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2022 Wexford GAA Handball County Softball Singles League Rules & Regulations

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Schedule of games

Competition will start on	Monday 23 May 2022
League stages will finish by	Sunday 10 July 2022
Knockout stages will begin on	Saturday 9 July 2022
Competition will finish by	Sunday 24 July 2022

Number of entries	69
Number of divisions	10
Total number of games	236
Number of league games	206
Number of knockout matches	30
Qualifiers for semi-finals	top 4 in groups of 5 or more. Top 2 in groups of 4 or less
Knockout matches are	semi-finals and finals
Number of weeks to run entire league	9
Number of weeks to run league section	7
Average number of league games per week	29
Number of weeks to run knockout stages	2

Scoring format is	Best of 3 x 21
Points awarded are	3 for a 2-0 win otherwise 2-1
Eye protection	Mandatory for players up to and including 18

Results notification

The winner must send (text) in results and scores to 087-2060715 on the night of the match or first thing the following morning. Failure to do this will result in the tie being marked 0-0 on the league table.

With scores now possibly being used to separate players who finish tied on points at the end of the league stages, it is vital that what is notified to us is accurate.

Playoffs

There will be no more playoffs when players finish level on points and instead the following format will be used:

2 players finishing on the same points - **the head-to-head result will decide the finishing position.**

3 or more players finishing on the same points - **(A) the head-to-head results between them will decide the finishing positions and if this is unable to separate them then (B) the total points gained against the others in the tied position will be used. If neither A nor B is able to separate them, the average 'for' score per game will be used, followed by the average 'against' score'.**

In the very unlikely event that none of the above is able to resolve the issue, the names will be drawn from a hat.

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Wexford GAA Handball Constitution RULE 112

That each club shall register its distinctive club colours and design, indicating club logo/stripes etc (jersey and togs) with the County Board, which shall be worn in all county championships and competitions. Photo of jersey and togs is to be placed in club finder section on Wexford GAA Handball website.

Penalties for non-compliance to be imposed on the player;

(a) The points (3) are awarded to the opponent if non-complying player wins the match in a group game. In a knockout tie the match is awarded to the complying player.

(b) Points (3) penalty to apply if the non-complying player loses the match. This is to be taken from their total, or to be applied as a minus, if they do not have sufficient points at that stage.

Walkovers in the League

A player can concede one walkover in the league without having to withdraw, but this cannot be in either his/her first or last match. A player so doing will be deemed to have withdrawn from the competition. A player conceding a walkover (through his/her club secretary) must do so by 1pm on the day of the match (**at the latest**) otherwise a one-point penalty reduction will apply. If the player has no points, a minus -1 will apply.

Withdrawals from League

A player either disqualified or withdrawing after his/her first match will have that result discarded and the points will be awarded to all others in the group.

No show

A player who fails to turn up for his/her game and allows his/her opponent to travel will be declared a no show and he/she will be disqualified from the League.

Procedures and Policies for Fixtures, Postponements & Changes

A player can, through his/her club secretary, submit dates on which he/she would prefer not to play, but these should be kept to a minimum in line with the number of competitions entered.

Unsuitable dates should be, for example, shiftwork, college reasons, holidays and important family occasions.

Players going on holiday must submit that information as early as possible. Late notification may result in a player having to withdraw from the league.

Although every effort will be made to facilitate unsuitable dates, **competition schedules will not be extended to accomodate this.**

In the event that an unsuitable date submitted by a player is unable to be accomodated when fixtures are being made, the player must either play as arranged or concede a walkover.

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A player must not contact an opponent regarding any fixture change or postponement required after the fixture has been made and if he/she does then any follow up request will be turned down.

If a player (or another unauthorised person acting on his/her behalf) calls off a match then he/she is conceding a walkover.

If a club secretary, another club official or a player alters the time, date or venue of a match, the tie or points will be awarded to the opponent.

A player must not try to arrange a match not already fixed and any attempt to do so will result in any subsequent request regarding that match being turned down.

Request to change the time of a match

All matches must be played as arranged but if for some reason a time change is needed the request must be made to the secretary of the CCCC **by the club secretary**. This request can only be granted if the opposing club agrees.

Notification method

A player conceding a walkover must, through his/her club secretary or club chairperson, and in line with Procedures and Policies, give notice to the secretary of the CCCC, the opposing club secretary and the venue secretary, in that order.

A club secretary or chairperson conceding a walkover on behalf of a player must, in line with Procedures and Policies, give notice to the secretary of the CCCC, the opposing club secretary and the venue secretary, in that order.

Short notice

A player must understand that requesting change at short notice is unfair to all concerned and this should be avoided unless an emergency occurs.