

Féile na nGael and Féile Peil na nÓg



Section 1. Charter

Féile na nGael and Feile Peil na nÓg are the All-Ireland Club festivals for Hurling, Football, Camogie and Handball at Under 14 years of age level. Coiste Stiúrtha Náisiúnta Féile, appointed by Uachtarán CLG, shall have the responsibility for the organisation of Féile na nGael and Féile Peil na nÓg.

This charter and the accompanying abridged version of the playing rules clearly outline the levels of good practice in terms of behaviour and participation that are required from all players, coaches and supporters at Club, County and National Féile events in 2013.

A core aim of Féile is to promote a philosophy whereby every player has the opportunity to participate and play in their respective Féile tournament at a level commensurate to their age, skills and strengths.

Coiste Stiúrtha Náisiúnta Féile shall reserve the right to propose sanctions, including expulsion from Féile, of teams/clubs that fail to comply with the rules and Charter of Féile na nGael (Hurling, Camogie and Handball) and/or Féile Peil na nÓg. (Gaelic Football and Ladies Gaelic Football)

Participation in Féile na nGael and Féile Peil na nÓg

The Féile Peil na nÓg National Finals take place in Derry from 28 -30 June 2013 while the Féile na nGael National Finals take place in Limerick from 5-7 July 2013.

Teams participating at the National Finals of Féile na nGael and Féile Peil na nÓg will be nominated by their County Bord na nÓg to represent their respective Counties. Both Féile na nGael and Féile Peil na nÓg offer every team at U14 yrs. age group an opportunity to participate in these festivals of Gaelic Games whether at Club or National level. Participating teams shall be 15-a-side (unless Coiste Stiúrtha Náisiúnta Féile has decided that a certain Division may deviate from the 15 a-side rule), comprising of players who are over 10 and under 14 years of age on 1st January in the year of Féile.

Participants in the Féile Skillstars event at Féile na nGael and Féile Peil na nÓg will also be under 14 years of age on 1st January 2013 and will also be nominated by their County Bord na nÓg.



Code of Behaviour

All participating players and those attending Féile na nGael and Feile Peil na nÓg are obliged to adhere to and implement the *Code of Behaviour when working with underage players*. Failure by Clubs to adhere to this Code may result in penalties and/or exclusion from Féile na nGael and Féile Peil na nÓg in accordance with the principles of the Code.

Team preparation

The use of additional non Club members as trainers and coaches in the preparation of Féile teams for Féile na nGael and Féile Peil na nÓg shall not be permitted nor shall specialist training camps or attendance at or organising of such camps by a third party on behalf of the Club/Team. Excessive training of teams in preparation for Féile shall not be permitted and any breach of this directive or of the above may result in the disqualification of the team from County and/or National Féile competitions.

County Boards are requested to monitor the excessive use of additional training sessions and challenge games by Féile teams, within and outside of their County in 2013. Any perceived transgressions of this Code must be reported to Coiste Stiúrtha Náisiúnta Féile and should such a matter be proven the Club/Team may be debarred from the 2013 Féile na nGael/Féile Peil na nÓg at County and/or National level. Failure by the County Board to report such infractions may result in the exclusion of teams from that County in Féile na nGael and Féile Peil na nÓg in 2013 and for subsequent years.

Panel of Players

A playing panel for both Féile na nGael in Hurling and Camogie and in Féile Peil na nÓg for Gaelic Football and Ladies Gaelic Football shall be confined to a maximum of 24 players. Each team shall be accompanied by 4 team mentors.

Registration

Each competing team must register on the official Féile registration form by Monday 13th May 2013. The Registration Form must be signed by the Player, Club Rúnaí and the Rúnaí of Coiste na nÓg an Chontae. Any alteration to the original registration must be notified to the National Féile Committee prior to travelling to Féile where possible and no later than prior to the first game of the respective Féile tournament. Amendments immediately prior to the first game will be done through the local Féile Official at the host club venue. Thereafter, no alterations shall be accepted unless authorised by the Coiste Stiúrtha Náisiúnta Féile. Amendments to registration should be made on a separate official registration form providing the full details of the substitute player including their signature. The amended registration form should also state the name of the player that they are replacing.

Each team is required to bring the Birth Certificates/Passport/or other form of identification deemed acceptable to the Féile National Committee of its 24 players to the National Féile tournament. These may be requested for inspection during the National Féile. Failure to



produce such form of identification, on request, may result in the exclusion of that player for the remainder of the event. A player may be required by a National Féile Official or their nominee to give his/her signature and date of birth at any time during the Féile.

Accommodation

Visiting teams must stay in the accommodation provided by their host Club for as long as they remain in the National Féile tournament.

Parade

- All team members and are expected to parade
- Teams should be properly attired for the parade, either in full Club playing gear or alternative clothing that displays their Club colours.
- Each team should have a Team Banner containing the Team Name and County. The banner should be approximately 2m by 1m and should be carried on two poles. Team members should not be banner bearers.
- The team captain will be presented with a commemorative pennant while passing the review stand. The team captain's position in the parade will be issued to each team before the parade begins.
- On reaching the end point of the parade, strict arrangements will be in place for a safe return in rotation to team buses and teams should return home directly as host families will be waiting to collect the visiting teams. Any transgression of the Accommodation or Parade requirements for visiting teams will be subject to investigation and possible disciplinary action by Coiste Stiúrtha Náisiúnta Féile.



Give Respect – Get Respect

All participating teams shall adhere to the Respect initiative, Give Respect – Get Respect. This Respect initiative seeks to ensure that at a very minimum our Gaelic Games are promoted and played in a positive, fair and enjoyable manner where players, coaches, spectators and referees Give Respect and Get Respect from each other.

The following shall be implemented in promoting and supporting the Respect initiative:

- The host Club will welcome each team, officials, referees and spectators to their venue
- All players shall as a condition of participation undertake to play by the rules and take responsibility for their own behaviour whilst always respecting their opponents, referees and official
- Players will line up at the centre of the field before each game and will shake hands with all members of the opposing team, their coaches and the referee
- Similarly in Handball players shall meet at the centre of the court and will shake hands with all members of the opposing team, their coaches and the referee
- Each player shall shake hands with their immediate opponents before and after each game



Section 2.

Specific Féile Playing and Participation Rules

General Rules

Gaelic Football and Hurling games shall be played in accordance with the rules of the GAA as outlined in the GAA Official Guide 2012.

Camogie games shall be played in accordance with An Treoraí Oifigiúil/Official Guide 2012 of the Camogie Association.

Ladies Gaelic Football games shall be played in accordance with the Association's Official Guide.

Handball games shall be played in accordance with the playing Rules and Regulations of GAA Handball Ireland.

Composition of Teams and Playing Time

All Football, Hurling and Camogie Games shall be played on a 15-a-side basis (unless Coiste Stiúrtha Náisiúnta Féile has decided that a certain Division may deviate from the 15 a-side rule) over 20 minutes per half on a full sized pitch except as stated below.

* In Divisions where a quarter-final is involved, the preliminary games and the quarter-final will be of 15 minutes per half. An interval of 5 minutes will be allowed for all games.

* The National Féile Committee may decide annually for whatever extenuating circumstances if any Divisions at National Féile tournaments may deviate from the 15 a-side rule.

Playing Panels

A playing panel for both Féile na nGael in Hurling and Camogie and in Féile Peil na nÓg for Gaelic Football and Ladies Gaelic Football shall be confined to a maximum of 24 players per team. Each team shall be accompanied by a maximum of 4 team mentors, one of whom should have first aid training so as to enable them administer basic first aid if so required.

Where a panel of 24 players has been submitted by a Club their team must play 20 players, as a minimum, during each game, i.e. 15 players to commence the game and at least five substitutions on an interchange basis.

Where a team, due to unavailability, injuries or suspensions may not have 20 players available to them they must submit their full list of available players to the local Féile Official before the game and play each of these players in that game in accordance with the interchange policy. i.e. If a Club has 19 players only available to them, they must play all 19 players during the game and may interchange players as they deem appropriate.



Any team participating in Féile na nGael or Féile Peil na nÓg that has been proven to have been illegally constituted, may be debarred from participation in Féile na nGael/Féile Peil na nÓg in accordance with their Association rules.

Team list

A full team list, consisting of all players and substitutes, must be furnished to the local Féile Official before each game.

Player identification

Players must retain the number on his/her jersey as per the official registration form, i.e. if a player is No. 10 on the registration form, he/she may only wear the No. 10 jersey in all games and during the parade.

Should the team goalkeeper play as an outfield player during any game he/she will continue to wear their numbered goalkeeper's jersey as per the registration of the player. If the goalkeeper jersey clashes with the colour of the opposing team the use of a bib may be permitted once it is of similar colour to their team colours. In such circumstances as above the substitute goalkeeper must wear a jersey/bib which is distinctive in colour from his/her own team's jerseys, his/her own team's goalkeepers jerseys and the opposing team's colours.

Pitch size

Games will be played on a full-size pitch in accordance with Association rules.

National Finals

The initial stages of the National Féile will be played on a league basis with two points awarded for a win and one for a draw.

The top team in each section will qualify for the semi finals, or quarter final, where relevant. Should two teams finish level on points, the winner of the original game between those two teams will progress. If that game ended in a draw, or if more than two teams ended level on points, qualification for the semi final or quarter final will be decided by play-off as follows:

Two teams level:

A play-off game of ten minutes (2 x 5 mins) will be played. If this game ends in a draw then five frees will be taken by five different players as follows:

Camogie:	30 metres
Hurling:	45 metres
Ladies Football:	30 metres
Gaelic Football:	30 metres



Frees to be taken for points, with no goalkeeper/defenders facing the free takers. The team with the most points scored, following five frees per team, will be deemed to have won the game. If still level after five frees per team then ‘sudden death frees’ are to be taken by different players until one team has scored a point and the other misses.. Frees in LGF and Gaelic Football may be taken from the hand or from the ground, as per the player’s choice. Frees shall be taken at a central point, identified by the referee, between the two goals posts, but the necessary distance from the goal line as per above.

Three teams level:

A round-robin play-off will be played, following an open draw, A v B, B v C and A v C. Each game will be ten minutes (2 x 5 mins) duration, with two points awarded for a win and one for a draw. If this method fails to divide the teams then the tie shall be decided (based on these three games) by the following means and in the order specified:

- i) Scoring difference (Subtracting the total scores against from the total scores for)
- ii) Highest Total Score for
- iii) Scoring Average (divide total score against into total score For)

Four teams level:

A knock out play-off will be played. Two semi final games will be played of ten minutes (2 x 5mins) duration, the pairings to be decided by an open draw.

If a semi final game ends as a draw then five frees will be taken by five different players as follows

Camogie:	30 metres
Hurling:	45 metres
Ladies Football:	30 metres
Gaelic Football:	30 metres

Frees to be taken for points, with no goalkeeper/defenders facing the free takers. The team with the most points scored, following five frees per team, will be deemed to have won the game. If still level after five frees per team then ‘sudden death frees’ are to be taken by different players until one team has scored a point and the other misses.. Frees in LGF and Gaelic Football may be taken from the hand or from the ground, as per the player’s choice. Frees shall be taken at a central point, identified by the referee, between the two goals posts, but the necessary distance from the goal line as per above.

The knock out “final” of ten minutes (2 x 5 mins) duration will then be played. If this game finishes as a draw then five frees will be taken by five different players as follows:

Camogie:	30 metres
Hurling:	45 metres
Ladies Football:	30 metres
Gaelic Football:	30 metres



Frees to be taken for points, with no goalkeeper/defenders facing the free takers. The team with the most points scored, following five frees per team, will be deemed to have won the game. If still level after five frees per team then 'sudden death frees' are to be taken by different players until one team has scored a point and the other misses.. Frees in LGF and Gaelic Football may be taken from the hand or from the ground, as per the player's choice. Frees shall be taken at a central point, identified by the referee, between the two goals posts, but the necessary distance from the goal line as per above.

Semi Final Draw

In the event of a draw at the semi-final or quarter final stages ten minutes extra time (2 x 5 mins) will be played. If a draw still results then five frees will be taken by five different players as follows:

Camogie:	30 metres
Hurling:	45 metres
Ladies Football:	30 metres
Gaelic Football:	30 metres

Frees to be taken for points, with no goalkeeper/defenders facing the free takers. The team with the most points scored, following five frees per team, will be deemed to have won the game. If still level after five frees per team then 'sudden death frees' are to be taken by different players until one team has scored a point and the other misses.. Frees in LGF and Gaelic Football may be taken from the hand or from the ground, as per the player's choice. Frees shall be taken at a central point, identified by the referee, between the two goals posts, but the necessary distance from the goal line as per above.

Final Draw

In the event of a draw in the final, ten minutes extra time (2 x 5 mins) will be played. If a draw still results the trophy will be shared. A toss of a coin will determine which side will receive the trophy for the first six months.

Team Colours

All teams shall wear their official club colours. If there is a clash of colours, the host team will change. If both teams are visiting, both teams will change. Alternative sets of jerseys may be provided by An Coiste Áitiúil Féile na nGael and/or Féile Peil na nÓg



Disciplinary Matters - Féile CCC

The Féile Competitions Control Committee shall adjudicate on all disciplinary matters where a hearing is requested relating to the enforcement of rules arising from both Féile na nGael and Feile Peil na nÓg competitions.

The Féile Competitions Control Committee of Féile na nGael shall comprise of the Cathaoirleach and Rúnaí of An Coiste Stiúrtha Náisiúnta, the Cathaoirleach of An Coiste Féile Áitiúil, together with a Handball and Camogie representative and a nominee of An Coiste Féile Áitiúil (or an alternate nominated by any of above)

The Féile Competitions Control Committee of Féile Peil na nÓg shall comprise of the Cathaoirleach and Rúnaí of An Coiste Stiúrtha Náisiúnta, the Cathaoirleach of An Coiste Féile Áitiúil, together with a Ladies Gaelic Football representative and a nominee of An Coiste Féile Áitiúil (or an alternate nominated by any of above)



Skillstars

The Skillstars competitions at Féile na nGael and Féile Peil na nÓg are skills competitions for individuals nominated by their respective County Bord na nÓg.

Within Hurling and Camogie the competitions are open to boys and girls from all clubs except visiting club teams. Within Gaelic Football (Men and Women) the competitions are open to boys and girls from all clubs. Each county shall be responsible for ensuring that their county is represented at the National Féile finals and the hosting of Skillstar participants will not be the responsibility of the local Féile Committee.

For 2013 the Féile na nGael and Féile Peil na nÓg Skillstar competitions will be run as heretofore i.e. the Féile na nGael Skillstar competition will be run on Saturday 6th July 2013 in Limerick and the Féile Peil na nÓg Skillstar competition will be run over the Féile weekend in Derry.

The skills tests, dimensions for the tests and marking systems are set out in an accompanying document. Prizes will be awarded as follows:

Féile na nGael: Overall winner, runner up and third place Féile Peil na nÓg: Overall Winner and winner for each Division

The decisions of the skills judges in Féile na nGael and Féile Peil na nÓg will be final.

