**TG4 All Ireland Junior Championship 2018**

**Group A Group B**

Leinster Winner Leinster Runner-Up

Ulster Runner-Up Ulster Winner

London Limerick

Leinster Team 3

* Provincial Finalists cannot be drawn in the same group
* Home and Away will apply in all round games however this can only be confirmed after the Provincial Junior Championships in Leinster and Ulster are completed to ensure that
  + Teams who played at home last year will be away for 2018 if same opposition
  + Any Irish team who went to Britain for the Junior Competition in 2017 do not have to travel to Britain in 2018. As Kilkenny travelled to Britain in 2017 they will be at home in 2018 if drawn against London.

**Group A Group B**

**Round 1:** Team 1(H) v Team 2 **Round 1:** Team 1 (H) v Team 2

**Round 1:** Team 3 (H) v Team 4 Team 3 Bye

**Round 2:** Team 4 (H) v Team 1 **Round 2:** Team 2 (H) v Team 3

**Round 2:** Team 2 (H) v Team 3 Team 1 Bye

**Round 3:** Team 1 (H) v Team 3 **Round 3:** Team 1 (H) v Team 3

**Round 3:** Team 2 (H) v Team 4 Team 2 Bye

**Semi Final 1 Semi Final 2**

1st Group A **v** 2nd Group B 1st Group B **v** 2nd Group A

**Final**

Winner SF 1 v Winner SF 2

**Regulations**

* A winner on the day for all group 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.
* 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:

**(i)** Where two teams only are involved, the placing will be determined as follows and in the order specified:

1. The outcome of the head to head game between the two teams concerned will determine the placings.
2. 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
3. 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.
4. 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.

**(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. Games against any team that gave a walkover during the group stages are disregarded in score difference. Result on the day.
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
* The County who wins the TG4 Junior Championship will be promoted to the TG4 All-Ireland Intermediate Championship in 2019.

**Dates**

**Round 1** 14th/15th July

**Round 2**  28th/ 29th July

**Round 3**  11th/ 12th August

**Semi Finals**  26th August (Double Header, if possible)

**TG4 Final** 16th September

**TG4 Final Replay** 29th/30th August