

## 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)	▶	5	4	0	1	4	0	20	23	17	3	1	161	13	11	8	0	111	2	1	50
2	Ospreys (2)	▶	5	4	0	1	1	0	17	14	11	10	1	125	12	10	4	0	94	1	1	31
3	Munster (4)	▲	5	3	0	2	3	0	15	25	19	3	0	174	9	8	7	0	82	1	0	92
4	Cardiff Blues (6)	▲	5	2	0	3	2	3	13	15	13	13	0	142	16	11	6	0	120	2	1	22
5	Connacht (3)	▼	5	2	0	3	1	2	11	11	8	11	0	104	11	9	7	1	97	1	0	7
6	Zebre (5)	▼	5	2	0	3	2	0	10	11	7	5	0	84	12	7	11	1	110	1	1	-26
7	Toyota Cheetahs (7)	▶	5	0	1	4	2	1	5	14	11	2	0	98	28	21	5	0	199	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	Leinster (1)	▶	5	4	0	1	3	1	20	21	17	6	0	157	8	7	7	0	75	1	1	82
2	Scarlets (3)	▲	5	3	0	2	2	1	15	19	16	7	0	148	12	11	10	0	112	1	1	36
3	Ulster (2)	▼	5	3	1	1	1	0	15	12	9	13	0	119	18	16	10	0	152	2	2	-33
4	Benetton Rugby (4)	▶	5	2	0	3	2	1	11	16	8	7	0	117	16	13	10	0	138	2	2	-21
5	Edinburgh Rugby (7)	▲	5	2	0	3	1	2	11	10	10	9	0	97	16	10	6	0	118	2	2	-21
6	Dragons (5)	▼	5	2	0	3	0	1	9	9	7	8	0	83	20	10	3	0	129	3	1	-46
7	Isuzu Southern Kings (6)	▼	5	1	0	4	2	1	7	13	10	4	0	97	22	19	7	0	169	3	0	-72
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>35</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1706</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1706</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>13</b>	

### Key:

Home Semi-final	Play-off place
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## 2018/19 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
- two further Matches against Clubs from the same Union to ensure that (i) the Irish and Welsh Clubs will play home and away matches against all clubs from their Union and (ii) the Italian, Scottish and South African clubs play a further two matches between the clubs from the same Union, either two home matches and one away match or two away matches and one home match.

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 European Professional Club Rugby tournaments (South African teams are ineligible for EPCR tournaments).
- Seven European Clubs will be eligible to participate in the Heineken Cup organised by EPCR.
- All other European Clubs will participate in the Challenge Cup organised by EPCR.
- The top three European clubs in each Conference will be eligible to participate in the Heineken Cup. The final 7<sup>th</sup> Heineken Cup place will be decided by way of a play-off match between the highest placed non qualifying European club in Conference A and the highest placed non qualifying European club in Conference B.
- EPCR has a further Heineken Cup place available through the Challenge Cup. In the event that this place is allocated to Celtic Rugby; Celtic Rugby will confirm the arrangements for allocating the addition eighth Heineken Cup place.

## ROUND 5 MICROCOSM

FRIDAY 28 SEPTEMBER			
<b>(B)</b>	<b>EDINBURGH RUGBY</b>	<b>(24)31</b>	<b>BENETTON RUGBY</b> <b>(15)30 (B/b)</b>
	Simon Hickey(4C/P)		Tommaso Allan(C/P)
	Matt Scott(18)		Luca Sperandio(24/ 52/ 61)
	Duhan van der Merwe(21)		Marco Fuser(40)
	Blair Kinghorn(35)		Marco Barbini(72)
	Dougie Fife(48)		Att: 4,392
	<b>CARDIFF BLUES</b>	<b>(10)24</b>	<b>TOYOTA CHEETAHS</b> <b>(7)21 (b)</b>
	Gareth Anscombe(3C/P)		Tian Schoeman(3C)
	Rey Lee-Lo(26)		Walt Steenkamp(19)
	Lloyd Williams(65)		Rabs Maxwane(50)
	Olly Robinson(70)		Benhard Janse van Rensburg(59)
	Att: 6,187		
SATURDAY 29 SEPTEMBER			
	<b>CONNACHT</b>	<b>(3)3</b>	<b>LEINSTER</b> <b>(6)20</b>
	Jack Carty(P)		Johnny Sexton(2C/2P)
	Att: 8,129		Garry Ringrose(41)
			Sean Cronin(56)
<b>(B)</b>	<b>MUNSTER</b>	<b>(29)64</b>	<b>ULSTER</b> <b>(0)7</b>
	Ian Keatley(3C)		Billy Burns(C)
	Dan Goggin(6/ 38)		Darren Cave(47)
	Tommy O'Donnell(9/ 31)		Att: 13,907
	Peter O'Mahony(51)		
	Joey Carbery(63/5C/P)		
	Sammy Arnold(67)		
	Keith Earls(71)		
	Alex Wootton(78)		
<b>(B)</b>	<b>GLASGOW WARRIORS</b>	<b>(12)29</b>	<b>DRAGONS</b> <b>(6)13</b>
	Adam Hastings(2C)		Arwel Robson(2P)
	Oli Kebble(5)		Josh Lewis(C)
	Lee Jones(38/ 42)		Adam Warren(46)
	Huw Jones(55)		Att: 7,135
	Alex Dunbar(78)		
	<b>ZEBRE</b>	<b>(3)8</b>	<b>OSPREYS</b> <b>(16)22</b>
	Carlo Canna(P)		Sam Davies(C/D/4P)
	Jimmy Tuivaiti(71)		Luke Morgan(14)
	Att: 3,000		
<b>(B)</b>	<b>SCARLETS</b>	<b>(21)54</b>	<b>ISUZU SOUTHERN KINGS</b> <b>(14)14</b>
	Rhys Patchell(5C)		Masixole Banda(2C)
	Angus O'Brien(2C)		Bjorn Basson(21/ 34)
	Jonathan Davies(10/ 25)		Att: 7,529
	Paul Asquith(16)		
	Ioan Nicholas(43)		
	Dan Davis(59)		
	Simon Gardiner(66)		
	Steff Evans(73)		
	Kieran Hardy(80)		
Key: winning team shown in green, losing team in red, a draw marked in amber			
Note: <b>(B)</b> denotes a try bonus point and <b>(b)</b> a losing bonus point			

### PRO14 DEBUTS (7):

Andrew Davidson (Glasgow Warriors), Tristan Blewett (Isuzu Southern Kings), Alby Mathewson (Munster), Kieran Hardy, Marc Jones (Scarlets), James Hume, Michael Lowry (Ulster)



## FAIRPLAY LEAGUE

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Pos	Team	YC	CCW	RC	PC	Pts
1	Leinster	1	0	0	0	1
1	Munster	0	1	0	0	1
3	Cardiff Blues	2	0	0	0	2
3	Toyota Cheetahs	2	0	0	0	2
5	Dragons	3	0	0	0	3
5	Glasgow Warriors	2	1	0	0	3
5	Ospreys	3	0	0	0	3
5	Zebre	2	1	0	0	3
9	Connacht	1	0	1	0	4
9	Edinburgh	1	0	1	0	4
9	Scarlets	3	1	0	0	4
9	Ulster	4	0	0	0	4
13	Benetton Rugby	3	0	1	0	6
14	Isuzu Southern Kings	7	0	0	0	7
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>34</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>47</b>

## RED CARDS (3)

**Irne Herbst** (Benetton Rugby at Scarlets, 15 Sep) banned for two weeks, he is free to play from midnight Sunday, September 30.

**Pierre Schoeman** (Edinburgh at Leinster, 22 Sep) banned for a period of four weeks, he can return to play from midnight on Sunday, October 21.

**Dominic Robertson-McCoy** (Connacht v Leinster, 29 Sep)

## CITING COMMISSIONERS WARNINGS (3)

**Callum Gibbins** (Glasgow Warriors v Munster, 7 Sept)

**James Cronin** (Munster at Glasgow Warriors, 7 Sept)

**Tom Prydie** (Scarlets v Benetton Rugby, 15 Sept)

**Andrea Lovotti** (Zebre @ Dragons, 22 Sept)

## YELLOW CARDS (34)

Benetton (3)	Robert Barbieri, Hame Faiva, Luca Sperandio
Blues (2)	Rhys Gill, Olly Robinson
Connacht (1)	Jarrad Butler
Cheetahs (2)	Malcolm Jaer, Charles Marais
Dragons (3)	Brandon Nansen, Ross Moriarty, Rhodri Williams
Edinburgh (1)	Grant Gilchrist
Kings (7)	Bjorn Basson, Henry Brown, Tienie Burger, Bobby de Wee, Godlen Masimla, Andy Ntsila, Yaw Penxe
Leinster (1)	Josh Murphy
Munster (0)	-
Ospreys (3)	Adam Beard, Giorgi Nemsadze, Justin Tipuric
Scarlets (3)	David Bulbring, Ed Kennedy, Samson Lee
Ulster (4)	Alan O'Connor(2), John Andrew, Rob Herring
Warriors (2)	Alex Dunbar, Adam Hastings
Zebre (2)	Oliviero Fabiani, Giosue Zilocchi

## TOP GUINNESS PRO14 ACCUMULATORS

Rank	Name	Team	Apps	Mins	Try	Conv	PG	DG	Points
1	Sam Davies	Ospreys	4+1	361	1	11	9	1	57
2	Gareth Anscombe	Cardiff Blues	3+1	267	1	10	8	0	49
3	Jack Carty	Connacht	5	381	0	8	11	0	49
4	John Cooney	Ulster	4	227	1	3	11	0	44
5	Tommaso Allan	Benetton Rugby	4	297	2	7	6	0	42
6	Joey Carbery	Munster	3+2	267	2	11	2	0	38
7	Simon Hickey	Edinburgh Rugby	3+1	252	0	6	8	0	36
8	Johnny Sexton	Leinster	3	206	1	11	3	0	36
9	Adam Hastings	Glasgow Warriors	4+1	320	1	13	1	0	34
10	Masixole Banda	Isuzu Southern Kings	5	397	0	10	4	0	32
11	Carlo Canna	Zebre	5	379	1	6	5	0	32
12	Leigh Halfpenny	Scarlets	3	225	0	7	5	0	29
13	Josh Lewis	Dragons	2+3	219	1	5	3	0	24
14	Jarrod Evans	Cardiff Blues	2+1	140	0	3	5	0	21
15	Tian Schoeman	Toyota Cheetahs	5	363	0	9	1	0	21
16	Rhys Patchell	Scarlets	3	192	1	7	0	0	19
17	Stuart Hogg	Glasgow Warriors	2	154	1	3	1	1	17
18	Billy Burns	Ulster	5	374	0	5	2	0	16
19	JJ Hanrahan	Munster	3	204	1	4	1	0	16
20	Ross Byrne	Leinster	2+2	179	0	5	2	0	16
21	Arwel Robson	Dragons	2+2	123	1	1	3	0	16

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

## TOP GUINNESS PRO14 TRY SCORERS

Rank	Name	Team	Apps	Mins	Tries	Home	Away	1st H	2nd H
1	Niyi Adeolokun	Connacht	2+3	207	3	2	1	0	3
2	Bjorn Basson	Isuzu Southern Kings	4	305	3	0	3	3	0
3	Gareth Davies	Scarlets	3+1	229	3	3	0	2	1
4	Jamison Gibson-Park	Leinster	2+2	159	3	2	1	0	3
5	Rey Lee-Lo	Cardiff Blues	5	378	3	3	0	2	1
6	Rhys Marshall	Munster	1+2	118	3	2	1	1	2
7	Rabs Maxwane	Toyota Cheetahs	5	400	3	1	2	0	3
8	George North	Ospreys	4	293	3	3	0	1	2
9	Tommy O'Donnell	Munster	3+2	243	3	3	0	2	1
10	Luca Sperandio	Benetton Rugby	3	230	3	0	3	1	2
11	Braam Steyn	Benetton Rugby	4	320	3	1	2	0	3
12	Justin Tipuric	Ospreys	4	309	3	3	0	0	3
13	DTH van der Merwe	Glasgow Warriors	4	284	3	0	3	0	3

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

## BEST GUINNESS PRO14 KICKERS

Rank	Name	Team	Good	Att	Kick%	Last 10 kicks	Conv	PG	Streak
1	Simon Hickey	Edinburgh Rugby	14	15	<b>93.33%</b>	3233/32222p	6/6	8/9	Missed last 1
2	Johnny Sexton	Leinster	14	15	<b>93.33%</b>	22/2c22/3322	11/12	3/3	Last 6
3	Gareth Anscombe	Cardiff Blues	18	20	<b>90.00%</b>	23332/p2322	10/10	8/10	Last 4
4	John Cooney	Ulster	14	16	<b>87.50%</b>	3/332223/333	3/3	11/13	Last 10
5	Leigh Halfpenny	Scarlets	12	14	<b>85.71%</b>	2/2cc222/332	7/9	5/5	Last 6
6	Sam Davies	Ospreys	20	24	<b>83.33%</b>	32232/32333	11/14	9/10	Last 13
7	Adam Hastings	Glasgow Warriors	14	17	<b>82.35%</b>	2/2222/2ccc2	13/16	1/1	Last 1
8	Joey Carbery	Munster	13	16	<b>81.25%</b>	cc3/223c222	11/14	2/2	Last 3
9	Josh Lewis	Dragons	8	10	<b>80.00%</b>	2/2p23p32/3/2	5/5	3/5	Last 4
10	Jack Carty	Connacht	19	24	<b>79.17%</b>	23/2323332/3	8/11	11/13	Last 10
11	Masixole Banda	Isuzu Southern Kings	14	18	<b>77.78%</b>	2/p222322/22	10/13	4/5	Last 8
12	Carlo Canna	Zebre	11	15	<b>73.33%</b>	c/33/222c/c/3c	6/10	5/5	Missed last 1
13	Jarrod Evans	Cardiff Blues	8	11	<b>72.73%</b>	c2223/p333p	3/4	5/7	Missed last 1
14	Tian Schoeman	Toyota Cheetahs	10	16	<b>62.50%</b>	c/232c2/p222	9/12	1/4	Last 3
15	Tommaso Allan	Benetton Rugby	13	22	<b>59.09%</b>	22pc23/3c2c	7/13	6/9	Missed last 1
16	Ross Byrne	Leinster	7	12	<b>58.33%</b>	3c22/p22p2/c	5/8	2/4	Missed last 1

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 2018/19
<b>Most points</b>	32 - Stephen Jones (Llanelli RFC @ Swansea, 4 Oct 02)	22 – Adam Hastings (Warriors @ Cheetahs, 15 Sep)
<b>Most tries</b>	4 - Mike Mullins (Munster @ Caerphilly, 11 Sep 01)	3 – Luca Sperandio (Benetton @ Edinburgh, 28 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)	
<b>Most conversions</b>	10 – Duncan Weir (Warriors v Zebre, 29 Apr 16)	7 – Adam Hastings (Warriors @ Cheetahs, 15 Sep)
<b>Most penalty goals</b>	9 – Luciano Orquera (Aironi v Benetton, 23 Dec 11)	5 – John Cooney (Ulster v Scarlets, 1 Sep)
		5 – Simon Hickey (Edinburgh @ Ulster, 7 Sep)
<b>Most drop goals</b>	4 – Dan Parks (Glasgow v Ulster, 16 Apr 10)	1 – Stuart Hogg (Glasgow @ Connacht, 1 Sep)
		1 – Sam Davies (Ospreys @ Zebre, 29 Sep)
<b>Fastest try</b>	10 secs – Dougie Fife (Edinburgh @ Connacht, 23 Mar 18)	62 secs – Tommy Seymour (Glasgow @ Connacht, 1 Sep)
<b>Quickest bonus point try</b>	17 mins 43 secs – Tommy Bowe (Ulster v Reivers, 12 May 06)	38 mins – Dan Goggin (Munster v Ulster, 29 Sep)

## TEAM RECORDS

	All-Time	Best in 2018/19
<b>Most points in a home game</b>	75-7 Ospreys v Benetton (Liberty Stadium, 16 Feb 14)	64-7 Munster v Ulster (Thomond Park, 29 Sep)
<b>Most points in an away game</b>	67-15 Ulster @ Caerphilly (Virginia Park, 5 Oct 02)	52-24 Warriors @ Cheetahs (Toyota Stadium, 15 Sep)
<b>Highest aggregate of points in game</b>	98pts - Caerphilly 32, Edinburgh 66 (Virginia Park, 21 Sep 02)	78pts – Cheetahs 39, Ulster 39 (Toyota Stadium, 21 Sep)
<b>Biggest home win</b>	68pts – Ospreys 75, Benetton 7 (Liberty Stadium, 16 Feb 14)	57pts – Munster 64, Ulster 7 (Thomond Park, 29 Sep)
<b>Biggest away win</b>	57pts – Dragons 3, Glasgow 60 (Rodney Parade, 15 Feb 13)	28pts – Cheetahs 24, Warriors 52 (Toyota Stadium, 15 Sep)
<b>Best attendance (regular season)</b>	68,262 – “Judgement Day IV” (Principality Stadium, 30 Apr 16)	13,976 – Leinster v Dragons (RDS Arena, 15 Sep)

**Note:** 2018/19 Season bests set or equalled this past round shown in *italics*.

## APPROACHING CAREER MILESTONES

POINTS SCORING	
1,500 points:	Ian Keatley (1,420)
1,000 points:	Johnny Sexton (791), Gavin Henson (727)
500 points:	James Hook (446), Steve Shingler (439)
Record:	1,585 points – Dan Biggar (Ospreys)
TRY SCORING	
50 tries:	Tom James (45)
25 tries:	Nikola Matawalu (24), Matt Healy (24), Tiernan O'Halloran (24), Luke McGrath (22), Dave Kearney (22), Justin Tipuric (22), Sean Cronin (22)
Record:	67 tries – Tommy Bowe (Ulster & Ospreys)
MATCHES PLAYED	
200 games:	Ian Keatley (194), Ross Ford (192), John Barclay (190)
150 games:	Nick Williams (144)
100 games:	Sam Parry (99), John Ryan (98), Robin Copeland (97), George Earle (96), Sam Davies (96)
Record:	254 games – John Muldoon (Connacht)

## CAREER TOP TENS

MOST POINTS		MOST GAMES		MOST MINS PLAYED		MOST TRIES	
Dan Biggar	1585	John Muldoon	254	John Muldoon	18030	Tommy Bowe	67
Dan Parks	1582	Matthew Rees	202	John Barclay	13101	Tim Visser	58
Ian Keatley	1426	Phil John	196	Tommy Bowe	12625	DTH van der Merwe	57
Ronan O'Gara	940	Ian Keatley	194	Dan Evans	12158	Craig Gilroy	51
Felipe Contepomi	877	Ross Ford	192	Alastair Kellock	11767	Andrew Trimble	50
Jason Tovey	875	John Barclay	190	Ian Keatley	11756	Tom James	45
Duncan Weir	854	Michael Swift	184	Andrew Trimble	11755	Shane Horgan	39
Chris Paterson	810	Isaac Boss	175	Dan Parks	11400	Fionn Carr	37
Johnny Sexton	791	Alastair Kellock	174	Ross Ford	11395	Simon Zebo	37
David Humphreys	786	Dougie Hall/ Tommy Bowe	174	Dan Biggar	10921	Nikki Walker/Nick Williams/Dan Evans	36

Active players in GUINNESS PRO14 marked in grey

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