**TG4 All Ireland Intermediate Championship 2018**

**Regulations**

* In group stages 3pts for a win and 1pt for a draw
* No extra time in group stages
* Result on the day for any playoffs
* Games against any team that gave a walkover during the group stages are disregarded in score difference.
* If teams finish on equal points in the group tables

1. Where teams finish with equal points in a group table, the final placings shall be decided by the following means and in the order specified:
2. Where two teams only are involved, the placing will be determined as follows and in the order specified:
3. The outcome of the head to head game between the two teams concerned will determine the placings.
4. Should the head to head match between the two teams concerned have finished in a draw the team that finishes in the higher position will be the team that registered the highest number of points i.e. scores converted over the bar, in that head to head match
5. Should the teams remain equal at this point the team that finishes in the higher position will be the team with the highest score difference throughout the group games i.e. score remaining when all scores for team throughout the group games are added together (points will have a value of one whilst goals will have a value of three) and all scores conceded are subtracted from that number. Games against any team that gave a walkover during the group stages are disregarded in score difference. Result on the day.
6. If the teams remain level after all the above has been applied, a Playoff will take place, only if teams fail to qualify for the semi-finals. Result on the day.

* A walkover will incur a fine of €1,500

(ii) Where more than two teams are level on points the following shall apply:

1. The placing will be decided by score difference i.e. score remaining when all scores for team throughout the group games are added together (points will have a value of one whilst goals will have a value of three) and all scores conceded are subtracted from that number.
2. Should any teams still remain level after score difference the outcome of the head to head game between the two teams concerned will determine the placings.
3. If teams remain level after all the above has been applied, a Playoff will take place. Result on the day.

* A walkover will incur a fine of €1,500

**Fixture Structure**

* 4 Provincial Winners Seeded in first place and 4 Provincial Runners Up seeded in second place
* 2 groups of 3 teams, 2 groups of 4 teams - minimum 2 games each if relegation
* A group cannot contain a Provincial Runner Up and Winner from same Province

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|  | Group 1 | Group 2 | Group 3 | Group 4 |
| **Team A**  **Team B**  **Team C**  **Team D** | **Provincial Winner 1** (Leinster)  **Provincial Runner Up 1** (Connacht)  **Team 1**  Leinster SF Loser  (Longford v Winner Wicklow/Meath) | **Provincial Winner 2**  (Ulster)  **Provincial Runner Up 2** (Leinster)  **Team 2**  Connacht 3rd team  **Team 5**  Leinster QF Loser  (Offaly v Laois) | **Provincial Winner 3** (Munster: Clare)  **Provincial Runner Up 3** (Ulster)  **Team 3** Leinster QF Loser (Wexford v Kildare)  **Team 6**  Leinster SF Loser (Winner Offaly/Laois v Winner Wexford/ Kildare) | **Provincial Winner 4** (Connacht)  **Provincial Runner Up 4** (Ulster 3rd Team)  **Team 4**  Leinster QF Loser (Wicklow v Meath) |

* Teams play each other in group with top two in each group qualifying for quarter finals
* Fixtures as follows for Group 3 and 4:
  + Week 1: Team C v Team B
  + Week 2: Team A v Team C
  + Week 3: Team B v Team A
* Fixtures as follows for Group 1 and 2:
  + Week 1: Team A v Team B Team C v Team D
  + Week 2: Team A v Team C Team B v Team D
  + Week 3: Team A v Team D Team B v Team C
* Final stages as follows for example:
  + Quarter Final 1: 1st Group 1 v 2nd Group 2
  + Quarter Final 2: 1st Group 2 v 2nd Group 3
  + Quarter Final 3: 1st Group 3 v 2nd Group 4
  + Quarter Final 4: 1st Group 4 v 2nd Group 1

**Relegation**

* After all group games are completed, the teams who finish in bottom of each group, in accordance with the Championship Regulations, will participate in the relegation playoffs, except for a Provincial winner
* The winners of each Provincial Final will be exempt from the relegation playoff
* A winner on the day for all relegation games. If teams are level after full time one period of extra time will be played followed by a 30m shoot out as per rule.
* Format for the Relegation Playoffs will be as follows if 4 teams are eligible:
  + Two games will take place on 11th August at a neutral venue
    - 4th place Group 1 v 3rd place Group 3
    - 4th place Group 2 v 3rd place Group 4
  + The two losers of the playoff games will be relegated to TG4 Junior Championship for 2019
* Format for the Relegation Playoffs will be as follows if 3 teams are eligible:
  + An open draw will take place involving the 3 teams to determine Team 1, 2 and 3:

Relegation Qualifier: Team 1 v Team 2

Loser of Relegation Qualifier will be relegated to TG4 Junior Championship for 2019

Relegation Playoff: Winner of Relegation Qualifier v Team 3

The loser of the relegation playoff will be relegated to TG4 Junior Championship for 2019

* Dates
  + 11th August: Relegation Qualifier 1 Neutral venue
  + 18th August: Relegation Playoff Neutral venue
* If only two teams are eligible it will result in automatic relegation to TG4 Junior Championship for 2019
* If only one team is eligible it will result in automatic relegation and only one team will be relegated to the TG4 Junior Championship for 2019

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|  |  | **2018 TG4 All IRELAND INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP** | | | |  | |  |
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|  | **All Ireland Stages** | | | | | | | |
| 14th July | **GROUP 1 ROUND 1**  **Leinster SF Loser**  **(Longford v Winner Wicklow/Meath)**  **V**  **Connacht Runner Up** | | **GROUP 2 ROUND 1**  **Ulster Winner**  **v**  **Leinster Runner Up**  **Connacht 3rd**  **v**  **Leinster QF Loser (Offaly v Laois)** | | **GROUP 3 ROUND 1**  **Clare**  **v**  **Ulster Runner Up**  **Leinster QF Loser (Wexford v Kildare)**  **v**  **Leinster SF Loser**  **(Winner Offaly/Laois v Winner Wexford/Kildare)** | | **GROUP 4 ROUND 1**  **Leinster QF Loser**  **(Wicklow v Meath)**  **v**  **Ulster 3rd Team** | |
| 21st July | **GROUP 1 ROUND 2**  **Leinster Winner**  **v**  **Leinster SF Loser**  **(Longford v Winner Wicklow/Meath)** | | **GROUP 2 ROUND 2**  **Ulster Winner**  **v**  **Connacht 3rd**  **Leinster Runner Up**  **v**  **Leinster QF Loser (Offaly v Laois)** | | **GROUP 3 ROUND 2**  **Clare**  **V**  **Leinster QF Loser (Wexford v Kildare)**  **Ulster Runner Up**  **v**  **Leinster SF Loser**  **(Winner Offaly/Laois v Winner Wexford/Kildare)** | | **GROUP 4 ROUND 2**  **Connacht Winner**  **v**  **Leinster QF Loser**  **(Wicklow v Meath)** | |
| 28th July | **GROUP 1 ROUND 3**  **Connacht Runner Up**  **v**  **Leinster Winner** | | **GROUP 2 ROUND 3**  **Ulster Winner**  **v**  **Leinster QF Loser (Offaly v Laois)**  **Leinster Runner Up**  **v**  **Connacht 3rd** | | **GROUP 3 ROUND 3**  **Clare**  **v**  **Leinster SF Loser**  **(Winner Offaly/Laois v Winner Wexford/Kildare)**  **Ulster Runner Up**  **v**  **Leinster QF Loser (Wexford v Kildare)** | | **GROUP 4 ROUND 3**  **Ulster 3rd Team**  **V**  **Connacht Winner** | |
| 6th Aug | **Quarter Final 1 1st Group 1 v 2nd Group 2** | | **Quarter Final 2 1st Group 2 v 2nd Group 3** | |  | |  |  |
| 12th Aug |  |  |  |  | **Quarter Final 3 1st Group 3 v 2nd Group 4** | | **Quarter Final 4 1st Group 4 v 2nd Group 1** | |
| 18th Aug | **Semi Final 1 Winner Quarter Final 1 V Winner Quarter Final 2** | | | |  | |  |  |
| 25th Aug |  |  |  | | **Semi VFinal 2 Winner Quarter Final 3 V Winner Quarter Final 4** | | | |
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| 16th Sept | **All Ireland Final** | | | | | | | |
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| 30th Sept | **All Ireland Final Replay** | | | | | | | |

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