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## Competition rules for LGFA Kildare 2014 U16 Championship

### General:

Competition Fees, €100 per team per competition, must be paid in advance of the fixtures being drawn up, once the fixtures are drawn up there will be no refund for any team who withdraw from All teams must use the official team sheet book

All cups and trophies must be returned before the **4th of April 2014**, failure to do so will result in a €50 fine per week or part of a week it is late.

### Players Eligibility:

***The following is the eligible dates for which girls can play in the league.***

- *Any player born on or after 1st January 1998 is eligible to play U16 football in 2014.*

ALL players wear gum shields for games

### Fixtures:

***First named team at home*** - If the home teams pitch is not available the venue must be offered to the opposing team at least 24 hours in advance of the original fixture time.

***The Fixture date is a deadline*** ! Games must be played on or before the ratified fixture date.

Games can only be re-arranged on agreement from both clubs once the Fixtures Secretary is informed of decision and reason. Any/every request for postponement or rearrangement of a match must then be confirmed by email to the Fixtures Secretary by both clubs

Both teams are jointly responsible for confirming fixtures to the Fixtures Secretary ***not less than 6 days in advance of official fixture date*** – so that referees can be appointed.

All results must be sent to the Divisional Coordinator by text by both clubs within 2 hours of the end of the game.

### Games:

All teams must have a minimum of 11 players to start a game in order for that game to be legal under the LGFA Association rules. All games to start with equal numbers and be played with equal numbers of players, i.e. 11, 12, 13, 14 or 15 aside, but not less than 11 a side. Every effort must be made to field 15 aside for semi-finals and finals.

Teams must start with the maximum number of players possible. (Both teams can't play 12 a side and both have subs).

Unlimited number of subs can be used in the group stages, semi finals & finals

In the event of a team requiring a game to be postponed, it is their responsibility to ensure the game is played prior to the league finish date. Points will be awarded to the opposition should the game not be played. If there is any difficulty in rescheduling the fixture the Fixtures Secretary must be informed and can re-fix the game. The fixtures committee will have final decision where 3 points will be awarded for a win and 1 point for a draw.

Referee will be appointed by the Divisional Coordinator. If this is not possible then the home team will arrange the referee from outside their club. Home team to pay the referee at the end of the game and the agreed fee is €30.

A team that is responsible and fails to play **TWO** of the group fixtures **CANNOT** qualify for a play off position. The Fixtures Committee will have the final say on any un-played games.

Where the away team travels to a match venue and for some reason outside their control the game is not played or deemed null and void, they will have home advantage should the match need to be re-fixed. The Fixtures Secretary will have final say in all match fixtures.

Any team giving a walkover 24hours or less from the start time of the game may be fined €50.

### **Play-Offs:**

If a team withdraws from a competition all teams will receive **zero** points for games whether played and un-played against this team.

If two or more teams finish on equal points for one or more positions, the following criteria is used to determine the final positions,

1. The match results between the tied teams.
2. The overall score difference in the games between these teams.
3. The higher scoring team involved in games involving these teams.

4. Play-Off between the teams, the format to be determined by the fixtures committee based on the number of teams involved. If two teams are involved for two positions it may be decided on the toss of a coin rather than a play off.

NOTE: If a team has received a walkover during their championship campaign they will be given a +5 point score difference, the team giving the walkover will be given a -5 point score difference

### **Semi Finals/Finals**

For semi finals & finals, you must notify the opposition & Divisional Coordinator by phone call, if you will have less than 15 players (not less than 11) available to play not less than 24 hours before scheduled throw-in.

Finals are the preserve of the Fixtures Committee/County Board. Finals dates, venues, referees, gates, publicity, cups & medals are the sole responsibility of the fixtures committee and are notified to all competing club at the start of competition. It is the responsibility of clubs to ensure they inform their players in good time so that they are available for the published dates.

Extra time of 10 minutes per half will be played in the event of a draw in semi finals & finals.

Teams failing to submit a lineout for any match day program 5 days in advance of the final may be fined €50

If players do not line out as per their given numbers in the match program then their club may be fined €25

Any player who is found to be not registered and played in any part of a competition and has qualified for a final will not be allowed play in that final.

### **General Rules:**

A number 4 football to be used in all games.

For U14 the duration of games is 30 minutes per half playing time on a full pitch with full adult sized goalposts.

The square ball rule applies in all competitions

Girls competing in all competitions must be registered members of the association at County, Leinster and National level before they can participate in any competition organised by Kildare Ladies Football County Board.

If a team plays an illegal player in a competition e.g. unregistered, member of another club, etc. the Team and Club may result in the loss of the match and/or be expelled from the competition and/or fined and this may lead to the club being suspended for six months.

A team may field overage players provided.

1. They get agreement from the Divisional Coordinator prior to the game starting and
2. The points are awarded to the opposition.

### **Playing Rules – (brief summary of misunderstood ladies football rules)**

A player cannot kick the ball if an opposing player puts her hands down below her knees to lift the

While play does not have to be stopped immediately a player is injured, it should be stopped if the injured player is in the way of play, in any danger **and if the referee deems** the injury to be serious. After play is stopped due to a player being injured, the team in possession retains that possession by way of a free on the restart which cannot be scored directly from.

No shouldering or elbowing or foot blocking is allowed in ladies football

A player may pick the ball off the ground when in a standing position only.

Even on the ground a player may play the ball away with her hand and can score doing this.

A player in possession can only be dispossessed while holding the ball away from their body.

The yellow card and the sin bin rule **does not apply**

The referee's decision is final, please respect it.

45s may be taken from the ground or out of the hand. All kick outs following a wide ball must be taken from the 13m line and after a score from the 21m line.

The Fixtures Committee decisions are final in all circumstances where there is disagreement between teams.

## **2nd Teams**

Where a club fields two teams in this Championship they **MUST** list their **BEST** 15 players who can only play on the higher graded team, this list must be submitted to the County Board Secretary for approval at the **January County Board Meeting**. Failure to do so will result in neither team being allowed play in the Championship.

Any player outside of the named 15 who start more than two games in the group stages **CANNOT** play any further games or part of games with the lower graded team in this competition.

Any player who takes part in all or part of any semi-final or final with the higher graded team

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