



**CORK BUSINESS LEAGUE**  
**CLUB HANDBOOK**  
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## Welcome Message from the CBL Management Committee

As we kick off a brand-new chapter in the Cork Business League, there's a real sense of momentum and excitement in the air. This season marks a significant shift as we play our first calendar season in 2026. A move that brings fresh energy, longer evenings, and new opportunities for players and clubs alike. We're confident this change will enhance the experience for everyone involved, and we're excited to grow with it.

We look forward to a full season of competitions- the Shield, the Leagues, the Mick Mooney Cup and the Divisional Cups!

Finally, we want to remind you that we are YOUR Committee. We're here to support you, listen to you, and work with you. Whether you're a player, manager, or supporter, don't hesitate to reach out - we're approachable, open, and always happy to help.

Please take a moment to review this season's handbook and the CBL Regulations. These resources are here to guide you, but if you need anything, just ask.

Here's to a fantastic season ahead - on and off the pitch.

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 2025

<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Email</i>
Chairman	Peter Harrington	0861038742	<a href="mailto:harringtonptr@gmail.com">harringtonptr@gmail.com</a>
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Committee Member	Shannon O'Dwyer	-	<a href="mailto:awards@corkbusinessleague.ie">awards@corkbusinessleague.ie</a>
Committee Member	Barry Sheehan	-	-

### 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 2026

*Updated January 2026*

1. Club Affiliation Fee: €200 ([Payment Link](#))
2. Player Registration Fee: €10 ([Payment Link](#))
3. Standard Red Card Fine: €40 ([Payment Link](#))
4. 4<sup>th</sup> Yellow Card Fine: €40 ([Payment Link](#))
5. 8<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> Yellow Card Fine: €70 ([Payment Link](#))
6. Illegal Player Fine: €150 ([Payment Link](#))
7. Team Misconduct Fine: €40 ([Payment Link](#))
8. 1<sup>st</sup> Walkover Fine: €150 ([Payment Link](#))
9. 2<sup>nd</sup> Walkover Fine: €200 ([Payment Link](#))
10. Disciplinary Meeting Non Attendance Fine: €40 ([Payment Link](#))
11. Objection / Protest Fee: €40 ([Payment Link](#))
12. Incorrectly Filled Out Team Line Up Fine: €40 ([Payment Link](#))

All Payment Details [here](#)

## Club Contacts, Colours, Venues, 1<sup>st</sup> Pref KO 2026

#	Club	Contact	Email	Phone	Colours – Jersey, Shorts, Socks (1st)	Ground	Pitch Type	1st Pref KO
1	AI Event	Gracia Mukwa	graciamukwa@gmail.com	0894457367	Black & Gold, Black, Black	Passage AFC	Astro	Sunday @ 14:00 or 16:00
2	Abbey FC	John Sheehan	johnsheehan_07@yahoo.com	0851002085	Green, Green, Green	College Corinthians	Astro	Saturday @ 14:30
3	Andy Sulls Hair	Ryan Walsh	ryanwalsh13@hotmail.com	0857263295	Black, Black, Black	Mayfield Park	Astro	Friday @ 19:45
4	ARC Rovers	Jack O'Keeffe	arcrovers@gmail.com	0879425969	Purple, Black, Black	James Kenneally Sports Grounds, 21 Hollyhill Heights, Hollyhill Lane, Cork, T23 TFE0	Grass	Saturday @ 12:00
5	CFA Carrigaline Celtic	Darragh Murphy	cfacarrigalineceltic@gmail.com	0877905001	White, Blue, Blue	Crosshaven AFC, Camden, Crosshaven, P43 EA00	Grass or Astro	Friday @ 19:45
6	Cork County Council	Richard Murphy	cccfcsecretary@gmail.com	0860215293	Navy/Red, Navy, Navy	Ballincollig Regional Park	Grass	Sunday @ 10:45

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#	Club	Contact	Email	Phone	Colours – Jersey, Shorts, Socks (1st)	Ground	Pitch Type	1st Pref KO
7	Cork Hospitals	Gavin Woods	woods.gavin@hotmail.com	0872827831	Blue, White, Blue	MTU Sports Arena & Ballinhassig AFC, Gortnaclogh, Ballinhassig, Co. Cork, T12 FN25	Grass or Astro	Sunday @ 14:30
8	Curry House Hungry Tigers	Zhen Liu	liuzhning@gmail.com	0872071380	Orange, Black, Orange	TBC	TBC	TBC
9	Data Centre Technologies Munters	Hugh O'Sullivan	dctfc2024@gmail.com	0868487926	Blue, Black, Blue	Crosshaven AFC, Camden, Crosshaven, P43 EA00	Grass or Astro	Sunday @ 14:30
10	DHF Grangevale	Damian Lynch	Grangevaleafc@gmail.com	0872937332	Orange, Black, Black	Mayfield Park	Astro	Sunday @ 10:45
11	DoMa Giants	Solano Moraes	giantsfa.cork@gmail.com	0830712909	Black & Yellow, Black, White/Black/ Yellow	Ballinhassig AFC, Gortnaclogh, Ballinhassig, Co. Cork, T12 FN25	Astro	Sunday @ 14:30
12	Doolans Cow Bar	Denis O'Sullivan	denissul2007@hotmail.com	0879781418	Black, Black, Black	Passage AFC	Astro	Sunday @ 14:00
13	ePower East Cork United	Peadar Gilroy	eastcorkathletic2025@gmail.com	0870944392	Green/White, Black, Green	Mayfield Park	Grass or Astro	Saturday @ 14:30
14	FR Valley Rangers	Stephen Mangan	valleyrangers1@gmail.com	0872207380	Black, Black, Green	Conna Community Field,	Grass	Saturday @ 14:30

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#	Club	Contact	Email	Phone	Colours – Jersey, Shorts, Socks (1st)	Ground	Pitch Type	1st Pref KO
						Conna, Co. Cork, P51 N2E2		
15	Here's Health	Stephen Duggan	hereshealthfc@gmail.com	0861620528	White, Burgundy, White	Mayfield Park	Astro	Friday @ 19:45
16	HELIO Inter Cork	Marco Bento + Vitor Granja (both acting)	intercorkfc@gmail.com	+351 961 914 023	Blue, Blue, White	Mayfield Park	Astro	Friday @ 19:45
17	ISF Ballyphehane Celtic	James Corcoran	isfballyphehaneceltic@gmail.com	0831812341	Light Blue, Blue, Blue	Ballinhassig AFC, Gortnaclogh, Ballinhassig, Co. Cork, T12 FN25	Astro	Saturday @ 14:30
18	Jay Bazz	Shannon O'Dwyer	jaybazzfc@gmail.com	0852491129	Black, Black, Black	Mayfield Park	Grass or Astro	Friday @ 19:45
19	The LAB	Stephen Folasade	strimzzbarber@gmail.com	0858689649	Black & Green, White, Black	Mayfield Park	Grass or Astro	Friday @ 19:45
20	Marlboro Trust	Tom Frawley	tomfrawley100@gmail.com	0863602115	Green, Black, Black	Ballinhassig AFC, Gortnaclogh,	Astro	Friday @ 19:45

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#	Club	Contact	Email	Phone	Colours – Jersey, Shorts, Socks (1st)	Ground	Pitch Type	1st Pref KO
						Ballinhassig, Co. Cork, T12 FN25		
21	Martin Harvey Solicitors	Ricky Fraher	martinharveysfc@gmail.com	0876883684	White, Black, Black	Ringmahon Park	Grass	Sundays @ 14:30
22	O'Brien Scaffolding	Anthony O'Reilly	obrienscaffoldingfc@gmail.com	0872553059	Navy, Navy , Navy	Crosshaven AFC, Camden, Crosshaven, P43 EA00	Grass or Astro	Friday @ 19:45
23	Pfizer	Cian Carroll	pfizerfootballclub@gmail.com	0857289739	Navy, Navy, White	Leeside, Little Island Sports Complex, T45 F449	Astro	Sunday @ 19:00
24	The Weigh Inn Dripsey	Cian Forde	cian.forde@outlook.ie	0873426242	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.

A Player sent off from the field of play in a Domestic Competition shall serve an automatic 1 match suspension in the next match of Domestic Competitive club football at the same level. (i.e. a Player sent from the Field of Play in a 1st team fixture may not serve an automatic suspension in a reserve team fixture and vice versa).

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 €40. 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 €70 fine.

## Disciplinary Process on FAI Connect

All sanctions, notifications and fines will be sent via FAI Connect

[Full Process can be found here](#)

## 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 Thursdays.

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).
- The venue of a scheduled fixture may be altered no later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the original kick-off time. Venue changes are not permitted on matchday, as the provisions of Regulation 15(g) (i) shall then apply.

## 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 – Calendar Season 2026

Club Registration Period for the CBL Calendar Season for a player to be registered to a club shall be as follows:

- The first transfer period is from 1st January to 22nd March (where a player registered with a Club is registering with a different club).
- The second transfer period is from 1st July to 28th July (where a player registered with a Club is registering with a different club).

Periods for the Assignment of Players to the CBL Calendar Season

Competition Roster shall be as follows:

- Players that are not assigned to a Calendar Competition may only be assigned to a Calendar Competition during the period from 1st January to 30th September.
- A player is not permitted to be assigned to a Calendar Competition from between 1st October and 31st December (inclusive) unless otherwise permitted under these Regulations.

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A player that is not registered with a club may register for a club at any time, subject always to compliance with the provisions of these

Regulations including, but not limited to Section 6, Regulation 2.4:

- In the event that a Player has his or her registration with their club Terminated outside of a transfer period, that player shall not be permitted to be registered with a different club until the next transfer period and the Periods for the Assignment of a Player to a Competition

NB: Players may be registered for a maximum of three (3) clubs during the current season. During this period, the Player is only eligible to play in Official Matches for two (2) clubs. As an exception to this rule, a Player moving between two (2) clubs belonging to Associations with overlapping seasons (i.e. start of the season in summer/autumn as opposed to winter/spring) may be eligible to play in official matches for a third club during the relevant season, provided he or she has fully complied with his or her contractual obligations towards his previous club. Equally the provisions relating to registration period as well as to the minimum length of contract must be respected.

**Full details on our Calendar Season Registration can be found here:**

**<https://corkbusinessleague.ie/calendar-season/>**

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

According to FAI Regulations, we kindly ask that all club management and committee members take the following steps to ensure compliance with registration and governance requirements to the CBL and the FAI.

### 1. FAI Connect Registration

All club committee members and management must be registered on FAI Connect. If you have not already done so, please sign up using the following link:



[FAI Connect Registration](#)

### 2. Garda Vetting

All committee members and coaches are required to complete Garda Vetting

- Begin the vetting process using the links below:
  - [Download Vetting User Guide here](#)
  - [Download Vetting Invitation Form \(NVBI\)](#)
  - [Start the Application Process on FAI Connect here](#)

### **3. FAI Club Mark Requirements**

To complete the FAI Club Mark Registration process, please ensure that you have the following information and documentation ready to upload on FAI Connect:

- Club name and designated email address
- Club Constitution (upload required)
- Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer names, email, and phone number
- Public liability insurance certificate (upload required)
- Confirmation that minutes of committee meetings are recorded (upload minutes of most recent meeting)
- Minutes and/or agenda from the last AGM (upload required)
- Confirmation of compliance with FAI Goalpost Safety Guidelines (upload a photo of the poster displayed at your club)
- Confirmation of club bank account (upload recent bank statement)
- Volunteer Recruitment Policy (upload required)
- Compliance with Child Welfare and Garda Vetting legislation
- Up-to-date registration of players on FAI Connect
- Letter of Support from the Cork Business League (upload required)

## 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 4pm 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 share your Club Self Registration Link with the Managers and Coaches

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

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

- 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.](#)

Each team's designated FAI Connect Team Line-up Manager shall confirm the team's line-up (starting eleven, substitutes, and team officials) via FAI Connect no later than 15 minutes prior to kick-off. All jersey numbers must correspond exactly with those confirmed on FAI Connect. Teams who fail to correctly confirm the team line-up may, at the absolute discretion of the Management Committee, forfeit the points and may be fined €30.

In the event of a technical issue occurring before, during, or after the line-up submission on FAI Connect, only the FAI Connect Team Line-up Manager may contact the CBL Secretary or another member of the Management Committee to review the issue. This must be done prior to kick-off, following consultation with the match official and both contesting teams.

## 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.

- 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

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.

## 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.

## 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 2026

<b>Name</b>
Denis Cronin
Paul Higgins
Ken O'Driscoll
Grahame Duffy
Stephen Madine
Damien Morey
Joe Harris
Dawid Krysa
Albert Navarro

**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 2026 (Away Team pays)

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

- Mayfield Park
- Ringmahon Park, Mahon
- Ballincollig Regional Park
- Munster Technological University, Bishopstown
- Leaside, Little Island
- Fairfield, Farranree
- College Corinthians
- James Kenneally Sports Grounds, Hollyhill

#### *CBL Premier Division:*

Fee: €47

Urban Travel Allowance: €19

Total: €65

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

#### *Competitions:*

Fee: €39

Urban Travel Allowance: €19

Total: €58

Outside Urban Travel

<b>Club</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Standard Fee €</b>	<b>Travel Allowance €</b>	<b>Total Fee €</b>
<i>CBL First Division, CBL Second Division and CBL Domestic Cup Competitions</i>				
FR Valley Rangers	Conna Community Field	39	31	70
Various	Crosshaven AFC, Camden, Crosshaven, P43 EA00	39	22	61
Various	Ballinhassig AFC, Gortnaclogh, Ballinhassig, Co. Cork, T12 FN25	39	20	59

**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 via email: [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.

## Laws of the Game Updates 2025 / 2026

The Laws of the Game have been updated in July 2025 and came into effect 1st August 2025.

### Key Change: 8-Second Rule Enforcement

- New Penalty for Time-Wasting: If a goalkeeper controls the ball with their hands/arms for more than 8 seconds, the referee will now award a corner kick to the opposing team.
- This replaces the previous punishment of an indirect free kick.

### Referee Countdown Signal

- Referees will now use a visible countdown signal during the last 5 seconds of the 8-second period to help enforce the rule and make it clearer to players and spectators.
- These changes aim to reduce time-wasting, speed up play, and increase fairness, especially in tight matches where delaying tactics can be impactful.

### Key Change: Fairer Drop Ball Restarts

- Inside the Penalty Area: If play is stopped while the ball is in the penalty area, the drop ball is given to the defending team's goalkeeper—this remains unchanged.
- Outside the Penalty Area:
- The ball is now dropped for the team that clearly had or would have gained possession when play was stopped.

- If it's not clear who would have gained possession, the ball is dropped for the team that last touched it.
- The drop occurs at the position where play was stopped, not necessarily where the ball last touched a player or object.

#### Purpose of the Change

- This update aims to:
  - Make restarts fairer in situations where the ball was likely going to one team.
  - Reduce disputes and confusion over possession during drop ball scenarios.

#### Only the Captain Policy

The FAI is committed to reinforcing the 'Only the Captain' policy at all levels of the game. This now included in the IFAB Laws of the Game.

- Normal interactions between players and the referee are allowed and remain important
- Players showing dissent by word or action will be cautioned
- Key decisions will be explained to the captain
- Penalty area decisions/ Red cards/ Serious Foul Play/ Goal Decisions
- The captain must approach the referee and engage in a respectful manner
- It may be helpful to delay the restart to allow the captain explain the decision to the players in the vicinity

Consistency is key in making this policy a success. All referees must apply the policy consistently and firmly.

## 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 Team Line-up or is not correctly registered with the league and on FAI Connect, 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, Team Line-ups and FAI Connect) to establish if the player was legal and was on the field of play when the injury occurred.

## Reporting Racism & Other Discriminatory Behaviour



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)

## Munster Football Association 2025 / 2026



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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  
this opportunity to thank all our Clubs,  
Players, Sponsors and Advertisers for their  
continued support.**

