

CHANGES TO NATIONAL LEAGUE COMPETITION RULES – 2023-24 SEASON

Definitions

Clarified definition of a “Forfeit”. Note that all forfeits in National League matches will attract a penalty of one league point.

Rule 1.13

All correspondence should now be sent by email.

Rules 3.2, 6.4.4 and 6.7.1

Updated to reflect that all players, coaches and referees will need to have read and agreed to abide by the terms of the Sport Ireland Code of Conduct.

Rule 3.7

Additional clause confirming that a player for whom NLMC approval is given to downgrade cannot then play up for the balance of the current season.

Rule 5.10

Removal of clause relating to Covid.

Rule 6.1

Confirmation of start times where there are four NL matches at a single venue on a day. Home club to engage with visiting teams to ensure travel inconvenience is minimised.

Rule 6.2

Clubs are expected to have written confirmation/proof of booking hall time in the event of any scheduling issues.

Rule 6.3

Match Balls no longer required the VLY logo stamp on them.

Rule 6.6.5

Clarification on shorts to be worn.

Rule 6.7.1

Clarification that “active” referees now only need to officiate three NL matches at their grade, rather than five as previously.

Rules 8.2, 8.2.1 and 8.2.2

Confirmed end of season arrangements – old rule 8.3 removed.



Rule 9.7

Clarification that Cup matches can be scheduled prior to the weekend listed in the fixture list, subject to the agreement of both teams.

Rule 10.6

Confirmation of the eligibility requirements to play in the Championships.

Rules 15.1

Volleyball Ireland has adopted the Sport Ireland Code of Conduct, and all Players, Coaches and Referees shall, as a condition of being issued a license for the season, agree to abide by this Code.

Appendix 2

This has been removed as no longer valid. Appendix 3 to be renumbered.