

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)	▶	8	6	0	2	7	1	32	36	26	5	1	250	19	15	13	0	164	2	1	86
2	Munster (3)	▲	8	5	0	3	4	0	24	35	25	8	0	251	20	15	10	0	162	3	2	89
3	Ospreys (2)	▼	8	5	0	3	2	1	23	23	15	12	1	184	20	17	7	1	160	2	2	24
4	Cardiff Blues (4)	▶	8	4	0	4	3	3	22	24	18	18	0	212	21	15	7	0	156	2	1	56
5	Connacht (5)	▶	8	4	0	4	2	3	21	21	15	12	1	176	19	12	8	1	146	2	1	30
6	Zebre (6)	▶	8	3	0	5	3	0	15	16	11	8	0	126	23	15	17	1	199	3	1	-73
7	Toyota Cheetahs (7)	▶	8	1	1	6	3	2	11	24	20	2	0	166	37	28	11	0	276	6	0	-110

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)	▶	8	7	0	1	5	1	34	35	25	9	0	256	16	12	9	0	131	2	2	125
2	Ulster (3)	▲	8	5	1	2	2	1	25	21	15	16	0	185	24	19	14	0	202	2	3	-17
3	Scarlets (2)	▼	8	5	0	3	3	1	24	30	25	10	0	230	24	19	12	0	194	3	3	36
4	Edinburgh Rugby (4)	▶	8	4	0	4	3	2	21	20	18	15	0	181	26	20	8	0	194	3	2	-13
5	Benetton Rugby (5)	▶	8	3	0	5	3	2	17	21	11	9	0	158	24	17	11	0	189	3	2	-31
6	Isuzu Southern Kings (7)	▲	8	1	0	7	4	3	11	23	17	6	0	167	38	28	8	0	276	6	0	-109
7	Dragons (6)	▼	8	2	0	6	0	1	9	15	10	11	0	128	33	19	6	0	221	5	1	-93
TOTALS			56	55	1	55	44	21	289	344	251	141	3	2670	344	251	141	3	2670	44	21	

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 8 MICROCOSM

FRIDAY 2 NOVEMBER			
(B)	EDINBURGH RUGBY	(17)31	SCARLETS (14)21
	Juan Pablo Socino(C)		Dan Jones(3C)
	Simon Hickey(2C)		Morgan Williams(15)
	Viliame Mata(8/ 75)		Paul Asquith(39)
	Tom Brown(21/ 29)		Johnny McNicholl(50)
	Pierre Schoeman(57)		Att: 5,037
	OSPREYS	(10)20	GLASGOW WARRIORS (17)29 (B)
	Sam Davies(2C/2P)		Brandon Thomson(3C/P)
	Olly Cracknell(7)		Nikola Matawalu(12/ 15/ 49)
	Hanno Dirksen(75)		Nick Grigg(59)
	Att: 6,399		
SATURDAY 3 NOVEMBER			
(B)	CONNACHT	(26)33	DRAGONS (0)12
	David Horwitz(3C)		Jason Tovey(C)
	Jack Carty(C)		Hallam Amos(56)
	James Cannon(24)		Taine Basham(80)
	Darragh Leader(27)		Att: 5,146
	Colby Fainga'a(30)		
	Tom McCartney(40)		
	Tom Farrell(69)		
(b)	BENETTON RUGBY	(7)10	ULSTER (3)15
	Tommaso Allan(C/P)		Billy Burns(C/P)
	Hame Faiva(3)		Sean Reidy(44)
	Att: 2,497		Rob Herring(54)
SUNDAY 4 NOVEMBER			
(B)	CARDIFF BLUES	(11)37	ZEBRE (0)0
	Steve Shingler(3C/2P)		Att: 6,426
	Tom Williams(17)		
	Kirby Myhill(48)		
	Nick Williams(65)		
	Rey Lee-Lo(69/ 80)		
(B/b)	TOYOTA CHEETAHS	(5)26	MUNSTER (15)30 (B)
	Tian Schoeman(3C)		Rory Scannell(P)
	Joseph Dweba(27/ 57)		Bill Johnston(2C/P)
	Ox Nche(52)		Arno Botha(16)
	Rhyno Smith(63)		Kevin O'Byrne(38)
	Att: 3,368		Liam Coombes(45)
			Mike Haley(69)
(B/b)	ISUZU SOUTHERN KINGS	(12)31	LEINSTER (33)38 (B)
	Masixole Banda(3C)		Noel Reid(3C)
	Yaw Penxe(3)		Adam Byrne(16)
	Stefan Ungerer(32/ 43)		Penalty Try(25)
	Lupumlo Mguca(72)		Jamison Gibson-Park(36)
	Dries van Schalkwyk(80)		Dan Leavy(39)
	Att: 1,142		Max Deegan(40)
			Bryan Byrne(64)

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 (14):

Niccolo Cannone (Benetton Rugby), Matthew Burke, Colm de Buitlear, David Horwitz, Joe Maksymiw (Connacht), Ally Miller (Edinburgh), Bruce Flockhart (Glasgow Warriors), NJ Oosthuizen, Stefan Ungerer (Isuzu Southern Kings), Liam Coombes (Munster), Jamie Elliott, Antoine Koffi Kouassi, Marco Manfredi, Davide Ruggeri (Zebre)

100 GAMES

Sam Parry, John Ryan

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	Toyota Cheetahs	3	0	0	0	3
5	Connacht	1	0	1	0	4
5	Glasgow Warriors	2	2	0	0	4
5	Munster	3	1	0	0	4
5	Ospreys	4	0	0	0	4
5	Zebre	3	1	0	0	4
10	Edinburgh	2	0	1	0	5
11	Benetton Rugby	4	0	1	0	7
12	Ulster	5	1	1	0	9
13	Scarlets	4	1	0	2	11
14	Isuzu Southern Kings	15	0	0	0	15
TOTALS		52	6	4	2	76

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 (52*)

Benetton (4)	Robert Barbieri, Hame Faiva, Michele Lamaro, 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 (2)	Grant Gilchrist, Simon Hickey
Kings (15)	Tienie Burger(2), Bjorn Basson, Henry Brown, Bobby de Wee, Schalk Ferreira, Justin Forwood(2)*, Stephan Greeff, Berton Klaasen, Godlen Masimla, Lupumlo Mguca, Andy Ntsila, Schalk Oelofse, Yaw Penxe
Leinster (1)	Josh Murphy
Munster (3)	Chris Cloete(2), Keith Earls

Ospreys (4)	Adam Beard, Rob McCusker, Giorgi Nemsadze, Justin Tipuric
Scarlets (4)	David Bulbring, Simon Gardiner, 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	Sam Davies	Ospreys	7+1	601	1	15	11	1	71
2	Simon Hickey	Edinburgh Rugby	6+1	482	0	13	14	0	68
3	Jack Carty	Connacht	7+1	562	0	12	12	1	63
4	Gareth Anscombe	Cardiff Blues	4+1	347	1	11	10	0	57
5	Masixole Banda	Isuzu Southern Kings	8	637	1	17	6	0	57
6	Tommaso Allan	Benetton Rugby	6	457	2	10	7	0	51
7	Carlo Canna	Zebre	6	459	2	10	7	0	51
8	John Cooney	Ulster	5	307	1	4	12	0	49
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	Tian Schoeman	Toyota Cheetahs	8	603	0	18	1	0	39
13	Johnny Sexton	Leinster	3	206	1	11	3	0	36
14	Rabs Maxwane	Toyota Cheetahs	8	640	7	0	0	0	35
15	Ross Byrne	Leinster	4+2	305	0	10	5	0	35
16	Josh Lewis	Dragons	3+3	299	2	5	3	0	29
17	Rey Lee-Lo	Cardiff Blues	8	589	5	0	0	0	25
18	Yaw Penxe	Isuzu Southern Kings	8	598	5	0	0	0	25
19	Rhys Patchell	Scarlets	4	262	2	7	0	0	24
20	Dan Jones	Scarlets	4+1	314	0	7	3	0	23

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	8	640	7	3	4	2	5
2	Rey Lee-Lo	Cardiff Blues	8	589	5	5	0	2	3
3	Yaw Penxe	Isuzu Southern Kings	8	598	5	3	2	4	1
4	Bjorn Basson	Isuzu Southern Kings	6	465	4	1	3	3	1
5	George Horne	Glasgow Warriors	4+2	306	4	1	3	2	2
6	Jamison Gibson-Park	Leinster	5+2	364	4	2	2	1	3
7	James Lowe	Leinster	4	320	4	3	1	3	1
8	Johnny McNicholl	Scarlets	7	462	4	2	2	2	2
9	George North	Ospreys	5	365	4	3	1	2	2

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	Leigh Halfpenny	Scarlets	16	18	88.89%	222/332/2332	9/11	7/7	Last 10
3	Simon Hickey	Edinburgh Rugby	27	32	84.38%	323p3/2ccp2	13/15	14/17	Last 1
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	Jack Carty	Connacht	24	30	80.00%	332/3/23c/22/2	12/16	12/14	Last 3
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	Dan Jones	Scarlets	10	13	76.92%	2c222c/p222	7/9	3/4	Last 3
11	Masixole Banda	Isuzu Southern Kings	23	30	76.67%	32322/c22c2	17/23	6/7	Last 1
12	Billy Burns	Ulster	9	12	75.00%	2233c2/2/3c2	6/9	3/3	Last 1
13	Tian Schoeman	Toyota Cheetahs	19	26	73.08%	222/222/c222	18/22	1/4	Last 3
14	Jarrold Evans	Cardiff Blues	8	11	72.73%	c2223/p333p	3/4	5/7	Missed last 1
15	Sam Davies	Ospreys	26	36	72.22%	c/cc2c/23p32	15/23	11/13	Last 2
16	Ross Byrne	Leinster	15	21	71.43%	c/23323/c222	10/14	5/7	Last 3
17	Josh Lewis	Dragons	8	12	66.67%	p23p32/3/2/pc	5/6	3/6	Missed last 2
18	Tommaso Allan	Benetton Rugby	17	26	65.38%	23/3c2c/22/23	10/16	7/10	Last 4
19	Pete Horne	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)	3 – <i>Nikola Matawalu</i> (Warriors @ Ospreys, 2 Nov)
	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 – Jack Carty (Connacht @ Ospreys, 26 Oct)
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 – Benetton 3, Leinster 31 (Stadio Monigo, 27 Oct)
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:	Steve Shingler (456), James Hook (446), Leigh Halfpenny (442)
Record:	1,585 points – Dan Biggar (Ospreys)
TRY SCORING	
50 tries:	Tom James (45)
25 tries:	Matt Healy (24), Luke McGrath (22), Dave Kearney (22), Justin Tipuric (22), Sean Cronin (22), Dries van Schalkwyk (22)
Record:	67 tries – Tommy Bowe (Ulster & Ospreys)
MATCHES PLAYED	
200 games:	Ian Keatley (196), Ross Ford (195), John Barclay (190)
150 games:	Nick Williams (147), Rory Best (141)
100 games:	George Earle (99), Sam Davies (99), Rhodri Jones (98), Robin Copeland (97), Adam Warren (97), Jack McGrath (96), Nic Cudd (96), Noel Reid (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	196	Dan Evans	12398	Craig Gilroy	51
Jason Tovey	885	Ross Ford	195	Ian Keatley	11809	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	11527	Fionn Carr/Simon Zebo/Dan Evans/Nick Williams	37
Johnny Sexton	791	Alastair Kellock	174	Dan Parks	11400		
David Humphreys	786	Dougie Hall/ Tommy Bowe	174	Josh Turnbull	11126	Nikki Walker	36

Active players in GUINNESS PRO14 marked in grey

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