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Leabhrán Eolais

2016 - 2017

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LEABHRAN EOLAIS 2016-2017 - FOGRA OIFIGIUIL

Leabhran Eolais 2016-2017 is the “Fogra Oifigiuil” for all games listed.

P.R.

To ensure that the Media continue to receive information with regard to our games please note the following:

- (a) **National Media** Winning team (if no Media personnel are present) are requested to forward match scores, half-time scores and best players from both sides to Tom Crotty as soon as possible after the game and before 5.00p.m. at (01) 8332446 (phone) and/or (01) 8330500 (fax).
- (b) **Dublin Area** As above or information should be sent to:
Niall Scully, 106 Beechwood Lawn, Dun Laoighaire, Co. Dublin
(01)2849805 or alternatively to niallscullyfootball@eircom.net
OR
Tom O'Donnell, (01) 8603057 (w); (087) 9783735 dublinschoolsgaa@eircom.net
OR
Diarmuid Geraghty (086) 3450100
- (c) **Fixtures to Media** If for whatever reason a fixture is changed after appearing in the Media, it is very important that the change is notified to Aras Laighean without delay. National Media tend to concentrate on Senior games.

SCHOOLS OFFICER

Winning team (home team in the event of a draw) is obliged to forward match result to your respective Schools Officer on the day of the game.

REFEREE'S EXPENSES

Responsibility of Schools involved to reimburse the Referee for the match concerned.

GROUNDSMAN/CARETAKER

Each School, particularly when using a neutral venue, is obliged to give the groundsman/ caretaker some recognition for his assistance.

REGISTRATION

N.B.: All players MUST be registered prior to participation in any of the Competitions. Form can be downloaded from website i.e. www.leinstergaa.ie

PERSONAL INSURANCE

Each School MUST advise Comhairle Iarbhunscoileanna Laighean in writing that all teams have adequate Player Injury Cover.

RIALACHA NA gCOMORTAISÍ

Comhairle Iarbhunscoileanna Laighean is the controlling body. The various Competitions will be run in accordance with the Treoraí Oifigiuil together with various regulations adopted by the Comhairle.

REGULATIONS 2015-2016

Leinster Post Primary Schools Competition Control Committee shall be responsible for all arrangements and control of Games under the Provincial Post Primary Schools Council and matters arising from same, other than those functions reserved to the Provincial Hearings Committee, the Central Competitions Control Committee, the Central Referees' Appointment Committee and the Central Hearings Committee.

It shall hear Objections and Counter Objections arising from any Game under its control. It shall investigate and process matters relating to the Enforcement of Rules and Match Regulations, other than those functions reserved to the Committees (dealing with disciplinary matters) stated above.

It shall where relevant delegate authority to other units to carry out its functions and duties.

1 Clash of Colours

- (a) If game is at home venue - home team change to alternative.
- (b) If game is at neutral venue - toss of coin decides which team is to change to alternative.
- (c) Semi-Finals & Finals - Both teams change to alternative unless otherwise agreed.

2 Extra Time

In the event of teams finishing level in the Knock-Out Stages of any competition extra time MUST be played (10 mins. each way) unless decided otherwise by the CCC.

3 Juvenile, Junior & Senior Hurling/Football League Sections

When competitions are partly or wholly organised on a League basis the following regulations shall apply;

- 3.1 a) League results shall be credited as follows – 2 points for a win, 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a loss.
- b) If a team is disqualified or retire during the course of the League stage its played games shall stand and its unplayed games shall be awarded to the opposing teams.
- c) Where teams finish with equal points for Qualification for the concluding stages of a competition, **except where specified**, the tie shall be decided by the following means and in the order specified;
 - (i) Where 2 teams only are involved – the outcome of the meeting of the two teams in the previous game of the competition. (if the game was a draw or not played toss of coin decides 1st and 2nd qualifying position)
 - (ii) Score Difference (Subtracting the total scores against from the total scores for)
 - (iii) Highest total score for
 - (iv) A Play-off

3.2 If more than two teams tie for the two qualifying positions

If more than two teams tie for the two qualifying positions the results of the games between the said teams decides the placings as per 3c (ii);(iii);(iv).

3.3 In the event of two or more teams tying for 2nd qualifying position

If two teams tie the result of the game between the sides decides. If the game was a draw score difference from the games involving the Group winners and the 2 teams tying decides. If still no result then 3.1 c (iii) involving the Group winners and teams tying decides and if necessary 3.1 c (iv)

If three or more teams tie for 2nd score difference from the games between the teams concerned will decide. If still no result 3.1 c (iii) and (iv) applies. Only teams tied involved.

3.4 Only one team qualifying from Section

If two teams tie result of games between the sides decided. If still not decided score difference for the games between the sides and the next placed team decides. If more than two teams tie score difference from the games between the sides concerned decides.

If still no result 3.1 c (iii) and (iv) applicable.

- 3.5 When a walkover is conceded the games(s) concerned will be deemed to have been played, particularly with regard to the use of 3.1 c (ii) and (iii)
- 3.6 Additional/alternative regulations may be introduced by the relevant CCC prior to the start of any competition subject to the participating schools being advised accordingly.

4 Fixtures

- (a) All Official Post Primary Schools Notifications and Fixtures will be forwarded to your Schools G.A.A. email account i.e. admin.schoolname@gaa.ie
- (b) Senior Football or Senior Hurling "A" Finals be played as curtain raiser to Allianz National League game if the venue and the pairing facilitate such an arrangement.
- (c) In the event of a clash of dates involving Post Primary School Players with an All Ireland Club Semi Final/Final the Post Primary Schools Games will be played on the Sunday immediately after the relevant club Semi Final/Final unless alternative suitable date agreed between relevant teams or as otherwise determined by C.C.C.

5 Fixture Schedule / Postponements

- (a) Subject to approval of the relevant CCC NO deviations from dates set in the Leabhran Eolais will be accepted unless both Schools are in agreement AND that the game in question is played BEFORE the said date or before next round is scheduled and does not interfere with any other competition (Provincial/Regional/County) In the event that a school cannot fulfil a fixture they concede a walkover.
- (b) Postponements WILL NOT be considered due to Work Experience; L.C.A. Placements; Christmas/Term Examinations; Mock Examinations; School Musicals or any other activity that is particular to a School unless by agreement with the relevant CCC and schools and that there are no negative implications in the proper running of Competitions.
- (c) C.C.C. may decide to re-scheduled a fixtures if it coincides with a SEC or HPAT assessment which cannot be moved to another date.
- (d) Games may not be postponed due to completion dates of state examination project components or state examinations components where individual schools have the flexibility in scheduling of same to avoid class of assessment and the fixture.

6 Procedure For Seeking Re-Scheduling Of A Game

- (a) Both Schools involved must agree on an alternative date which does not interfere with any other game
- (b) Proposition at (a) put to the relevant Schools Officer for decision on behalf of the relevant CCC.

Penalty: (a) If School fails to fulfill fixture - loss of points
(b) If both Schools agree not to play game as per schedule but do not obtain permission - game null and void

Knock-out Games: **As per rule.**

7 Competition Deadlines

Deadlines have been specified for the completion of the league section of all competitions and can only be set aside by a decision of the C.C.C.

Unless the specified deadline has been adjusted by the C.C.C., the results of games played after the relevant established deadlines **cannot be considered** in determining which Schools progress in the respective competition to the quarter finals or semi finals of the respective competitions.

8 Venues

- (1) All League Games - home venues (except where the Comhairle rules otherwise)
- (2) If home team is unable to provide a venue the game will be played at the venue of their opponents choice. Home Team must confirm not later than midday on the day prior to the game of having to concede home venue. Astro turf pitches are approved pitches for the playing of school games – competition and challenge. In the event that a School cannot provide a home venue, nearest Astro turf pitch available becomes the home venue.
- (3) All venues are subject to the approval of the Comhairle.
- (4)
 - (a) Knock-Out games - home venues extended to Semi-Finals and Finals at Regional Level where the participants are 60 miles or less apart.
 - (b) Knock-Out games - Use of Home Venues - Juvenile & Junior Hurling and Football plus Senior Leagues. As and from 2006/2007 Home and Away arrangements are in place specific to each code and competition i.e. Home venue from the previous encounters at K.O. stage is confirmed. Otherwise, for preliminary K.O. stages a winner of a group will have Home Venue.

NOTE: Semi-Finals & Finals - the “Home venue” cannot be the home team’s School pitch (unless by mutual agreement).

- (5) From 2014-2015 Home and Away arrangements will be in place for North and South Leinster SF “B” competitions. The 2013-2014 School Year will be the reference year.
- (6) For games between Group Teams, Home & Away arrangements will be in place. The 2014-2015 School Year will be the reference year.

9 Appointment Of Referees

League Games - the appointment of referees for League Games is delegated by the relevant CCC to the schools involved. CCC will assist if required.

10 Knock-Out Games

CCC will appoint referees for Knock out games but may delegate the authority.

11 Juvenile Football

All kick-outs from 13m line and from the hands or off the ground.
Size 4 Football to be used - 30 mins. per half.

12 Juvenile Hurling & Football

Inter-change system to be used instead of the max. 5 substitute rule.

Players can only be replaced

- after a score/wide
- from the half way line
- referee must be advised prior to start of game
- panel of 22 players (max.) available for selection for any given game.
- Football/Sliotar = Size 4

13 Juvenile Football Leinster, North & South “D” & Dublin “D” & “E”

A player in possession:

May play the ball twice (2 solos or 1 hop & 1 solo) prior to releasing or attempting to release the ball.

14 Juvenile & Junior Hurling “C” & “D” (North & South Leinster) and “D” & “E” (Dublin)

15-a-side (unless both Schools agree to 13-a-side)
30 mins. per half

15 Senior Hurling “C”

15-a-side (unless both Schools agree to 13-a-side)
30 mins. per half

16 Use Of School Pitches

- (a) Be full size and School No. 1 pitch to be used
- (b) Marked and flagged
- (c) Goal nets
- (d) Member of staff from home team to stay with visiting team and ensure that dressing rooms are secure
- (e) Goalposts and Crossbars correct width and height

17 Starting Time

Starting times for all games during School hours is 2.00 pm unless Schools agree otherwise – or arranged by Leinster Post Primary Schools CCC.

Blitz Days may have an earlier start.

CCC may require a number of games to be played at the same Astroturf pitch on the same day.

18 Eligibility

- (a) To be eligible for a Competition a player shall not be more than 4 years younger than the age limit of the particular Competition (Inter Schools) i.e. a player must be over 14 and 7 months to play Post Primary Schools Senior.
- (b) To be eligible for Group Team participating in a Provincial Senior Competition with an All Ireland Series a player must not be eligible for Provincial Competition other than Senior.
- (c) PLC Students or Students of Further Education are NOT eligible to participate in Post Primary Schools Competition.
- (d) Girls may participate only up to and including U-12 Grade, U-12 meaning the 01.01 of a given year.

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AGE LIMITS 2016-2017

Post Primary Schools	Senior	Born on/after	1.6.1998
Post Primary Schools	Junior	Born on/after	1.6.2000
Post Primary Schools	Juvenile	Born on/after	1.6.2002

Leinster Schools Competitions

PROVINCIAL COMPETITIONS

Leinster Post Primary Schools SF “A”
Leinster Post Primary Schools SF “B”
Leinster Post Primary Schools SF “C”
Leinster Post Primary Schools SF “D”
Leinster Post Primary Schools SH “A”
Leinster Post Primary Schools SH “B”
Leinster Post Primary Schools SH “C”
Leinster Post Primary Schools Juvenile F “A”, “B”, “C”, “D”
Leinster Post Primary Schools Junior F “A”, “B”, “C”, “D”
Leinster Post Primary Schools Juvenile H “A”
Leinster Post Primary Schools Junior H “A”
Leinster Post Primary Schools Junior & Juvenile H “B”
Leinster Post Primary Schools First Year Blitz Days – Hurling & Football

ÁTH CLIATH

Dublin Post Primary Schools SF “A”, “B”, “C”, “D” & “D1”
Dublin Post Primary Schools SH “A”, “B”, “C”, & “C1”
Dublin Post Primary School Juvenile F “A”, “B”, “C”, “D” & “E”
Dublin Post Primary Schools Junior F “A”, “B”, “C”, “D” & “E”
Dublin Post Primary Schools Juvenile H “A”, “B”, “C”, “D” & “E”
Dublin Post Primary Schools Junior H “A”, “B”, “C”, “D” & “D1”

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South Leinster Post Primary Schools SF “B”
South Leinster Post Primary Schools SF “C”
South Leinster Post Primary Schools SF “D”
South Leinster Post Primary Schools SF League
South Leinster Post Primary Schools SH “C”
South Leinster Post Primary Schools SH “C1”
South Leinster Post Primary Schools Juvenile F “A”, “B”, “C”, “D”
South Leinster Post Primary Schools Junior F “A”, “B”, “C”, “D”
South Leinster Post Primary Schools Juvenile H “B”, “C” & “C1”
South Leinster Post Primary Schools Junior H “B”, “C” & “C1”

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North Leinster Post Primary Schools SF “B”
North Leinster Post Primary Schools SF “A” League
North Leinster Post Primary Schools SF “C”
North Leinster Post Primary Schools SF “D”
North Leinster Post Primary Schools SH “C”
North Leinster Post Primary Schools SH “C1”
North Leinster Post Primary Schools Juvenile F “A”, “B”, “C”, “D”
North Leinster Post Primary Schools Junior F “A”, “B”, “C”, & “D”
North Leinster Post Primary Schools Juvenile H “B”, “C” & “C1”
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