

MUNSTER COLLEGES CAMOGIE BYELAWS

1. Schools must indicate their intention of entering teams on/before AGM to be included in draws [For All Ireland level competitions] [6/10/73]
2. Each College has one vote at the AGM [25/9/76]
3. First Year competition is run as a blitz [26/9/81]
4. Use of plastic sliotars allowed at referee's discretion [15/9/84]
5. If 3 official complaints were made about a certain home school with respect to referee appointment, then the travelling team would have the right to bring a referee for the remaining games at that venue [21/9/85]
6. The sevens panel for All Ireland level competitions is 12 [25/8/14]
7. Schools that do not play a match on time, unless they got permission from the committee, shall lose the fixture [21/9/88]
8. The age limit for senior is U19 on the 1st July (Born July 2006 for this season – 2026). (Junior & 7s is 1 July 2009 for 2026 season)
9. Grading of schools based on previous 3 years scores/results [12/9/01] & Teams can be graded at the AGM [2019]
10. Schools that pay their affiliation on time shall either receive (a) a first round home draw or (b) a first round bye if the number of schools in competition permit. After that, the team who have played away most shall have the next home draw [11/9/02]
11. The Council has been granted power to appoint trustees [11/9/02]
12. First year A blitz will be 12 A side [3/9/04]
13. A school entering a second string team at junior/U16 ½ OR senior/Intermediate must nominate the first 20 on the "A" panel who cannot then regrade lower. Players who move from the B to A panel are also deemed A. [3/9/04] [number changed from 25 to 20 Sept 2010 AGM]
14. TEXT Rule: - If an opposing school does not respond to your first Text, then INVOKE TEXT rule: Text or email opponent with suggested dates & cc the Munster fixtures secretary immediately. Secretary will then issue an email or Text them. They have 1 day to respond by phone with confirmation of a fixture + time + venue. Walkover will be awarded other wise [1/9/06]
- 14(b). If a school is unable to play on or before the week of the allocated date, they must offer 3 alternative dates that suit their opponents - match to be played within 5 school days.
15. Shin pads (BS EN 13061) are STRONGLY RECOMMENDED for Colleges games [1/9/06]
16. Finals shall be held on weekends (or under lights) to allow parent's view the game. The gate and program shall be the responsibility of the home side. [1/9/06]
- 16(b). A school that is unable to play a Munster final under lights or on a weekend shall forfeit any home advantage for a final for the next 2 seasons
17. GRADING: [5/9/07] of teams can only be concluded at the AGM
 - A school winning a provincial Junior B title have the option of being graded to Senior A the following season but must regrade Senior A after that 1 year. [Same applies for Junior C, D ETC]
 - A school winning a provincial Junior B title shall also be regraded Junior A for a minimum of 1 year. (Subsequent grading shall be done at the AGM) [Same applies for Junior C, D ETC]
 - A school winning a provincial Senior B title shall be graded Senior A the following year
 - (Teams wishing to regrade down should only do so if certain they would not win at the lower grade – a compelling case to regrade must be made at the AGM)
18. A girl may not represent more than one school in the same competition in the academic year [5/9/07]
19. When 2 teams finish level on points, the result in their game determines who qualifies. If that was a draw, the result against the next highest team [excluding the bottom team] shall separate the sides.
20. If 2 or more teams finish level on points in a blitz, the result against the next highest team [excluding the bottom team] shall separate the sides. If still tied, a play off situation shall prevail. (Coordinator of the competition shall determine the subsequent time & draws) [4/9/09]
21. Discipline [Removed in Oct 2024]
 - Player dismissed (straight red), striking not involved: sanction is 4 weeks suspension
 - Player dismissed (straight red), striking involved (without hurley): Sanction is 4 weeks suspension
 - Player dismissed (straight red), striking involved with hurley: Sanction is minimum 8 weeks suspension
 - Individual dismissed for abuse of match officials or other players: Part of the sanction is 8 weeks suspension. (Fine may apply at the discretion of the committee)
 - Referee may request any individual to leave the pitch enclosure to a designated area, chosen by the referee, during a game if the referee determines that the individual is interfering with their officiating of the game. In the event of refusal to comply, the ref shall issue a 3 min warning to the team mentors and captain, with the game subsequently being terminated if no compliance. The committee in charge shall determine the subsequent sanction to the individual and the team. [4/9/09]
22. Teams out of the championship can enter the leagues or Junior Plates [where available]. Teams that have awarded a walk over (without a valid reason) are ineligible. [2019]
23. If the appointed ref fails to turn up, and where both teams subsequently don't agree to a ref, a replay shall occur. The onus is on the home team to verify the ref 2 days in advance. (All Ire byelaw 38 is also applicable for ALL Munster games)
24. Referees to be paid their expenses [€25 per team] before the game commences [25/5/22]
25. Teams that fail to take a gate at a home final & didn't notify the committee 4 days prior to the fixture, shall not be given a Final home venue for the next 2 seasons [2019]
26. Group of 3 tied, Draw lots. 1st team drawn to proceed (to earlier stage of comp eg ¼ Final). Other two play off for the other spot (Later stage of comp eg Semi). [New: 2021]