

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	Toyota Cheetahs (1)	▶	2	2	0	0	2	0	10	16	13	1	0	111	6	5	0	0	40	1	0	71
2	Leinster (3)	▲	2	2	0	0	2	0	10	12	8	3	0	85	4	3	2	0	32	0	1	53
3	Ulster (2)	▼	2	1	0	1	2	0	6	9	7	1	0	64	10	8	3	0	77	1	0	-13
4	Dragons (5)	▲	2	1	0	1	1	0	5	7	6	4	0	61	9	7	2	0	67	2	0	-6
5	Glasgow Warriors (6)	▲	2	0	0	2	0	1	1	4	3	3	0	35	10	7	3	0	73	1	0	-38
6	Zebre (7)	▲	2	0	0	2	1	0	1	6	4	1	0	43	14	12	2	0	102	2	0	-59
7	Ospreys (4)	▼	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	19	13	9	2	0	91	2	0	-72

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Pos	CONFERENCE B	P	W	D	L	TB	LB	Tot	T	C	PG	DG	For	T	C	PG	DG	Agst	TB	LB	PD	
1	Munster (2)	▲	2	2	0	0	2	0	10	9	8	3	0	70	2	2	5	0	29	0	0	41
2	Edinburgh Rugby (1)	▼	2	2	0	0	1	0	9	8	7	5	0	69	3	1	3	0	26	0	0	43
3	Scarlets (4)	▲	2	2	0	0	0	0	8	5	3	4	0	43	3	2	4	0	31	0	1	12
4	Connacht (7)	▲	2	1	0	1	1	0	5	7	5	2	0	51	3	1	2	0	23	0	0	28
5	Cardiff Blues (3)	▼	2	1	0	1	1	0	5	6	3	2	0	42	4	4	6	0	46	0	1	-4
6	Isuzu Southern Kings (5)	▼	2	0	0	2	0	1	1	5	5	4	0	47	9	7	1	0	62	2	0	-15
7	Benetton Rugby (6)	▼	2	0	0	2	0	1	1	4	3	2	0	32	10	7	3	0	73	2	0	-41
TOTALS			14	14	0	14	13	3	72	100	75	38	0	772	100	75	38	0	772	13	3	

Key:

Home Semi-final	Play-off place
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2019/20 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).

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.

ROUND 2 MICROCOSM

FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER			
(B)	LEINSTER	(22)53	OSPREYS (0)5
	Ross Byrne(4C/P)		Luke Morgan(73)
	Fergus McFadden(11)		Att: 11,259
	Ronan Kelleher(15/ 44/ 50)		
	Joe Tomane(34)		
	Max Deegan(55)		
	Harry Byrne(66/C)		
	Michael Milne(71)		
(b)	GLASGOW WARRIORS	(6)21	SCARLETS (6)25
	Brandon Thomson(64/C/3P)		Angus O'Brien(C)
	Stafford MacDowell(74)		Dan Jones(C/2P)
	Att: 6,897		Kieran Hardy(46)
			Paul Asquith(50)
			Steff Evans(52)
SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER			
	ISUZU SOUTHERN KINGS	(6)20	MUNSTER (10)31 (B)
	Demetri Catrakilis(2C/2P)		JJ Hanrahan(4C/P)
	Stefan Ungerer(42)		Mike Haley(20)
	Elrigh Louw(78)		Alby Mathewson(51)
	Att: 3,115		Fineen Wycherley(68)
			Arno Botha(70)
(B)	ZEBRE	(21)28	DRAGONS (14)52 (B)
	Michelangelo Biondelli(3C)		Sam Davies(6C/P)
	Jacopo Bianchi(9)		Penalty Try(20)
	Giovanni Licata(14)		Rhodri Williams(23)
	Josh Renton(40)		Owen Jenkins(44/ 70)
	Penalty Try(80)		Jordan Williams(49)
	Att: 2,100		Taine Basham(72)
			Harri Keddie(75)
(B)	TOYOTA CHEETAHS	(28)63	ULSTER (7)26 (B)
	Tian Schoeman(2C)		John Cooney(C)
	Ruan Pienaar(6C)		Bill Johnston(2C)
	Anthony Volmink(9/ 22/ 43)		Sam Carter(26)
	Rhyno Smith(28/ 46)		James Hume(59)
	Joseph Dweba(37)		Dave Shanahan(64)
	Louis Fouche(50)		Craig Gilroy(80)
	Reinach Venter(69)		Att: 4,582
	Penalty Try(76)		
	CARDIFF BLUES	(8)11	EDINBURGH RUGBY (9)19
	Jarrold Evans(2P)		Jaco van der Walt(C/4P)
	Owen Lane(18)		Mark Bennett(72)
	Att: 5,190		
(B)	CONNACHT	(22)41	BENETTON RUGBY (0)5
	Conor Fitzgerald(3C/P)		Luca Sperandio(48)
	Kyle Godwin(8/C)		Att: 4,839
	Caolin Blade(19/ 43)		
	Tom McCartney(24/ 52)		
	Kieran Marmion(75)		

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

MILESTONES IN ROUND 2

DEBUTS (14)

Lodovico Manni (Benetton Rugby), Sean Materson, John Porch (Connacht), Josh Alderman, Juan Schoeman, Josiah Twum-Boafo (Isuzu Southern Kings), Rowan Osbourne (Leinster), Jed Holloway (Munster), Ben Glynn (Ospreys), Neethling Fouche (Toyota Cheetahs), Michelangelo Biomedelli, Paolo Buonfiglio, Leonardo Mantelli, Massimo Cioffi (Zebre)

100 GAMES

Matt Healy

FAIRPLAY LEAGUE

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Pos	Team	YC	CCW	RC	PC	Pts
1	Glasgow Warriors	0	0	0	0	0
2	Leinster	0	0	0	0	0
3	Ulster	0	0	0	0	0
3	Connacht	1	0	0	0	1
5	Edinburgh	1	0	0	0	1
6	Isuzu Southern Kings	1	0	0	0	1
6	Scarlets	1	0	0	0	1
8	Toyota Cheetahs	1	0	0	0	1
9	Dragons	2	0	0	0	2
10	Munster	2	0	0	0	2
11	Benetton Rugby	0	0	1	0	3
12	Zebre	0	0	1	0	3
12	Cardiff Blues	4	0	0	0	4
14	Ospreys	1	0	1	0	4
TOTALS		14	0	3	0	23

The 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.

RED CARDS (3)

Luke Morgan (Ospreys at Ulster, 27 Sep) The sending off was sufficient and no further action was required
Iliesa Ratuva (Benetton v Leinster, 28 Sep) banned for a period of two weeks, he is free to play from midnight on Sunday, October 13, 2019.

Charlie Walker (Zebre v Dragons, 5 Oct)

PROVEN CITINGS (0)

CITING COMMISSIONERS WARNINGS (0)

YELLOW CARDS (16*)

Benetton (0)	-
Blues (4)	Will Boyde, Seb Davies, Jarrod Evans, Nick Williams
Connacht (1)	Tom Daly
Cheetahs (1)	Joseph Dweba
Dragons (2)	Taine Basham, Richard Hibbard
Edinburgh (1)	Fraser McKenzie

Kings (1)	Jerry Sexton
Leinster (0)	-
Munster (2)	James Cronin, Mike Haley
Ospreys (2)	Gareth Evans, Luke Morgan*
Scarlets (1)	Josh Macleod
Ulster (0)	-
Warriors (0)	-
Zebre (1)	Charlie Walker*

*Note: Luke Morgan received two technical yellow cards in the same game (Ospreys at Ulster, 27 Sep) and was subsequently sent off. Charlie Walker received two technical yellow cards in the same game (Zebre v Dragons, 5 Oct) and was subsequently sent off.

TOP GUINNESS PRO14 ACCUMULATORS

Rank	Name	Team	Apps	Mins	Try	Conv	PG	DG	Points
1	Ruan Pienaar	Toyota Cheetahs	2	113	1	11	1	0	30
2	Jaco van der Walt	Edinburgh Rugby	2	139	0	6	5	0	27
3	JJ Hanrahan	Munster	2	160	0	8	3	0	25
4	Sam Davies	Dragons	2	160	0	6	4	0	24
5	Demetri Catrakilis	Isuzu Southern Kings	2	160	0	5	4	0	22
6	Mark Bennett	Edinburgh Rugby	2	160	4	0	0	0	20
7	Ross Byrne	Leinster	2	126	0	7	2	0	20
8	Rhyno Smith	Toyota Cheetahs	2	160	4	0	0	0	20
9	Brandon Thomson	Glasgow Warriors	2	160	1	3	3	0	20
10	Dan Jones	Scarlets	2	128	0	2	4	0	16
11	Dave Kearney	Leinster	1	80	3	0	0	0	15
12	Joseph Dweba	Toyota Cheetahs	2	128	3	0	0	0	15
13	Craig Gilroy	Ulster	2	160	3	0	0	0	15
14	Ronan Kelleher	Leinster	2	105	3	0	0	0	15
15	Anthony Volmink	Toyota Cheetahs	2	160	3	0	0	0	15
16	Conor Fitzgerald	Connacht	2	135	0	4	2	0	14
17	John Cooney	Ulster	2	118	0	5	1	0	13
18	Jarrod Evans	Cardiff Blues	2	139	0	3	2	0	12
19	Ian Keatley	Benetton Rugby	2	160	0	3	2	0	12

Best in a PRO Rugby Season: 237pts 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	Mark Bennett	Edinburgh Rugby	2	160	4	3	1	1	3
2	Rhyno Smith	Toyota Cheetahs	2	160	4	4	0	1	3
3	Dave Kearney	Leinster	1	80	3	0	3	1	2
4	Joseph Dweba	Toyota Cheetahs	2	128	3	3	0	3	0
5	Craig Gilroy	Ulster	2	160	3	2	1	1	2
6	Ronan Kelleher	Leinster	2	105	3	3	0	1	2
7	Anthony Volmink	Toyota Cheetahs	2	160	3	3	0	2	1
8	Paul Asquith	Scarlets	2	160	2	1	1	1	1
9	Caolin Blade	Connacht	2	102	2	2	0	1	1
10	Arno Botha	Munster	2	160	2	1	1	1	1
11	Owen Jenkins	Dragons	2	153	2	0	2	0	2
12	Giovanni Licata	Zebre	2	160	2	1	1	2	0
13	Tom McCartney	Connacht	2	109	2	2	0	1	1
14	Luca Sperandio	Benetton Rugby	1+1	111	2	1	1	0	2
15	Steff Evans	Scarlets	2	160	2	1	1	1	1
16	Stefan Ungerer	Isuzu Southern Kings	2	156	2	2	0	0	2

Best in a PRO Rugby Season: 14 by Tim Visser (Edinburgh) 2010/11 and Rabs Maxwane (Cheetahs) in 2018/19.

BEST GUINNESS PRO14 KICKERS

Rank	Name	Team	Good	Att	Kick%	Last 10 kicks	Conv	PG	Streak
1	Ruan Pienaar	Toyota Cheetahs	12	13	92.31%	22c2/222222	11/12	1/1	Last 7
2	JJ Hanrahan	Munster	11	12	91.67%	2c322/32222	8/9	3/3	Last 8
3	Sam Davies	Dragons	10	11	90.91%	p33/2223222	6/6	4/5	Last 9
4	Demetri Catrakilis	Isuzu Southern Kings	9	10	90.00%	33222/332p2	5/5	4/5	Last 1
5	John Cooney	Ulster	6	7	85.71%	p22232/2	5/5	1/2	Last 6
6	Brandon Thomson	Glasgow Warriors	6	7	85.71%	22/3332c	3/4	3/3	Missed last 1
7	Jaco van der Walt	Edinburgh Rugby	11	13	84.62%	232/33p3p32	6/6	5/7	Last 2
8	Ross Byrne	Leinster	9	12	75.00%	2c2/3c22c22	7/10	2/2	Last 2
9	Conor Fitzgerald	Connacht	6	8	75.00%	32/3c222c	4/6	2/2	Missed last 1
10	Dan Jones	Scarlets	6	9	66.67%	c233p/3p32	2/3	4/6	Last 2
11	Jarrod Evans	Cardiff Blues	5	9	55.56%	cp222c/c33	3/6	2/3	Last 2
12	Ian Keatley	Benetton Rugby	5	9	55.56%	22pp332p/c	3/4	2/5	Missed last 2

Qual: 5 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 2019/20
Most points	32 - Stephen Jones (Llanelli RFC @ Swansea, 4 Oct 02)	18 – Ruan Pienaar (Cheetahs v Warriors, 27 Sep)
Most tries	4 - Mike Mullins (Munster @ Caerphilly, 11 Sep 01)	3 – Dave Kearney (Leinster @ Benetton, 28 Sep)
	4 - Lee Abdul (Blues v Ospreys, 25 Oct 03)	3 – Mark Bennett (Edinburgh v Zebre, 28 Sep)
	4 – Jamie Robinson (Blues v Borders, 27 Feb 04)	3 – <i>Ronan Kelleher</i> (Leinster v Ospreys, 4 Oct)
	4 – Tommy Seymour (Warriors v Leinster, 10 Sep 16)	3 – <i>Anthony Volmink</i> (Cheetahs v Ulster, 5 Oct)
	4 – Alex Wootton (Munster v Cheetahs, 9 Sep 17)	
	4 – Dan Evans (Ospreys v Dragons, 23 Mar 19)	
Most conversions	10 – Duncan Weir (Warriors v Zebre, 29 Apr 16)	6 – <i>Ruan Pienaar</i> (Cheetahs v Ulster, 5 Oct)
		6 – <i>Sam Davies</i> (Dragons @ Zebre, 5 Oct)
Most penalty goals	9 – Luciano Orquera (Aironi v Benetton, 23 Dec 11)	4 – <i>Jaco van der Walt</i> (Edinburgh @ Blues, 5 Oct)
Most drop goals	4 – Dan Parks (Glasgow v Ulster, 16 Apr 10)	No instance
Fastest try	10 secs – Dougie Fife (Edinburgh @ Connacht, 23 Mar 18)	5 mins 27 secs – Fraser McKenzie (Edinburgh v Zebre, 28 Sep)
Quickest bonus point try	17 mins 43 secs – Tommy Bowe (Ulster v Reivers, 12 May 06)	33 mins 48 secs – Matt Scott (Edinburgh v Zebre, 28 Sep)

TEAM RECORDS

	All-Time	Best in 2019/20
Most points in a home game	75-7 Ospreys v Benetton (Liberty Stadium, 16 Feb 14)	63-26 <i>Cheetahs v Ulster</i> (Toyota Stadium, 5 Oct)
Most points in an away game	67-15 Ulster @ Caerphilly (Virginia Park, 5 Oct 02)	52-28 <i>Dragons @ Zebre</i> (Stadio Lanfranchi, 5 Oct)
Highest aggregate of points in game	98pts - Caerphilly 32, Edinburgh 66 (Virginia Park, 21 Sep 02)	99pts – <i>Cheetahs 63, Ulster 26</i> (Toyota Stadium, 5 Oct)
Biggest home win	68pts – Ospreys 75, Benetton 7 (Liberty Stadium, 16 Feb 14)	48pts – <i>Leinster 53, Ospreys 5</i> (RDS Arena, 4 Oct)
Biggest away win	57pts – Dragons 3, Glasgow 60 (Rodney Parade, 15 Feb 13)	24pts – <i>Zebre 28, Dragons 52</i> (Stadio Lanfranchi, 5 Oct)
Best attendance (regular season)	68,262 – “Judgement Day IV” (Principality Stadium, 30 Apr 16)	12,408 – Ulster 38, Ospreys 14 (Kingspan Stadium, 27 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 (1,440)
1,000 points:	Jason Tovey (919), Johnny Sexton (804), Rhys Patchell (724)
500 points:	Leigh Halfpenny (486), James Hook (450), Gareth Anscombe (447), JJ Hanrahan (421)
Record:	1,585 points – Dan Biggar (Ospreys)
TRY SCORING	
50 tries:	Dan Evans (46), Tom James (45)
Record:	67 tries – Tommy Bowe (Ulster & Ospreys)
MATCHES PLAYED	
200 games:	Ian Keatley (198), John Barclay (194)
150 games:	Lloyd Williams (140), Tiernan O'Halloran (140)
100 games:	Grant Gilchrist (99), Ryan Bevington (99), Luke Marshall (99)
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	Ross Ford	206	Dan Evans	13455	Tim Visser	58
Ian Keatley	1440	Matthew Rees	202	John Barclay	13310	DTH van der Merwe	57
Ronan O'Gara	940	Ian Keatley	198	Tommy Bowe	12625	Craig Gilroy	54
Jason Tovey	919	Phil John	196	Josh Turnbull	12025	Andrew Trimble	50
Felipe Contepomi	877	John Barclay	194	Ross Ford	11925	Dan Evans	46
Duncan Weir	854	Dan Evans	185	Ian Keatley	11969	Tom James	45
Chris Paterson	810	Michael Swift	184	Alastair Kellock	11767	Shane Horgan/ Tommy Seymour	39
Johnny Sexton	804	Darren Cave	180	Andrew Trimble	11755	Nick Williams	38
David Humphreys	786	Josh Turnbull	177	Rob Harley	11617	Fionn Carr/ Simon Zebo	37

Active players in GUINNESS PRO14 marked in grey