



Heineken[®]
CHAMPIONS
— CUP —

2020/21 SEASON

ROUND 2 PREVIEW

Fixtures

Round 2

Date	Time	Pool	Home	Away	Venue
18/12/2020	17:30	A	Scarlets	RC Toulon	Parc y Scarlets
18/12/2020	20:00	A	Wasps	Montpellier	Ricoh Arena
19/12/2020	13:00	B	Glasgow Warriors	Lyon	Scotstoun Stadium
19/12/2020	13:00	A	Leinster Rugby	Northampton Saints	RDS Arena
19/12/2020	15:15	A	La Rochelle	Bath Rugby	Stade Marcel Deflandre
19/12/2020	15:15	B	Gloucester Rugby	Ulster Rugby	Kingsholm
19/12/2020	17:30	B	ASM Clermont Auvergne	Munster Rugby	Stade Marcel-Michelin
19/12/2020	20:00	A	Bordeaux-Bègles	Dragons	Stade Chaban-Delmas
19/12/2020	20:00	A	Sale Sharks	Edinburgh Rugby	AJ Bell Stadium
20/12/2020	13:00	B	Harlequins	Racing 92	Twickenham Stoop
20/12/2020	15:15	B	Toulouse	Exeter Chiefs	Stade Ernest Wallon
20/12/2020	17:30	B	Connacht Rugby	Bristol Bears	The Sportsground

2020/21 season weekends

Round 1 - 11/12/13 December 2020

Round 2 - 18/19/20 December 2020

Round 3 - 15/16/17 January 2021

Round 4 - 22/23/24 January 2021

Heineken Champions Cup quarter-finals, 1st leg - 2/3/4 April 2021

Challenge Cup Round of 16 - 2/3/4 April 2021

Heineken Champions Cup quarter-finals, 2nd leg - 9/10/11 April 2021

Challenge Cup quarter-finals - 9/10/11 April 2021

Semi-finals - 30 April – 1/2 May 2021

Marseille 2021 finals

Challenge Cup final - Friday 21 May, Stade Vélodrome

Heineken Champions Cup final - Saturday 22 May, Stade Vélodrome

Match Officials

	Referee	Assistant Referee	Assistant Referee	TMO	Citing Commissioner
Scarlets v RC Toulon	Wayne Barnes (Eng)	Adam Jones (Wal)	Mike English (Wal)	Ian Davies (Wal)	Danae Zamboulis (Gre)
Wasps v Montpellier	Andrew Brace (Ire)	Sara Cox (Eng)	Jamie Leahy (Eng)	Ian Tempest (Eng)	Stefano Marrama (Ita)
Glasgow Warriors v Lyon	Karl Dickson (Eng)	Ben Blain (Sco)	Hollie Davidson (Sco)	Neil Paterson (Sco)	Shaun Gallagher (Eng)
Leinster Rugby v Northampton Saints	Pierre Brousset (Fra)	Sean Gallagher (Ire)	Eoghan Cross (Ire)	Olly Hodges (Ire)	John Montgomery (Sco)
La Rochelle v Bath Rugby	Ben Whitehouse (Wal)	Thomas Charabas (Fra)	Maxime Chalon (Fra)	Philippe Bonhoure (Fra)	Peter Ferguson (Ire)
Gloucester Rugby v Ulster Rugby	Pascal Gauzere (Fra)	Tom Foley (Eng)	Greg Macdonald (Eng)	Rowan Kitt (Eng)	Paul Minto (Sco)
ASM Clermont Auvergne v Munster Rugby	Matthew Carley (Eng)	Aelxandre Ruiz (Fra)	Luc Ramos (Fra)	Eric Gauzins (Fra)	Paul Hull (Eng)
Bordeaux-Bègles v Dragons	Christophe Ridley (Eng)	Tual Trainini (Fra)	Cedric Marchat (Fra)	Eric Briquet-Campin (Fra)	Ciaran Scally (Ire)
Sale Sharks v Edinburgh Rugby	Romain Poite (Fra)	Ian Tempest (Eng)	John Meredith (Eng)	Claire Hodnett (Eng)	Eugene Ryan (Ire)
Harlequins v Racing 92	Frank Murphy (Ire)	Anthony Woodthorpe (Eng)	Simon Harding (Eng)	David Grashoff (Eng)	Jeff Mark (Wal)
Toulouse v Exeter Chiefs	Mike Adamson (Sco)	Ludovic Cayre (Fra)	Jonathan Dufot (Fra)	Alexandre Ruiz (Fra)	Tim Lowry (Ire)
Connacht Rugby v Bristol Bears	Mathieu Raynal (Fra)	Sean Gallagher (Ire)	Rob O'Sullivan (Ire)	Joy Neville (Ire)	Francesco Grillo (Ita)

Pools

Pool A

Rank		Pl	W	D	L	PF	PA	Diff	TF	TA	TB	LB	Pts
1	Leinster Rugby	1	1	0	0	35	14	21	5	1	1	0	5
2	Wasps	1	1	0	0	24	8	16	4	1	1	0	5
3	RC Toulon	1	1	0	0	26	14	12	2	2	0	0	4
4	La Rochelle	1	1	0	0	13	8	5	2	1	0	0	4
5	Scarlets	1	1	0	0	23	19	4	2	2	0	0	4
6	Bordeaux-Bègles	1	1	0	0	16	12	4	1	0	0	0	4
7	Bath Rugby	1	0	0	1	19	23	-4	2	2	0	1	1
8	Northampton Saints	1	0	0	1	12	16	-4	0	1	0	1	1
9	Edinburgh Rugby	1	0	0	1	8	13	-5	1	2	0	1	1
10	Sale Sharks	1	0	0	1	14	26	-12	2	2	0	0	0
11	Dragons	1	0	0	1	8	24	-16	1	4	0	0	0
12	Montpellier	1	0	0	1	14	35	-21	1	5	0	0	0

Pool B

Rank		Pl	W	D	L	PF	PA	Diff	TF	TA	TB	LB	Pts
1	Lyon	1	1	0	0	55	10	45	8	1	1	0	5
2	Exeter Chiefs	1	1	0	0	42	0	42	6	0	1	0	5
3	ASM Clermont Auvergne	1	1	0	0	51	38	13	7	5	1	0	5
4	Toulouse	1	1	0	0	29	22	7	4	3	1	0	5
5	Racing 92	1	1	0	0	26	22	4	4	3	1	0	5
6	Munster Rugby	1	1	0	0	21	7	14	2	1	0	0	4
7	Connacht Rugby	1	0	0	1	22	26	-4	3	4	0	1	1
8	Ulster Rugby	1	0	0	1	22	29	-7	3	4	0	1	1
9	Bristol Bears	1	0	0	1	38	51	-13	5	7	1	0	1
10	Harlequins	1	0	0	1	7	21	-14	1	2	0	0	0
11	Glasgow Warriors	1	0	0	1	0	42	-42	0	6	0	0	0
12	Gloucester Rugby	1	0	0	1	10	55	-45	1	8	0	0	0

2020/21 Heineken Champions Cup - Team Averages

Overall

	Points	Tries	Lineout %	Scrum %	Tackling %	Goalkicking %
Bath Rugby	19.0	2.0	90%	100%	85%	60%
Bordeaux-Bègles	16.0	1.0	70%	88%	92%	67%
Bristol Bears	38.0	5.0	88%	67%	80%	100%
ASM Clermont Auvergne	51.0	7.0	91%	100%	80%	78%
Connacht Rugby	22.0	3.0	79%	100%	84%	75%
Dragons	8.0	1.0	79%	67%	88%	25%
Edinburgh Rugby	8.0	1.0	88%	100%	87%	50%
Exeter Chiefs	42.0	6.0	94%	100%	88%	100%
Glasgow Warriors	0.0	0.0	73%	78%	86%	0%
Gloucester Rugby	10.0	1.0	82%	100%	83%	67%
Harlequins	7.0	1.0	100%	100%	94%	33%
La Rochelle	13.0	2.0	86%	80%	92%	20%
Leinster Rugby	35.0	5.0	75%	80%	87%	57%
Lyon	55.0	8.0	100%	100%	88%	78%
Montpellier	14.0	1.0	91%	88%	90%	75%
Munster Rugby	24.0	3.0	80%	60%	87%	60%
Northampton Saints	12.0	0.0	83%	50%	87%	100%
Racing 92	26.0	4.0	85%	100%	91%	75%
Sale Sharks	14.0	2.0	79%	100%	78%	67%
Scarlets	23.0	2.0	90%	100%	89%	71%
RC Toulon	26.0	2.0	91%	86%	84%	100%
Toulouse	29.0	4.0	82%	100%	90%	80%
Ulster Rugby	22.0	3.0	87%	100%	88%	60%
Wasps	24.0	4.0	89%	100%	89%	40%

Attack

	Carries	Rank	Metres	Rank	Clean Breaks	Rank	Defenders Beaten	Rank
Bath Rugby	126.0	6	509.0	3	12.0	5	22.0	6
Bordeaux-Bègles	84.0	20	257.0	18	3.0	21	16.0	16
Bristol Bears	137.0	2	514.0	2	24.0	1	31.0	1
ASM Clermont Auvergne	103.0	13	471.0	5	13.0	3	31.0	1
Connacht Rugby	153.0	1	469.0	6	10.0	10	17.0	14
Dragons	62.0	24	235.0	21	7.0	12	9.0	22
Edinburgh Rugby	78.0	22	229.0	23	2.0	22	9.0	22
Exeter Chiefs	111.0	10	418.0	11	7.0	12	24.0	4
Glasgow Warriors	86.0	19	270.0	17	0.0	24	16.0	16
Gloucester Rugby	130.0	4	432.0	9	11.0	6	18.0	12
Harlequins	90.0	17	225.0	24	4.0	19	15.0	18
La Rochelle	130.0	4	381.0	12	5.0	17	22.0	6
Leinster Rugby	137.0	2	422.0	10	11.0	6	19.0	9
Lyon	118.0	9	592.0	1	24.0	1	21.0	8
Montpellier	107.0	12	238.0	20	4.0	19	19.0	9
Munster Rugby	82.0	21	257.0	18	7.0	12	7.0	24
Northampton Saints	119.0	8	325.0	14	2.0	22	13.0	19
Racing 92	108.0	11	442.0	8	11.0	6	18.0	12
Sale Sharks	126.0	6	458.0	7	8.0	11	23.0	5
Scarlets	103.0	13	307.0	16	11.0	6	19.0	9
RC Toulon	92.0	16	378.0	13	13.0	3	25.0	3
Toulouse	68.0	23	230.0	22	6.0	15	12.0	20
Ulster Rugby	88.0	18	323.0	15	5.0	17	12.0	20
Wasps	95.0	15	499.0	4	6.0	15	17.0	14

Defence

	Tackles	Rank	Tackling Success %	Rank	Turnovers Won	Rank
Bath Rugby	111.0	14	85%	18	5.0	13
Bordeaux-Bègles	142.0	6	92%	2	2.0	23
Bristol Bears	125.0	10	80%	22	3.0	19
ASM Clermont Auvergne	126.0	9	80%	22	3.0	19
Connacht Rugby	93.0	21	84%	19	6.0	9
Dragons	121.0	12	88%	9	8.0	5
Edinburgh Rugby	146.0	5	87%	13	4.0	17
Exeter Chiefs	118.0	13	88%	9	7.0	7
Glasgow Warriors	148.0	4	86%	17	9.0	3
Gloucester Rugby	105.0	17	83%	21	5.0	13
Harlequins	106.0	16	94%	1	3.0	19
La Rochelle	103.0	19	92%	2	5.0	13
Leinster Rugby	127.0	8	87%	13	3.0	19
Lyon	134.0	7	88%	9	10.0	1
Montpellier	166.0	3	90%	5	4.0	17
Munster Rugby	103.0	19	87%	13	6.0	9
Northampton Saints	110.0	15	87%	13	7.0	7
Racing 92	170.0	2	91%	4	6.0	9
Sale Sharks	89.0	22	78%	24	5.0	13
Scarlets	171.0	1	89%	7	10.0	1
RC Toulon	124.0	11	84%	19	8.0	5
Toulouse	105.0	17	90%	5	1.0	24
Ulster Rugby	85.0	23	88%	9	6.0	9
Wasps	71.0	24	89%	7	9.0	3

Discipline

	Penalties Conceded	Rank	Yellow Cards	Rank	Red Cards	Rank
Bath Rugby	10.0	8	0.0	1	0.0	1
Bordeaux-Bègles	17.0	24	2.0	21	0.0	1
Bristol Bears	9.0	4	0.0	1	0.0	1
ASM Clermont Auvergne	13.0	18	1.0	17	0.0	1
Connacht Rugby	12.0	16	0.0	1	0.0	1
Dragons	13.0	18	2.0	21	0.0	1
Edinburgh Rugby	9.0	4	0.0	1	0.0	1
Exeter Chiefs	7.0	1	0.0	1	0.0	1
Glasgow Warriors	14.0	21	1.0	17	0.0	1
Gloucester Rugby	9.0	4	0.0	1	0.0	1
Harlequins	15.0	23	3.0	24	0.0	1
La Rochelle	9.0	4	0.0	1	0.0	1
Leinster Rugby	7.0	1	0.0	1	0.0	1
Lyon	11.0	12	0.0	1	0.0	1
Montpellier	10.0	8	0.0	1	0.0	1
Munster Rugby	10.0	8	1.0	17	0.0	1
Northampton Saints	11.0	12	0.0	1	0.0	1
Racing 92	13.0	18	0.0	1	0.0	1
Sale Sharks	11.0	12	0.0	1	0.0	1
Scarlets	11.0	12	0.0	1	0.0	1
RC Toulon	14.0	21	0.0	1	0.0	1
Toulouse	12.0	16	1.0	17	0.0	1
Ulster Rugby	8.0	3	0.0	1	0.0	1
Wasps	10.0	8	2.0	21	0.0	1

2020/21 Heineken Champions Cup - Leading Scorers

Points

Rank	Player	Team	Matches	Points	Penalties	Conversions	Drop Goals	Tries
1	Louis Carbonel	RC Toulon	1	16	4	2	0	0
1	Camille Lopez	ASM Clermont Auvergne	1	16	2	5	0	0
3	Kotaro Matsushima	ASM Clermont Auvergne	1	15	0	0	0	3
3	Xavier Mignot	Lyon	1	15	0	0	0	3
5	Leigh Halfpenny	Scarlets	1	13	3	2	0	0
5	Jonathan Wisniewski	Lyon	1	13	1	5	0	0
7	Dan Biggar	Northampton Saints	1	12	4	0	0	0
7	Joe Simmonds	Exeter Chiefs	1	12	0	6	0	0
9	Cheslin Kolbe	Toulouse	1	10	0	0	0	2
9	Damian Penaud	ASM Clermont Auvergne	1	10	0	0	0	2
9	Rob Herring	Ulster Rugby	1	10	0	0	0	2

Tries

Rank	Player	Team	Matches	Tries
1	Kotaro Matsushima	ASM Clermont Auvergne	1	3
1	Xavier Mignot	Lyon	1	3
3	Cheslin Kolbe	Toulouse	1	2
3	Damian Penaud	ASM Clermont Auvergne	1	2
3	Rob Herring	Ulster Rugby	1	2
6	54 Players	-	1	1

Goalkicking %

Rank	Player	Team	Matches	Penalties	Conversions	Attempts	%
1	Joe Simmonds	Exeter Chiefs	1	0	6	6	100%
1	Louis Carbonel	RC Toulon	1	4	2	6	100%
1	Callum Sheedy	Bristol Bears	1	1	3	4	100%
1	Dan Biggar	Northampton Saints	1	4	0	4	100%
1	George Barton	Gloucester Rugby	1	1	1	2	100%
1	Max Malins	Bristol Bears	1	0	2	2	100%
1	Tom Daly	Connacht Rugby	1	0	2	2	100%
1	Leo Berdeu	Lyon	1	0	1	1	100%
1	Maxime Machenaud	Racing 92	1	0	1	1	100%
10	Thomas Ramos	Toulouse	1	1	3	5	80%

2020/21 Heineken Champions Cup – Top Performers

Carries

Rank			Matches	Carries
1	Gregory Alldritt	La Rochelle	1	23
2	Tom Seabrook	Gloucester Rugby	1	18
2	Zach Mercer	Bath Rugby	1	18
4	Kurtley Beale	Racing 92	1	16
4	Piers O'Connor	Bristol Bears	1	16
4	Rhys Ruddock	Leinster Rugby	1	16
7	Conor Oliver	Connacht Rugby	1	14
7	David Ribbans	Northampton Saints	1	14
7	Sione Kalamafoni	Scarlets	1	14
10	8 Players	-	1	13

Metres

Rank			Matches	Metres
1	Kurtley Beale	Racing 92	1	152
2	Tom O'Flaherty	Exeter Chiefs	1	127
3	Alex Wootton	Connacht Rugby	1	116
4	Max Malins	Bristol Bears	1	110
5	Seb Nagle-Taylor	Gloucester Rugby	1	109
6	Zach Mercer	Bath Rugby	1	106
7	Ruaridh McConnochie	Bath Rugby	1	105
8	Xavier Mignot	Lyon	1	91
9	Kotaro Matsushima	ASM Clermont Auvergne	1	90
10	Alivereti Raka	ASM Clermont Auvergne	1	87
10	Henry Purdy	Bristol Bears	1	87

Breaks

Rank			Matches	Breaks
1	Xavier Mignot	Lyon	1	6
2	Kurtley Beale	Racing 92	1	5
3	Harry Randall	Bristol Bears	1	4
3	Henry Purdy	Bristol Bears	1	4
3	Kotaro Matsushima	ASM Clermont Auvergne	1	4
3	Max Malins	Bristol Bears	1	4
7	Charlie Ngatai	Lyon	1	3
7	Cheslin Kolbe	Toulouse	1	3
7	Damian Penaud	ASM Clermont Auvergne	1	3
7	Dave Kearney	Leinster Rugby	1	3
7	Dylan Cretin	Lyon	1	3
7	John Porch	Connacht Rugby	1	3
7	Olly Woodburn	Exeter Chiefs	1	3
7	Ruaridh McConnochie	Bath Rugby	1	3
7	Steff Evans	Scarlets	1	3
7	Zach Mercer	Bath Rugby	1	3

Defenders Beaten

Rank			Matches	Defenders Beaten
1	Damian Penaud	ASM Clermont Auvergne	1	10
2	George Moala	ASM Clermont Auvergne	1	8
2	Marland Yarde	Sale Sharks	1	8
4	Alex Morgan	Gloucester Rugby	1	7
4	Tom O'Flaherty	Exeter Chiefs	1	7
6	Cadan Murley	Harlequins	1	6
6	Virimi Vakatawa	Racing 92	1	6
6	Zach Mercer	Bath Rugby	1	6
9	Gregory Alldritt	La Rochelle	1	5
9	Kurtley Beale	Racing 92	1	5
9	Mathieu Bastareaud	Lyon	1	5
9	Olly Woodburn	Exeter Chiefs	1	5
9	Piers O'Connor	Bristol Bears	1	5
9	Ruaridh McConnochie	Bath Rugby	1	5
9	Santiago Cordero	Bordeaux-Bègles	1	5
9	Vincent Rattiez	Montpellier	1	5

Offloads

Rank			Matches	Offloads
1	Max Malins	Bristol Bears	1	4
2	Baptiste Couilloud	Lyon	1	3
2	Seb Nagle-Taylor	Gloucester Rugby	1	3
2	Toby Arnold	Lyon	1	3
5	26 Players	-	1	2

Tackles

Rank			Matches	Tackles	Missed Tackles
1	Sione Kalamafoni	Scarlets	1	22	2
2	Matt Fagerson	Glasgow Warriors	1	21	1
3	Dominic Bird	Racing 92	1	20	2
3	Paul Willemse	Montpellier	1	20	3
5	Andrew Davidson	Edinburgh Rugby	1	19	1
5	Felix Lambey	Lyon	1	19	0
5	Stuart McInally	Edinburgh Rugby	1	19	2
8	Daniel Thomas	Bristol Bears	1	18	2
8	Fabien Sanconnie	Racing 92	1	18	1
8	Nicolaas Janse van Rensburg	Montpellier	1	18	2
8	Will Evans	Harlequins	1	18	1

Lineouts

Rank			Matches	Lineouts Won (inc. steals)	Lineout Steals
1	Ben Toolis	Edinburgh Rugby	1	11	0
1	Will Rowlands	Wasps	1	11	0
3	Alan O'Connor	Ulster Rugby	1	8	1
3	Cobus Wiese	Sale Sharks	1	8	0
3	Nick Isiekwe	Northampton Saints	1	8	1
6	Ultan Dillane	Connacht Rugby	1	7	1
7	Courtney Lawes	Northampton Saints	1	6	0
7	David Ribbans	Northampton Saints	1	6	1
7	Dominic Bird	Racing 92	1	6	1
7	Glen Young	Harlequins	1	6	0
7	Jonny Gray	Exeter Chiefs	1	6	0
7	Lewis Ludlow	Gloucester Rugby	1	6	0
7	Yacouba Camara	Montpellier	1	6	1

Turnovers

Rank			Matches	Turnovers
1	Sam Simmonds	Exeter Chiefs	1	4
2	Sam Underhill	Bath Rugby	1	3
2	Samuel Matavesi	Northampton Saints	1	3
2	Taine Basham	Dragons	1	3
2	Will Skelton	La Rochelle	1	3
6	Bevan Rodd	Sale Sharks	1	2
6	Gabin Villiere	RC Toulon	1	2
6	Gareth Davies	Scarlets	1	2
6	Jac Morgan	Scarlets	1	2
6	John Porch	Connacht Rugby	1	2
6	Josh Bassett	Wasps	1	2
6	Josh Macleod	Scarlets	1	2
6	Kevin Le Guen	Racing 92	1	2
6	Lewis Ludlow	Gloucester Rugby	1	2
6	Matt Fagerson	Glasgow Warriors	1	2
6	Maxime Machenaud	Racing 92	1	2
6	Rory Hutchinson	Northampton Saints	1	2
6	Sam Lousi	Scarlets	1	2
6	Seb Nagle-Taylor	Gloucester Rugby	1	2
6	Stuart McNally	Edinburgh Rugby	1	2

Disciplinary Update

Yellow Cards

Round	Name	Club	Opposition	Match Date
1	Cameron Woki	Bordeaux-Bègles	Northampton Saints	11/12/2020
	Maxime Lucu	Bordeaux-Bègles	Northampton Saints	11/12/2020
	Maxime Médard	Toulouse	Ulster Rugby	11/12/2020
	Sébastien Bézy	ASM Clermont Auvergne	Bristol Bears	12/12/2020
	Aaron Jarvis	Dragons	Wasps	12/12/2020
	Jared Rosser	Dragons	Wasps	12/12/2020
	Will Rowlands	Wasps	Dragons	12/12/2020
	Lima Sopoaga	Wasps	Dragons	12/12/2020
	Sam Johnson	Glasgow Warriors	Exeter Chiefs	13/12/2020
	Will Evans	Harlequins	Munster Rugby	13/12/2020
	James Chisholm	Harlequins	Munster Rugby	13/12/2020
	Alex Dombrandt	Harlequins	Munster Rugby	13/12/2020
	Stephen Archer	Munster Rugby	Harlequins	13/12/2020

Key Tournament Rules

The following is a summary of the rules of the 2020/21 Heineken Champions Cup tournament:

1 FORMAT

Pool Draw

1.1 The 24 clubs (eight from each league) were divided into four tiers based on their performances in the knockout phases of their respective leagues, and/or on their qualifying positions in their respective league tables as follows:

Tier 1 (6 clubs): 1st and 2nd ranked clubs from each league

Tier 2 (6 clubs): 3rd and 4th ranked clubs from each league

Tier 3 (6 clubs): 5th and 6th ranked clubs from each league

Tier 4 (6 clubs): 7th and 8th ranked clubs from each league

1.2 The clubs were drawn and/or allocated from the four tiers into two pools of 12 – Pool A and Pool B. Clubs from the same league in the same tier **could not** be in the same pool.

1.3 For the purposes of creating the fixtures, clubs from the same league **cannot** play against one another, and clubs will only play against other clubs in the **same** pool.

The Tier 1 clubs and the Tier 4 clubs which were drawn in the same pool, but which are not in the same league, play one another home and away.

The Tier 2 clubs and the Tier 3 clubs which were drawn in the same pool, but which are not in the same league, play one another home and away.

Pool Stage

1.4 Each club will play four matches during the pool stage, two at home and two away.

1.5 Four match points for a win, two match points for a draw. A bonus point will be awarded to a club scoring four or more tries and to a club losing by seven points or fewer.

If two or more clubs in the same pool are equal on match points, their ranking will be determined as follows:

(i) the best aggregate points difference from the pool stage; or

(ii) if equal, the number of tries scored in the pool stage; or

(iii) if equal, the club with the fewest number of players suspended for disciplinary incidents in the pool stage; or

(iv) if equal, by drawing lots.

Quarter-finals

1.6 The four highest-ranked clubs in Pool A and the four highest-ranked clubs in Pool B will qualify for the quarter-final matches which will be played over two legs on a home and away basis as follows:

QF1: Number 1-ranked club in Pool A v Number 4-ranked club in Pool B

QF2: Number 2-ranked club in Pool B v Number 3-ranked club in Pool A

QF3: Number 2-ranked club in Pool A v Number 3-ranked club in Pool B

QF4: Number 1-ranked club in Pool B v Number 4-ranked club in Pool A

NB The clubs ranked numbers 1 and 2 from Pool A and Pool B will play the second leg of their quarter-finals at home.

1.7 The clubs ranked 5 to 8 in Pool A and 5 to 8 in Pool B will qualify for the round of 16 of the Challenge Cup.

Semi-finals

1.8 Semi-finals, played over one match, will be staged at venues designated by EPCR and the highest-ranked clubs from the pool stage will have home country advantage.

Winner QF1 v Winner QF2 Winner QF3 v Winner QF4

Final

1.9 The 2021 final will be played in Marseille.

NB In the event of drawn matches or equal aggregate scores at the end of normal time during the knockout stage, extra-time will be played with the exception of the first legs of the quarter-final matches. If the scores remain tied at the end of extra time, the winner will be determined as follows: (a) the club that has scored the most tries in the match or matches (including extra time) or (b) if equal, by a place kick competition.

2 ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

2.1 Each club must nominate a squad, however, there is no limit on the number of players nominated at first registration of the season. A minimum of 10 of the players nominated by the club must be capable of playing in front row forward positions. The First Registration deadline was midday (GMT) on **Thursday 19 November 2020** and all players must be fully and properly registered with their club and Union.

2.2 A club must nominate a squad of between 19 and 23 players for each match.

2.3 A minimum of six front row players must be included in each match day squad such that on the first occasion that a replacement is required in each position, a replacement can be made. Where uncontested scrums are ordered due to the departure of a front row player and there is no suitable replacement, the player whose departure caused the uncontested scrums may not be replaced (i.e. the club will be required to play with 14 players).

2.4 Each club may register up to five Additional Players during the pool stage but none during the knockout stage, each to replace a player previously registered. A minimum of three Additional Players must be front row players, one Additional Player can be from any position and one Additional Player must be a medical replacement. Players must have a three-month contract with the club and must not have played for another club in the same tournament. Additional Player registrations must be submitted by 12 noon (GMT) on the Wednesday before the match. De-registered players may be re-registered (in place of the relevant Additional Players) during the pool stage.

2.5 For Second Registration, clubs can add up to three players to supplement their squads and one of the players must be a front row player. The deadline for Second Registration is midday (GMT) on 25 March 2021.

2.6 Each club is permitted an unlimited number of 'non-European players' in each match day squad for the 2020/21 season.

3 ABANDONMENT

3.1 Where a match is abandoned after 60 minutes or more, the result will stand.

3.2 Where a match is abandoned after fewer than 60 minutes, (a) if both clubs and the EPCR Board agree, the result will stand, or (b) the match will be replayed in full no earlier than 48 hours after kick-off of the abandoned match (unless both clubs and EPCR agree otherwise), with both clubs entitled to select new match day squads.

4 MEDIA REGULATION – Match Day Squad announcements

4.1 Each club must announce its match day squad by midday (GMT) on the Thursday before a Friday match and by midday (GMT) on the Friday before a weekend match. The match day squad announced must not differ from the squad that plays save in exceptional circumstances. Breaches of match day squad regulations may result in fines being imposed by the Board of EPCR.