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Leinster GAA Senior Football

# Round 1

**Lú v Uíbh Fhailí**

27th June, 1.30pm Pairc Tailteann, Navan

**Cill Mhantain v Loch Garman**

27th June, 3.00pm Aughrim

**Ceatharlach v Longfort**

27th June, 4.30pm Bord na Móna O'Connor Park

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Senior Football Championship

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**Saturday 27th June 2021**

## Leinster Senior Football Championships Round 1



**Lú v Uíbh Fhailí**  
Pairc Tailteann Navan (1.30)



### Match Officials

**Ref:** Brendan Cawley (Cill Dara)  
**Stdbby:** David Coldrick (An Mhi)  
**Linesman:** Barry Judge (Sligeach)  
**Sideline:** Patrick Maguire (Longfort)  
**Umpire 1:** Paddy McDermott  
**Umpire 2:** Matty Redmond  
**Umpire 3:** Johnny Farrell  
**Umpire 4:** Dave Coady  
**Advisor:** Damien Brazil



**Cill Mhantain v Loch Garman**  
Aughrim (3.00)



### Match Officials

**Ref:** Fergal Kelly (Longfort)  
**Stdbby:** Paul Faloon (An Dún)  
**Linesman:** Cormac Reilly (An Mhi)  
**Sideline:** David Hickey (Ceatharlach)  
**Umpire 1:** Raymond Hegarty  
**Umpire 2:** Kevin Roche  
**Umpire 3:** DJ o Sullivan  
**Umpire 4:** Pat Kelly  
**Advisor:** Patrick Fox



**Ceatharlach v Longfort**  
Bord na Mona O Connor Park Tullamore (4.30)



### Match Officials

**Ref:** Conor Lane (Corcaigh)  
**Stdbby:** Ciaran Branagan (An Dún)  
**Linesman:** Barry Tiernan (Ath Cliath)  
**Sideline:** Seamus Mulhare (Laois)  
**Umpire 1:** Paul Kelly  
**Umpire 2:** Pat O'Toole  
**Umpire 3:** Phelim Kelly  
**Umpire 4:** Niall Ward  
**Advisor:** Brian Crowe



# WELCOME FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Normally my message would be one of welcome to our supporters, but as Covid continues to impact our lives and our games, the welcomes are largely on hold. It is however most welcome that our Championships can take place again this year and that we can welcome at least a limited number of people into our grounds to see them.

As the vaccination programme continues and the number of cases continue to decrease, I am hopeful that with continued vigilance and care, consideration will be given to increased attendances as the season progresses.

Our Leinster Senior Football Championship gets underway this weekend with three first round games. In Páirc Tailteann we have a very interesting tie as Louth meet Offaly, with the counties recently enjoying successful National League campaigns which yielded promotion for both.

In Aughrim we have what should be a very entertaining local derby as home side Wicklow take on neighbours Wexford. Both teams arrive off the back of similar league campaigns, which didn't yield a win until the last game.

While Bord na Móna O'Connor Park plays host to the clash of Carlow and Longford. Carlow enjoyed a decent Division 4 League campaign with wins over Waterford and Wexford. Longford's League campaign saw losses to Derry and Cavan before a point was secured in a draw with Fermanagh before a fine victory over a much-fancied Tipperary team in a relegation play off.

I want to wish all players and managements well today and thank them for their continued co-operation during these challenging times. I also want to thank all our referees and their officials for their dedication to our games.

Eir, AIB and Supervalu continue to sponsor the Football Championship and I want to acknowledge their ongoing support during what is a difficult time for the Association. It is much appreciated.

After an unprecedented 2020 and an end of year that was unusually illuminated by Championship action, it is wonderful that after a trying start to 2021 we can once again look forward to our provincial competitions. As I said earlier if we continue to stay safe and vigilant then I look forward to meeting many more of our loyal supporters in our grounds as the summer progresses.

Bí sábháilte.

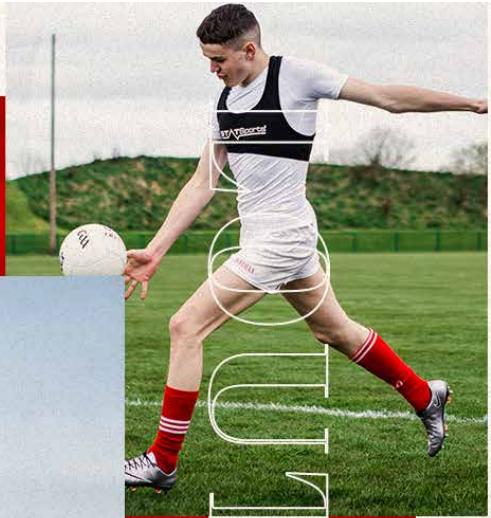


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# QUINTH GAFA

# Vincent Daly

*a man still out on his own.*



This year Longford GAA lost a true legend of the game with the passing of Vincent Daly in May.

The Granard man remains the only Longford player to captain his County to Leinster title success. The St Marys man came from a proud football family and was part of a remarkable team during the 1960's.



Following on from a breakthrough League title win in 1966 the midlanders would go onto claim the Delaney Cup in 1968 with a 3-09 to 1-04 victory over Laois. Longford went 0-5 to 0-0 ahead in the first quarter. Laois responded with 1-1 but two further points left Longford 0-7 to 1-1 ahead at the break. But seven minutes into the second half Sean Donnelly scored the first Longford goal. Laois responded with points but goals from Sean Donnelly and Jimmy Hannify left Longford with an historic win. Which saw the then just 20 year old Daly hoist the trophy on behalf of his county. From here they would go on to contest a narrow loss against a mighty Kerry side in the All Ireland Semi Final. However, that years celebrations were not over for Vincent as he returned to his club of St Mary's to help guide them to a third U21 County title in a row.



Vincent would finish his career with 1 Senior Leinster medal, 2 Longford Senior medals alongside the 3 afore mentioned U21 titles. A career that would be the envy of many a player. His loss is felt by all in the GAA world and in particular within his beloved Longford.

Ar a dheis dé go raibh a anam

# Two Teams on the up and up.

When Louth and Offaly were plucked from the bowl during the Leinster Championship draw in April, it set up a first round fixture between teams operating in Division 4 and Division 3.

Not any longer!

Promotion for both the Wee County and the Faithful County has left them looking forward to competing at a higher level in 2022, so a primary target for the season has already been achieved.

But for the Championship, both counties would have quietly set their ambitions of progressing past the first round and, at the very least, giving Kildare a rattle in the quarter-final.

And with no back-door again this year, today's game takes on even greater significance as neither side will want to see their progress stalled so early in the summer.

It's the type of game that brings out the clichés – a 50/50 battle – and leaves pundits in two minds. Offaly's encouraging form at a level higher than Louth may have been dented by a crushing Division 3 final defeat to Derry last Saturday week. On the other hand, the result may have served to refocus the minds after four wins in a row over Wicklow, Limerick, Tipperary and Fermanagh.

Previously, Offaly had earned plaudits for finishing games strongly, with their substitutes making a massive impact on each occasion. Foremost among them has been long-serving stalwart Niall McNamee, who made his senior debut in 2003 and, in Croke Park last weekend, clocked up his 150th Championship and League appearance for his county.






















No doubt this was just the type of 'bounce' the Louth County Board had hoped for when signing up the legendary Mickey Harte as their new boss. He seems to have already instilled a new confidence in the squad, as other renowned managers have done for other counties in the past.

In contrast, John Maughan may feel it has taken him nearly three years to bring the best out in Offaly. That being said, the midlanders recorded a long-overdue Leinster Championship win last year against Carlow and subsequently held their own for long periods against Kildare. And it could be argued that one of Offaly's best displays under Maughan was actually in the 2018 Championship, when they had Meath on the rack in Navan, only to lose out in the closing stages.

Louth narrowly succumbed to Longford in the first round of the 2020 Championship, but beat Wexford in their opening assignment in 2019, so their recent record in Leinster is not much different than Offaly. Restoring pride, playing with greater consistency and building up some momentum by progressing past the first round are targets applicable to both teams in action today.





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17. DECLAN BYRNE/DEAGLAN O BROIN NAOMH MOCHTA
18. JOHN CLUTTERBUCK/SEAN CLUTTERBUCK NAOMH MAIRTIN
19. EOGHAN DUFFY/EOGHAN Ó DUBHTHAIG NAOMH FEICHIN
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 <b>COLM DOYLE</b> COLM O DUGHAILL CLARA	 <b>CARL STEWART</b> CARL Ó STÍOBHARD CLARA	 <b>DAVID DEMPSEY</b> DAIBHÉID Ó DÍOMASAIGH BALLYCOMMON
	 <b>PETER CUNNINGHAM</b> PEADAR MAC CUINNEAGÁIN BRACKNAGH	 <b>JORDAN HAYES</b> JORDAN Ó HAODHA EDENDERRY
 <b>BILL CARROLL</b> LIAM Ó CEARÚILL CAPPINCUR	 <b>SHANE HORAN</b> SEÁN Ó HÓRAIN KILMACUD CROKES	 <b>ANTON SULLIVAN</b> ANTON Ó SÚILLEABHÁIN RHODE
 <b>BERNARD ALLEN</b> BEARNARD MAC AILÍN TUBBER	 <b>CIAN FARRELL</b> CIAN Ó FEARAIL EDENDERRY	 <b>RUAIRI MCNAMEE</b> RUAIRI MAC CON MIDHE RHODE


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16. IAN DUFFY IAIN Ó DUFAIGH WALSH ISLAND
17. EOIN CARROLL EOIN Ó CEARÚILL CAPPINCUR
18. JOHNNY MOLONEY SEAN Ó MAOLOMHNHAIGH TULLAMORE
19. JACK QUINN SEÁN Ó COINN BALLYCUMBER
20. CIAN DONOHOE CIAN Ó DONNCHÚ ST BRIGID'S
21. MARK ABBOTT MARCUS ABÓID EDENDERRY
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23. JOE MAHER SEOSAMH Ó MEACHAIR FERBANE
24. CATHAL MANGAN CATHAL Ó MONGÁIN KILCLONFERT
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16. PATRICK O'CONNOR/PÁDRAIG Ó CONCHUIR BAILE COIMÍN
17. ROBERT LAMBERT/ROIBEARD LAIMBEART EACHDRUIM
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19. SAOIRSE KIERON/SAOIRSE Ó CIARÁIN ABHAINN DALA
20. CHRIS O'BRIEN/CRÍOS Ó BRIAIN NA NGEARALTAIGH/BAILE MHUINE
21. FINTAN O SHEA/FIONTAN Ó SE EIRE OG CLOCHA LIATH
22. DANIEL KEANE/DÓNALL Ó CÉIN EIRE OG CLOCHA LIATH
23. PAT BURKE/PÁID DE BÚRCA BEALACH CONGLAIS
24. PAUL CUNNINGHAM/PÓL Ó CUINNEAGÁIN EMMET BHRÉ
25. KEVIN QUINN/CAOIMHÍN Ó COINN BAILE COIMÍN
26. EÓIN DÁRCY/EÓIN Ó DORCHAÍ TIG NA HEILLE
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GAIBHIN SÍOCHÁIN  
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BRIAN MAOILEOIN  
SHELMALIERS



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MAIRTÍN Ó CONCHOBHAI  
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MÍCHEÁL FURLONG  
ADAMSTOWN



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DÁITHÍ Ó HUISCE  
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**LIAM COLEMAN**  
LIAM COLMÁIN  
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PÁIRAIC AODHA  
KILANERIN



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SEÁN NULLAIN  
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BEARNÁRD Ó BROSNACHÁIN  
CASTLETOWN
















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17. AARON MURPHY/ÁRÓN Ó MURCHÚ SHELMALIERS
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 <b>SEAN GANNON</b> SEÁN MAG FHIONNÁIN ÉIRE ÓG		 <b>EOGHAN RUTH</b> EOIN RUT ÉIRE ÓG
 <b>ROSS DUNPHY</b> ROSS Ó DONNCHAIHD ÉIRE ÓG	 <b>COLM HULTON</b> COILM HULTON ÉIRE ÓG	 <b>JAMIE CLARKE</b> SÉAMUS Ó CLÉIRIGH BAGENALSTOWN GAELS
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18. CONOR LAWLOR/CONCHÚR Ó LEATHLOBHAIR PALATINE
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20. TOMÁS KENNY/TOMÁS Ó CIONAOITH PALATINE
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22. JASON KANE/DEASÚN Ó CATHÁIN PALATINE
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KILLOE YOUNG EMMETS



**COLM P SMYTH**  
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ABBEYLARA



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CAOIMHÍN Ó DUÍFIOILLA  
BALLYMAHON



**DARREN GALLAGHER**  
DÁIRE Ó GALLCHÓIR  
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**DESSIE REYNOLDS**  
DEASÚN MAC RÁNAILL  
SEAN CONNOLLYS



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DAITHÍ MAC DHUIBHNE  
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DÓNALL MAC UILEAGÓID  
MULLINALAGHTA ST. COLUMBAS



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ROIBEARD MAC GABHANN  
ABBEYLARA



**JOSEPH HAGAN**  
SEOSAMH Ó HAGÁIN  
DROMARD



**RÍAN BRADY**  
RÍAN Ó BRADAIGH  
MULLINALAGHTA ST. COLUMBAS

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16. DARRAGH DOHERTY/DARRACH Ó DUBHARTAIGH **MOSTRIM**
17. LIAM CONNERTON/LIAM Ó CONNACHTÁIN **RATHCLINE**
18. DANIEL MIMNAGH/DÓNALL MUÍMHNÉACH **KILLOE YOUNG EMMETS**
19. DYLAN FARRELL/DIOLLÚN Ó FEARÁIL **ST. BRIGIDS**
20. ORAN KENNY/ÓRÁN Ó CIONAOITH **RATHCLINE**
21. GERARD FLYNN/GEARARD Ó FLOINN **LONGFORD SLASHERS**
22. PETER LYNN/PEADAR Ó LOINN **LONGFORD SLASHERS**
23. DARÁ DUGGAN/DÁIRE Ó DUAGAIN **SEAN CONNOLLYS**
24. THOMAS MC GANN/TOMÁS MAG ANNAIDH **KENAGH**
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# Once Twice Third Times The Charm

Last year twice in successive crunch games did fate pit neighbors Wicklow and Wexford against each other. Two battles in Wexford Park saw the Garden County emerge victorious and claim Promotion in the league and a Leinster Quarter final berth respectively.

Since then, the fortunes of both counties have been diverging and yet similar. Take their respective 2021 Allianz League campaigns for instance. Wicklow made the foray into live in Division 3 in rather heartbreaking fashion succumbing to Offaly by a solitary score. Wexford suffered a replicating trauma as they too fell to an opening round defeat by the narrowest of margins, this time at the hands of Waterford. Hardly a start that either side would have wanted but also had opportunities which may have saw the results reversed and with it their fortunes.

From here things did not improve quickly, Wexford made the trip to Carlow where once again they found themselves to be one score the wrong side of their opponents. Wicklow had the unenviable task of a trip to Thurles and a Tipperary side still on a high from their 2020 exploits. The margin of defeat was once again a solitary score however, with a goal being the only difference.

The Garden County then welcomed a Limerick side to Auhgrim knowing that anything, but a win would leave them staring a relegation fight in the face. On the day the Munster side proved too much to handle and ran out convincing winners.





So, our two protagonists were left in similar positions no wins and plenty of close-run defeats. However, the turning point appeared to be just around the corner. Wexford faced the challenge of Sligo in the Division 4 Shield in MW Hire O'Moore Park. Finally, the tide looked to be turning for Shane Roche and his charges. With strong performance from several key players like corner forward John Turbitt who finished the day with 6 points to his name gives the South Easterners much to be hopeful about. Goals from the evergreen Ben Brosnan and Liam Coleman saw them run out 12 point victors in the end.

Wicklow had the hard task of travelling to take on a Cavan side who were many people's team of the Championship in 2020. Very few from outside Davy Burke's camp gave them a chance and an imminent return to Division 4 looked on the cards. The script however, had yet to be written and the Wicklow men set about tearing it up. A 1-5 to 0-7 half-time lead was the least that Wicklow deserved, and they led by six after Furlong's goals in the 40th and 50th minute, but Cavan came roaring back with a string of scores, led by Thomas Galligan at midfield and nicely balanced attacking unit. They couldn't quite get on terms however, and substitute Christopher O'Brien and goalkeeper Mark Jackson kicked late points that were just about enough to give Wicklow a memorable win.

That leads us to today's encounter. Come 6 o'clock this evening will it be 3 and 0 to the Garden County in this the final part of an Eastern Trilogy, or will the Wexicans get one back on the team that stood in the way of them having a very successful 2020. Only time will tell!



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# Two Sides Poised to Pounce



Longford and Carlow arrive into today's fixture off the back of mixed League campaigns. Longford began their league campaign in a struggling fashion, succumbing to heavy defeats at the hands of Derry and Cavan respectively. This left them knowing they faced a must win game against Fermanagh in the final round of the regular games. However, the midlanders did not get off to the start they would have liked and the Ernesiders led 1-3 to 0-0 after ten minutes. Four quick fire Robbie Smyth frees got Longford back into the game, and the Leinster side led by 0-10 to 1-6 at half time, with Fermanagh goalkeeper Chris Snow sin-binned. Longford went three points up early in the second half, but Fermanagh raised the tempo, aided by the return of Ultan Kelm for his first game since 2019, and they did enough to salvage the point they needed and banish Longford to a relegation play off against Tipperary.

A strong breeze blew in Longford's favour in the first half and Padraic Davis' men did have the better of the game, though they struggled to make it count on the scoreboard. Darren Gallagher, Joseph Hagan and Dessie Reynolds kicked two points each for the home side, but four frees from Conor Sweeney meant it was finely poised at 0-7 to 0-5 at half time. Longford went on to dominate possession for much of the second half and suffocate the Tipperary attack completely - to the point that by the final whistle, no Tipperary attacker had scored from play.



Carlow had a polar opposite journey to Longford in Division 4. The Dolemen county opened their campaign with a strong win over, what would prove to be a decent Waterford side. Due to London not participating in the League the Carlow men then went straight into a final round game against Wexford. Here they knew that anything better than a 30-point defeat here would have seen Carlow advance to the playoffs, and they got just that by striking late to secure a 2-12 to 2-11 win over Wexford. Jordan Morrissey struck their first goal as they moved 1-3 to no score in front, but Wexford and the visitors went into a commanding lead. Carlow found another gear however and a goal from Sean Gannon, as well as late points from John Murphy and Darragh Foley, were enough to see them over the line and into a Final spot against Louth.

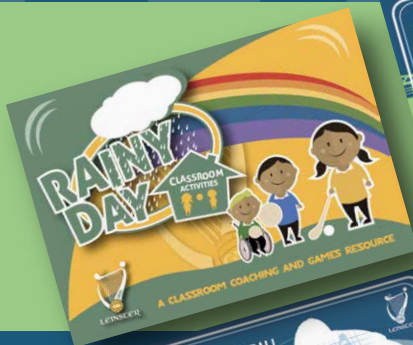
The opening half of this promotion playoff saw the Barrow Siders struggle to deal with the axis of Conor Grimes and Sam Mulroy at full and centre forward respectively, and it was Grimes who put the rubber stamp on Louth's dominance when he hit the net shortly before half time, having also set up three points for midfielder Ciarán Byrne. Two points from Paul Broderick and another from Josh Moore cut the gap to just five points shortly after half-time, but Louth were able to kick on again in the final quarter, with Sam Mulroy firing over five of his seven points after the second half water-break.

Today is an intriguing battle for both sides. Davies has been at the helm since 2018 and will be looking for that landmark championship win that has come so close on several occasions. Carlow are on the verge of another rebuild with Niall Carew getting only a limited preparation ahead of last season. The Kildare native will have been targeting this game as a must win once the draws were made. On a sunny Sunday in O'Connor Park it will have all the feels of a must win for both sides, here's hoping the fair lives up to the billing.



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## Phase 1

- Proceed to Extra time as provided for in T.O Cuid II (two periods of ten minutes each way)

## Phase 2 (Penalty Kicks/Pucks)

If still level, a "penalty competition" to decide the outcome:

- The relevant rules in T.O. Cuid II shall apply in relation to Penalty Kicks/Pucks, unless otherwise stated.
- Penalties will be taken for goals only.
- The Referee shall choose the end at which the penalty kicks/pucks will be taken. The end may be changed by the referee if it becomes unplayable during the course of the penalties.
- The Referee will ensure two goal umpires are in place at the end in which the penalty kicks/pucks are to be taken

- Both umpires shall position themselves on the end line at opposite side of the goals facing inwards

- If a penalty is scored, the goal umpire, will wave the green flag once the referee has signalled

- If the penalty is saved or missed the point umpire will signal a wide once the referee has signalled

- Each team shall register five penalty takers, a goal keeper & a substitute goal keeper with the referee and indicate in which order the penalty takers will take their penalties. (A penalty taker can also be a goalkeeper or a substitute goalkeeper.)
- The Referee shall toss a coin in the presence of the two captains to see which team will have the option of going first.
- Only players who are on the field of play at the end of Phase 1 (i.e. end of Extra Time), shall be allowed to be registered as a penalty taker or goalkeeper. Exception: The substitute goalkeeper can come from the team panel.
- A goalkeeper who is injured while the penalty kicks/pucks are being taken and is unable to continue as a goalkeeper may be replaced<sup>o</sup> by the substitute goalkeeper who has been nominated in advance, provided the referee is notified. If in the event the substitute goalkeeper also gets injured, one of the registered penalty takers may replace<sup>o</sup> the substitute-goalkeeper, provided the referee is notified. (<sup>o</sup>Once replaced, the goalkeeper/ substitute goalkeeper cannot be reintroduced as a goalkeeper at a later stage)
- Subject to the conditions below both teams will take five penalty kicks/pucks which are taken alternately by the teams. The game is awarded to whichever team scores more of their five penalty kicks/pucks

-If, before both teams have taken five penalty kicks/pucks, one team has scored more goals than the other team could score, even if they were to complete their five penalty kicks/pucks, no more penalty kicks/pucks shall be taken

-If, after both teams have taken five penalty kicks/pucks and both teams have scored the same number of goals, the penalty competition will continue but in sudden death format using the same five registered players until one team has scored a goal more than the other from the same number of kicks/pucks.

-In sudden death, the same sequence of penalty takers does not have to be followed as in the first round of penalty kicks/pucks.

- Each penalty kick/puck is taken by a different player. All registered players must take a penalty kick/puck before any player can take an additional penalty kick/puck.
- The referee shall signal for the penalty to be taken. The penalty kick/puck is completed when the ball stops moving, goes out of play (including over the crossbar) or a goal is scored.
- Only the players involved in the penalty taking competition, as well as the Referee, Linesmen and Umpires are permitted on the pitch. With the registered penalty takers located between the 45m & 65m lines closest to the end selected by the referee. Goalkeepers to be located 20m from the goals.
- All other players (including substitute goalkeepers), managers, officials, backroom personnel etc should be at their designated sideline area, and off the field of play when the penalty-taking competition is taking place.

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