

Kildare Ladies Football 2014 Adult Championship Rules

The following are a summary of rules and guidelines for the Kildare Ladies Football adult championships for 2014. Full rules governing all aspects of ladies football are contained in the 2014 rule book, available from Croke Park. Please ensure that your team management and players receive a copy.

General Competition Rules:

1. 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 competition,
2. All teams must use the official team sheet book and all substitutes must be named on an official slip from the book; books are available from the county secretary and Croke Park.
3. All cups and trophies must be returned before the **1st of August 2014**, failure to do so will result in a €50 fine per week or part of a week it is late.

Fixtures:

4. Fixtures are to be played on or before the appointed days as per the official fixture list or within **7 days by agreement with the opposition & Fixtures Secretary**. Games not re-fixed within 7 days of the original fixture will result in **zero points** to the team who requested the change and **3 points** to the team who could fulfil the original fixture date.
5. Valid acceptable reasons for the postponement of matches at short notice are,
 - Bereavement must be closely associated with a team member
 - Weather related – where pitches are unplayable, if opponents pitch is also unavailable.
6. ***No other reason will be accepted for changing a game less than a week in advance of the given dates and times.***
7. Any team giving a walkover 24hours or less from the start time of the game will be fined €50.
8. **Please note no games can be re-fixed or played on county training evenings or for a non appointed Sunday without prior permission of the Fixtures Secretary. Any such request must be received at least 7 days prior to the re-scheduled game.**
9. All requests for changes to fixtures must be communicated **by both** teams to the league Fixtures Secretary for approval **not later than 7 days** before the official fixture date. Failure to notify the Fixtures Secretary may result in **zero points being awarded to both teams** and referee costs awarded against the home team.

10. Both teams are jointly responsible for confirming fixtures to each other and the league Fixtures Secretary **at least 7 days in advance**.
11. All results and match reports must be sent by text to the Fixtures Secretary on the day of a fixture by **both clubs**.
12. The Fixtures Secretary or Divisional Coordinator will appoint neutral referees and will inform both teams in advance. ***Home club to pay the referee (€30) at the end of every match.***
13. The Divisional Coordinator is the first point of contact for all club fixtures. The fixtures committee is responsible to investigate all variances to the fixture schedule and the fixtures committee will have final say on all decisions.
14. First named teams at home - If the home team's pitch is not available the venue must be offered to the opposing team at least 24 hours in advance of the original fixture time.

Games:

15. All players 18 years old or younger **MUST** wear gum shields for games
16. All teams must have a minimum of 11 players to start a game in order for that game to be legal in Ladies football terms. 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. All semi-finals and finals are 15 aside.
17. Unlimited number of subs can be used in the group stages, with **only 5 (five) subs allowed for semi-finals and finals**.
18. 3 points will be awarded for a win and 1 point for a draw.
19. If a team withdraws from a competition all remaining teams will receive three points.
20. Girls competing must be registered members of the association at County level, Leinster level and National level **before** they can participate in any competition organised by Kildare Ladies County Board.
21. If a team plays an illegal player in this competition e.g. member of another club, unregistered player etc, then the team, may lose the match, may be expelled from the competition and this may lead to the club being suspended for up to six months.
22. Any player found not to have been registered for the qualifying rounds and her team have made a final will not be allowed play in this final.

23. The top **4** teams in each division qualify for semi finals; 1 v 4 and 2 v 3 with teams 1 & 2 having home advantage. If there are 6 or more teams in a group the bottom two teams play a relegation play off; losing team to be relegated.
24. If two or more teams finish on equal points for one or more positions, the following criteria is used to determine the final positions,
- The match results between the tied teams.
 - The overall score difference in the games between these teams.
 - The higher scoring team involved in games involving these teams.
 - 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.
25. **NOTE:** If a team has received a walkover during their league campaign they will be given a +5 point score difference, the team giving the walkover will be given a -5 point score difference
26. Any team who qualifies for a final and fails to submit a listed team line up in time for publishing in the finals program will be fined €100. The cut off for this is 72 hours before the finals date, for example Wednesday for a Saturday Final.

General Guidance

27. The referee's decision is final in all decisions, please respect it.
28. Give respect to earn respect to all
29. Make this enjoyable for all involved.
30. The fixtures committee will have final say in all disagreements.