



GAA WORLD GAMES 2023

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Charter Overview

This Charter sets out the Tournament Regulations and Playing Rules adopted by GAA World Committee for the GAA World Games and has the approval of Central Council within the GAA, Camogie Association and LGFA.

Further to approval from GAA World Committee, a specific Competitions Control Committee (CCC) shall be appointed for the GAA World Games. The CCC will be chaired by the Chair of the World Games Committee and will also include the representatives of the Camogie Association and the LGFA from this Committee – on their nominated representatives – along with two members nominated by the CCC including the current Chair.

In relation to matters of eligibility (player and/or team), the CCC for the GAA World Games will have the power to conduct a full investigation and further to findings will have the power to propose penalties on offending players and units.

In relation to disciplinary proceedings, the CCC for the GAA World Games will be governed by the GAA Official Guide (Part 1 and 2), the Official Guide of the Camogie Association (Part 1 – 6) and the LGFA Official Guide (Part 1 -3) unless otherwise provided for in the Charter.

The CCC be responsible for the interpretation and regulation of the Official Charters including any Disciplinary Process/Procedures arising from the GAA World Games.

A Hearing's Committee will be appointed – A Chair will be appointed and will comprise of representative drawn from each of the following: GAA, Camogie Association and LGFA.

The Appeals Committee will be appointed – A Chair will be appointed and will comprise of representative drawn from each of the following: GAA, Camogie and LGFA.

Section 1: Players

1.1 Player Eligibility

- a) Player Eligibility is determined on the basis of three criteria: membership; residency; birthplace.
- b) Players must be members of an international GAA, LGFA, Camogie unit or a GAA, LGFA Camogie club in Britain.
- c) Players must be resident in their nominated country/team region from no later than October 31st, 2022. A 'team region' may consist of a group of countries.
- d) Players participating in the 'International born' competitions must not have been born on the island of Ireland.
- e) Any player regardless of nationality, who participated in Games Development youth structure in the 32 counties of Ireland (12- 17 years old) cannot compete in the 'International born' grade. However, any such player is welcome to play in the 'open' grade of the competition.
- f) For Hurling and Gaelic football, a player shall have celebrated their 18th birthday, prior to January 1st of the Championship year (as per the Official Guide). For LGFA and Camogie a player must be 18 years of age or older to participate in the Games (18th birthday by Monday, July 24th).
- g) Any player participating in the World Games must have their own health insurance and travel insurance
- h) Players are not eligible to play if the player participates in a competitive game in Ireland after October 31st, 2022, with another club/county/team other than the region / team they are representing in the 2023 GAA World games prior to the start of the 2023 GAA World games.
- i) Player cut off point to participant in a non-competitive game in Ireland is **Monday, April 24th**, you cannot play for your club/county/team other than the region /team you are representing in the 2023 GAA World Games.

Section 2: Teams

2.1 Team Eligibility

Entry to the Competition is open to all International Units and GAA Clubs in Britain. In order to be eligible a team must have registered and received approval in accordance with the approved application process.

2.2 Panel Composition

Panels are limited to a maximum of thirteen (13) players for the duration of the competition.

Should any panel lose a player/s named on the registered team-list prior to the commencement of the competition (due to injury, ineligibility etc.) person/s may be replaced subject to adherence with Player Eligibility requirements and approval by the CCC of the World Games.

Should any panel lose a player after the commencement of the competition (due to injury) the injured player/s can be replaced with approval by the CCC, competition eligibility rules apply.

2.3 Pitch – Coordinator Role

To ensure all games are played on time according to the fixtures' schedule

To ensure all match officials are in place prior to each match

To ensure required playing equipment is in place for the game

To ensure match results and match reports are signed off by the Referee and relayed to the World Games Office

2.4 Team Composition

Teams are limited to a maximum of nine (9) players on the field of play at any one time.

2.5 Team Adherence to Fixtures

Teams must report to the Pitch Coordinator and be ready to start their match 10 minutes before the scheduled start time of the game.

As soon as the pitch is available, the two teams will take the field. Each team must have a minimum of 7 players on the field for the game to start at the beginning of each half.

The Referee will throw the ball in on time once there is a minimum of 7 players from each team on the field.

A team that causes a game to be delayed for more than 2 minutes will forfeit the game. Time will be noted by the Referee and relayed to the World Games CCC.

2.6 Team Kit

Each team must have individual standard numbers on the back of their playing jerseys (i.e., 1 – 13).

In the event of a colour clash between two opposing teams, a coin toss will be carried out to determine which team will wear alternative jersey or bibs.

2.7 Team Registration

Team registration fee to the value of €500 is required by each team by COB on Friday, **January 27th, 2023.**

Post tournament, €300 will be returned to each team on the condition all games were fulfilled during the tournament.

Each competing team shall submit their team registration along with proof of residency i.e. utility bill or proof of employment to their County Board by close of business on

Friday, July 7th, 2023. The county board are required to provide all registration documentation to the CCC on request.

All details must be available for inspection on request during the Competition.

Wrist bands will be supplied to all players, ID badges will be supplied to the team mentors.

2.8 Team mentors

Each team shall be accompanied on the playing field by a maximum of two team mentors. Each team mentor will be provided with a bib for identification purposes. The names of the \mentors must be provided on the team registration sheet prior to the competition

Section 3: Match Officials

3.1 Match Officials

At each game played as part of the Competition, the following Match Officials shall officiate:

- 1 Referee
- 4 Umpires
- 2 Linespersons (one to act as stand-by Referee)
- Interchange Official

These Officials shall decide on all matters affecting play on the field.

3.2 Appointment of Match Officials

The GAA, World units, the Camogie Association and the LGFA will liaise with the CCC of the World Games to identify a panel of Match Officials for the World Games. Only Match Officials appointed to this panel will officiate at games.

Section 4: Competition Format

4.1 Competition Classifications

World Games competitions will be classified as either 'Open' or 'International born'.

Open

Where a competition is classified as 'Open' it is primarily aimed for players who were born on the island of Ireland and have played the game for an extended period of time. However, this competition is available to all players who have an adequate skill level to compete.

International born

Where a competition is classified as 'International born' it is only for players who were not born on the island of Ireland i.e., birthplace is somewhere other than the island of Ireland.

Depending on affiliation numbers and the need to ensure that all teams are provided with a schedule of meaningful games, teams from both grades may be combined for grading and/or qualification purposes where this is not otherwise predetermined. Teams in the 'International born' grade may be graded to ensure meaningful games depending on registered number of teams. International born teams may be separated into international grade I or II depending on number of international born teams registered.

4.2 Game Duration

At the Group Stages, each game will consist of two halves – 9 minutes per half with a 2 minute half-time break.

At the Knock-out Stages, each game will consist of two halves – 12 minutes per half with a 2 minute half-time break.

The Finals of the competition will consist of two halves – 15 minutes per half with a 5-minute half-time break.

4.3 Extra-Time

There shall be no Extra-Time for games played during the Group Stages.

In the case of drawn games at the Knock-out Stages or Finals, there will be Extra-time, which will consist of two three-minute periods with a half-time interval for 1 minute. In the event that the game remains tied after Extra-Time, a further indefinite period of Extra-Time will be played until one of the teams scores – either a point or a goal – at which stage they will be declared the winner.

In the case of Extra-time a team may start nine players on the field of play. This applies even if at the end of normal time the team had a reduced number of players due to a player/s receiving a Red Card but subject to the condition that the player/s who received a Red Card cannot take part in any Extra-time periods. Sin-Bin infractions – where appropriate – are dealt with in 4.4. For the avoidance of any doubt, Sin Bin infractions do not carry over to another game.

4.4 Sin Bin

- i. In GAA, a player who commits a cynical behaviour infraction, as per rule, shall be ordered off for 3 minutes in the Sin Bin.
- ii. In LGFA, a player committing a yellow card offence as per Rule 425 of the LGFA Official Guide shall be ordered off for 3 minutes in the Sin Bin.
- iii. In Camogie, a player committing a yellow card offence as per Rule 10.1/2 of the Camogie Association's Official Guide (Cuid a do - 2021-24) shall be ordered off for 3 minutes in the Sin Bin.
- iv. The time period in the Sin Bin shall be of three minutes duration irrespective of delays. The three minutes shall transverse normal time (which includes additional time) and Extra-Time if played.

4.5 Points System

At the Group Stages teams will be awarded points on the following basis:

- 2 Match Points (MP) for a win
- 1 Match Point (MP) for a draw
- 2 Match Points (MP) for a walk over

When teams finish with Equal Points for Qualification for the concluding stages, the tie shall be determined by the following means and in the order specified:

- i. Where two teams are involved, the outcome of the meeting of the two Teams in the previous games in the Competition. If this fails to separate the two teams involved, progress sequentially through (ii) – (vi) below as required.
Where three or more teams are involved, progress sequentially through (ii) – (vi) as required.
- ii. Scoring Difference (subtracting the total Scores Against from total Score For)
- iii. Highest Total Score For;
- iv. Highest Number of Goals For;
- v. Lowest Number of Goals Against;
- vi. Penalty Taking Competition – (Format to be decided by the World Games Competitions Control Committee)

Walk over

The team that receives a walk over shall be awarded two MP with a winning margin of three points (0-3).

The team that issues the walk over, all their games prior to first walk over and subsequent games are deemed walk overs therefore, all teams played shall be awarded two MP with a winning margin of three winning points (0-3).

A fee of €300 shall be issued to the team that gives a walk over (to be retained from registration fee).

Note:

In relation to means (ii), (iii, (iv) and (v) above, if the accumulated scores of a team, so involved are affected by a disqualification, loss of games on a proven objection or retirements, the CCC will be the final decision maker.

Section 5: Competition Regulations

5.1 Competition regulation will be circulated in advance.

5.2 The final fixtures schedule will be circulated 10 days in advance of the competition.

Section 6: Playing Rules and Discipline

6.1 Playing Rules of the World Games – General

The World Games will be played under the full Playing Rules of Gaelic football, Hurling, Camogie and Ladies Gaelic football as applicable save for the following exceptions:

- The Rules governing the number of Players are as set out in Section 1 of this Charter.
- The Rules governing Time – and sanctions involving extra time - are as set out in Section 4 of this Charter.
- A Kick-Out or Puck-Out can be taken either from the hands or off the ground. The ball shall be kicked or pucked out from within the small rectangle and all players, other than the player taking the kick-out or puck-out, shall be outside of the 13m line until the ball is played.
- The Rules governing substitution are replaced by interchange:
 - A team may make an unlimited number of interchanges per half, but only from the 'Interchange Area'.
 - The Interchange Area is constituted of an area - 5m Wide - marked adjacent to and either side of the Centre Line – on one side of the Field - through which players may enter and leave the field of play.
 - A player coming off must have stepped into the Interchange Area before the Incoming players can step on the pitch to replace the next player.
 - The baton must be physically exchanged from the player coming on to the player going off, i.e. the baton must be passed from hand-to-hand rather than thrown.
 - In the event of a breach of procedure - player enters pitch before player being replaced (unless injured) has exited the Interchange Area or a player enters the field from anywhere other than the Interchange Area – a team will be subject to the following penalties:
 - a) Infraction by a team will result in a 45-metre free being awarded to the opposing team.

6.2 Playing Rules of the World Games - Gaelic Football

The following exception to the normal Playing Rules applies specifically to Gaelic football:

In 'International born' grade II (if applicable), Gaelic football a player may lift the ball from the ground with the hands provided the person concerned has at least one foot on the ground at the time of lifting.

6.3 Playing Rules of the World Games – Hurling / Camogie

Hurling & Camogie – A player cannot score from a puck out.

6.4 Discipline – Tournament Bans

Games will be played as per official guide as per the code of the competition

A sending off for a Red Card Offence shall result in the following penalty:

The offending player/s must report their correct name to the referee and must leave the field of play. He/she will be suspended for a minimum of one game. The CCC of the World Games reserves the right to propose sanctions, including debarment from the competition of teams that fail to comply with the rules of the GAA World Games.

Section 7: Disciplinary Matters for 2023 GAA World Games

7.1 GAA World Games Competitions Controls Committee

The GAA World Games Competitions Control Committee (CCC) of the GAA World Games shall comprise of the Cathaoirleach (nominated). The remaining members shall be drawn from GAA, Camogie and LGFA Associations.

- i. The GAA World Games CCC shall be composed of a minimum of five members, including a Chair. The remaining members shall be drawn from the membership of the host county region CCC
- ii. Be responsible for the scheduling, arrangements, and control of games (excluding the appointment of referees) under the auspices of the World Games Committee.
- iii. Investigate and process matters relating to the enforcement of the 2023 GAA World Games Charter and playing rules (including hearing objections and counter objections) and match regulations for competitions and games under the auspices of the World GAA Committee.

7.2 World Games Hearings Committee

A Hearing's Committee will be appointed – A Chair will be appointed and will comprise of representative drawn from each of the following: GAA, Camogie Association and LGFA.

The GAA World Games Hearings Committee shall:

Act in lieu of the Central Hearings Committee in order to adjudicate on all matters where a Hearing is prescribed and requested relating to the Enforcement of Rules arising from matters under the jurisdiction of the GAA World Games Committee during the Tournament.

7.3 The GAA World Games Appeals Committee

The Appeals Committee will be appointed – A Chair will be appointed and will comprise of representative drawn from each of the following: GAA, Camogie and LGFA.

The GAA World Games Appeals Committee shall:

- Act in lieu of the Central Appeals Committee in order to adjudicate on all matters where an appeal is prescribed and requested relating to the Enforcement of Rules arising from matters under the jurisdiction of the GAA World Games Committee during the Tournament.
- Its decisions shall be final and binding, subject only to a case being taken to Arbitration under the Disputes Resolutions Code, provided for in these rules.

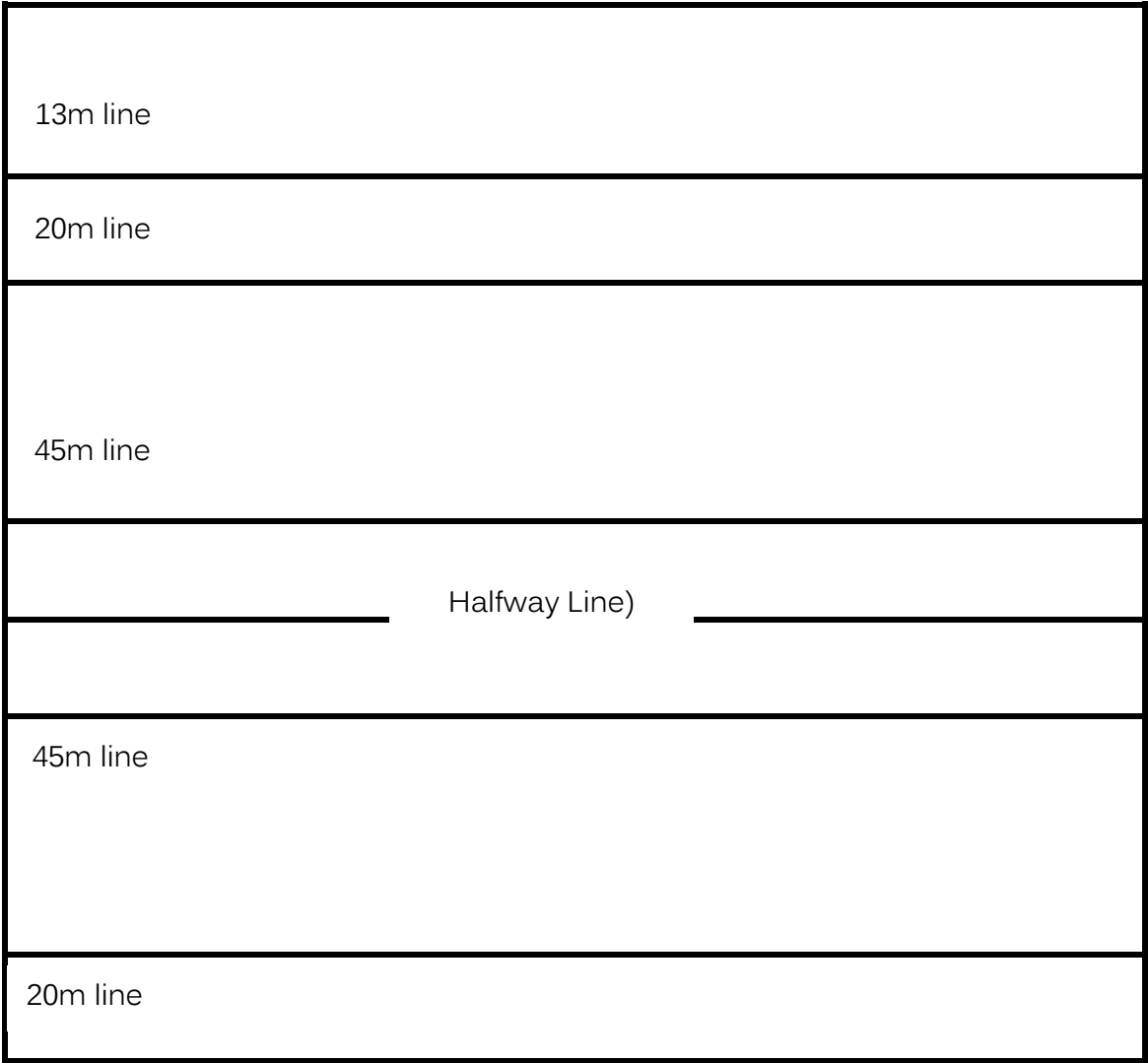
7.4 Disciplinary procedures

Within the 2023 GAA World Games, the disciplinary procedures shall follow the procedures set out below:

- Incidents shall be reported by the match referee to the 2023 GAA World Games Competitions Control Committee.
- CCC shall investigate any breach in rule if required
- The World Games CCC shall process all disciplinary cases in a speedy manner.
- Individual(s) reported by the match referee shall be processed in the normal manner
- Individuals must notify the GAA World Games CCC verbally of any proposals to challenge a proposed penalty, and request a hearing within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the game
- Such a request for hearing shall be received in writing within 30 minutes of the conclusion of the game
- Where a hearing is conducted, an individual must notify the GAA World Games Appeals Committee verbally of any proposal to Appeal the decision of the GAA World Games Hearings Committee within 15 minutes of the penalty being imposed

Such a request for an appeal shall be received in writing within 30 minutes of the imposition of the panel.

Appendix I: Pitch Dimensions



11 A minimum of 80 meters & Max of 100 metres

13m line

-----60m-----