

IBERIAN CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT 2016

1. The Iberian Championships (Ladies and Men's) will be divided into three regions with the Finals taking place on a separate date and made up of the qualifying teams only.
2. There will be both a Senior and Intermediate Championship in both codes.

The Regions -Men's

Galicia: All Galician clubs

Central/East: Madrid Harps, Barcelona Gaels, St. Vicent Valencia & Sitges Eagles

Andalucía: Costa Gaels, Eire Óg, Granada Gaels & Gibraltar Gaels.

3. Any new clubs will take part in their nearest region or as otherwise agreed by the clubs.
4. Each region shall have complete autonomy to decide which clubs shall host regional rounds and in relation to dates but as long as they comply with the minimum periods before the Senior and Intermediate Finals set out below.
5. A host club in any region may invite a team from outside that region to compete but no points will be available to that team and they cannot play in the knock-out part of the competition.

The Regions –Ladies

Galicia: All Galician clubs

Central/East: Madrid Harps, Barcelona Gaels, St. Vicent Valencia & a Combined Andalucían Team

Andalucía: Costa Gaels, Eire Óg, Granada Gaels & Gibraltar Gaels.

The Finals

6. The Finals (Senior & Intermediate) will be held over one day in a single location after the regionals have finished. The Senior and Intermediate Finals will be held on separate weekends.
7. A team cannot compete in both the Senior and Intermediate Finals even if they are next in line as a replacement team. Therefore the line ups shall be completed before either the Senior or Intermediate Finals take place. A team may be promoted from Intermediate to Senior if a team who had qualified for the Senior are unable to compete for whatever reason but only before either Finals competition takes place.

8. A team that has qualified for the Senior may not drop down to Intermediate.
9. The Intermediate Finals shall take place before the Senior Finals.

Senior

10. A maximum of 6 men's and 6 ladies teams will compete in the Senior Finals.
11. Each region will have autonomy on dates for their regional tournament rounds but a minimum of two rounds must take place and the last round must be completed at least 4 weeks before the Senior Finals.
12. The Senior Finals date shall be fixed first and all other regional rounds shall be organised around this date. It will be subject to approval by the European CCC. No other round can be fixed until this is approved.
13. No non qualifying teams shall be invited.
14. If a team is unable to travel or field a team to the Senior Finals then they will be disqualified and their place given to the next best placed team in their region and so on.
15. If a region is unable to provide it's full complement of teams in the Finals then that place will be offered to the third placed team in Galicia and so on if more than one place needs to be filled.

Intermediate

17. A maximum of two teams from each region will qualify for the Intermediate Finals. These teams shall be the teams finishing third and fourth in their respective regionals
18. Teams qualifying for the Intermediate Finals shall be known at least 4 weeks before the Intermediate Finals.
19. The Intermediate Finals date shall be fixed after the Senior Finals has been fixed and all other regional rounds shall be organised around this date. It will be subject to approval by the European CCC.
20. A maximum of 6 men's and 6 ladies teams will compete in the Intermediate Finals.
21. No non qualifying teams shall be invited.
22. If a team is unable to travel or field a team to the Senior Finals then they will be disqualified and their place given to team next in line in Galicia.

Officials

23. Each region needs to appoint a CCO and be approved by the European CCC. The CCO shall be fully up to date with tournament regulations and shall be a non-player if possible.

24. All games must be refereed by qualified referees and approved by the referee's administrator.

Tournament Fixtures

Galicia –likely to be similar to the current structure in terms of number of teams competing.

Central/East –

MENS	LADIES
Barcelona Gaels	Barcelona Gaels
Barcelona St.Endas	
Sitges Eagles	Andalucía
Valencia St.Vicent	Valencia St.Vicent
Valencia Murciélagos	
Madrid Harps	Madrid Harps
Madrid O'Donnells	Madrid O'Donnells

At any one round there is unlikely to be more than one club with two teams. Therefore 11 games in men's and 7 games in Ladies will be required. 2 extra games if 3rd/4th play offs are required. With two pitches in operation the tournaments can be played off in 5 hours.

Andalucía