

## **Permission for Challenge Games within and outside county**

Permission must be obtained in order to play challenge or tournament games. This applies to all ages and grades in every club , especially from U-13 level upwards. Below this level blitzes, etc can be informed to Games and Coaching with referees available from the young referees list. It is most important to secure clearance as games played without permission could invalidate any potential insurance claim should a player receiving an injury in such a game wish to make a claim. It is important to note that Bórd na nÓg has no authority to grant permission for any challenge / tournament fixtures. There is a protocol for arranging permission and it is as follows:

In all cases you must outline the following:

- The teams and grade involved.
- Date and time of game
- Venue
- Referee.

The Referee for the challenge must be from an approved list of Referee's and who have taken part in the various refresher courses. Challenge games **SHOULD NOT** be refereed by coaches who have no qualification to referee games.

There are 3 jurisdictions involved in obtaining permission:  
County, Provincial, and Nationwide.

The e-mail addresses that club secretary should inform are in the following table.

<b>Game</b>	<b>Divisional:</b>	<b>County:</b>	<b>Munster</b>	<b>Croke Park</b>
Within the Division:	West: secretary.west.limerick@gaa.ie South :secretary.south.limerick@gaa.ie East: secretary.east.limerick@gaa.ie City: secretary.city.limerick@gaa.ie	secretary.limerick@gaa.ie		
Within the County:		secretary.limerick@gaa.ie		
Within Munster:		secretary.limerick@gaa.ie	chaltour.munster@gaa.ie	
Outside Munster:		secretary.limerick@gaa.ie	chaltour.munster@gaa.ie	challengegames@gaa.ie

You need to give 3 clear working days notice in order to be covered under the gaa insurance (please note that permissions sought between 5pm fri and 10 am mon (tue in case of bank holiday weekend) are deemed not received until the mon/tue)

Referees used must be fully registered referees a list is available should any club request it

I have attached the rule governing challenge games also note page 88 in leabhair eolais

All requests must go through the relevant club secretary and go to bord na nOg secretary and county bord secretary for clubs within county, clubs must also contact munster council to play clubs outside county but within province and for a club outside munster club must contact all fore mentioned and Croke Park. All this can only be done through the club secretary and no game can be arranged without the cub secretary seeking permission. In the case of juvenile section games requests will be made on behalf of our club by the Juvenile section secretary.

## **Rule 6.40**

## **Challenge Games**

(a) All challenge games shall be sanctioned by the appropriate controlling authority, which will deal with any disciplinary matters arising.

(b) An Inter-County challenge game shall be sanctioned by a Provincial Council(s) and Central Council as appropriate.

Sanction must be obtained from the Provincial Council where teams are from the one Province and from the appropriate Provincial Councils and Central Council where teams are from more than one Province.

After the conclusion of a National Hurling or Football League, an Inter-County Challenge Game in that code may not be played on a Saturday or Sunday unless a Round of Adult Club Games is played in the Counties involved on the preceding Monday to Saturday inclusive, or is to be played on the Sunday i.e. the day after a Saturday Challenge Game.

Permission for such proposed Challenge Games shall be refused by the Sanctioning Body unless it is satisfied that the condition above has been met, but special permission may be given in exceptional cases (e.g. for the Official Opening of a Ground).

(c) An Inter-Club Challenge Game shall be sanctioned by County Committee(s), Provincial Council(s) or Central Council. Sanction must be obtained from the County Committee where the teams are from the one County, from the County Committees and from the Provincial Council where the teams are from two or more Counties, and Sanction must be obtained from the County Committees, from the appropriate Provincial Councils and from Central Council where the teams are from more than one Province.

(d) Units organising Challenge Games shall make applications, in writing, to the appropriate authority/authorities in such time as to have permission granted or otherwise, two days prior to the date of the

proposed game. The Council or Committee-in-Charge may give authority to its Secretary to grant permission.

Where sanction is required from more than one Unit of the Association for a particular Challenge Game, notice shall be given by the Applicant Units, at or about the same time, directly to all relevant Units.

(e) The following details shall be included within the application: The Names of the Competing Teams; the Venue; the Name of the Referee, who shall be on the current and recognised List of Referees, at County/Provincial/National Levels, as appropriate.

The Referee shall be neutral in the case of Senior Inter-County Game.

(f) The Referee's Match Report shall be submitted to the appropriate authority within three days of the Game. When the Committee or Council-in-Charge deems it necessary, the Report shall be submitted within 24 hours.

(g) The above Rules are applicable to Juvenile Challenge games (players in the Under 16 age group or younger). Failure to comply with any of the above Rule provisions shall not affect Disciplinary Proceedings being taken, arising from a Game played.

**Penalties** For a Unit participating in an unauthorised Challenge Game

Fine - County €250; Club €100.