



Referee Hosting Guide

Gaelic Games Europe will provide and pay travel costs for referees for the following competitions/fixtures; -

- European Hurling & Camogie Championships
- European Football/Ladies Football Championships 15 aside
- Regional Championships rounds (*as approved by the CCC*)
- International or other high-level fixtures (*as approved by the CCC*)

Competition organisers and/or host clubs should contact the Referees Administrator in good time (at least two months before fixture/tournament). Please send requests to refereesadministrator.europe@gaa.ie

If a tournament is likely to be cancelled for any reason (such as insufficient entries, late withdrawals, weather conditions, etc.) or there are any other significant changes such as team additions and withdrawals, please notify the Referees Administrator as soon as possible.

Travel arrangements & costs

The GGE Referees Administration Committee shall provide referees from its Approved Referee List.

Referees normally make their own travel arrangements such as booking flights etc., and GGE refunds these travel costs.

Referees for non-GGE competitions and friendlies shall be organized by the Regional Referees Administrator once a request is made. The organisers/hosts shall also be responsible for all costs. Invitations to non-GGE referees must be approved by the Referee's Administrator but shall not normally be accepted.

Host Clubs Responsibilities

Referees are vital to any game, however in Europe we place them under a considerable amount of pressure given the travel involved, long days and number of games, thus it is important that they are treated well.

Clubs are expected to meet/greet referees at their arrival point (airport or station). Please remember that a referee may never have been to your city before and may not be aware of meeting points, local transport arrangements, etc. If it is not possible to meet or drop a referee at the airport/station, please let them know in good time and make alternative

arrangements (*such as greeting them at a train/metro station or airport shuttle terminus or asking the referee to make their own way to their accommodation*) directly with the referee.

Referees will usually have reasonable but necessary miscellaneous expenses whilst on the ground at an event. These will normally only include local travel and food. These expenses must be paid to the referee and preferably before they leave or in the days afterwards to a nominated bank account.

Friday:

Meet & greet at point of arrival, evening meal and brought to their accommodation or other arrangements made which shall be reimbursed to the referee.

Saturday:

Collection and transportation from hotel to venue and back.

Referee should have separate changing facilities & be informed of primary contact and be provided with a lunch pack, water etc.

Evening meal (*and entertainment if provided in conjunction with tournament*) and transport to and from the same.

Sunday:

Collection and transportation from hotel to point of departure (e.g. airport) or other arrangements made which shall be reimbursable.

Accommodation:

Referees are normally accommodated in suitable hotel (or quality pension) accommodation (minimum of 3* hotel, e.g., Ibis type or better) on a single room basis with breakfast included. Self-catering is not normally acceptable as it can often be difficult to get a substantial breakfast early enough in the morning and referees should not have to go looking for this on their first morning in your city.

Partners

Please note that as a courtesy to referees, they are normally offered the opportunity of bringing a partner/companion. Thus, hosts will need to ascertain what type of accommodation is required (single, twin or double). Partners/ companions should also be offered the same courtesies as the referee. GGE do not cover any of their expenses.

Gift:

Whilst not a requirement, many clubs often make a small presentation to referee(s) to mark their contribution to the event. These do have to be of any great value but are more of a memento. Please remember airport security restrictions and the fact that the referee may not be checking on a bag (i.e. no liquids over 100ml!)

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Referee Administrator.