

ORGANISING YOUR BLITZ

Finding a suitable venue

Check for the following things when looking for a venue:

- ❖ No of dressing rooms
- ❖ Toilets & showers
- ❖ No of pitches
- ❖ Good pitches for camogie i.e.Grass length is important
- ❖ Parking/Bus parking
- ❖ Shop nearby
- ❖ Ease of access to the grounds
- ❖ Venue contact

Advertising your blitz

1. Select a date that is suitable for your county – no clashes with club/school competitions.
2. Inform the Camogie Association, Provincial council & Co Board
3. Send email to all invited county secretaries & County Development Officers.
4. State the age group and if you will cater for second & third teams should counties wish to have multiple entries.
5. Look for 2 contacts for each of the teams entering mobile numbers & email
6. Record county entries on a spreadsheet with relevant contacts for each

Organisation in Advance of Blitz day

- First Aid for the day
- Groundsman – line pitches, flag, nets
- Referees
- Fixtures, Timetable & rules of blitz – www.fixturelist.com
- Send fixtures 4 days in advance of blitz to participating counties along with directions to venue & contact on arrival
- Ask each player from your own county squad to bring 1 plate of sandwiches & 1 bottle of mineral/water/juice for travelling teams

Blitz day

- Signage directing to grounds if required
- Signs on allocated dressing rooms for teams
- Appoint a Blitz day co ordinator to stay at assembly point (registration desk) – central point at venue – they should make sure teams are on their allocated pitches, results are being fed back, first aid on hand if needed and where, any other issues/disputes
- Appoint a results administrator to record every result
- The assembly point should display all fixtures for the day & results as they happen
- Number every pitch
- Have spare equipment on hand e.g. sliotars for games
- Have Pitch co ordinators to keep games moving and stay in contact with results administrator
- Fixtures list for all teams – each team attending to appoint a liaison person for the purpose of contacting and keeping games running to schedule – this contact name & number to be left at assembly point.
- Include a map of the grounds and where everything is – dressing rooms, pitch no's, first aid tent, assembly point, water tap. This saves people coming asking.

*Walkie Talkies are a good idea especially for larger blitzes and several pitches

General Blitzes Rules/Format for Regional Blitzes

(Rules will differ for provincial and All Ireland Blitz day)

- No half time team talks [Ref will throw in the ball once players have switched ends]
- Unlimited substitution, roll on/roll off basis from the halfway line
- Games usually 24 minutes duration, teams allocated food breaks
- No player is allowed to play more than 120 mins of camogie on a blitz day
- Each team may have to play some group games in succession
- Teams must wear the allocated jersey number corresponding to the program.
- 3 points for a win, 2 points for a draw. 1 point for a loss.
- No score difference will apply.
- If 2 teams finish on same points, the result of their game shall determine who qualifies. If still tied, the result [NOT score] versus the other highest team shall determine who qualifies.
- A strict code of conduct must be observed by all players/team/mentors and parents. We will follow the give respect, get respect initiative
- Referees will be encouraged to explain fouls, rule infringements etc to players throughout the day
- Teams must be on the sideline ready to play 10 minutes before throw in

Evaluation of Blitz

- ✓ De-brief with all organisers/helpers on the day afterwards in case of any immediately action required
- ✓ Provide evaluation sheets for each of participating counties, co ordinators & referees in order to get feedback
- ✓ Were there any injuries? If so follow up with counties concerned
- ✓ Write down any improvements needed and file away for next year