

C.W.S.S.L. Schoolgirls Competition Rules 2025/2026

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

REGISTRATION

All players must be registered 24 hours before they kick a ball. New players not already on the FAI comet player registration system must do so by visiting Faiconnect.ie. This is enforced by the FAI. Once a player has been uploaded and all is in order the FAI will notify us via email. Once the registrar gets notification that a player has been added to the team, they will review it and confirm all is in order. They will then make the player Active and available to play. Please check your players status before your game, if your player(s) do not have an active status then they are ineligible and are unavailable for the game. Please note players **MUST** be assigned to all the teams they are going to play for. If there appears to be any issue or delay, then contact the registrar. If a player has played with another club, then they cannot be entered as a first registration. They become a re-registration. Before they can be submitted as a player to your team their previous club will need to terminate their registration with them. Just like new registrations, the player will need to have an active status with the team(s) they are assigned to before they can play. All this is now completed on Faiconnect.ie. Clubs must inform CWSSL registrar in writing of any Re-Registrations(transfers). The registrar will not activate a player until confirmation is received by email. **Referees' cards will be checked, and fines will be issued if there are any irregularities-No exceptions**. Please make sure all players are signed in accordance with the C.W.S.S.L. Constitution and Rules. If in any doubt, please contact the Registrar by email cwsslregforms@gmail.com or on 087-9515644

FIXTURES

Stephen Mulcahy is our Fixture Secretary, he can be reached on 083-4496444 (Fixtures) or 087-6593297 (Personal No.) The Fixture Secretary must be informed of the fixture time by **2.00pm on the Tuesday**. Failure to do so will result in a €20 fine. Consistent breaches of this deadline by a club may lead to teams getting further sanctions which may include walkover or other as agreed by CWSSL Committee. It is the responsibility of the home team to also inform the travelling team of the time of the match.

POSTPONEMENTS

*Clubs can apply for a postponement in writing from the Club Secretary to the League Secretary on the following grounds

- (a) Bereavement of Immediate Family
- (b) Bereavement of Player, Team Manager or Coach
- (c) Bereavement of Club Official whose arrangements are within 72 hours of fixture.
- (d) As per rule 50 of the Constitution and Rules

If the League Secretary does not receive an application for a game off from the Club Secretary, (other than weather related) and the game is not played it will be deemed a walkover.

*Gaynor/inter league games-We will endeavour for these not to clash with fixtures, however this is not always possible. In all cases our fixture will be played on the following or previous day to the Gaynor/inter league Fixture.

AGES for the 2025/26 season

U8 Players to be born in 2018/2019

U10 Players to be born in 2016/2017 (2016 best practise)

U11 Players to be born in 2015/2016

U12 Players to be born in 2014/2015

U13 Players to be born in 2013/2014

U14 Players born in 2012/2013

U15 Players to be born in 2011/2012

U16 Players to be born in 2010/2011+2012

U17 Players to be born in 2009/2010+2011

U19 Players to be born in 2007/2008/2009+2010

Match weeks

Clubs agreed last season that we would start playing games each week for U12's for Premier. For other U12 divisions it will be week 2 below only, as normal

WK1- SAT U11, U12, U15

WK 1- SUN U13, U17

WK 2- SAT U10, U12 , U14

WK 2- SUN U16 & U19

Any breach of our age rules by clubs is deemed to be an ineligible player-See rule 41.

Clubs with multiple teams at the same age

If a club has multiple teams in the same age group, then players in B team can now play up to the A team for 2 games. If they play more than 2 games up, then they must transfer to the A team for the 3rd game. These transfers must happen during the transfer window only. This rule also applies to clubs with 3 teams where for example, the 2nd team is now the 'top' team, then a player can play from the 'C' team to the 'B' team.

If a club has multiple teams in the same age group one player per team per season is allowed to transfer down to a lower team at the same age per season. There is a cap of 3 of these 'down' transfers per club per season. Transfers will only be allowed in the transfer window.

For transfers to be processed the CWSSL committee must be informed before they are processed and the committee reserve the right to not approve-The registrar(cwsslregforms@gmail.com) should receive an email with the following

- Name
- Player ID
- Team from
- Team to

For teams playing up a player for the 2 games, an email to our registrar 24 hrs in advance of the game will suffice, giving name and player ID Number.

If a player is playing up to the next age and there are multiple teams, you must be assigned to the team you are going to play with. There is no changing and player is registered to that team only

In all Cup Competitions once a player has played with a team for a cup match this season at any age she is then cup tied. Players cannot play with 2 teams in the same cup competitions at the same age. There will be no exceptions to this cup rule.

U12 and FAIConnect

CWSSL will allow clubs with 2 or more teams, two matches before they finalise their panels. A player must be assigned to one team only for these 2 games and therefore cannot play with a 2nd team in their club at U12 for these two games. A player can be re-assigned before they play their 3rd game.

Other rule

CWSSL will allow a player to play up 2 ages if there is no team in the next age up. This applies to ages U11 to U15 inclusive only. As an example, a player born 2015(U11) can play U13 if no U12 team is available in their club. The player playing up is eligible to play up 2 years from their primary age team so as an example player born 2016(u11) cannot play U13 as their primary age is U10.

Any breach of these age playing rules by clubs is deemed to be an ineligible player-See rule 41. No exceptions will be allowed.

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MATCHES

U10- Non Competitive 7 a side, club ref, games must be played, Results must be sent to Fixture Secretary, there will be no League Tables or Results printed.

U11- Non Competitive 9 a side, club ref, games must be played, Results must be sent to Fixture Secretary, there will be no League Tables or Results printed.

U12 - Competitive 9-a-side, Pitch Size D to D, 30 mins a side, . Match 5 Weighted Ball 370gms Appointed refs. Min pitch size is 70mtrs x 50mtrs

U13 - 11 a-side, Full pitch and goals, roll on roll off subs, 30mins a side, Match 5 Weighted Ball 370gms Appointed Refs

U14- 11 a-side, Full pitch and goals, roll on roll off subs, 35mins a side, Match 5 Weighted Ball 370gms Appointed Refs

U15 - 11 a-side, roll on roll off subs 35mins a side Match 5 Weighted Ball 450gms Full Pitch/Appointed Refs

U16- 11 A-side, roll on roll off subs 40mins a side Match 5 Weighted Ball 450gms Full Pitch/Appointed Refs

U17- 11 a-side, roll on roll off subs 40mins a side Match 5 Ball/ Appointed Ref

U19- 11 a-side, roll on roll off subs 45mins a side Match 5 Ball/ Appointed Ref

RESULTS

All results to be text to the following straight after match, failure to do so will result in a €20 fine being issued.

Fixtures Sec 083-4496444 Website/Social Media - 086-2125663

Disciplinary as per Rule 42 of the C.W.S.S.L. Rules

(a) Any player sent off in a game (league or cup in the C.W.S.S.L.) will automatically be suspended for their next game in that age category in the C.W.S.S.L. irrespective of Competition, (Walkovers do not count) and will be informed of any further suspensions or disciplinary measures against them. All bookings will be reported to the Committee by Referee, five (5) disciplinary points will be awarded to each booking and on reaching twenty disciplinary points a player will be suspended for one (1) match, if the next match is a Cup Final they do not miss that match. Automatic one suspension cannot be appealed.

(b) Automatic suspension-Red card-Players sent off in any FAI/MFA Competitions automatically miss the next FAI/MFA game in the age group in which the card was received if the team is still in the FAI/MFA Competition. If the team was beaten in the game, the player automatically misses the next competitive local league or local cup game at the Youngest Eligible Age. FAI/MFA have a right to issue further sanctions to the player/club.

For sideline misconduct there is a minimum fine of €100.

Please note the following

- When a referee travels to an appointed game and the game is not played due to the ground and/or weather conditions as determined by the match referee, half match fee and full expenses to apply and to be paid on the day.
- Home teams are required to have a referee's match sheet which can be printed from the CWSSL website. The onus is on the home club to make sure the referee's sheet is filled in correctly and to make sure their teams are filled in correctly, in legible writing and signed by club official over the age of 18. Clubs shall be responsible for any irregularities on the referee's sheet.
- If a referee fails to turn up for a game both teams can agree to play the game and treat it as an official game with the result being accepted by both teams. Both teams should sign the match card as normal which will be used as acknowledgement that the result stands. CWSSL must be notified on the day of the game if this is agreed by both teams.
- Sports Glasses must be worn for all games. No jewellery must be worn.
- Note we will refer to the FAI rule book if we do not have rule currently in our constitution or in our competition rules.
- If calling off games due to weather/pitches unplayable, clubs must contact the opposition to offer reversal of fixture & ***RING*** the fixture secretary on **0876593297** immediately. The latest notice of calling a game off is two hours before Kick-off. Once contact has been made with fixture secretary, the home team must immediately contact the travelling team and referee. (Please ensure that you also confirm fixture cancellation by text to both the fixture secretary, travelling team, and referee failure to do so and teams/referee still travel, the home team will incur all costs.). In periods of bad weather it may be possible to reverse a fixture if the opposing team's pitch has a better chance of being playable. This option should be considered by all clubs as we all want to avoid backlogs resulting in 2 or 3 games being played a week towards the end of the season. Teams playing regularly is far more important than teams hanging onto their home advantage!
- The Committee reserve the right to insist on an inspection of any pitch at any time in the event of a proposed cancellation. The cost of this inspection will be borne by the home club.
- It is the responsibility of each club that their pitch(s) comply with all FAI rules regarding pitch lines, flags, goal sizes, goal netting etc
- If a club wishes to postpone a game due to Communion or Confirmations 14 days' notice in writing must be given to the league before a decision will be made. No exceptions to the 14 days will be allowed.
- Any errors or omissions on the FAI Player registration portal will now carry a fine of €10 per error. Items such as a player not registered correctly or not assigned to a team will be an ineligible player as per our rules.
- Any fixture that is called off or postponed, the Fixture Secretary will re-fix the fixture within 7 days.
- In Cup Competitions if there is a blanket call off by the League, the fixture venue will remain the same for the re-fixed fixture.
- Event of clash of colours the home team will change.
- Teams that give a walkover in one cup competition will not go forward to the lower shield/plate competition.
- If a team suspects their opponents of playing of an under/over age player, they may approach the referee at either half time or full time whistle and ask him to get the said player to sign their name and their date of birth on the referees card in front of the referee. Failure to do so will be taken as an admission of guilt and player will be deemed as an illegal player and dealt with accordingly.
- While every effort will be made to adhere to promotion and relegation procedure as decided at the beginning of the season, the League Committee reserves the right to promote and relegate teams in the interests of balance and competitiveness in the event of an influx of new teams or withdrawal of large numbers of teams.
- **Fair Play**-Reminder CWSSL do not have goal difference and it is up to the losing team to approach referee or opposition team if they wish to implement these rules (Add Extra players, Finish up game early, call the result etc) CWSSL of course encourage the winning team to be also proactive and withdraw their better players etc. If the top two teams are level on points at the end of the season a playoff will be required to decide the winner of the division.

- ALL personnel dealing with U18's must be Garda Vetted through the FAI, and must also have done their Safeguarding course. This is a legal requirement and the onus is on the club to ensure all their personnel are compliant.
- Please make players/coaches/managers/parents aware of the responsible use of social media.
- **Trophies-All** trophies must be returned and engraved on or before the 1st February as per arrangements sent to clubs by the committee in advance of this date. Any trophy returned late will incur a fine of €25 per week for each week it is late. Damaged or lost trophies will incur a fine of €25 in addition to the cost of replacing the trophy. (Note the 'December' final trophies must be returned before the 1st Dec)

*Please also read carefully the rules in our Constitution, which will be sent out to all club secretaries after the next AGM

Referees Fees 2025/26 Season	Less than 25 mile round trip	9 a side	11 a Side		
		U12	U13/14	U15/16	U17/U19/ Junior
Match Fee		€12	€14	€20	€39
Travel Allowance >25miles		€19	€19	€19	€19
Fee Inside the Urban Area for teams below		€31	€33	€39	€58
Douglas Hall, Leeds, Blarney, Wilton, Leaside, Avondale, Casement, Grenagh, Everton, St Marys					
Passage, Lakewood, Ballincollig, Ringmahon, Carrigaline, Riverstown, Corinthians, Kilreen, Strand Utd, Kilreen					
€7 EXTRA PREMIER DIVISION FEE FOR U17/U19 & €8 EXTRA FOR JUNIOR PREMIER					
Outside the Urban Area <25 miles €0.50 per mile EXTRA from GPO	Distance (m) (Return Trip)	U12	U13/U14	U15/U16	U17/U19/ Junior
Midleton	32	€34	€36	€42	€61
Ballinhassig	28	€32	€34	€40	€59
Carrigtwohill	28	€32	€34	€40	€59
Watergrasshill	28	€32	€34	€40	€59
Springfield Ramblers	34	€35	€37	€43	€62
Kinsale	34	€35	€37	€43	€62
Churchvilla	38	€37	€39	€45	€64
Innishvilla	36	€36	€38	€44	€63
Bandon	40	€38	€40	€46	€65
Corkbeg	46	€41	€43	€49	€68
Fermoy	46	€41	€43	€49	€68
Macroom	52	€44	€46	€52	€71
Buttevant/Boher	58	€47	€49	€55	€74
Mallow	44	€40	€42	€48	€67
Kanturk	68	€52	€54	€60	€79
Park United	64	€50	€52	€58	€77
Kilworth	52	€44	€46	€52	€71
Youghal United and Milstreet	60	€48	€50	€56	€75