



**CORK BUSINESS LEAGUE  
CLUB HANDBOOK  
SEASON 2024 / 2025**

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## Welcome Message from the CBL Management Committee

As the new season approaches, the excitement is building once again. Each summer brings a fresh opportunity to plan and innovate, but the start of the season is always the highlight we eagerly anticipate.

We are thrilled to announce that, for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive season, more clubs have joined our league than those that folded the previous year—a positive trend that signals continued growth. Since our relaunch in 2019, our goal has always been to increase participation. We've seen this vision realised as the number of registered players has grown from under 500 to more than 1,100 with an increasing number of clubs joining too. This season, we're proud to host 30 clubs, up from 28 last year. While it's bittersweet to see the departure of a few well-known names from our Premier Division, their legacy and contributions to the league will always be remembered. These teams have been pillars of the Cork Business League for many years, and their absence marks the end of an era. However, with change comes opportunity. We're now entering a new chapter, filled with fresh challenges and the chance for new clubs to step up and make their mark. This evolution is a natural part of the league's growth, and we're excited to see what the future holds. Please take the time to review this handbook and the CBL Regulations. These documents should serve as your primary resources for any questions or issues that may arise throughout the season. If you need further assistance, our committee members are always available to help.

Yours in sport,

*Peter H, Peter T, Joe, Finbarr, Anthony, Ashley, Gavin, Barry, Shannon & Jamie.*

## Mission Statement & Values

The League's principal objective is to build and maintain a Cork-based business association football league which promotes positive health and well-being while fostering and improving commitment and dedication amongst employees in the workplace through the medium of team sport.

### **Core Values**

#### *Staying Healthy*

- Only an hour every week can make all the difference to your spirit, your mind and your body.
- Contribute to the development and promotion of positive health & well-being in the workplace.
- Introduce a healthy work-life balance.
- Feelgood factor of playing football.

#### *Networking*

- Regardless of position, race, wealth, nationality, orientation – on the pitch, we are all equals.
- the League is a member of Cork Chamber of Commerce, where you can promote your business.
- Establish connections with other Cork Businesses on a more social sense.
- Make new professional contacts around Cork and grow your professional connections.
- Find new team-mates, colleagues, peers, clients, friends.

## CBL Management Committee 2024 / 2025

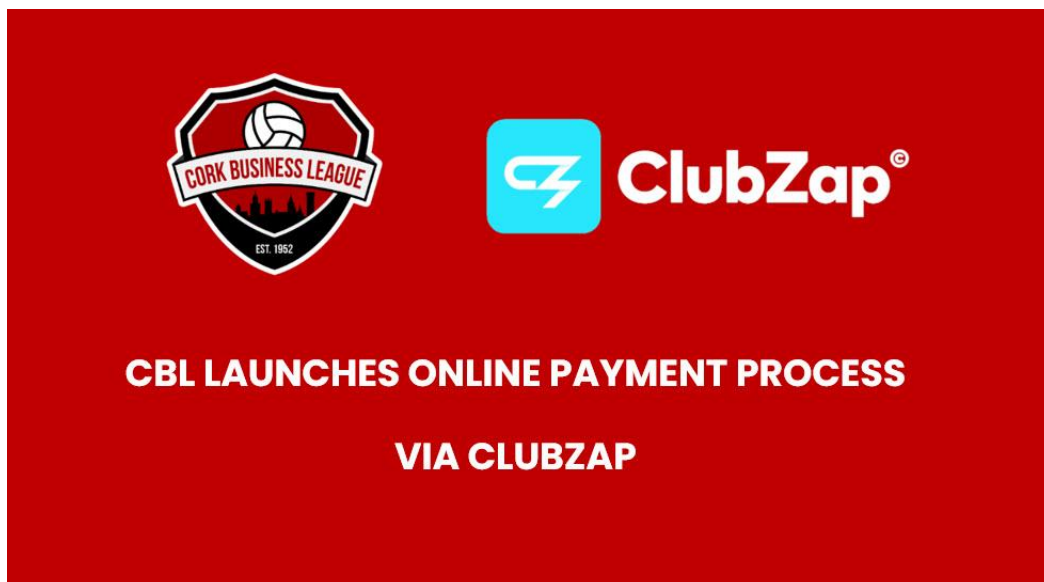
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Committee Member	Ray Anthony	-	-

**Non-Executive Fixtures Co-Ordinator**

Fixtures Co-Ordinator	Ashley Todd	0863980225	<a href="mailto:fixtures@corkbusinessleague.ie">fixtures@corkbusinessleague.ie</a>
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## CBL Fees & Fines 2024 / 2025

1. Club Affiliation Fee: €200 ([Payment Link](#))
  - a. Club Registration: €170
  - b. Club Disciplinary Bond: €30
2. Player Registration Fee: €8 ([Payment Link](#))
3. Standard Red Card Fine: €30 ([Payment Link](#))
4. 4<sup>th</sup> Yellow Card Fine: €30 ([Payment Link](#))
5. 8<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> Yellow Card Fine: €60 ([Payment Link](#))
6. Illegal Player Fine: €60 ([Payment Link](#))
7. 5 Yellow Cards in 1 Game Fine: €30 ([Payment Link](#))
8. 3 Red Cards in 1 Game Fine: €30 ([Payment Link](#))
9. 1<sup>st</sup> Walkover Fine: €150 ([Payment Link](#))
10. 2<sup>nd</sup> Walkover Fine: €200 ([Payment Link](#))
11. Disciplinary Meeting Non Attendance Fine: €30 ([Payment Link](#))
12. Objection / Protest Fee: €40 ([Payment Link](#))
13. Incorrectly Filled Out Team Line Up Fine: €30 ([Payment Link](#))



Club Contacts, Colours, Venues, 1<sup>st</sup> Pref KO 2024 / 2025

#	Club	Contact	Email	Phone	Colours – Jersey, Shorts, Socks (1st)	Ground	Pitch Type	1st Pref KO
1	AlexLandscaping Ukraine	Aleksandr Kornyushyn	kornyushyn@gmail.com	0852024422	Red, Green, Green	Mayfield Sports Complex	Astro	Saturday @ 14:30
2	Andy Sulls Hair	Andrew O'Sullivan	andysullshairfc@gmail.com	0858365644	Black, White, Black	Mayfield Park	Astro	Friday @ 19:45
3	ARC Rovers	Jack O'Keeffe	Jackuus8@gmail.com	0879425969	Purple, Black, Black	Ballincollig Regional Park	Grass	Saturday @ 12:00
4	Cork County Council	Tony Byrd	tbyrd74.tb@gmail.com	0872427334	Navy & red hoops, navy, navy	Ballincollig Regional Park	Grass	Sunday @ 10:45
5	Cork Hospitals	Gavin Woods	woods.gavin@hotmail.com	0872827831	Blue, White, Blue	Munster Technological University, Bishopstown	Grass	Saturday @ 14:30
6	Croatia Fermoy Gallo & Galetti	Alen Miholic	croatiafermoy@gmail.com	0873643520	White & Red, Red, White	Mayfield Park	Astro	Sunday @ 10:45
7	Curry House Hungry Tigers	Zhen Liu	liuzhning@gmail.com	0872071380	Orange, Black, Orange	Mayfield Sports Complex	Astro	Saturday @ 14:30
8	Dennehy's Health & Fitness	Damian Lynch	Grangevaleafc@gmail.com	0872937332	Orange, Black, Black	Mayfield Park	Astro	Sunday @ 10:45
9	EvCore Gym	Wayne Buckley	Waynebuckley95@hotmail.com	0871707285	Red & Black, Black, Black	Mayfield Park	Both Astro & Grass	Sunday @ 10:45

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10	Fisherman’s Rest Valley Rangers	Stephen Mangan	stephenmangan9991@gmail.com	0872207380	Orange, Black, Black	Conna Community Field, Conna, Co. Cork, P51 N2E2	Grass	Saturday @ 14:30
11	Frame Up Ballincollig	Nicky Quinlan	Nicky.quinlan0503@gmail.com	0858550568	Black, Black, Black	Mayfield Sports Complex	Astro	Friday @ 19:45
12	Heffernan Buckley Carpentry Redemption Rovers	Patryk Bak	Redemptionroverssecretary@gmail.com	0852482106	Navy & Yellow, Navy, Navy	Fairfield, Bride Valley Park, Farranree OR Mayfield Park	Grass in Fairfield, Both Astro & Grass in Mayfield	Sunday @ 10:45
13	Healy O’Connor Solicitors	John Sheehan	shane@hoc.ie	0879333686	Navy, Navy, Navy	Garryduff Sports Complex, Rochestown	Grass	Sunday @ 10:45
14	HELIO Inter Cork	Hanan Sheedy	hanansheedy1@gmail.com	0894790021	Black, Black, Black	Mayfield Sports Complex	Astro	Sunday @ 10:45
15	Irish Sepsis Foundation Ballyphehane Celtic	James Corcoran	corcoran212@hotmail.co.uk	0831812341	Light Blue, Navy, Navy	Murphy’s Farm Bishopstown.	Grass	Sunday @ 10:45
16	Jay Bazz	Shannon O’Dwyer	shanodwyer@icloud.ie	0852491129	Black, Black, Black	Mayfield Park	Both Astro & Grass	Friday @ 19:45



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17	Longboats	Vinny Motherway	vinnymotherway@hotmail.com	0896001978	Light Blue & Maroon, Maroon, Light Blue	Crosshaven AFC, Camden, Crosshaven, P43 EA00	Both Astro & Grass	Saturday @ 14:30
18	Marlboro Trust	Padraig Morris	paudiemorris@hotmail.com	0879736587	Green, Black, Green	Mayfield Sports Complex	Astro	Sunday @ 10:45
19	Martin Harvey Solicitors	Ross O'Sullivan	rossosullivan1@hotmail.com	0857547978	Black, Black, Black	Ringmahon Park	Grass	Sunday @ 14:00
20	Munters Data Centre Technologies	Hugh O' Sullivan	h.t.osullivan@hotmail.com	0868487926	Black & Blue., Black & Blue ,Black.	Crosshaven AFC, Camden, Crosshaven, P43 EA00	Both Astro & Grass	Sunday @ 14:30
21	O'Brien Scaffolding	Anthony O' Reilly	anthonyjf.oreilly@gmail.com	0872553059	Navy, Red & Blue, Navy	Crosshaven AFC, Camden, Crosshaven, P43 EA00	Both Astro & Grass	Friday @ 19:45
22	Pfizer	Cian Carroll	cian_carroll@hotmail.com	0857289739	Navy, Navy, White	Leeside AFC, Little Island Sports Complex, T45 F449	Astro	Sunday @ 5pm or 7pm
23	SABOR Braziil Giants	Solano Moraes	giantsfa.cork@gmail.com	0830712909	Dark Bue, Dark Blue, Dark Blue	Mayfield Sports Complex	Astro	Saturday @ 14:30
24	Satellite Taxis	Paul Calnan	paul@satellitetaxis.ie	0871252524	Blue, Blue, Yellow	Coláiste Eamonn Ris, Deerpark	Grass	Saturday @ 12pm
25	Stryker Macroom	Eoin O'Neill	eoinoneill700@gmail.com	0866684329	Black & Gold, Black, Black	Ballincollig Regional Park	Grass	Saturday @ 12.30pm

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#	Club	Contact	Email	Phone	Colours – Jersey, Shorts, Socks (1st)	Ground	Pitch Type	1st Pref KO
26	Stryker Neurovascular	Ian Farrell	ian.farrell@stryker.com	0894194969	Orange & Black, Black, Black	Mayfield Park	Both Astro & Grass	Sunday @ 14:30
27	SURO Cars	Colum Dinneen	colum.dinneen@cohesity.com	0894745655	Red, Black, Black	Mayfield Sports Complex	Astro	Friday @ 19:45
28	Swift	Robert Twomey	rotwomey7@gmail.com	0851778161	Purple, Black, Black	Mayfield Sports Complex	Astro	Saturday @ 14:30
29	The LAB	Stephen Folasade	Strimzzbarber@gmail.com	0858689649	Green, Black, Black	Mayfield Park	Both Astro & Grass	Sunday @ 14:30
30	The Weigh Inn Dripsey	Kian Walerowski	kian.walerowski@yahoo.co.uk	0879635128	Green, Black, Green	Ballincollig Regional Park	Grass	Sunday @ 10:45

## Cork Business League Disciplinary Meetings

Disciplinary Meetings will be held on a fortnightly basis. Only those notified by the CBL need attend.

All players sent off must serve their Automatic 1 (One) match ban in the following game at the same grade, regardless of communication confirming this from the League. Any additional sanctions will be communicated to the club after the league's disciplinary meeting.

Clubs are entitled to see the Referee's Report of Red Card and can only be obtained once requested via email to [discipline@corkbusinessleague.ie](mailto:discipline@corkbusinessleague.ie).

Requests are not accepted over text or whatsapp.

A Player who has received 4 Yellow Cards in one Season during all Cork Business League domestic games (League & Cup), will be given an Automatic 1 (One) match ban once notified by the League. The Club is also fined €30. This comes into effect for all domestic CBL League and Cup games but not any Munster or FAI competitions.

When a Player reaches his 8<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> etc yellow card he shall incur a Automatic one (1) match ban and a €60 fine.

## Misconduct by Players and Officials

The below table relates to misconduct by Players and/or Officials which results in red card:

<b>Offence</b>	<b>Sanction</b>
Denying the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity	1 match minimum suspension
Unsporting conduct	1 match minimum suspension
Receiving a second caution in the same match	1 match minimum suspension
Serious foul play	2 match minimum suspension
Violent conduct	3 match minimum Suspension
Spitting at an opponent or person other than a Match Official	6 match minimum suspension

## Misconduct towards a Match Official

Where a Player or Official receives a red card and/or is subsequently reported for misconduct against a Match Official, the overall suspension imposed shall be:

Offence	Sanction
Foul, insulting or abusive language that is used directly towards a Match Official	At least 3 match suspension (automatic 1 match suspension plus 2 additional match suspension)
Behaviour that is aggressive, intimidating, or threatening towards a Match Official	At least 6 match suspension (automatic 1 match suspension plus 5 additional match suspension)
Deliberately placing a hand on, brushing against or obstructing a Match Official	At least 12 match suspension (automatic 1 match suspension plus 11 additional match suspension)
Assaulting (deliberately pushing, pulling, spitting at, striking, elbowing, punching, kicking etc.) a Match Official	At least 12 months
Assaulting i.e. deliberately striking a Match Official that involves head butting, repeated punching/kicking and/or assaults involving more than one Player and/or Official from the same team.	At least 36 months

## Fixtures Information



### **Fixtures Co-Ordinator**

Ashley Todd

*Whatsapp: 0863980225*

Deadline for fixture requests / free weekends is  
6pm on Fridays.

Fixtures are posted on our website on Friday  
evenings / Saturday mornings

## Changes, Postponements & Cancellation of Fixtures

The manager of the team seeking a postponement shall, in the first instance, and as soon as practicable, and at least 24 hours before the fixture, contact the Fixtures Co-Ordinator to ascertain if the fixture can be postponed.

*However:*

- No club shall have power to break, postpone, or re-schedule a fixture without the prior consent of the CBL.
- At least 14 days (2 weeks) notice in writing must be given to the Fixtures Co-Ordinator by clubs seeking free weekends or on any other matters dealing with fixtures.
- All matches and hours of kick-off shall be arranged by the Fixtures Co-Ordinator or the Secretary of the league if the Fixtures Co-ordinator is unavailable.
- In cases of unfavourable weather, the referee must inspect the ground before the advertised time of kick-off and, on appeal by either of the competing clubs, must give a decision as to whether the ground is playable or otherwise. His decision shall be final. 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. This fee is to be paid 50% by the Home Team and 50% by the Away Team.

- Where a referee travels to an appointed game, and only one team turns up, full fees and full expenses to apply upon receipt and acceptance by the relevant governing body of the Referee's Report.
- Where a referee travels or is travelling to an appointed game and that game is not played due to it being previously cancelled by the appropriate authority, the relevant governing body shall determine, on receipt of the Match Referees Report, if reasonable efforts were made by the relevant authority to notify the referee. If they find this did not happen then full fees and full expenses shall apply. Where a decision has been made by a governing body to pay fees post-match to match officials then these shall be paid within 28 days (including Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays).



New Additions to Fixtures Regulations:

- A fixture date may be altered no later than three (3) days prior to the scheduled date of the match.
- The kick-off time of a fixture may be adjusted by up to two (2) hours no later than one (1) day prior to the scheduled date of the match.
- In the event of inclement weather, if multiple pitches are located within the same venue, there shall be no distinction between the determination of pitch availability. Should an alternative pitch be available within the same venue at the scheduled time, the fixture must proceed as planned.
- If a Home Teams venue is deemed unplayable on three separate occasions over the course of the season, the Home Team may be required, with the help of the CBL, to find an alternative venue to host their remaining home matches. If the Home Team is unable to secure an approved alternative venue after the third unplayable occurrence, the team will lose its home advantage for the affected match(es).

## Walkovers

A minimum fine of €150 will be imposed where a team does not give legitimate reason of their inability to fulfil a fixture at any time following the Fixture Co-ordinator confirming the fixture. For the purpose of clarifying legitimacy, the following steps must be carried out by the team failing to fulfil a fixture:

The secretary of the team must send an email within 24 hours of notifying the League of the inability to fulfil a fixture to the League Secretary with a list of the registered players who are unavailable for the fixture in question; and the chairman and manager of the team must attend a Disciplinary Meeting with the Management Committee to explain their inability to fulfil the fixture. Non-attendance at this Disciplinary meeting shall lead to a €30 fine imposed on the team.

Clubs failing to fulfil two fixtures in the same season shall be imposed with a €200 fine and, in the absolute discretion, of the Management Committee may be expelled from all competitions.

## Registration & Re-registration Window Details

### New Registration Windows - Terminology



Move away from words that have connotations of professional football.

### New Registration Windows - Winter Season Key Dates

The Winter Season 2023/24 Registration Windows come into effect on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023.



Season	Date	Date	Notes
Winter	1 <sup>st</sup> July	30 <sup>th</sup> June	Winter Season Start / End Dates
	1 <sup>st</sup> July	31 <sup>st</sup> March	Registration Period
	1 <sup>st</sup> July	23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Re-Registration Window
	1 <sup>st</sup> January	28 <sup>th</sup> January	Mid-Season Re-Registration Window
	1 <sup>st</sup> April	30 <sup>th</sup> June	No Registrations Permitted

39 Weeks  
Registration Window

16 Weeks  
Re-registration Window

13 Weeks  
Registrations Not Permitted

1. The registration period for the Amateur game, shall be 1st July to 31<sup>st</sup> March inclusive for the winter season (i.e. the Cork Business League)
2. The two re-registration periods for the Amateur game shall be 1st July to 23<sup>rd</sup> September inclusive and the 1st January to 28<sup>th</sup> January inclusive.
3. No Registrations between 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> June.
4. If a club disbands during the Season, the Player registrations shall come under the direction of the FAI. The Players may be allowed, at the discretion of the FAI, to register with other clubs within their League (The CBL). The deadline for such registrations shall be the 28<sup>th</sup> January for the Winter Season.

**Our [FAI Connect Quick Guide](#) has been updated for the 2024– 2025 Season. Please read it and use it!**

Any further details, please contact the Cork Business League Registrar, Joe

Murphy: [registrar@corkbusinessleague.ie](mailto:registrar@corkbusinessleague.ie) or 087 2835896

## FAI Club Mark Entry Level Award



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>TUE 13<sup>TH</sup> AUG</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
<b>MON 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPT</b>	<b>ONLINE ZOOM CLUB MARK CLINIC 7-8PM</b>
<b>WED 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPT</b>	<b>ADULT AMATEUR LICENCE ONLINE THEORY 6-9PM</b>
<b>WED 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPT</b>	<b>ADULT AMATEUR LICENCE PRACTICAL SESSION 6-9PM</b>
<b>MON 7<sup>TH</sup> OCT</b>	<b>ONLINE ZOOM CLUB MARK CLINIC 7-8PM</b>
<b>WED 16<sup>TH</sup> OCT</b>	<b>SAFEGUARDING 1 ONLINE 6-9PM</b>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>FIRST AID COURSE TBA</b>

Supporting all our clubs to gain the FAI Club Mark

## Match Results

Thanks to the Sports Editor in The Echo, we will have results & match report published on Wednesday's edition of the paper every week.

To ensure your club's game is covered please text / Whatsapp the score and a brief Match Report, including scorers and players who stood out during the game to the following people:

1. Our Press Officer Finbarr Buckley on 0860712638
2. Our Secretary Peter Travers on 0863450963

**➡ Deadline is 16:00 on Sundays ⬅**

## FAI Connect Team Line Ups



We will be using the FAI Connect App for all CBL Competitions this season – both for Player Registrations and Fixtures / Match Cards. No hard copies of Match Cards are in use going forward.

If you haven't downloaded them yet, there are 2 apps for you to download.

The first one is the public facing one here, like LiveScore.

- [FAI Connect on Apple](#)
- [FAI Connect on Google Play](#)

The second one is the Admin App where Team Admins will login to update the match and team line ups. This is the one you need for lineups and entering in live updates.

- [FAI Connect Admin App on Apple](#)
- [FAI Connect Admin App on Google Play](#)

### **Adding Manager & Coaches to FAI Connect**

You have to add at least 1 Manager or Coach to your team. To do this, please [follow the steps here](#).

### **Adding new Admin Users to FAI Connect**

The control of creating new users is on you, the club, not the CBL.

- [Full Guidance here](#)
- If you are a new club or if you are an existing club and there has been a change in management or committee members for the new season, the control of creating new users is on you, the club, not the CBL.
- When you are ticking on access, ensure that if it is just someone doing updates then just tick on the "Team Lineup Manager" access.
- This is important for your club if there has been a change in management or committee members for the new season.

### **Adding your Team Line Up for a Match:**

[Full Guidance here](#).



## Match Day Procedure

*Pitch:* A club is responsible for the playability of its home pitch. This refers to:

- Pitch Markings
- Length of grass
- Nets
- Corner Flags

A club found to be negligent in these areas will be subject to sanction.

*Gear/Jerseys:* A club must have appropriate player kit for each fixture. This includes matching jerseys with clear visible numbers and a distinct goalkeepers jersey.

Each club shall register its colours with the Secretary. In the event of two clubs playing in similar colours, the home team shall change colours when such clubs meet in competition. Goalkeepers must wear colours which distinguish them from other players.

The referee's decision is final in determining if there is a clash of colours.

*Punctuality:* Please ensure that you are on the field of play and ready to commence at the appointed time. Any team that is not available to kick off a fixture at the appointed time, will forfeit the fixture. The referee's decision on this is final.

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- On the match day, the referee is entitled to be paid the match fee before the commencement of the fixture.
- In the CBL, the away team is responsible for paying the fee.
- If teams are playing in a neutral venue, the fee should be split 50/50 between the 2 teams. If only one team turns up or there is a dispute about who should pay the fee, one team must still pay the referee. The CBL will refund any club who is out of pocket due to this situation.
- On no account should the referee go unpaid irrespective of what has transpired before, during or after a game.
- If asked to act as linesman, you should note that your task is **not** to decide who should get the throw in. You are simply there to indicate when and where the ball crossed the line.

### *Match Balls*

All balls used in matches played in an official CBL competition bear one of the marks of the FIFA Quality Programme for Footballs.

1. FIFA BASIC
2. FIFA QUALITY
3. FIFA QUALITY PRO

For example, [Mitre Ultimatch](#) or any other ball that has any of the above Quality Marks

In the CBL, both the Home team and Away team **are obliged to supply two match balls each for a fixture**. If those 4 match balls become misplaced or lost during a game, common sense then prevails on the provision of a match ball from either team's sideline.

## Spectator / Crowd Responsibility

While we understand that the majority of our clubs do not own their own pitch, it is still important and very necessary that the below procedure is followed.

The home team is liable for **any improper conduct amongst ALL HOME AND AWAY spectators and personnel not named on the match sheets for both teams.**

Regardless of the question of conduct and depending on the situation, the home team may be fined by the CBL.

Further sanctions may be imposed in the case of serious disturbances. This also includes matches played on neutral grounds, especially during finals of competitions.

The visiting team is also liable for improper conduct **among its own group of spectators and personnel not named on their match sheet.** Regardless of the question of conduct and depending on the situation, may be fined by the CBL.

Further sanctions may be imposed in the case of serious disturbances. This also includes matches played on neutral grounds, especially during finals of competitions.

Supporters occupying the "away" section of a stadium or ground are regarded as the visiting supporters unless proven to the contrary.

**Improper conduct includes but is not limited to violence towards persons, displaying insulting slogans in any form, uttering insulting sounds, racist behavior or invading or encroaching onto the pitch.**

Also, on FAI Connect Team Line Up, there is space for 7 substitutes and 6 team officials. There should not be any need to name additional players or staff on the Team Line Up. Please follow this process.

## Social Media



**DO IT FOR THE 'GRAM**

**FOOTAGE THE '22/23 SEASON SAW THE  
CORK BUSINESS LEAGUE REACH WELL OVER 10 MILLION PEOPLE!**

**HELP US SHARE THE MAGIC OF THE CBL TO THE WORLD BY  
RECORDING CLIPS OF GAMES, WONDER GOALS OR EPIC MISSES.**

**TAG US @CORKBUSINESSLGE OR SLIDE INTO THE DMS & LET'S  
GET THE MAGIC OF THE CBL TO A WIDER AUDIENCE.**

**#SEXYCBL**     **@CORKBUSINESSLGE**

## Objections

### **Objecting to the conduct of a club or player**

If you wish to object to the conduct of another club or player, you must follow the below process:

1. Send two identical registered letters to both the Cork Business League's Hon. Secretary and the secretary of the club which is the subject of the objection.
2. €40 fee is to be paid online. ([Payment Link](#))
3. You must retain proof of postage for both of these letters.
4. You must post these letters within 48 hours (excluding Sundays and Bank Holidays) of the match that you are objecting to.
5. The letters must contain the phrase: "We wish to object to".
6. The objection must be specific and must contain the evidence you have which you think proves the validity of the objection
7. Objections will be dealt with during a meeting of the leagues disciplinary committee and both parties are entitled to be present.

### **Objecting to the conduct of a referee**

If you consider the conduct of a referee to be inappropriate, you should object in writing to the Cork Business League Secretary.

Any complaints will be passed onto the referee's governing body where they have procedures for dealing with such complaints.

While the normal disagreements between referees and players would not warrant such an objection, serious misconduct should be reported.

An example of serious misconduct would be aggressive or threatening language or behaviour towards players and officials.

### **According to the Laws of the Game:**

*The captain of a team has no special status or privileges under the Laws of the Game but he has a degree of responsibility for the behaviour of his team*



## Appealing to the MFA

You are entitled to appeal any decision of the League committee to the MFA. To do so, you must follow the below process:

1. A letter indicating that you wish to appeal that outlines the reasons for the appeal must be sent by registered post to the Secretary of the MFA. An identical letter must be sent by registered post to the Cork Business League Secretary.
2. The letters must be posted within 4 days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and Bank Holidays) of receipt of the written notification of the league committees decision you are appealing against.
3. The letter to the secretary of the MFA must have enclosed a postal order or a bank draft for the correct amount. This is made payable to "The Munster Football Association". Other forms of payment are not acceptable.

## Referee Panel Information 2024 / 2025

<b>Name</b>
Denis Cronin
Paul Higgins
Ken O'Driscoll
Grahame Duffy
Stephen Madine
Damien Morey
Tomas Coughlan
Joe Harris
Dawid Krysa
Hector Otero
Peter James Coughlan

**All Clubs are entitled to a copy of the Referees Match Incident Report when a Player / Technical Assistant has been sent off.**

**Email [discipline@corkbusinessleague.ie](mailto:discipline@corkbusinessleague.ie)**

## Referee Fees 2024 / 2025 (Away Team pays)

### Urban Travel 25 miles round trip (City & Suburbs)

- Mayfield Sports Complex
- Mayfield Park
- Ringmahon Park, Mahon
- Ballincollig Regional Park
- Munster Technological University, Bishopstown
- Leaside. Little Island
- Garryduff
- Fairfield, Farranree
- Coláiste Eamonn Rís, Deerpark

#### *CBL Premier Division:*

Fee: €44

Urban Travel Allowance: €18

Total: €62

#### *CBL First Division, CBL Second Division and CBL Domestic Cup*

#### *Competitions:*

Fee: €36

Urban Travel Allowance: €18

Total: €54

Outside Urban Travel

<b>Club</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Standard Fee €</b>	<b>Travel Allowance €</b>	<b>Total Fee €</b>
<i>CBL Premier Division</i>				
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>CBL First Division, CBL Second Division and CBL Domestic Cup Competitions</i>				
FR Valley Rangers	Conna Community Field	36	31	67
Various	Crosshaven	36	21	57

**Cancellations:**

(a) When a referee travels to an appointed game and the game is not played due to ground and/or weather conditions, as determined by the match referee, **half the match fee and full expenses to apply and to be paid on the day.**

(b) Where a referee travels to an appointed game, and only one team turns up, full fees and full expenses to apply upon receipt and acceptance by the relevant governing body of the Match Referees Report.

(c) Where a referee travels or is travelling to an appointed game and that game is not played due to it being previously cancelled by the appropriate authority, the relevant governing body shall determine, on receipt of the Match Referees Report, if reasonable efforts were made by the relevant authority to notify the referee. If they find this did not happen then full fees and full expenses shall apply. Where a decision has been made by a governing body to pay fees post-match to match officials then these shall be paid within 28 days (including Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays).

## No Ref No Game

Play the game – Respect the Ref

This season as with all seasons in the CBL, we cannot reiterate this enough.

Referees are there to control the game and ensure that all players are protected from any incident that may arise. A very important role that should not go unnoticed.

If you consider the conduct of a referee to be inappropriate, you should object in writing to the CBL Secretary @ [secretary@corkbusinessleague.ie](mailto:secretary@corkbusinessleague.ie). Any complaints will be passed onto the referee's governing body where they have procedures for dealing with such complaints. While the normal disagreements between referees and players would not warrant such an objection, serious misconduct should be reported.

According to the Laws of the Game:

The captain of a team has no special status or privileges under the Laws of the Game but he has a degree of responsibility for the behaviour of his team.

## Reporting Racism



Any Participant, who offends, disparages, discriminates against or denigrates someone, or a group of persons, in a derogatory manner on account of 'race', skin colour, language, religion, disability, gender, ethnic and/or national origin(s) or sexual orientation, or perpetrates any other racist/discriminatory and/or contemptuous act, shall be subject to disciplinary sanction. The relevant disciplinary body shall consider and have the power to impose a suspension, fine and/or other sanction as deemed appropriate. **In the case of individuals, the minimum suspension shall be for a period of 10 (ten) matches.**

This message cannot be any clearer.

If you see racism at any CBL games or any other games across Cork, Munster or Ireland for that matter, take out your phone, record it, and send it to your League's committee.

We have created a dedicated Email Address where we want any and all racism to be reported to the CBL Management Committee.

It's [ReportRacism@corkbusinessleague.ie](mailto:ReportRacism@corkbusinessleague.ie)

## Insurance Details

Contact either:

- O'Driscoll O'Neil
- Kiely Gaule Insurers
- JLT Ireland

Get a quote for Public Liability and / or Personal Accident Cover

*What is Personal Accident Insurance?*

Personal Accident Insurance provides cover in respect of death or bodily injury to an Insured Person solely and directly caused by accidental, violent, external and visible means.

Note:

If a player does not appear on the match sheet or is not correctly registered with the league and on FAInet, he will not be covered by any personal injury insurance policy that your club has. Insurance companies dealing in sports policies uses the leagues records (i.e. registration forms. Match sheets and FAInet) to establish if the player was legal and was on the field of play when the injury occurred.





## Munster Football Association 2024 / 2025

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## Secretaries Please Note:

1. Clubs are asked to note that in the event of 2 (two) teams meeting whose registered colours are the same, the *Home Team* must change.
2. Any club wishing to lodge a protest must send it by Registered post to the Secretary of the Cork Business League within four (4) days (Saturday's, Sunday's, & Bank Holidays excluded) of the date of the match and must be accompanied by the appropriate fee, payable only by Postal Order or Bank Draft. An exact copy of the protest must be forwarded by registered letter to the secretary of the club protested against
3. Clubs, players or members of clubs dissatisfied with the decisions of the Cork Business League, shall have the right to appeal to the Munster Football Association against such decisions. Any such appeal must be forwarded to the Administrator / Hon. Secretary of the MFA per registered letter bearing postmark, within 4 (four) working days of the date on which notice was sent to the appellant. Saturday's, Sunday's and Bank Holidays excluded. This must also be accompanied by the appropriate fee payable only by Postal Order or Bank Draft. An exact copy of such appeal must be forwarded, per registered post within the same period, to the Secretary of the Cork Business League

*Secretaries are asked to note that when appealing more than one decision to the MFA, a separate appeal, including Fee must be lodged against each decision*

4. Applications for permission to organise a Summer League / Tournaments etc, must be made to the MFA before 1<sup>st</sup> June.

## New Rules & Amendments to Existing Rules

All rule changes and amendments to existing rules passed at the Annual General Meeting or a General Meeting are incorporated in the rulebook.

**The Cork Business League would like to take  
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Players, Sponsors and Advertisers for their  
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