



Go Games Applications

Camogie Association Frequently Asked Questions

Basic Rules:

- **Are Solo's Allowed?**
 - No Solo's allowed at any Go Games Age.
 - For U7's, Ground Hurling with only the goalkeeper allowed to lift, catch and strike from hand. No deliberate kicking of Sliotar. Additional rules can be modified to meet local needs.
 - For U8's-U12'S, one touch of ball on hurl permitted.
 - **Note:** *First Whistlers ref games, so mistakes on rules can happen. Maybe a gentle query before the game to see if aware of the rule.*
- **Who takes the frees?**
 - U7 - All taken off ground. Players 10m away. Player fouled or nearest player to take.
 - U8 & U9 - Frees - Strike from the hand or lift and strike. Side-lines taken off the ground. Player fouled or nearest player to take all. Players must be 10m away from player taking.
 - U10 & U11 & U12 - Frees/ Side-lines – Normal rules (which is Lift and Strike). Players must be 10m away from player taking.
 - The Exception 11.2(a) would apply also - quick free by a player fouled inside their own 45 metre line.
- **How many players can play in a game?**
 - To maximise playing opportunities teams shall endeavour to play the minimum numbers recommended; U7 - 4 v 4, U8 – 5 v 5, U9 - 5 v 5, U10 - 6 v 6, U11 – 6 v 6, U12 – 8 V 8

- The maximum numbers; U7 – 7 V 7, U8 – 8 V 8, U9 – 9 V 9, U10 – 10 V 10, U11 – 11 V 11, U12 - 12 V 12.
- Games are small sided with modified playing rules to allow more time and space for players to master the skills, make decisions and as a result experience a sense of achievement.

- **How do we know who wins the games, if no score is kept?**
 - No score to be kept, as all blitzes are non-competitive, with no winner so there is no need to keep score.
 - The games should focus on the enjoyment of the game.
 - Games should be player focused, to increase enjoyment.
 - Aim of Go Game is for children to have fun, grow, and learn, physically, socially, and psychologically and develop the key attributes for life
 - There are no knock-out rounds (e.g. semi-finals, finals) in any type of Go Games.

- **What happens with the U12 Age Grade?**
 - U12 age grade is organised on a league and blitz basis. No knockout rounds are permitted as part of the U12 league programme.
 - Finals are permitted at U12's Leagues, everyone should get to a final's day.
 - I.E 1V2, 3v4, 5v6, etc.
 - Scores should not be kept, just note Win/Loss
 - Go Games should not be used as grading for any older age grades
 - 1 V 1 Games are permitted at this grade only

- **Who can play in the U12 Age Group?**
 - Only children whose 10th, 11th or 12th birthday is on or after January 1st can play at the U-12 age grade in that calendar year

- **Can 6-year-olds take part in Go Games?**
 - Children whose sixth birthday is on or after January 1st can play at the Under 7 age grade in that calendar year only

Event Structure:

- **Are tournaments allowed?**
 - No tournaments are allowed, events MUST follow a blitz format. The event must be called a BLITZ.

- **Are we allowed to present trophies?**
 - No, no trophies to be presented. Medals, Certificates etc are permitted, once all players receive one.
 - The only exception to this rule, is that COUNTY ran events (ONLY!!) can have trophy presentations.
 - A club running an U12 League, cannot have trophies presented.
- **Are memorial events permitted?**
 - Yes, memorial events are permitted, but must be call XXX Memorial Blitz or Fun Blitz Day etc.
 - If there is a memorial trophy, this must not be presented to any team. Perhaps, get certificates or medals to represent the day.

- **Are 1 v 1 games allowed?**
 - No, 1 v 1 games are not permitted from U7 – U11. But are allowed within the U12 Age Category. These must be approved via the appropriate means.

- **What is a blitz?**
 - A blitz or a festival must include a minimum of three clubs or multiple teams from two clubs.
 - Note each team must get at least 2 games (multiple games)

- **Are U6 events allowed to take place?**
 - No, no U6 Events are permitted. Go Games are for U7 and above.
 - It is also recommended children aged 7 and younger are introduced slowly to Go Games with their continued participation in the nursery within the club.
 - Go Games explicitly commences at U7 age grade, with participants permitted to play at 2-year cohorts i.e., an 8-year-old can play U9

- Any club hosting an U6 Event or attending an event may be liable to a sanction.
- **How many games must be played?**
 - At least two games, as there must be a minimum of 3 teams to take part in a blitz.
 - All teams must receive the same number of games, and time allocated.

The Policy and Sanctions:

- **How do I get a blitz approved?**
 - Use this link and input all details in the form.
 - [Go Games Application Form \(office.com\)](#)
 - https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=hrxFrNSvpUKfwz6H4bd_zpis_cANQbBJJglb9khl1R25UMkhGSDY3SVMwQUI1UFgwVOYxMjRDNUI3Ti4u&wdLOR=c9A1F30E7-205A-4738-845B-3A4110A52A24
 - Ensure you are selecting “Camogie”
- **My Blitz got rejected. What do I do?**
 - Some blitzes get rejected as there is not enough information
 - For example, number of games each team gets
 - Who is attending
 - Just redo the application with more information
- **My blitz got approved, what do I do now?**
 - Plan your event as you described.
 - Share your approval PDF with all your teams attending.
 - If you wish to inform your county board or provincial board, feel free to do so to keep them informed on your progress for Go Games.
- **My event has changed due to a withdrawal, what do I do now?**
 - Just inform the individual who approved the blitz on your latest plans, whether you are changing the structure or including another team and ensure it is still within policy.
- **I haven't heard regarding my event and if it has been received. Who do I contact?**

- If your event consists of clubs within your county (all the same), then contact your county development officer.
 - If your event consists of clubs within different counties, but all within same province, then contact your provincial development officer
 - If your event consists of clubs within different provinces (even 1), then contact the National Officer – shauna.fox@camogie.ie
 - If you are experiencing any issues on the above, contact shauna.fox@camogie.ie who can assist you.
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- **How do I know if the blitz I am attending is within Policy and Approved?**
 - All Hosts Clubs received PDF of approval; host clubs must send this to the visiting clubs.
 - If you have not received this, it is best to contact the host and request this prior to the event.
 - If it has not been approved, it is an unauthorized blitz – and all clubs in attendance are breaching the policy and can be liable for a sanction.
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- **What do I do if I see an event taking place that is not within policy? We do not want to receive a sanction**
 - If clubs attend an event that is not within the policy regulations, they can be liable to a fine ([Go-Games-Policy-Guidelines.pdf \(camogie.ie\)](#))
 - For Participation in Unauthorized Tournament - County - Fine €500 - Club - Fine €250
 - If you are invited to an event that you believe is not within policy, please notify shauna.fox@camogie.ie