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UNDERAGE BOARD REGULATIONS 2022

1. BOARD - NAME & CONSTITUTION OF THE BOARD

1. Name: It shall be called the Armagh Underage Football Board.

2. Constitution of Board:

- (a) Chairperson (appointed by County Committee)
- (b) Vice-Chairperson (elected at Minor Board Convention / 1st MB meeting of year)
- (c) Secretary (appointed by County Committee)
- (d) Assistant Secretary (elected at Minor Board Convention / 1st MB meeting of year)
- (e)Hurling Officer (appointed by County Committee)
- (f) Registrar (elected at Minor Board Convention) 1st MB meeting of year)
- (g) Games & Coaching Officer (elected at County Convention)
- (h) PRO (elected at Minor Board Convention) / 1st MB meeting of year)
- (i) Two delegates from each club

2. MEETINGS

- 1. Meetings shall take place, a minimum of one every two months, at a central venue until all the competitions and other functions pertaining to football within the County up to and including Minor level are completed.
- (a)These meetings shall comprise of the officers plus two delegates from each club.
- (b)The executive committee (Officers) shall meet on a regular basis between full minor board meetings.

3. FIXTURES

- **1.**The fixtures in this Handbook are the official fixtures, but dates and times of matches may be amended by written notice from the relevant secretary or by reference to the Press, provided that forty-eight (48) hours' notice is given. The relevant Secretary shall also have power to re-fix matches which have been postponed.
- **2.** When a team is over fifteen (15) minutes late in fielding it shall be fined £10 and if over thirty (30) minutes late, it shall also forfeit the game to their opponents.
- (a)Teams shall wait for thirty (30) minutes before leaving the field, in the case of non-appearance of the referee at the starting time of the game.
- (b)Teams may agree to use an official referee from either club when they appointed referee fails to appear.

- **3.** The Competitions Control Committee (CCC) has decided a "cut-off" date when all League competitions must be completed with the exception of "Play-offs". This date shall be the third Sunday in September.
- (a) Positions in the league tables at the "cut-off" date will be deemed as the final league placing's irrespective of the number of matches played.
- **4.** At Divisions 1, 2 & 3 at Under-15 & 17 the Championship shall take place, in each Division, on an "Open-Draw" All-County basis.
- **5.** Championship games up to and including quarterfinals shall take place at the venue of the 1st named team. If their pitch is unavailable, then the fixture shall be reversed. Semi-finals and finals shall take place at neutral venues.
- **6.** The losers in their first Championship game will participate in the Shield Competition which shall be run on a similar basis as the Championship and as far as possible on the same dates.
- **7.** All games in the Shield up to and including semi-finals be played on the ground of the first drawn. Finals shall be played at neutral venues.
- 8. For Div.1, Div.2 & Div. 3 of U15 football leagues, and Div.2 of U<u>17 league</u>, the top half finishers in each league

division/grade form an All-County League after one round of the regional sections.

This to be known as Divisions 1(A), 2(A) & 3(A) and the team that tops each league by the cut-off date will be the winners.

The bottom half finishers in each of these divisions /grades form an All-County League after one round of the Northern/Southern Sections. This to be known as Divisions 1(B), 2(B) & 3(B) and the team that tops each league by the cut-off date will be the winners.

U17 Div. 1 & Div. 3. shall be all county leagues from outset, with teams playing each other home and away.

9. Fixtures for the various age groups shall be on the following days:

U17: Sunday/Monday evening; UNDER-15: Thursday evening; UNDER-13: Tuesday evening; UNDER-11.5: Saturday afternoon; UNDER-9.5: Wednesday evening; UNDER-7.5: Saturday morning FÉILÉ: Saturday/Sunday; ÓG SPORT: Saturday morning/afternoon

4. POSTPONEMENTS

- 1. Matches may only be put off on the following grounds:
- (a) Where there is a championship fixture arranged for the same date or venue or
- (b) A death in the immediate family of a player or committee member

- (c) Where a Dual club has a hurling championship fixture arranged for the same date or venue.
- (d) Matches put off under 1 (a), (b) or (c) shall be re-fixed by the Competitions Control Committee.
- (e) When two clubs are in agreement to cancel an official fixture, the Minor Board Secretary shall be informed by written notification, signed by the secretaries of both clubs, at least **THREE** days prior to the date of the fixture. All requests to cancel an official fixture must be accompanied by an agreed re-fixture date which must be

accompanied by an agreed re-fixture date which must be within14 days of the original fixture. The re-fixture will then become the official fixture

- (f) The Minor Board Secretary acting on behalf of the CCC shall have the sole power to re-fix the game, which will, where possible, be at an earlier date than the original fixture.
- (g) If one club fails to agree to another club's request for a postponement then the aggrieved club may make a written submission to the Minor Board Secretary at least FOURTEEN (14) days prior to the date of the original fixture.
- (h) The Competitions Control Committee shall afford both clubs the opportunity to put forward their views orally and after consideration of all the evidence they will give their decision which shall be binding upon both clubs. There shall be no appeal against this decision.
- (i) Matches must be played within TWO (2) WEEKS of the original fixture or before the Split Date for All County Leagues.

Penalty: Award of game or Loss of game if both teams are at fault.

2. A team calling off a game must notify the relevant secretary, the opposing team and referee.

Penalty: Award of game plus fine.

- **3.** When a team defaults in an official fixture, it shall forfeit the game to the opposing team and be fined.
- **4.** When both teams are deemed responsible for a fixture not being fulfilled, both shall forfeit the game and shall be fined.
- **5.** A team which has forfeited three games in the same competition shall be considered to have withdrawn from that competition. Results of games already played shall stand and remaining games awarded to their opponents.

5. RESULTS

1. Results of games shall be furnished to the relevant Secretary by the Referee on the day of the game.

6. REFEREES

1. Each club must provide a referee for each competition they enter. Failure to do so will result in an increase in that clubs' referees' fees.

- 2. Referees shall be paid expenses of £30 per game upon receipt of their completed Report being received by the relevant secretary within THREE (3) DAYS from the date of the fixture.
- 3. Referees shall be notified directly by the relevant secretary.

7. AGE LIMITS

To be eligible for the Grades listed hereunder, a player shall meet the respective stated age criteria:

- Under-17: Be Under 17 years and Over 13 years.
- Under-15: Be Under 15 years and Over 11 years.
- Under-13: Be Under 13 years and Over 10 years.
- Under-11.5: Be Under 11.5 years and Over 9 years.
- Under-9.5: Be Under 9.5 years and Over 7 years.
- Under 7.5: Be Under 7.5 years and Over 5 years.

To be "Under" an age shall mean that the player shall celebrate the Upper Limit birthday (e.g., 17 for Under-17 Grade) on the 1st of January of the competition year or on a later date. However, for U11.5, U9.5, and U7.5 it shall be 1st July of the previous year.

To be "Over" an age shall mean that the player shall have celebrated the Lower Limit birthday (e.g. 13 to participate in Under-17 Grade) prior to the 1st January of the

competition year. Girls may participate up to and including the Under-11 Grade.

Óg Sport: Be Under 15 years and Over 11 years.

Féile: Be Under 15 years and Over 11 years.

The age categories for Óg Sport and Feíle will be determined by national and provincial fixtures committees as appropriate.

Penalties: to remain as currently detailed in Regulation 7.

8. PITCHES

1. When a club is reported by the referee for not having its pitch properly marked it shall be fined a minimum of £20. If a club has any doubts about the playability of its pitch they must contact relevant secretary of the Board as soon as possible – but not later than FOUR (4) HOURS prior to the official starting time of the fixture – who shall arrange to have the said pitch inspected by a competent person. Penalty: Award of game plus fine of £20.

9. FEES, FINES, ETC.

- 1. All Fees shall be decided at the first meeting of the Board each year.
- 2. When fines are imposed, the time allowed for payment shall be from the date of the imposition until the following meeting. In default no more fixtures shall be given to that club and all un-played games shall be awarded to the opposing team(s).

3. All fees including, Trophy, Referee's, Players Insurances, and any outstanding arrears must be paid before the commencement of each competition, otherwise a club shall not be allowed to participate in that competition until all such monies have been paid and all un-played games shall be awarded to the opposing team(s).

10. AMALGAMATIONS

1. Requests for amalgamations between two or more clubs must be submitted in writing to the Board Secretary on or before the third Sunday in January

Applications received by that date will be considered by the Competitions Control Committee (CCC) who shall recommend agreement or otherwise to the next Monthly meeting of the Board to be ratified.

Amalgamated teams must nominate their home venue prior to the commencement of the competitions.

11. REGIONS

- 1. There shall be two (2) Regions, which shall be known as (a) Northern Region and (b) Southern Region.
- (a) Northern Region Clubs: An Port Mór, Annaghmore, Armagh Harps, Ballyhegan, Clan na Gael, Clann Eireann, Clonmore, Collegeland, Eire Og, Grange, Madden, Maghery, Mullabrack, Pearse Og, Sarsfields, St Paul's, St Peter's, Tir na nÓg, Tullysaran, Wolfe Tone.
- (b) Southern Region Clubs: Ballymacnab, Belleek, Carrickcruppen, Clady, Corrinshego, Crossmaglen, Culloville, Derrynoose, Dorsey, Dromintee, Forkhill,

Granemore, Keady, Killean, Killeavy, Lissummon, Middletown, Mullaghbawn, Phelim Brady's, O'Hanlon's, Shane O'Neill's, Silverbridge, Killean, St Michael's, St Patrick's, Whitecross.

12. REGISTRATIONS

- 1. A Registration Form for each team shall be supplied by the Board Registrar for each Region and must be fully completed, signed by the Club chairman and secretary and returned to the Registrar by the specified date.
- 2. Incorrect forms will not be accepted and will be returned to the club.

Penalty: A club which fails to lodge a correctly completed form will not be given any fixtures until they do so and any un-played matches will be awarded to their opponents.

13. COMPETITIONS CONTROL COMMITTEE (CCC)

- 1. The Board shall have a Competitions Control Committee which shall be appointed by the Chairperson and Secretary and ratified by the Board. Its duties shall be:
- (a) To arrange dates and venues for all Championship games (including replays)
- (b) To draw up a programme of games for the various leagues
- (c) To publish at the beginning of each season, a complete list of club fixtures (including dates)
- (d) Appoint referees for all games under its jurisdiction
- (e) Shall be responsible for the investigation and processing of matters arising from referee's reports,

breaches of rules or infractions and other incidents (whether mentioned by the referee or not)

- (f) Deal with objections and counter-objections
- (g) Deal with all transfer requests for players under the age of 16 years.

14. GRADING

1. There shall be three (3) divisions at each age group, and they shall be as follows.

Division 1; 15 a side (down to 13 a side with agreement from both teams in League Fixtures only)

Division 2; 15 a side (down to 13 a side when one or both teams have only 13 players available)

Division 3; 15 a side (down to 13 a side when one or both teams have only 13 players available)

- 2. Clubs will be requested to register for the various Age Groups, and they may also nominate as to which Division they wish to participate in.
- 3. If clubs wish to participate in Divisions other than Division One, they must also provide a written application as to why they should be facilitated in the lower Division.
- 4. The Competitions Control Committee (CCC) shall consider all applications and will make recommendations as to the composition of each Division in each Age Grouping.
- 5. These recommendations shall be put forward to the next Monthly meeting of the Board to be ratified.

15. GO-GAMES/BLITZES

- 1. A list of fixtures shall be drawn up for Under-7.5, Under 9.5 & Under-11.5 teams for the incoming season. These games to be played under the Go-Games rules with fixtures to take place during the months of April August.
- 2. Blitzes at Under U-9.5 & U-11.5 level played undergo-Games rules which are organise by the Minor Board shall have a coordinator who shall be appointed by the Board to ensure good organisation and uniformity at each venue.
- 3. All Blitzes which are organise by the Board including dates, venues and teams participating shall be included in the Fixture Booklet.
- 4. Clubs wishing to hold a Blitz of their own must seek and obtain permission from the Minor Board CCC and, where possible, these details shall be included in the Fixture Booklet.

16. PLAYING RULES

- 1. Revised U13 football Playing Rules & Regulations
- Division 1; 15 a side (down to 13 a side with agreement from both teams in League Fixtures only)
- Division 2; 15 a side (down to 13 a side when one or both teams have only 13 players available)
- 13-a-side: 1-2-3-2-3-2, 15-a-side: 1-3-3-2-3-3
- Games should be played on a reduced playing area, as per the recommendations below

- Games should have unlimited substitutions to allow for maximum participation from all players present on match day.
- Pitch & Goal Size / Dimensions
- Playing pitch must not be less than 100m long and should be within the following range: 15/13 a side: Pitch Length - 13m line to 13m line / Width: 70m – 85m
- The minimum width for goal posts will be 4.50m / 15' wide and maximum height of crossbar 2.1m / 7' high
- 13m Frees to be taken from a line 13m from small goals.
- 45's to be taken from the existing 45m line on the adult pitch.
- Kick-outs and 45's can be taken from the hand (anyone can hit a 45).
- Kick outs to be taken from existing 20m line on adult pitch.
- Mark from the kickout only as long as ball is caught beyond the 45m line on adult pitch.
- Size 4 football will be used.
- Matches shall be of two periods of 30 minutes duration.
- A player in possession of the ball is allowed one solo & one hop or two solos and then must release the ball. If a player deliberately drops the ball to the ground or loses control of the ball once they have

taken two touches, another player must touch the ball before the original player can touch the ball again.

- Penalty kick will be awarded for fouls committed within 10m of the small goals (at the referee's discretion)
- Penalty kicks will be taken 10m from the small goal.
- Red Cards, yellow cards and black cards are to be in full use as per association rules.
- U15 (all divisions)
 All under 15 competitions shall be played using a size four ball

17. TROPHIES & MEDALS

- 1. The winning team of each competition shall be presented with a trophy.
- 2. Each winning team shall be given an allocation of medals for each competition in each Division as follows:

Division One: 24 medals

Division Two / three: 20 medals

There shall be no medals for the runners-up in any competition.

3. All trophies must be returned to the Minor Board on or before the March meeting each year. Failure to do so will result in the club not being allowed to participate in any competition until such trophies are returned and all unplayed games shall be awarded to the opposing teams.

- 4. The Board shall be responsible for all inscriptions of winners on each trophy.
- 5. Clubs are responsible for the safekeeping of trophies and any returned with any defect shall be arranged to be repaired by the Board with the club being invoiced for the costs

18. COUNTY BYE-LAWS/ OFFICAL GUIDE

These regulations shall not contravene the County belaws or any rule in the official guide and where there is conflict then the rules and regulations of the higher body shall prevail



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