



HOW THEY STAND

GUINNESS PRO14		Record				Points			Attack				Defence									
Pos	CONFERENCE A	P	W	D	L	TB	LB	Tot	T	C	PG	DG	For	T	C	PG	DG	Agst	TB	LB	PD	
1	Munster	▶	1	1	0	0	1	0	5	6	2	0	0	34	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	31
2	Ospreys	▶	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	3	2	1	0	22	1	1	2	0	13	0	0	9
3	Glasgow Warriors	▶	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	2	1	2	0	18	0	0	4	0	12	0	1	6
4	Connacht	▶	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	4	0	12	2	1	2	0	18	0	0	-6
5	Zebre	▶	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	13	3	2	1	0	22	0	0	-9
6	Cardiff Blues	▶	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	10	2	2	2	0	20	0	0	-10
7	Toyota Cheetahs	▶	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	19	6	3	2	0	42	1	0	-23

GUINNESS PRO14		Record				Points			Attack				Defence									
Pos	CONFERENCE B	P	W	D	L	TB	LB	Tot	T	C	PG	DG	For	T	C	PG	DG	Agst	TB	LB	PD	
1	Scarlets	▶	1	1	0	0	1	0	5	8	7	1	0	57	1	1	1	0	10	0	0	47
2	Ulster	▶	1	1	0	0	1	0	5	6	3	2	0	42	3	2	0	0	19	0	0	23
3	Leinster	▶	1	1	0	0	1	0	5	5	3	2	0	39	1	0	3	0	16	0	0	23
4	Edinburgh Rugby	▶	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	2	2	2	0	20	1	1	1	0	10	0	0	10
5	Dragons	▶	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	16	5	3	2	0	39	1	0	-23
6	Benetton Rugby	▶	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	6	2	0	0	34	1	0	-31
7	Southern Kings	▶	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	10	8	7	1	0	57	1	0	-47
TOTALS			7	7	0	7	4	1	33	39	25	22	0	315	39	25	22	0	315	4	1	

Key:

Home Semi-final	Play-off place
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2017/18 ABBREVIATED RULES

The Championship will be played in two stages, the League Stage and the Knock-Out Stage, as set out below.

The Conference Stage:

For the Conference Stage, Celtic Rugby will have divided the Clubs into two conferences of seven Clubs each, Conference A and Conference B, at Celtic Rugby's discretion. Each conference will be made up of two Clubs from each of Ireland and Wales, and a single Club from each of Scotland, Italy and South Africa.

Each Club will play:

- against each of the other six Clubs in the same conference twice (once at home, once away, i.e. 12 Matches in total);
- against each of the seven Clubs in the other conference once (i.e. seven Matches in total, Celtic Rugby will in its discretion determine whether these Matches will be home or away); and
- in two further Matches against the Club (for the Italian, Scottish and South African Clubs) or Clubs (for the Irish and Welsh Clubs) in the other conference that are nominated by the same Union as the first Club (i.e. two Matches in total, Celtic Rugby will determine whether these Matches will be home or away based on whether the corresponding Matches played under clause 3.1.2(b), above, were played home or away).

In all matches in the Conference Stage, four league points shall be awarded for a win and two league points shall be awarded for a draw. One bonus league point shall be awarded to a Team scoring four or more tries and one bonus league point shall be awarded to a Team losing by seven points or less.

The positions of the Clubs in the Conference Stage will be based on the following, in order:

- the number of League Points awarded to each Club;
- if unresolved, the number of Matches won by each Club in the League Stage;
- if unresolved, the difference between the total points scored and the total points conceded on the field of play for each Club in all Matches in the League Stage;
- if unresolved, the number of tries scored by each Club in all Matches in the League Stage;
- if unresolved, the number of points scored on the field of play by each Club in all Matches in the League Stage;
- if unresolved, the difference between the number of tries scored and the number of tries conceded by each Club in all Matches in the League Stage;

- (g) if unresolved, the number of Players suspended by a Disciplinary Committee or Appeal Committee for incidents taking place in the League Stage;
- (h) if unresolved, the number of yellow cards received by Players for each Club in all Matches in the League Stage;
- (i) if unresolved, the toss of a coin or as otherwise determined by Celtic Rugby in its absolute discretion.

For the purposes of this clause 3.1.4, what qualifies as a yellow card will be determined by Celtic Rugby in its absolute discretion.

The Knock-Out Stage

- The Clubs that rank in the top three positions in each of Conference A and Conference B respectively will qualify for the Knock-Out Stage.
- The Knock-Out Stage will be divided into two Quarter-Final Matches, two semi-final Matches and a Final Match.
- The Quarter-Final Matches will be knock-out, each played over one Match:
- the Club ranked second in Conference A will play at home against the Club ranked third in Conference B (QF1); and
- the Club ranked second in Conference B will play at home against the Club ranked third in Conference A (QF2).
- The winners of the Quarter-Final Matches will proceed to the Semi-Final Matches. The Semi-Final Matches will be knock-out, each played over one Match:
- the Club ranked first in Conference A will play at home against the winner of QF2; and
- the Club ranked first in Conference B will play at home against the winner of QF1.
- The winners of the semi-final Matches will proceed to the Final Match. The Final Match will be knock-out, played over one Match, at a venue designated by Celtic Rugby.
- Based on their final ranking at the end of the Championship some Clubs may be eligible to participate in the European Professional Club Rugby tournaments (South African teams are ineligible for EPCR tournaments).

The above sets out a summary of certain provisions of the Guinness PRO12 Rules for information purposes only. As such these provisions may not be relied upon and for a full and proper understanding of the provisions and rules of the Guinness PRO12, reference must be made to the Guinness PRO12 Rules in their existing and entire form.

ROUND 1 MICROCOSM

FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER			
(B)	MUNSTER	(27)34	BENETTON RUGBY (3)3
	Jean Kleyn(9/ 49)		Marty Banks(P)
	Tyler Bleyendaal(14/2C)		Att: 7,854
	Darren Sweetnam(27)		
	Alex Wootton(31)		
	Andrew Conway(35)		
	CARDIFF BLUES	(7)10	EDINBURGH RUGBY (10)20
	Jarrold Evans(C/P)		Duncan Weir(2C/2P)
	Josh Navidi(36)		Blair Kinghorn(12)
	Att: 6,145		Chris Dean(57)
(B)	ULSTER	(27)42	TOYOTA CHEETAHS (14)19
	John Cooney(2C/2P)		William Small-Smith(2C)
	Tommy Bowe(19)		Clayton Blommetjies(16)
	Alan O'Connor(27)		Makazole Mapimpi(21)
	Stuart McCloskey(30)		Sergeal Petersen(50)
	Charles Piutau(33)		Att: 14,448
	Louis Ludik(41)		
	Peter Nelson(75/C)		
SATURDAY 2 SEPTEMBER			
(b)	CONNACHT	(9)12	GLASGOW WARRIORS (3)18
	Jack Carty(4P)		Pete Horne(C/2P)
	Att: 4,017		Ali Price(48)
			Lee Jones(72)
	OSPREYS	(15)22	ZEBRE (3)13
	Sam Davies(C)		Carlo Canna(70/C/2P)
	James Hook(C/P)		Att: 6,826
	Keelan Giles(3/ 76)		
	Ma'afu Fia(40)		
(B)	SCARLETS	(15)57	SOUTHERN KINGS (10)10
	Johnny McNicholl(9/ 73)		Kurt Coleman(C/P)
	Leigh Halfpenny(23/3C/P)		Yaw Penxe(12)
	Rhys Patchell(47/4C)		Att: 9,108
	Jake Ball(51)		
	Emyr Phillips(63)		
	Hadleigh Parkes(70)		
	Steff Evans(78)		
	DRAGONS	(6)16	LEINSTER (13)39 (B)
	Gavin Henson(3P)		Ross Byrne(2C/2P)
	Penalty Try(74)		Jamison Gibson-Park(23)
	Att: 6,133		Penalty Try(42)
			Jordan Larmour(47)
			Dan Leavy(66)
			Cathal Marsh(76/C)
Key: winning team shown in green, losing team in red, a draw marked in amber			
Note: (B) denotes a try bonus point and (b) a losing bonus point			

GUINNESS PRO14 MILESTONES IN ROUND 1

CHAMPIONSHIP DEBUTS (73)

Cecil Afrika, Justin Basson, Ryno Benjamin, Clayton Blommetjies, Tom Botha, Aranos Coetzee, Jacques du Toit, Reniel Hugo, Niell Jordaan, Makazole Mapimpi, Charles Marais, Tian Meyer, Ali Mjijima, Ox Nche, Gerhard Olivier, Sergeal Petersen, Paul Schoeman, William Small-Smith, Rosco Specman, Torsten van Jaarsveld, Henco Venter, Shaun Venter (Cheetahs), Masixole Banda, Stephan Coetzee, Kurt Coleman, Bobby de Wee, Ntabeni Dukisa, Schalk Ferreira, Berton Klaasen, Khaya Majola, Godlen Masimla, Siya Mdaka, Jacques Nel, Andy Ntsila, Yaw Penxe, Luvuyo Pupuma, Victor Sekekete, S'bura Sithole, Entienne Swanepoel, Rudi van Rooyen, Jurie van Vuuren, Luzuko Vulindlu, Mike Willemse (Kings), Jarrad Butler (Connacht), Jason Harries, Darryl Marfo (Edinburgh), Adam Hastings, Oli Kebble, Lelia Masaga (Glasgow), Leon Brown, Jared Rosser, Max Williams (Dragons), Scott Fardy, Jordan Larmour, James Ryan (Leinster), Paul Asquith (Scarlets), James Hart, Liam O'Connor, Sean O'Connor, Ciaran Parker (Munster), Reuben Morgan-Williams (Ospreys), Marty Banks, Whetu Douglas, Engjel Makelara, Sebastian Negri da Ollegio, Marco Riccioni (Benetton), Christian Leali'ifano, Matty Rea (Ulster), Leonardo Krumov, Giovanni Licata, Matteo Minozzi, Dave Sisi, Roberto Tenga (Zebre).

150 GAMES:

Darren Cave

100 GAMES:

Peter Horne, Rob Herring, Gareth Davies

SPECSAVERS FAIRPLAY LEAGUE 2017/18

The Specsavers Fairplay League rewards the best disciplinary record, with the club with the fewest disciplinary points -1 point for each yellow card (YC) or Citing Commissioners warning (CCW), and 3 points for each red card (RC) or upheld proven citing complaint (PC) that results in a suspension - at the end of the regular season given £10,000 to spend on their youth development programme.

Specsavers®		FAIRPLAY LEAGUE				
		YC	CCW	RC	PC	Pts
1	Cardiff Blues	0	0	0	0	0
1	Connacht	0	0	0	0	0
1	Edinburgh	0	0	0	0	0
1	Glasgow Warriors	0	0	0	0	0
1	Munster	0	0	0	0	0
1	Scarlets	0	0	0	0	0
1	Southern Kings	0	0	0	0	0
1	Ulster	0	0	0	0	0
9	Benetton	1	0	0	0	1
9	Dragons	1	0	0	0	1
9	Leinster	1	0	0	0	1
9	Ospreys	1	0	0	0	1
9	Zebre	1	0	0	0	1
14	Toyota Cheetahs	2	0	0	0	2
	TOTALS	7	0	0	0	7

RED CARDS (0)

PROVEN CITINGS LEADING TO SANCTIONS (0)

CITING COMMISSIONERS WARNINGS (0)

YELLOW CARDS (7)

Benetton (1)	Francesco Minto
Blues (0)	-
Connacht (0)	-
Cheetahs (2)	Aranos Coetzee, Henco Venter
Dragons (1)	Matthew Screech
Edinburgh (0)	-
Kings (0)	-
Leinster (1)	Adam Byrne
Munster (0)	-
Ospreys (1)	Ben John
Scarlets (0)	-
Ulster (0)	-
Warriors (0)	-
Zebre (1)	George Fabio Biagi

TOP GUINNESS PRO14 ACCUMULATORS 2017/18

Rank	Name	Team	Apps	Mins	Try	Conv	PG	DG	Points
1	Leigh Halfpenny	Scarlets	1	57	1	3	1	0	14
2	Carlo Canna	Zebre	1	80	1	1	2	0	13
3	Rhys Patchell	Scarlets	1	80	1	4	0	0	13
4	Jack Carty	Connacht	1	71	0	0	4	0	12
5	Keelan Giles	Ospreys	1	80	2	0	0	0	10
6	John Cooney	Ulster	1	77	0	2	2	0	10
7	Jean Kley	Munster	1	61	2	0	0	0	10
8	Johnny McNicholl	Scarlets	1	80	2	0	0	0	10
9	Ross Byrne	Leinster	1	72	0	2	2	0	10
10	Duncan Weir	Edinburgh Rugby	1	80	0	2	2	0	10
11	Tyler Bleyendaal	Munster	1	80	1	2	0	0	9
12	Gavin Henson	Dragons	1	80	0	0	3	0	9
13	Pete Horne	Glasgow Warriors	1	80	0	1	2	0	8
14	Cathal Marsh	Leinster	0+1	8	1	1	0	0	7
15	Peter Nelson	Ulster	0+1	28	1	1	0	0	7

Best in a PRO Rugby Season: 287pts by Felipe Contepomi (Leinster) in 2005/06

TOP GUINNESS PRO14 TRY SCORERS 2017/18

Rank	Name	Team	Apps	Mins	Tries	Home	Away	1st H	2nd H
1	Keelan Giles	Ospreys	1	80	2	2	0	1	1
2	Jean Kley	Munster	1	61	2	2	0	1	1
3	Johnny McNicholl	Scarlets	1	80	2	2	0	1	1

Best in a PRO Rugby Season: 14 by Tim Visser (Edinburgh) 2010/11

BEST GUINNESS PRO14 KICKERS 2017/18

Rank	Name	Team	Good	Att	Kick%	Last 10 kicks	Conv	PG	Streak
1	Jack Carty	Connacht	4	4	100.00%	3333	0/0	4/4	Last 4
2	Rhys Patchell	Scarlets	4	4	100.00%	2222	4/4	0/0	Last 4
3	Duncan Weir	Edinburgh Rugby	4	4	100.00%	2332	2/2	2/2	Last 4
4	Gavin Henson	Dragons	3	3	100.00%	333	0/0	3/3	Last 3
5	Kurt Coleman	Southern Kings	2	2	100.00%	23	1/1	1/1	Last 2
6	Jarrold Evans	Cardiff Blues	2	2	100.00%	23	1/1	1/1	Last 2
7	Marty Banks	Benetton Rugby	1	1	100.00%	3	0/0	1/1	Last 1
8	Sam Davies	Ospreys	1	1	100.00%	2	1/1	0/0	Last 1
9	Cathal Marsh	Leinster	1	1	100.00%	2	1/1	0/0	Last 1
10	Peter Nelson	Ulster	1	1	100.00%	2	1/1	0/0	Last 1
11	Leigh Halfpenny	Scarlets	4	5	80.00%	c2322	3/4	1/1	Last 4
12	Ross Byrne	Leinster	4	5	80.00%	323c2	2/3	2/2	Last 1
13	Carlo Canna	Zebre	3	4	75.00%	3p32	1/1	2/3	Last 2
14	James Hook	Ospreys	2	3	66.67%	c32	1/2	1/1	Last 2
15	Pete Horne	Glasgow Warriors	3	5	60.00%	p332c	1/2	2/3	Missed last 1
16	John Cooney	Ulster	4	7	57.14%	3c22cc3	2/5	2/2	Last 1
17	William Small-Smith	Toyota Cheetahs	2	4	50.00%	p22c	2/3	0/1	Missed last 1
18	Tyler Bleyendaal	Munster	2	6	33.33%	2cccc2	2/6	0/0	Last 1

Qual: 1 place kick at goal

Under Streak, "Last 4" means has kicked last four place kicks in a row successfully. Under "Last 10 kicks" **3** denotes a penalty goal, **2** a conversion, **p** is a missed penalty and **c** a missed conversion, whilst separate matches are divided with forward slashes.

GUINNESS PRO14 RECORD CENTRE

INDIVIDUAL GAME RECORDS

	All-Time	Best in 2017/18
Most points	32 - Stephen Jones (Llanelli RFC @ Swansea, 4 Oct 02)	14 - Leigh Halfpenny (Scarlets v Kings, 2 Sep)
Most tries	4 - Mike Mullins (Munster @ Caerphilly, 11 Sep 01)	2 - Jean Kleyn (Munster v Benetton, 1 Sep)
	4 - Lee Abdul (Blues v Ospreys, 25 Oct 03)	2 - Keelan Giles (Ospreys v Zebre, 2 Sep)
	4 - Jamie Robinson (Blues v Borders, 27 Feb 04)	2 - Johnny McNicholl (Scarlets v Kings, 2 Sep)
	4 - Tommy Seymour (Warriors v Leinster, 10 Sep 16)	
Most conversions	10 - Duncan Weir (Warriors v Zebre, 29 Apr 16)	4 - Rhys Patchell (Scarlets v Kings, 2 Sep)
Most penalty goals	9 - Luciano Orquera (Aironi v Benetton, 23 Dec 11)	4 - Jack Carty (Connacht v Warriors, 2 Sep)
Most drop goals	4 - Dan Parks (Glasgow v Ulster, 16 Apr 10)	None
Fastest try	18 secs - Nathan Brew (Dragons @ Blues, 27 Dec 05)	3 mins - Keelan Giles (Ospreys v Zebre, 2 Sep)
Quickest bonus point try	17 mins 43 secs - Tommy Bowe (Ulster v Reivers, 12 May 06)	31 mins - Alex Wootton (Munster v Benetton, 1 Sep)

TEAM RECORDS

	All-Time	Best in 2017/18
Most points in a home game	75-7 Ospreys v Benetton (Liberty Stadium, 16 Feb 14)	<i>57-10 Scarlets v Kings (Parc y Scarlets, 2 Sep)</i>
Most points in an away game	67-15 Ulster @ Caerphilly (Virginia Park, 5 Oct 02)	<i>39-16 Leinster @ Dragons (Rodney Parade, 2 Sep)</i>
Highest aggregate of points in game	98pts - Caerphilly 32, Edinburgh 66 (Virginia Park, 21 Sep 02)	<i>67pts – Scarlets 57, Kings 10 (Parc y Scarlets, 2 Sep)</i>
Biggest home win	68pts – Ospreys 75, Benetton 7 (Liberty Stadium, 16 Feb 14)	<i>47pts – Scarlets 57, Kings 10 (Parc y Scarlets, 2 Sep)</i>
Biggest away win	57pts – Dragons 3, Glasgow 60 (Rodney Parade, 15 Feb 13)	<i>23pts – Dragons 16, Leinster 39 (Rodney Parade, 2 Sep)</i>
Best attendance (regular season)	68,262 – “Judgement Day IV” (Principality Stadium, 30 Apr 16)	<i>14,448 – Ulster v Cheetahs (Kingspan Stadium, 1 Sep)</i>

Note: 2017/18 Season bests set or equalled this past round shown in *italics*.

APPROACHING CAREER MILESTONES

POINTS SCORING	
1,500 points:	Dan Biggar (1,471)
1,000 points:	-
500 points:	James Hook (441), Sam Davies (431)
<i>Record:</i>	<i>1,582 points – Dan Parks (Glasgow Warriors, Cardiff Blues & Connacht)</i>
TRY SCORING	
50 tries:	Andrew Trimble (45), Tom James (41), Craig Gilroy (40)
25 tries:	Stuart Hogg (23), Matt Healy (21)
<i>Record:</i>	<i>66 tries – Tommy Bowe (Ulster & Ospreys)</i>
MATCHES PLAYED	
200 games:	-
150 games:	Andrew Trimble (149), Jason Tovey (147), Dan Biggar (146), Dan Evans (146), Lewis Evans (142), Jamie Heaslip (141), Devin Toner (141)
100 games:	Dave Kilcoyne (99), Henry Pyrgos (99), Lloyd Williams (99), Andrew Conway (99), Chris Fusaro (98), Justin Tipuric (97), Ryan Wilson (97)
<i>Record:</i>	<i>236 games – John Muldoon (Connacht)</i>



CAREER TOP TENS

MOST POINTS	
Dan Parks	1582
Dan Biggar	1471
Ian Keatley	1318
Ronan O'Gara	940
Felipe Contepomi	877
Jason Tovey	828
Chris Paterson	810
David Humphreys	786
Duncan Weir	779
Rhys Priestland	770

MOST GAMES	
John Muldoon	236
Phil John	196
Matthew Rees	190
Ross Ford	186
Michael Swift	184
John Barclay	179
Ian Keatley	177
Isaac Boss	175
Alastair Kellock	174
Dougie Hall	174

MOST MINS PLAYED	
John Muldoon	16780
John Barclay	12533
Tommy Bowe	11869
Alastair Kellock	11767
Dan Parks	11400
Andrew Trimble	11258
Ross Ford	11174
Ian Keatley	10936
Roger Wilson	10579
Dan Evans	10563

MOST TRIES	
Tommy Bowe	66
Tim Visser	58
DTH van der Merwe	50
Andrew Trimble	45
Tom James	41
Craig Gilroy	40
Shane Horgan	39
Fionn Carr	37
Nikki Walker	36
Shane Williams/ Simon Zebo	34

Active players in GUINNESS PRO14 marked in grey

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