

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)	▶	7	5	0	2	6	1	27	32	23	4	1	221	17	13	11	0	144	2	1	77
2	Ospreys (2)	▶	7	5	0	2	2	1	23	21	13	10	1	164	16	14	6	1	131	1	2	33
3	Munster (4)	▲	7	4	0	3	3	0	19	31	23	6	0	221	16	12	10	0	136	2	1	85
4	Cardiff Blues (3)	▼	7	3	0	4	2	3	17	19	15	16	0	175	21	15	7	0	156	2	1	19
5	Connacht (5)	▶	7	3	0	4	1	3	16	16	11	12	1	143	17	11	8	1	134	2	1	9
6	Zebre (6)	▶	7	3	0	4	3	0	15	16	11	8	0	126	18	12	15	1	162	2	1	-36
7	Toyota Cheetahs (7)	▶	7	1	1	5	2	1	9	20	17	2	0	140	33	26	9	0	246	5	0	-106

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)	▶	7	6	0	1	4	1	29	29	22	9	0	218	11	9	9	0	100	1	1	118
2	Scarlets (2)	▶	7	5	0	2	3	1	24	27	22	10	0	209	19	16	12	0	163	2	3	46
3	Ulster (5)	▲	7	4	1	2	2	1	21	19	14	15	0	170	23	18	13	0	192	2	2	-22
4	Edinburgh Rugby (4)	▶	7	3	0	4	2	2	16	15	15	15	0	150	23	17	8	0	173	3	2	-23
5	Benetton Rugby (3)	▼	7	3	0	4	3	1	16	20	10	8	0	148	22	16	10	0	174	3	2	-26
6	Dragons (6)	▶	7	2	0	5	0	1	9	13	9	11	0	116	28	15	6	0	188	4	1	-72
7	Isuzu Southern Kings (7)	▶	7	1	0	6	3	2	9	18	14	6	0	136	32	25	8	0	238	5	0	-102
TOTALS			49	48	1	48	36	18	250	296	219	132	3	2337	296	219	132	3	2337	36	18	

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 7th 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 7 MICROCOSM

FRIDAY 26 OCTOBER			
(B)	ZEBRE	(3)34	EDINBURGH RUGBY (13)16
	Dave Sisi(42)		Simon Hickey(C/3P)
	Gabriele di Giulio(55)		Darcy Graham(21)
	Carlo Canna(73/4C/2P)		Att: 2,500
	Tommaso Castello(80)		
(B/b)	ISUZU SOUTHERN KINGS	(20)34	SCARLETS (15)41 (B)
	Masixole Banda(2/4C/2P)		Dan Jones(4C/P)
	Yaw Penxe(22)		Dafydd Hughes(28)
	Harlon Klaasen(49)		Will Boyde(40)
	Bjorn Basson(55)		Ioan Nicholas(42)
	Att: 2,473		Werner Kruger(63)
			Kieran Hardy(73)
			Taylor Davies(78)
(B)	ULSTER	(24)36	DRAGONS (13)18
	Johnny McPhillips(4C/P)		Jason Tovey(C/2P)
	Henry Speight(11)		Huw Taylor(31)
	Dave Shanahan(23)		Jarryd Sage(67)
	Michael Lowry(38)		Att: 12,559
	Stuart McCloskey(49/ 79)		
(B)	OSPREYS	(10)22	CONNACHT (3)17 (b)
	Sam Davies(C)		Jack Carty(2C/D)
	Keelan Giles(2/ 9)		Bundee Aki(65)
	Harri Morgan(52)		Jarrad Butler(70)
	Dan Evans(80)		Att: 5,122
SATURDAY 27 OCTOBER			
	MUNSTER	(7)25	GLASGOW WARRIORS (12)24 (B/b)
	Rory Scannell(P)		Brandon Thomson(C)
	JJ Hanrahan(C/P)		George Horne(24/ 36)
	Ian Keatley(C)		Matt Fagerson(49)
	James Cronin(9)		Pete Horne(60/C)
	Alex Wootton(66)		Att: 13,356
	Alby Mathewson(73)		
	BENETTON RUGBY	(3)3	LEINSTER (12)31 (B)
	Antonio Rizzi(P)		Ross Byrne(3C)
	Att: 2,485		Adam Byrne(5)
			James Tracy(30)
			Conor O'Brien(50)
			Andrew Porter(59)
			Joe Tomane(75)
	TOYOTA CHEETAHS	(21)21	CARDIFF BLUES (3)10
	Tian Schoeman(3C)		Steve Shingler(C/P)
	Shaun Venter(8)		Samu Manoa(65)
	Rabs Maxwane(11/ 39)		Att: 4,428
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			

PRO14 DEBUTS (12):

Samu Manoa (Cardiff Blues), Callum Atkinson, Jamie Hodgson, Mungo Mason (Edinburgh), Petrus du Plessis (Glasgow Warriors), Meli Rokoua (Isuzu Southern Kings), Harri Morgan (Ospreys), Rhyno Smith, Reinach Venter, Sintu Manjezi (Toyota Cheetahs), Robert Baloucoune (Ulster), Jacopo Bianchi (Zebre)

FAIRPLAY LEAGUE

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Pos	Team	YC	CCW	RC	PC	Pts
1	Leinster	1	0	0	0	1
2	Cardiff Blues	2	0	0	0	2
3	Dragons	3	0	0	0	3
3	Munster	2	1	0	0	3
3	Toyota Cheetahs	3	0	0	0	3
6	Connacht	1	0	1	0	4
6	Edinburgh	1	0	1	0	4
6	Glasgow Warriors	2	2	0	0	4
6	Ospreys	4	0	0	0	4
6	Zebre	3	1	0	0	4
11	Benetton Rugby	3	0	1	0	6
12	Ulster	5	1	1	0	9
13	Scarlets	3	1	0	2	10
13	Isuzu Southern Kings	11	0	0	0	11
TOTALS		44	6	4	2	68

RED CARDS (4)

Irne Herbst (Benetton Rugby at Scarlets, 15 Sep) banned for two weeks.

Pierre Schoeman (Edinburgh at Leinster, 22 Sep) banned for a period of four weeks.

Dominic Robertson-McCoy (Connacht v Leinster, 29 Sep) banned for a period of six weeks, he is free to play from midnight Sunday, November 18.

Matty Rea (Ulster v Connacht, 5 Oct) banned for four weeks, he is free to play on Monday, November 5, 2018.

PROVEN CITINGS (2)

Uzair Cassiem (Scarlets v Isuzu Southern Kings, 29 Sept) banned for a period of two weeks

Kieron Fonotia (Scarlets v Ospreys, 6 Oct) banned for a period of three weeks, he is free to play from Sunday, October 28, 2018.

CITING COMMISSIONERS WARNINGS (6)

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)

Iain Henderson (Ulster v Connacht, 5 Oct)

Adam Ashe (Glasgow Warriors @ Munster, 27 Oct)

YELLOW CARDS (44*)

Benetton (3)	Robert Barbieri, Hame Faiva, Luca Sperandio
Blues (2)	Rhys Gill, Olly Robinson
Connacht (1)	Jarrad Butler
Cheetahs (3)	Charles Marais(2), Malcolm Jaer
Dragons (3)	Brandon Nansen, Ross Moriarty, Rhodri Williams
Edinburgh (1)	Grant Gilchrist
Kings (11)	Bjorn Basson, Henry Brown, Tienie Burger, Bobby de Wee, Justin Forwood(2)*, Godlen Masimla, Lupumlo Mguca, Andy Ntsila, Schalk Oelofse, Yaw Penxe
Leinster (1)	Josh Murphy
Munster (2)	Chris Cloete, Keith Earls
Ospreys (4)	Adam Beard, Rob McCusker, Giorgi Nemsadze, Justin Tipuric

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Round 8: 2 – 4 November 2018

Scarlets (3)	David Bulbring, Ed Kennedy, Samson Lee
Ulster (5)	Alan O'Connor(2), Marcell Coetzee, John Andrew, Rob Herring
Warriors (2)	Alex Dunbar, Adam Hastings
Zebre (3)	Oliviero Fabiani, Johan Meyer, Giosue Zilocchi

*Note: Justin Forwood received two technical yellow cards in the same game (Isuzu Southern Kings at Benetton Rugby, 6 Oct) and was subsequently sent off.

TOP GUINNESS PRO14 ACCUMULATORS

Rank	Name	Team	Apps	Mins	Try	Conv	PG	DG	Points
1	Simon Hickey	Edinburgh Rugby	5+1	412	0	11	14	0	64
2	Jack Carty	Connacht	7	541	0	11	12	1	61
3	Sam Davies	Ospreys	6+1	521	1	13	9	1	61
4	Gareth Anscombe	Cardiff Blues	4+1	347	1	11	10	0	57
5	Masixole Banda	Isuzu Southern Kings	7	557	1	14	6	0	51
6	Carlo Canna	Zebre	6	459	2	10	7	0	51
7	John Cooney	Ulster	5	307	1	4	12	0	49
8	Tommaso Allan	Benetton Rugby	5	377	2	9	6	0	46
9	Joey Carbery	Munster	4+2	347	2	13	3	0	45
10	Adam Hastings	Glasgow Warriors	5+1	400	1	17	2	0	45
11	Leigh Halfpenny	Scarlets	4	305	0	9	7	0	39
12	Johnny Sexton	Leinster	3	206	1	11	3	0	36
13	Rabs Maxwane	Toyota Cheetahs	7	560	7	0	0	0	35
14	Ross Byrne	Leinster	4+2	305	0	10	5	0	35
15	Tian Schoeman	Toyota Cheetahs	7	523	0	15	1	0	33
16	Josh Lewis	Dragons	3+3	299	2	5	3	0	29
17	Rhys Patchell	Scarlets	4	262	2	7	0	0	24
18	Jarrod Evans	Cardiff Blues	2+2	166	0	3	5	0	21
19	JJ Hanrahan	Munster	4+1	275	1	5	2	0	21

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	Rabs Maxwane	Toyota Cheetahs	7	560	7	3	4	2	5
2	Bjorn Basson	Isuzu Southern Kings	6	465	4	1	3	3	1
3	George Horne	Glasgow Warriors	4+2	306	4	1	3	2	2
4	James Lowe	Leinster	4	320	4	3	1	3	1
5	George North	Ospreys	5	365	4	3	1	2	2
6	Yaw Penxe	Isuzu Southern Kings	7	550	4	2	2	3	1
7	Niyi Adeolokun	Connacht	4+3	342	3	2	1	0	3
8	Gareth Davies	Scarlets	4+1	297	3	3	0	2	1
9	Jamison Gibson-Park	Leinster	4+2	284	3	2	1	0	3
10	Rey Lee-Lo	Cardiff Blues	7	509	3	3	0	2	1
11	Rhys Marshall	Munster	1+2	118	3	2	1	1	2
12	Johnny McNicholl	Scarlets	6	393	3	2	1	2	1
13	Luke Morgan	Ospreys	4	320	3	0	3	1	2
14	Tommy O'Donnell	Munster	4+2	290	3	3	0	2	1
15	Dave Shanahan	Ulster	2+2	217	3	1	2	3	0
16	Luca Sperandio	Benetton Rugby	3	230	3	0	3	1	2
17	Braam Steyn	Benetton Rugby	5	393	3	1	2	0	3
18	Justin Tipuric	Ospreys	5	389	3	3	0	0	3
19	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	Johnny Sexton	Leinster	14	15	93.33%	22/2c22/3322	11/12	3/3	Last 6
2	Simon Hickey	Edinburgh Rugby	25	27	92.59%	22322/323p3	11/11	14/16	Last 1
3	Leigh Halfpenny	Scarlets	16	18	88.89%	222/332/2332	9/11	7/7	Last 10
4	Gareth Anscombe	Cardiff Blues	21	25	84.00%	p2322/c33c2	11/13	10/12	Last 1
5	Adam Hastings	Glasgow Warriors	19	23	82.61%	ccc2/23222c	17/21	2/2	Missed last 1
6	Carlo Canna	Zebre	17	21	80.95%	c/c/3c/323222	10/14	7/7	Last 6
7	Masixole Banda	Isuzu Southern Kings	20	25	80.00%	2/22/c/232322	14/18	6/7	Last 6
8	Joey Carbery	Munster	16	20	80.00%	23c222/c232	13/17	3/3	Last 3
9	John Cooney	Ulster	16	20	80.00%	223/333/cp32	4/5	12/15	Last 2
10	Jack Carty	Connacht	23	29	79.31%	3332/3/23c/22	11/15	12/14	Last 2
11	Tian Schoeman	Toyota Cheetahs	16	22	72.73%	p222/222/222	15/18	1/4	Last 9
12	Jarrold Evans	Cardiff Blues	8	11	72.73%	c2223/p333p	3/4	5/7	Missed last 1
13	Ross Byrne	Leinster	15	21	71.43%	c/23323/c222	10/14	5/7	Last 3
14	Sam Davies	Ospreys	22	31	70.97%	333/2cc/cc2c	13/21	9/10	Missed last 1
15	Josh Lewis	Dragons	8	12	66.67%	p23p32/3/2/pc	5/6	3/6	Missed last 2
16	Tommaso Allan	Benetton Rugby	15	24	62.50%	pc23/3c2c/22	9/15	6/9	Last 2
17	Pete Home	Glasgow Warriors	3	10	30.00%	c2c/p3c/cp2c	2/7	1/3	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
Most points	32 - Stephen Jones (Llanelli RFC @ Swansea, 4 Oct 02)	22 – Adam Hastings (Warriors @ Cheetahs, 15 Sep)
Most tries	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)	
Most conversions	10 – Duncan Weir (Warriors v Zebre, 29 Apr 16)	7 – Adam Hastings (Warriors @ Cheetahs, 15 Sep)
Most penalty goals	9 – Luciano Orquera (Aironi v Benetton, 23 Dec 11)	5 – John Cooney (Ulster v Scarlets, 1 Sep)
		5 – Simon Hickey (Edinburgh @ Ulster, 7 Sep)
Most drop goals	4 – Dan Parks (Glasgow v Ulster, 16 Apr 10)	1 – Stuart Hogg (Glasgow @ Connacht, 1 Sep)
		1 – Sam Davies (Ospreys @ Zebre, 29 Sep)
		1 – <i>Jack Carty</i> (<i>Connacht @ Ospreys, 26 Oct</i>)
Fastest try	10 secs – Dougie Fife (Edinburgh @ Connacht, 23 Mar 18)	62 secs – Tommy Seymour (Glasgow @ Connacht, 1 Sep)
Quickest bonus point try	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
Most points in a home game	75-7 Ospreys v Benetton (Liberty Stadium, 16 Feb 14)	64-7 Munster v Ulster (Thomond Park, 29 Sep)
Most points in an away game	67-15 Ulster @ Caerphilly (Virginia Park, 5 Oct 02)	52-24 Warriors @ Cheetahs (Toyota Stadium, 15 Sep)
Highest aggregate of points in game	98pts - Caerphilly 32, Edinburgh 66 (Virginia Park, 21 Sep 02)	78pts – Cheetahs 39, Ulster 39 (Toyota Stadium, 21 Sep)
Biggest home win	68pts – Ospreys 75, Benetton 7 (Liberty Stadium, 16 Feb 14)	57pts – Munster 64, Ulster 7 (Thomond Park, 29 Sep)
Biggest away win	57pts – Dragons 3, Glasgow 60 (Rodney Parade, 15 Feb 13)	28pts – Cheetahs 24, Warriors 52 (Toyota Stadium, 15 Sep)
		28pts – <i>Benetton 3, Leinster 31</i> (<i>Stadio Monigo, 27 Oct</i>)
Best attendance (regular season)	68,262 – “Judgement Day IV” (Principality Stadium, 30 Apr 16)	50,120 – Leinster v Munster (Aviva Stadium, 6 Oct)

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

APPROACHING CAREER MILESTONES

POINTS SCORING	
1,500 points:	Ian Keatley (1,428)
1,000 points:	Johnny Sexton (791), Gavin Henson (727)
500 points:	James Hook (446), Steve Shingler (444), Leigh Halfpenny (442)
Record:	1,585 points – Dan Biggar (Ospreys)
TRY SCORING	
50 tries:	Tom James (45)
25 tries:	Nikola Matawalu (24), Matt Healy (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 (195), Ross Ford (194), John Barclay (190)
150 games:	Nick Williams (146)
100 games:	Sam Parry (99), John Ryan (99), George Earle (98), Sam Davies (98), Robin Copeland (97), Rhodri Jones (97), Jack McGrath (96), Adam Warren (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	1428	Phil John	196	Tommy Bowe	12625	DTH van der Merwe	57
Ronan O’Gara	940	Ian Keatley	195	Dan Evans	12318	Craig Gilroy	51
Jason Tovey	883	Ross Ford	194	Ian Keatley	11788	Andrew Trimble	50
Felipe Contepomi	877	John Barclay	190	Alastair Kellock	11767	Tom James	45
Duncan Weir	854	Michael Swift	184	Andrew Trimble	11755	Shane Horgan	39
Chris Paterson	810	Isaac Boss	175	Ross Ford	11463	Fionn Carr/Simon Zebo/Dan Evans	37
Johnny Sexton	791	Alastair Kellock	174	Dan Parks	11400	Nikki Walker/Nick Williams	36
David Humphreys	786	Dougie Hall/ Tommy Bowe	174	Josh Turnbull	11046		

Active players in GUINNESS PRO14 marked in grey

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