**TG4 All Ireland Ladies Senior 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
* A group cannot contain a Provincial Runner Up and Winner from same Province
* Every county will only play 2 out of 3 designated group weeks with one team getting a bye

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|  | Group 1 | Group 2 | Group 3 | Group 4 |
| **Team A**  **Team B**  **Team C** | **Provincial Winner** (Ulster)  **Provincial Runner Up** (Munster)  **Team 1** (Loser: Cork v Tipperary) | **Provincial Winner** (Munster)  **Provincial Runner Up** (Ulster)  **Team 2**  (Loser: Donegal v Monaghan) | **Provincial Winner** (Connacht)  **Provincial Runner Up** (Leinster)  **Team 3**  (Loser: Kerry v Waterford) | **Provincial Winner** (Leinster)  **Provincial Runner Up** (Connacht)  **Team 4**  (Loser: Armagh v Cavan) |

* Teams play each other in group with top two in each group qualifying for quarter finals
* Fixtures as follows for all groups:
  + Week 1: Team C v Team B
  + Week 2: Team A v Team C
  + Week 3: Team B v Team A
* 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 3rd place 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 Relegation Qualifiers will take place:

Relegation Qualifier 1: 3rd place Group 1 v 3rd place Group 3

Relegation Qualifier 2: 3rd place Group 2 v 3rd place Group 4

* + The losers of the qualifier games will play in the relegation playoff
  + The loser of the relegation playoff will be relegated to TG4 Intermediate Championship for 2019
* Dates
  + 11th August: Relegation Qualifier 1 & 2 Neutral venue
  + 18th August: Relegation Playoff Neutral venue
* 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

Relegation Playoff: Loser of Relegation Qualifier v Team 3

* + The loser of the relegation playoff will be relegated to TG4 Intermediate Championship for 2019
* Dates
  + 11th August: Relegation Qualifier 1 & 2 Neutral venue
  + 18th August: Relegation Playoff Neutral venue
* Format for the Relegation Playoff will be as follows if 2 teams are eligible:
  + The two teams will play in a relegation playoff
  + The loser of the relegation playoff will be relegated to TG4 Intermediate Championship for 2019
* Dates
  + 11th August: Relegation Playoff 1 & 2 Neutral venue

If only one team is eligible it will result in automatic relegation to the TG4 Intermediate Championship for 201

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|  |  | **2018 TG4 SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP** | | | |  |  |
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|  | **All Ireland Stages** | | | | | | |
| 14th July | **GROUP 1 ROUND 1**  **Loser Cork/Tipperary v Munster Runner Up** | | **GROUP 2 ROUND 1**  **Loser Donegal/Monaghan v Ulster Runner Up** | | **GROUP 3 ROUND 1**  **Loser Kerry/Waterford v Runner Up Leinster** | **GROUP 4 ROUND 1**  **Loser Cavan/Armagh v Runner Up Connacht** | |
| 21st July | **GROUP 1 ROUND 2**  **Ulster Winner v Loser Cork/Tipperary** | | **GROUP 2 ROUND 2**  **Munster Winner v Loser Donegal/Monaghan** | | **GROUP 3 ROUND 2**  **Connacht Winner v Loser Kerry/Waterford** | **GROUP 4 ROUND 2**  **Leinster Winner v Loser Cavan/Armagh** | |
| 28th July | **GROUP 1 ROUND 3**  **Munster Runner Up v Ulster Winner** | | **GROUP 2 ROUND 3**  **Ulster Runner Up v Munster Winner** | | **GROUP 3 ROUND 3**  **Leinster Runner Up v Connacht Winner** | **GROUP 4 ROUND 3**  **Connacht Runner Up v Leinster 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 Final 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** | | | | | | |