• The bottom two teams are relegated to Roinn 2.</li> </ul>

## Allianz Hurling League Roinn 2

Counties Roinn 2	Format
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An Iarmhí</li> <li>• An Mhí</li> <li>• Ciarraí</li> <li>• Doire</li> <li>• Laois</li> <li>• Londain</li> <li>• Maigh Eo</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each Team to play six games across seven rounds (three home, three away and one bye.)</li> <li>• The top two teams contest the Roinn 2 final, with the first-placed team having home venue.</li> <li>• The top two teams are promoted to Roinn 1B.</li> <li>• The bottom two teams are relegated to Roinn 3.</li> </ul>

**Allianz Hurling League Roinn 3**

<b>Counties Roinn 3</b>	<b>Format</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ard Mhacha</li> <li>• Cill Mhantáin</li> <li>• Dún na nGall</li> <li>• Fear Manach</li> <li>• Lú</li> <li>• Ros Comáin</li> <li>• Tír Eoghain</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each Team to play six games across seven rounds (three home, three away and one bye.)</li> <li>• The top two teams contest the Roinn 3 final, with the first-placed team having home venue.</li> <li>• The top two teams are promoted to Roinn 2.</li> <li>• The bottom two teams are relegated to Roinn 4.</li> </ul>

**Allianz Hurling League Roinn 4**

<b>Counties Roinn 4</b>	<b>Format</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An Cabhán</li> <li>• An Longfort</li> <li>• Lancashire</li> <li>• Liatroim</li> <li>• Muineachán</li> <li>• Sligeach</li> <li>• Warwickshire</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each Team to play six games across seven rounds (three home, three away and one bye.)</li> <li>• The top two teams are promoted to Roinn 3.</li> <li>• The top two teams contest the Roinn 4 final, with the first-placed team having home venue.</li> </ul>

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