Competition Rules for Minor Championship 2026

1. All group games to be played on a Home or Away basis with the first named team having Home Advantage (with the exception of Mayo teams).
2. Win = 3 points
   Draw = 1 point
   Concession/failure to fulfil fixture = -3 points

   N.B. Please also note the following official Rule with regards to the concession of a game:

33.3. Where a team has been notified in accordance with Rule 33.2 of a fixture and fails to fulfil that fixture, the committee in charge of the competition must impose the following penalties:

• in all cases the match will be awarded to that team's opponents in the fixture;

• in the case of leagues or championships run on a league basis the defaulting team(s) will be deducted the equivalent to the points awarded for a win in that competition.

*• In the case of national inter-county, **club** or inter-provincial competitions under Ard Chomhairle's auspices, any team who concedes a game cannot progress to the knock-out stages of a competition, i.e. quarter-final, semi-final or final.*

3. **The following fines will be imposed on teams who concede games:**
   Concession of one game: €100
   Concession of subsequent games: €250 per game to a maximum fine of €500.
   Removing a team from competition altogether after fixtures are issued to clubs: €500

   These fines must be paid in advance of entry to the Adult Championship in order to be permitted to compete in the Adult Championship.

4. The fixture must be notified to the coordinator by the **Thursday at 8pm** prior to the play by date by the Home Team. If the fixture is not notified to the coordinator by the cut-off time, the home club will lose home advantage and it will be awarded to the away club. **The away club has 24 hours to arrange this fixture.**
5. Home team manager to make contact with the opposition to arrange fixture.
6. Home team manager to make contact with the coordinator with fixture details.
7. Coordinator to appoint referee.
8. Once the fixture has been confirmed by the coordinator and the referee appointed, both clubs are liable for the cost of the referee fees. Should a club fail to turn up for a fixture, they will be held liable for the total cost of the referee's fee which is **€50**.
9. Minor A, B1 and B 12-a-side – top 2 teams from each group go to a semi-final. Team who tops each group gets home advantage.

10. Minor A1, B, C and A 12-a-side – top 4 teams in the group go to a semi-final. Team 1 plays Team 4, Team 2 plays Team 3. Team 1 and 2 have home advantage.
11. (A) Head to Head, (B) Scores Conceded or (C) Coin Toss will apply where teams finish on the same points.
12. **Semi-Finals are results on the day.** Should a game end up level after the full time whistle, a further 10 mins per side will be played. If teams remain level after this time, a further 5 mins per side will be played. Should teams still remain level, the game will be decided upon by the taking of frees.
13. All games to be played On or Before the dates specified by Adult Fixtures Committee. Games which surpass the dates will be declared null and void.
14. Clubs **MUST** tick their starting 15 players (or 12 for 12-a-side competition) on CC2 team sheets for all games. Names are not permitted to be written onto sheet by hand**. *Note* 12-a-side teams are permitted to have a maximum of 18 players listed on their squad.**
15. The only reason acceptable for the postponement of matches shall be the death of an immediate family member or a grandparent. **In this instance, games must be refixed within 3 days with the coordinator and played within 7 days of the original postponement.** A postponement request must be emailed by the Club Secretary to the Adult Fixtures Secretary for approval.
16. Substitutions permitted in line with the official rules book.
17. The Adult Fixtures Committee's decisions are final.
18. Where competition rules are not specified by the Adult Fixtures Committee – An Treoir Oifigiúil applies.