

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	Glasgow Warriors (1)	▶	9	9	0	0	7	0	43	38	32	13	0	293	12	9	20	0	138	0	3	155
2	Munster (2)	▶	9	6	0	3	5	2	31	39	24	10	0	273	15	13	19	0	158	1	1	115
3	Toyota Cheetahs (3)	▶	9	5	0	4	4	1	25	34	25	17	0	271	34	23	16	0	264	4	1	7
4	Cardiff Blues (5)	▲	9	4	0	5	2	1	19	21	18	21	0	204	28	20	16	0	228	5	2	-24
5	Connacht (4)	▼	9	3	0	6	3	3	18	20	12	17	0	175	20	14	19	0	185	1	1	-10
6	Zebre (6)	▶	9	2	0	7	2	2	12	24	19	13	0	197	33	27	17	0	270	4	1	-73
7	Ospreys (7)	▶	9	2	0	7	1	2	11	13	8	20	0	141	30	25	14	0	242	4	0	-101

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)	▶	9	8	0	1	6	1	39	37	32	12	0	285	16	9	19	0	155	2	2	130
2	Leinster (3)	▲	9	7	0	2	4	0	32	36	28	10	0	270	16	12	15	1	154	2	1	116
3	Ulster (2)	▼	9	7	0	2	3	1	32	32	22	17	0	257	23	18	15	0	196	1	4	61
4	Edinburgh Rugby (4)	▶	9	5	0	4	2	1	23	19	17	18	0	183	19	17	12	1	168	2	1	15
5	Benetton Rugby (5)	▶	9	3	0	6	1	2	15	14	9	20	0	148	22	18	13	0	185	2	1	-37
6	Dragons (6)	▶	9	2	0	7	2	0	10	17	12	17	2	168	44	31	11	0	321	7	0	-153
7	Southern Kings (7)	▶	9	0	0	9	2	2	4	17	12	11	0	142	49	34	10	0	343	9	0	-201
TOTALS			63	63	0	63	44	18	314	361	270	216	2	3007	361	270	216	2	3007	44	18	

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).
- Seven European Clubs will be eligible to participate in the European Professional Club Rugby tournaments (South African teams are ineligible for EPCR tournaments)
- The seven Clubs that qualify to participate in the 2018/19 EPCR Champions Cup will be made up of the following:
 - i. The three highest ranked European Clubs in each conference at the end of the League Stage (South African Clubs ineligible)
 - ii. The winner of a single play-off Match between the next highest ranked European Club in Conference A and the next highest ranked European Club in Conference B.
 - iii. The single play-off Match will be played at the home venue of the European Club that (as between the two participating Clubs) has the most League Points at the end of the League Stage. If level on points the normal deciding criteria will apply: Points Difference, Tries Scored, Try Difference, etc

The above sets out a summary of certain provisions of the Guinness PRO14 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 PRO14, reference must be made to the Guinness PRO14 Rules in their existing and entire form.



GUINNESS PRO14 MILESTONES IN ROUND 9

CHAMPIONSHIP DEBUTS (30)

Hame Faiva (Benetton), Owen Lane (Cardiff Blues), Craig Barry, Daniel Maartens (Cheetahs), James Mitchell, Pita Ahki (Connacht), Duhan van der Merwe, Jaco van der Walt (Edinburgh), Connor Edwards, Dan Babos (Dragons), Hamilton Burr, Kaleem Barretto, Kiran McDonald, Siua Halanukonuka (Glasgow Warriors), Jack Stafford (Munster), Joe Thomas, Will Jones (Ospreys), Morgan Williams (Scarlets), Alandre van Rooyen, Anthony Volmink, Harlon Klaasen, Pieter Scholtz, Tienie Burger (Southern Kings), Aaron Hall, Greg Jones, Matthew Dalton, Schalk van der Merwe (Ulster), Cruze Ah-Nau, James Tucker, Pierre Bruno (Zebre)

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	Scarlets	1	0	0	0	1
2	Glasgow Warriors	2	0	0	0	2
3	Ulster	2	1	0	0	3
4	Cardiff Blues	4	0	0	0	4
4	Toyota Cheetahs	4	0	0	0	4
4	Zebre	3	1	0	0	4
7	Connacht	5	0	0	0	5
7	Leinster	5	0	0	0	5
7	Southern Kings	5	0	0	0	5
10	Dragons	5	1	0	0	6
10	Edinburgh	3	0	1	0	6
12	Ospreys	3	2	0	1	8
13	Benetton	9	0	0	0	9
14	Munster	4	0	2	0	10
	TOTALS	55	5	3	1	72

RED CARDS (3)

Fineen Wycherley (Munster @ Glasgow Warriors, 22 Sep)

Michele Rizzo (Edinburgh @ Scarlets, 23 Sep)

Andrew Conway (Munster @ Connacht, 27 Oct)

PROVEN CITINGS LEADING TO SANCTIONS (1)

Ben John (Ospreys v Zebre, 2 Sept) cited under Law 10.4 (i) – Tackling the Jumper in the Air. Suspended for two weeks.

CITING COMMISSIONERS WARNINGS (5)

Oliviero Fabiani (Zebre v Ulster, 30 Sept) grabbing, rolling/twisting around head/neck, (Law 10.4.E)

Rodney Ah You (Ulster @ Zebre, 30 Sept) dangerous/late tackle (Law 10.4.E)

Rhys Webb (Ospreys v Scarlets, 7 Oct) act contrary to good sportsmanship (Law 10.4.M)

James Thomas (Dragons @ Ospreys, 27 Oct)

Olly Cracknel (Ospreys v Dragons, 27 Oct) striking an opponent (Law 10.4.A)



YELLOW CARDS (56)

Benetton (9)	Andrea Bronzini(2), Francesco Minto(2), Alberto de Marchi, Angelo Esposito, Jayden Hayward, Engiel Makelara, Cherif Traore
Blues (3)	Taufa'ao Filise(2), Nick Williams(2)
Connacht (5)	John Muldoon(2), Finlay Bealham, James Cannon, Eoin Griffin
Cheetahs (4)	Aranos Coetzee(2), Torsten van Jaarsveld, Henco Venter
Dragons (5)	Leon Brown, Thomas Davies, Lloyd Fairbrother, Angus O'Brien, Matthew Screech
Edinburgh (3)	Magnus Bradbury, Jamie Ritchie, Duncan Weir
Kings (5)	Bobby de Wee, Jacques Nel, Yaw Penxe, S'bura Sithole, Entienne Swanepoel
Leinster (5)	Adam Byrne, Dave Kearney, Jordi Murphy, Isa Nacewa, James Tracy
Munster (4)	Sammy Arnold, Robin Copeland, Billy Holland, Niall Scannell
Ospreys (4)	Dimitri Arhip, Bradley Davies, Ben John*, Brendon Leonard
Scarlets (1)	Tadhg Beirne
Ulster (2)	Rodney Ah You, Jean Deysel
Warriors (2)	Scott Cummings, Alex Dunbar
Zebre (3)	George Fabio Biagi(2), Dave Sisi

*Note: Ben John yellow card not counted towards Specsavers Fairplay League.

TOP GUINNESS PRO14 ACCUMULATORS 2017/18

Rank	Name	Team	Apps	Mins	Try	Conv	PG	DG	Points
1	Ernst Stapelberg	Toyota Cheetahs	6	422	0	15	14	0	72
2	Gavin Henson	Dragons	7	540	0	10	13	2	65
3	John Cooney	Ulster	7	490	1	9	14	0	65
4	Ross Byrne	Leinster	7+2	512	0	21	7	0	63
5	Carlo Canna	Zebre	8	598	1	10	12	0	61
6	Jack Carty	Connacht	8	522	1	8	13	0	60
7	Leigh Halfpenny	Scarlets	5	358	2	14	6	0	56
8	Jarrod Evans	Cardiff Blues	5+2	305	1	9	9	0	50
9	Finn Russell	Glasgow Warriors	4	318	0	13	7	0	47
10	Jason Tovey	Edinburgh Rugby	5+2	361	2	8	7	0	47
11	Makazole Mapimpi	Toyota Cheetahs	9	713	9	0	0	0	45
12	Ian McKinley	Benetton Rugby	6+2	494	2	7	7	0	45
13	Rhys Patchell	Scarlets	7	519	3	12	2	0	45
14	Dan Biggar	Ospreys	4+1	258	1	3	11	0	44
15	Steve Shingler	Cardiff Blues	4+4	458	0	7	10	0	44
16	Duncan Weir	Edinburgh Rugby	4+1	350	0	8	9	0	43
17	Ian Keatley	Munster	4+2	288	1	10	5	0	40
18	JJ Hanrahan	Munster	3+2	299	2	11	2	0	38
19	Pete Horne	Glasgow Warriors	5+2	424	1	8	5	0	36

Best in a PRO Rugby Season: 237pts 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	Makazole Mapimpi	Toyota Cheetahs	9	713	9	5	4	4	5
2	Alex Wootton	Munster	7+1	565	7	5	2	3	4
3	Elliot Dee	Dragons	6	447	5	3	2	3	2
4	Angelo Esposito	Benetton Rugby	8	625	5	3	2	2	3
5	George Horne	Glasgow Warriors	3+1	210	5	3	2	3	2
6	Johnny McNicholl	Scarlets	9	710	5	3	2	3	2
7	Rory O'Loughlin	Leinster	8+1	703	5	3	2	3	2
8	Andrew Trimble	Ulster	5+1	376	5	1	4	3	2
9	Torsten van Jaarsveld	Toyota Cheetahs	7+2	548	5	5	0	2	3
10	Mattia Bellini	Zebre	7+1	550	4	2	2	1	3
11	Barry Daly	Leinster	2+2	206	4	1	3	1	3
12	Jamison Gibson-Park	Leinster	5+2	319	4	2	2	3	1
13	Nick Grigg	Glasgow Warriors	7+1	521	4	4	0	3	1
14	Willis Halaholo	Cardiff Blues	8	634	4	1	3	2	2
15	Jean Kleyn	Munster	6	421	4	3	1	2	2
16	Matthew Morgan	Cardiff Blues	4+5	404	4	4	0	0	4
17	Yaw Penxe	Southern Kings	8	630	4	3	1	3	1
18	Steff Evans	Scarlets	7	560	4	3	1	1	3
19	Jacob Stockdale	Ulster	5	391	4	3	1	0	4

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	Dan Jones	Scarlets	10	10	100.00%	3232/232232	6/6	4/4	Last 10
2	Finn Russell	Glasgow Warriors	20	21	95.24%	32232/3222c	13/14	7/7	Missed last 1
3	Jarrold Evans	Cardiff Blues	18	20	90.00%	2c222/3/3233	9/10	9/10	Last 8
4	Leigh Halfpenny	Scarlets	20	23	86.96%	2c2232/3c32	14/17	6/6	Last 2
5	Pete Horne	Glasgow Warriors	13	15	86.67%	23232/22223	8/9	5/6	Last 10
6	Sam Davies	Ospreys	12	14	85.71%	2333/3/23/3p3	4/4	8/10	Last 1
7	Steve Shingler	Cardiff Blues	17	20	85.00%	3/22/c233c22	7/9	10/11	Last 2
8	Duncan Weir	Edinburgh Rugby	17	20	85.00%	2/p223/3c/233	8/10	9/10	Last 3
9	Jason Tovey	Edinburgh Rugby	15	18	83.33%	2/p3233222/p	8/8	7/10	Missed last 1
10	Ernst Stapelberg	Toyota Cheetahs	29	35	82.86%	2333/3c33/3p	15/20	14/15	Missed last 1
11	Gavin Henson	Dragons	23	28	82.14%	2p/2223/2p2/2	10/12	13/16	Last 2
12	Jack Carty	Connacht	21	27	77.78%	3/p233/2/323c	8/13	13/14	Missed last 1
13	Dan Biggar	Ospreys	14	18	77.78%	3333/cc33c2	3/7	11/11	Last 1
14	Ian McKinley	Benetton Rugby	14	18	77.78%	33/c2/332p/3c	7/9	7/9	Missed last 1
15	Ross Byrne	Leinster	28	37	75.68%	c/22p2/22222	21/25	7/12	Last 6
16	Ian Keatley	Munster	15	20	75.00%	33222c/2/233	10/15	5/5	Last 4
17	Rhys Patchell	Scarlets	14	19	73.68%	22/ppcc22/c2	12/15	2/4	Last 1
18	Oliver Zono	Southern Kings	8	11	72.73%	2/c2322/c332	5/8	3/3	Last 3
19	JJ Hanrahan	Munster	13	18	72.22%	22/p3p22c22	11/14	2/4	Last 2
20	John Cooney	Ulster	23	32	71.88%	32/c3c2/23p3	9/16	14/16	Last 1
21	Marty Banks	Benetton Rugby	10	14	71.43%	3c2p/333cc/3	1/4	9/10	Last 1
22	Carlo Canna	Zebre	22	31	70.97%	p2/pc/33232/3	10/13	12/18	Last 6
23	Adam Hastings	Glasgow Warriors	8	12	66.67%	2c/22pc2222	8/11	0/1	Last 4
24	Fred Zeilinga	Toyota Cheetahs	7	11	63.64%	p3/c2/p222c2	6/8	1/3	Last 1
25	Tyler Bleyendaal	Munster	6	15	40.00%	2/pp32c33/cp	3/9	3/6	Missed last 2

Qual: 10 place kicks 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)	22 – Jason Tovey (Edinburgh v Ospreys, 4 Nov)
Most tries	4 - Mike Mullins (Munster @ Caerphilly, 11 Sep 01)	4 – Alex Wootton (Munster v Cheetahs, 9 Sep)
	4 - Lee Abdul (Blues v Ospreys, 25 Oct 03)	
	4 – Jamie Robinson (Blues v Borders, 27 Feb 04)	
	4 – Tommy Seymour (Warriors v Leinster, 10 Sep 16)	
	4 – Alex Wootton (Munster v Cheetahs, 9 Sep 17)	
Most conversions	10 – Duncan Weir (Warriors v Zebre, 29 Apr 16)	7 – Ernst Stapelberg (Cheetahs v Zebre, 16 Sep)
		7 – JJ Hanrahan (Munster v Dragons, 3 Nov)
Most penalty goals	9 – Luciano Orquera (Aironi v Benetton, 23 Dec 11)	6 – Dan Biggar (Ospreys v Scarlets, 7 Oct)
Most drop goals	4 – Dan Parks (Glasgow v Ulster, 16 Apr 10)	1 – Gavin Henson (Dragons @ Edinburgh, 8 Sep)
		1 – Gavin Henson (Dragons @ Leinster, 24 Nov)
Fastest try	18 secs – Nathan Brew (Dragons @ Blues, 27 Dec 05)	47secs – Stuart Hogg (Warriors v Kings, 27 Oct)
Quickest bonus point try	17 mins 43 secs – Tommy Bowe (Ulster v Reivers, 12 May 06)	24 mins – Nick Grigg (Warriors v Leinster, 3 Nov)

TEAM RECORDS

	All-Time	Best in 2017/18
Most points in a home game	75-7 Ospreys v Benetton (Liberty Stadium, 16 Feb 14)	57-10 Scarlets v Kings (Parc y Scarlets, 2 Sep)
Most points in an away game	67-15 Ulster @ Caerphilly (Virginia Park, 5 Oct 02)	47-6 Warriors @ Ospreys (Liberty Stadium, 26 Nov)
Highest aggregate of points in game	98pts - Caerphilly 32, Edinburgh 66 (Virginia Park, 21 Sep 02)	93pts – Cheetahs 54, Zebre 39 (Toyota Stadium, 16 Sep)
Biggest home win	68pts – Ospreys 75, Benetton 7 (Liberty Stadium, 16 Feb 14)	47pts – Scarlets 57, Kings 10 (Parc y Scarlets, 2 Sep)
Biggest away win	57pts – Dragons 3, Glasgow 60 (Rodney Parade, 15 Feb 13)	41pts – Ospreys 6, Warriors 47 (Liberty Stadium, 26 Nov)
Best attendance (regular season)	68,262 – “Judgement Day IV” (Principality Stadium, 30 Apr 16)	46,374 – Leinster v Munster (Aviva Stadium, 7 Oct)

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

APPROACHING CAREER MILESTONES

POINTS SCORING	
1,500 points:	Ian Keatley (1,358)
1,000 points:	Jason Tovey (875)
500 points:	Sam Davies (461), James Hook (446), Steve Shingler (433)
Record:	1,582 points – Dan Parks (Glasgow Warriors, Cardiff Blues & Connacht)
TRY SCORING	
50 tries:	Tom James (44), Craig Gilroy (40)
25 tries:	Stuart Hogg (24), Steff Evans (23), Nikola Matawalu (22), Matt Healy (21), Dave Kearney (21), Tiernan O'Halloran (21)
Record:	67 tries – Tommy Bowe (Ulster & Ospreys)
MATCHES PLAYED	
200 games:	-
150 games:	Devin Toner (145), Josh Turnbull (145), Alun Wyn Jones (144), Billy Holland (144), Lewis Evans (143), Jamie Heaslip (141), Sean Cronin (140)
100 games:	Bradley Davies (99), Scott Baldwin (98), Tito Tebaldi (96), Dave Kearney (96), Ruaridh Jackson (96), Rob McCusker (96), Emyr Phillips (95), Ashley Beck (95), Sam Parry (95)
Record:	243 games – John Muldoon (Connacht)

CAREER TOP TENS

MOST POINTS		MOST GAMES		MOST MINS PLAYED		MOST TRIES	
Dan Parks	1582	John Muldoon	243	John Muldoon	17079	Tommy Bowe	67
Dan Biggar	1515	Matthew Rees	197	John Barclay	12702	Tim Visser	58
Ian Keatley	1358	Phil John	196	Tommy Bowe	12124	DTH van der Merwe	50
Ronan O'Gara	940	Ross Ford	189	Alastair Kellock	11767	Andrew Trimble	50
Felipe Contepomi	877	Michael Swift	184	Andrew Trimble	11468	Tom James	44
Jason Tovey	875	John Barclay	183	Dan Parks	11400	Craig Gilroy	40
Duncan Weir	812	Ian Keatley	182	Ross Ford	11304	Shane Horgan	39
Chris Paterson	810	Isaac Boss	175	Ian Keatley	11140	Fionn Carr	37
David Humphreys	786	Alastair Kellock	174	Dan Evans	10945	Simon Zebo	37
Rhys Priestland	770	Dougie Hall	174	Roger Wilson	10579	Nikki Walker	36

Active players in GUINNESS PRO14 marked in grey

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