



## **MUNSTER LGFA POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS' COMPETITION AND FIXTURE REGULATIONS 2024 - 2025**

Munster LGFA is the Governing Council for the PPS School's Competition in accordance with Rule 201 Official Guide LGFA. Any breaches of these rules will be subject to CODA Procedures.

The MLGFA PPS Competition shall be run in accordance with Rule 203 in the Official Guide. The committee's function will be to run this competition in accordance with the competition rules agreed with and approved by the Provincial Council, as per LGFA Official Guide.

### **REGISTRATION PROCEDURES**

- Schools are required to register as per Rule 88 of the LGFA Official Guide.
- Failure to do so will result in schools being unable to participate in any competitions, until such time as the appropriate affiliation fee is paid in full.
- The affiliation fee will be €150.00 per school payable to the Munster LGFA Treasurer. Confirmation of the fee received will be receipted in accordance with Rule 34 & Rule 37 Finance Regulations of the Official LGFA Guide.
- Team panels, consisting of a minimum of 20 players, shall be submitted by schools who have more than one team in competition.
- Schools who have three teams in competition shall submit a second team panel of 20 players for their 'B' team.
- Panels shall be submitted before all teams play their first game.
- As per the LGFA Official Guide Rule 157 players competing in official Post Primary Schools competition must:
  - be a registered student and attend a class in the school for 3 hours a day
  - have an average monthly attendance of 13 days prior to the game
  - be under 16 years of age on the 1<sup>st</sup> July of the Academic year to compete in the Junior competition
  - be under 20 years of age on the 1<sup>st</sup> July of the Academic year to compete in the Senior competition
- Schools must produce Birth Certificates of registered players if requested as per the LGFA Official Guide Rule 158.
- Be under 14 years of age on the 1<sup>st</sup> July of the Academic Year to compete in the Minor Competition.
- Secondary School students participating in official LGFA competitions are covered under the LGFA Injury Fund provided they are registered members of the Association through their club.
- Players who are not registered members of the Association must be covered under the Allianz Schools insurance personal accident policy.



## GRADING

- Grading of schools' teams into the various groups will be decided by the Munster LGFA Schools Committee which will be approved by the Munster Provincial Council in accordance with LGFA Official Guides Rule 201.

## FIXTURES

- It is the responsibility of each school to make contact with the relevant opponent to fix the games and play as per schedule to avoid a fixture back up.
- If an opponent is not cooperating to organize and play the game, please contact the MLGFA Administrator via email **only** at [admin.munster@lgfa](mailto:admin.munster@lgfa)
- Communication by mobile phones or landline **will not** be deemed to be an official communication reason being to protect both the school and the Munster LGFA of misinformed or misinterpreted messages being received or given by either party.
- Games are to be played on or before the dates given by Munster LGFA. Exceptions only in the event of both school teams agreeing to an alternative date, providing this date does not interfere with another fixture.
  - **Both schools** must inform the Munster Administrator via email at least 3 days' notice prior to the deadline date indicating the new date and time.
  - The Munster Administrator or other authorised Munster Officer will firstly acknowledge receipt of the communication from the teacher or school Unit and within 24 hours issue an agreement via email if the revised re-fixture date is agreed or otherwise by Munster LGFA.
  - This record /correspondence will be kept on file in accordance with Rule 16 of the LGFA Official Guide.
  - Any school who fails to play their games on or before appointed calendar dates given by Munster LGFA will face expulsion from the respective competition.
- In the event of games not having been played all remaining fixtures of these games will be declared **null and void**. The teams in each group at this point who are top of the group will advance to the knockout stages of the competition if applicable. There will be no deviation whatsoever from this ruling regarding the competition deadline dates.
- Postponements and deviation of fixtures shall not be permitted except in exceptional circumstances which will be decided on by the Munster LGFA, so that competition deadlines will be met.
- Postponements will not be considered for School Trips, Work Experience, L.C.A, Placements, School Musicals or any other activity that is particular to a school.
- Fixtures must be played as per schedule to ensure the programme of fixtures is completed on scheduled time.



- All round robin games must be played by
  - 15/11/2024 for Senior
  - 22/11/2024 for Junior
  - 07/03/2025 for Minor**there shall be no exceptions.**
- Forwarding the results of games will be the responsibility of **both** schools.

## VENUES

- Games to be played at home/away or otherwise by agreement with both schools up to Regional final stage.
- The first named team of fixture has home advantage and will source the venue for games.

## PPS Finals

- Munster LGFA will appoint referees and decide on venues for Munster Final Games.
- Munster LGFA will be responsible for the Referee and Venue for All Munster Finals at Senior, Junior & Minor.
- Competition winners to be given medals in all competitions including regional finals.

## RESPONSIBILITIES

- All Referees and venues will be the responsibility of the schools for all PPS games **excluding** Munster Finals.
- Each competing School shall be responsible for the conduct of its members and followers as per the LGFA Official Guide Rule 19.
- All players must wear a mouth guard while playing Ladies Gaelic Football unless advised otherwise, in writing, not to do so, by a qualified Doctor or Dentist. Should she fail to do so, the referee shall order her off the field until the situation is rectified. This shall not impose on any Referee, Linesperson, Umpire, Side-line Official, Team Official or Unit, any legal duty of care or legal responsibility. This duty shall remain with Individual Players, and if relevant, Parents, Guardians or other persons legally responsible for them. (LGFA Official Rule 344)

## SUBSTITUTIONS

- Unlimited substitutions are permitted in all games up to the semi-final stage. Only 5 substitutions permitted in semi-finals and finals.

## REFEREES



- Referees can only be appointed from the Official LGFA Approved Referee list, and it is the responsibility of the home school.
- A parent shall not officiate at any game involving their own children.
- Each school shall pay the referee €25.00 for officiating their game.
- Munster LGFA will appoint referees for all Munster Final Games at Senior, Junior and Minor competitions.
- All games including regional finals the referee & venue will be appointed by the school holding the fixture with agreement of both schools.

### CLASH OF COLURS

- As per the LGFA Official Guide Rule 122. In the event of a clash of colours in an Inter-Club game, the away team must wear jerseys of a different colour. Should the game be played at a neutral venue, both teams must change and come to a mutual arrangement. In all games a goalkeeper must wear distinctive attire. Failure to do so shall incur a fine of €15.

### EXTRA TIME/RESULTS ON THE DAY

- In the event of teams finishing level in a knock-out game, of the Munster LGFA Schools competition, one period of extra time shall be played (10 mins a side) and in the event that teams remain level, a point shoot-out from 25 meters will follow. (LGFA Official Rule 350). Result on the day in all knock out games played.

### LEAGUE SECTIONS

When competitions are partly or wholly organized on a League basis, the following regulations shall apply:

1. League results shall be credited as follows: 3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a loss.
2. If a team is disqualified or retires during the League stage, their played game shall stand, and the un-played games shall be awarded to the opposing team(s)
3. 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 two teams only are involved - the outcome of the meeting of the 2 teams in their previous game of the competition.
  - (ii) Score difference (Subtracting the total scores against from the total scores for)
  - (iii) Highest total score for
  - (iv) A Play-Off
4. **IF MORE THAN TWO TEAMS TIE FOR THE TWO QUALIFYING POSITIONS**, the results



of the games between the teams decide the placings as per 3. (ii), 3. (iii) and 3. (iv)

**5. IN THE EVENT OF TWO OR MORE TEAMS IN A TIE FOR 2<sup>nd</sup> QUALIFYING POSITIONS**

a. If two teams tie, the result of the game between the sides decides the final standings. If the game was a draw, the score difference from the games involving the group winners and the two teams in a tie decides the final standings. If still no result, then 3. (iii) involving Group winners and the two teams in a tie decides and if necessary 3. (iv)

b. If three or more teams tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> qualifying position, score difference from the games between the teams concerned will decide. If still no result, 3. (iii) & 3. (iv) applies.

Only teams tied are involved.

**6. ONLY ONE TEAM QUALIFYING FROM SECTION** – If two teams tie, result of games between the sides decides the final standings. If still not decided, score difference for the games between the sides and the next placed team decides. If more than two team tie, score difference from the games between the sides concerned decides. If still no result 3. (ii) & 3. (iii) is applicable.

7. Deciding best 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> placed teams, across a group for bye to semi-finals.

- Most points win, lose or draw
- Score difference
- Highest amount scored
- Toss.

## **WALKOVERS**

- Walkovers can only be awarded by the MLGFA following consultation with both school teams involved. Failure to play a fixture may result in a walkover not being awarded to either team.
- Where a team cannot play on the given fixture date and where the opposing school team are unable or unwilling to facilitate a change, the MLGFA shall have the power to deem the result a walkover.
- Any school team failing to fulfil 2 fixtures cannot progress further in the competition. A team awarded a walkover by the MLGFA will be deemed to have fulfilled that particular fixture.

## **STARTING TIMES OF GAMES**

- The starting time of all games during school hours is 12:30pm unless both schools agree otherwise or as arranged by the Munster LGFA. Munster LGFA has the authority to deviate from the 12.30pm start time for practical reasons: Blitz days may have an earlier start, Munster LGFA may require a few games to be played at the same All Weather/Astro-Turf/3G/4G pitch on the same day etc.

## **FLOODLIT PITCHES**



- Games may be played under floodlights, subject to the committee in charge being satisfied that the standard of lighting is of sufficient quality.

### **SYNTHETIC TURF PITCH**

- Games may be played on Synthetic Turf pitches (Astro Turf, All Weather, 3G, 4G pitches) subject to the teams concerned being advised in advance to allow players to have suitable footwear. It is the responsibility of the schools involved to communicate re suitable footwear.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### TROPHIES

- All Cups and Trophies are to be returned to MLGFA **four weeks prior** to the final date of each competition, as per the LGFA Official Guide Rule 306.
- Each trophy should be engraved by the winners of the competition.

#### PLAYING RULES

- All fixtures are subject to the rules outlined in the LGFA 2024 Official Guide.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

- ALL correspondence relating to scheduling, postponements, alternative fixtures etc shall be emailed to the MLGFA Administrator in accordance with Rule 16 of the Official Guide 2024.

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