



EPCR
CHALLENGE
— CUP —

2021/22 SEASON

SEMI-FINALS PREVIEW

FIXTURES

SEMI-FINALS

Date	Time	Home	Away	Venue
14/05/2022	13:30	Lyon	Wasps	Matmut Stadium de Gerland
14/05/2022	21:00	RC Toulon	Saracens	Stade Mayol

TIED MATCH

If the scores are tied at the end of full time, with the exception of a Heineken Champions Cup, Round of 16 first leg match, then 20 minutes (two periods of 10 minutes) of extra time will be played.

If at the end of extra time the scores are still level, then the winners will be the team which has scored the most tries in the match (including extra time), or the most tries in both legs of the Heineken Champions Cup Round of 16 (including extra time). If the teams are level on points and tries at the end of extra time, then the winners will be determined by a place kick competition as follows:

Each team will be asked to nominate **THREE** goalkickers. The kickers need not be predetermined, but they must come from the players on the pitch at the final whistle. No substituted or dismissed player will be permitted to take part. The end at which the competition takes place will be determined by a toss of a coin. The team to kick first will also be determined by a toss of a coin.

Each kicker will have two kicks from designated positions on the 22 and 10 metre lines and after each team has completed their six kicks a winner will be declared. If the teams remain deadlocked, the competition will continue on a sudden-death basis.

2021/22 SEASON WEEKENDS

Round 1 – 10/11/12 December

Round 2 – 17/18/19 December

Round 3 – 14/15/16 January

Round 4 – 21/22/23 January

Heineken Champions Cup Round of 16 (1st leg) and EPCR Challenge Cup Round 5 – 8/9/10 April

Heineken Champions Cup Round of 16 (2nd leg) and EPCR Challenge Cup Round of 16 – 15/16/17 April

Quarter-finals – 6/7/8 May

Semi-finals – 13/14/15 May

EPCR Challenge Cup final – Friday 27 May; Stade Vélodrome, Marseille (21.00)

Heineken Champions Cup final – Saturday 28 May; Stade Vélodrome, Marseille (17.45)

MATCH OFFICIALS

	Referee	Assistant Referee	Assistant Referee	TMO	Citing Commissioner
Lyon v Wasps	Frank Murphy (Ire)	Sam Grove-White (Sco)	Eoghan Cross (Ire)	Brian MacNeice (Ire)	Tim Lowry (Ire)
RC Toulon v Saracens	Andrew Brace (Ire)	Craig Evans (Wal)	Chris Busby (Ire)	Joy Neville (Ire)	Jeff Mark (Wal)

2021/22 EPCR CHALLENGE CUP – TEAM AVERAGES

OVERALL

	Points	Tries	Lineout %	Scrum %	Tackling %	Goalkicking %
Bath Rugby	19.0	3.0	100%	0%	89%	33%
Benetton Rugby	18.4	2.2	79%	85%	88%	68%
Biarritz Olympique	22.0	3.0	86%	96%	84%	67%
CA Brive	13.7	1.3	85%	75%	80%	70%
Cardiff Rugby	33.0	3.0	93%	67%	89%	88%
Castres Olympique	27.0	3.0	67%	100%	80%	100%
Dragons	18.5	1.8	81%	74%	89%	88%
Edinburgh Rugby	38.7	5.2	88%	87%	89%	81%
Glasgow Warriors	27.0	3.5	92%	100%	91%	70%
Gloucester Rugby	34.5	4.8	90%	89%	86%	88%
London Irish	32.0	4.8	85%	96%	88%	69%
Lyon	31.3	3.5	81%	91%	85%	78%
Newcastle Falcons	22.5	3.0	79%	88%	79%	76%
Northampton Saints	21.0	3.0	77%	80%	81%	75%
RC Toulon	26.8	2.6	87%	93%	86%	90%
Saracens	40.4	5.4	88%	94%	87%	81%
Section Paloise	15.7	2.0	87%	68%	84%	70%
USAP	13.5	1.8	90%	92%	83%	78%
Wasps	36.5	4.5	97%	91%	84%	92%
Worcester Warriors	25.5	3.5	98%	100%	86%	72%
Zebre Parma	18.8	2.0	84%	90%	86%	88%

ATTACK

	Carries	Rank	Metres	Rank	Defenders Beaten	Rank
Bath Rugby	118.0	3	695	8	16.0	17
Benetton Rugby	91.4	14	608	13	16.8	15
Biarritz Olympique	110.5	5	705	7	23.5	3
CA Brive	97.3	12	538	17	17.3	14
Cardiff Rugby	83.0	20	507	18	15.0	18
Castres Olympique	80.0	21	403	21	11.0	21
Dragons	101.0	9	631	10	19.5	8
Edinburgh Rugby	97.7	11	621	11	19.3	9
Glasgow Warriors	107.5	7	791	2	21.5	6
Gloucester Rugby	85.2	19	566	16	18.5	11
London Irish	100.6	10	737	5	17.4	13
Lyon	115.5	4	771	4	24.7	2
Newcastle Falcons	93.8	13	615	12	17.5	12
Northampton Saints	127.0	1	885	1	30.0	1
RC Toulon	109.8	6	648	9	22.8	4
Saracens	121.2	2	790	3	20.8	7
Section Paloise	88.3	17	582	14	22.0	5
USAP	89.5	15	498	19	12.3	20
Wasps	86.5	18	414	20	15.0	18
Worcester Warriors	101.5	8	737	6	18.8	10
Zebre Parma	88.5	16	570	15	16.3	16

All stats are on a per match basis (unless stated otherwise)

DEFENCE

	Tackles	Rank	Tackling %	Rank	Turnovers Won	Rank
Bath Rugby	133.0	4	89%	5	1.0	20
Benetton Rugby	116.2	11	88%	6	3.8	16
Biarritz Olympique	116.3	10	84%	15	6.8	3
CA Brive	147.3	2	80%	19	4.3	12
Cardiff Rugby	148.0	1	89%	3	8.0	1
Castres Olympique	83.0	21	80%	20	3.0	18
Dragons	116.5	9	89%	2	5.3	7
Edinburgh Rugby	131.2	5	89%	4	4.7	10
Glasgow Warriors	121.5	6	91%	1	5.5	5
Gloucester Rugby	121.5	6	86%	12	5.3	6
London Irish	107.4	14	88%	7	4.2	13
Lyon	97.3	19	85%	13	7.5	2
Newcastle Falcons	108.0	13	79%	21	5.0	9
Northampton Saints	88.0	20	81%	18	1.0	20
RC Toulon	99.8	17	86%	11	5.2	8
Saracens	98.4	18	87%	8	3.2	17
Section Paloise	104.0	15	84%	16	4.0	14
USAP	119.3	8	83%	17	4.5	11
Wasps	103.5	16	84%	14	3.0	18
Worcester Warriors	114.3	12	86%	9	4.0	14
Zebre Parma	145.3	3	86%	10	5.8	4

DISCIPLINE

	Penalties Conceded	Rank	Yellow Cards	Rank	Red Cards (Total)	Rank
Bath Rugby	7.0	1	0.0	1	0	1
Benetton Rugby	14.8	20	0.8	16	0	1
Biarritz Olympique	11.3	13	0.3	5	0	1
CA Brive	10.3	6	0.3	6	1	18
Cardiff Rugby	8.0	2	0.0	1	0	1
Castres Olympique	12.0	15	1.0	17	0	1
Dragons	16.0	21	1.0	17	0	1
Edinburgh Rugby	10.8	9	0.3	6	0	1
Glasgow Warriors	12.5	17	0.5	12	0	1
Gloucester Rugby	10.5	8	0.3	6	1	18
London Irish	11.8	14	0.4	9	1	18
Lyon	10.8	9	0.7	14	0	1
Newcastle Falcons	11.0	11	0.5	12	0	1
Northampton Saints	11.0	11	1.0	17	1	18
RC Toulon	9.2	3	0.4	9	0	1
Saracens	10.4	7	0.4	9	0	1
Section Paloise	13.0	18	1.3	21	0	1
USAP	14.3	19	1.0	17	0	1
Wasps	9.5	4	0.0	1	0	1
Worcester Warriors	10.3	5	0.0	1	0	1
Zebre Parma	12.0	15	0.8	15	0	1

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2021/22 EPCR CHALLENGE CUP - LEADING SCORERS

POINTS

			Matches	Points	Pen.	Conv.	Drop	Tries
1	Emiliano Boffelli	Edinburgh Rugby	5	58	6	15	0	2
2	Owen Farrell	Saracens	3	49	7	14	0	0
3	Leo Berdeu	Lyon	5	46	10	8	0	0
4	Louis Carbonel	RC Toulon	3	41	9	7	0	0
5	Sam Davies	Dragons	4	39	9	6	0	0
6	Jimmy Gopperth	Wasps	2	33	4	8	0	1
7	Adam Hastings	Gloucester Rugby	4	32	2	13	0	0
8	Paddy Jackson	London Irish	4	30	2	12	0	0
8	Rhyno Smith	Benetton Rugby	3	30	5	5	0	1
10	Antonio Rizzi	Zebre Parma	3	27	7	3	0	0
10	Billy Searle	Worcester Warriors	3	27	1	7	0	2

TRIES

			Matches	Tries
1	Santiago Socino	Gloucester Rugby	5	5
2	Agustin Creevy	London Irish	4	4
2	Ramiro Moyano	Edinburgh Rugby	4	4
2	Alfie Barbeary	Wasps	2	4
5	Romain Taofifenua	Lyon	4	3
5	Sean Maitland	Saracens	3	3
5	Olly Cracknell	London Irish	3	3
5	Jordy Reid	Gloucester Rugby	5	3
5	Jack Singleton	Gloucester Rugby	4	3
5	Baptiste Couilloud	Lyon	3	3
5	Connor Boyle	Edinburgh Rugby	4	3
5	Ethan Dumortier	Lyon	5	3
5	Louis Rees-Zammit	Gloucester Rugby	5	3
5	Davit Niniashvili	Lyon	4	3

GOALKICKING %*

			Matches	Pen.	Conv.	Attempts	%
1	Billy Twelvetrees	Gloucester Rugby	5	2	4	6	100.0%
1	Lloyd Evans	Gloucester Rugby	2	0	6	6	100.0%
1	Ben Botica	Castres Olympique	1	2	3	5	100.0%
4	Jimmy Gopperth	Wasps	2	4	8	13	92.3%
5	Anthony Belleau	RC Toulon	5	6	4	11	90.9%
5	Antonio Rizzi	Zebre Parma	3	7	3	11	90.9%
7	Louis Carbonel	RC Toulon	3	9	7	18	88.9%
7	Jaco van der Walt	Edinburgh Rugby	5	2	6	9	88.9%
9	Sam Davies	Dragons	4	9	6	17	88.2%
10	Rhys Priestland	Cardiff Rugby	1	4	2	7	85.7%

*Minimum 5 kicks at goal

2021/22 EPCR CHALLENGE CUP – TOP PERFORMERS

CARRIES

			Matches	Carries
1	Billy Vunipola	Saracens	5	56
2	Sebastian Negri	Benetton Rugby	4	49
3	Magnus Bradbury	Edinburgh Rugby	5	48
4	Andy Christie	Saracens	5	47
5	Demba Bamba	Lyon	5	42
6	Edoardo Padovani	Benetton Rugby	5	39
7	Harrison Keddie	Dragons	4	38
7	Clement Laporte	Lyon	5	38
9	Pierre Schoeman	Edinburgh Rugby	6	37
9	Sione Vailanu	Worcester Warriors	4	37

METRES

			Matches	Metres
1	Clement Laporte	Lyon	5	441
2	Monty Ioane	Benetton Rugby	4	440
3	Davit Niniashvili	Lyon	4	401
4	Adam Radwan	Newcastle Falcons	4	352
5	Billy Vunipola	Saracens	5	348
6	Andy Christie	Saracens	5	326
7	Louis Rees-Zammit	Gloucester Rugby	5	315
8	Harri Doel	Worcester Warriors	4	314
9	Edoardo Padovani	Benetton Rugby	5	307
10	Demba Bamba	Lyon	5	302

LINE BREAKS

			Matches	Line Breaks
1	Clement Laporte	Lyon	5	6
1	Ethan Dumortier	Lyon	5	6
3	Duhan van der Merwe	Worcester Warriors	2	5
3	Steeve Barry	Biarritz Olympique	4	5
3	Leo Berdeu	Lyon	5	5
3	Louis Rees-Zammit	Gloucester Rugby	5	5
3	Henry Arundell	London Irish	3	5
8	Elliot Daly	Saracens	4	4
8	Monty Ioane	Benetton Rugby	4	4
8	Ramiro Moyano	Edinburgh Rugby	4	4
8	Blair Kinghorn	Edinburgh Rugby	4	4
8	Baptiste Couilloud	Lyon	3	4
8	Darcy Graham	Edinburgh Rugby	2	4

DEFENDERS BEATEN

			Matches	Defenders Beaten
1	Steeve Barry	Biarritz Olympique	4	22
2	Taine Basham	Dragons	4	20
3	Gervais Cordin	RC Toulon	4	19
4	Elliot Daly	Saracens	4	16
4	Monty Ioane	Benetton Rugby	4	16
4	Demba Bamba	Lyon	5	16
7	Alfie Barbeary	Wasps	2	15
7	Henry Arundell	London Irish	3	15
9	Kyle Steyn	Glasgow Warriors	1	14
10	Duhan van der Merwe	Worcester Warriors	2	13
10	Ollie Thorley	Gloucester Rugby	4	13
10	Rhyno Smith	Benetton Rugby	3	13
10	Adam Radwan	Newcastle Falcons	4	13
10	Ethan Dumortier	Lyon	5	13

OFFLOADS

			Matches	Offloads
1	Davit Niniashvili	Lyon	4	11
2	Clement Laporte	Lyon	5	7
3	Demba Bamba	Lyon	5	6
4	Josua Tuisova	Lyon	2	5
4	Jale Vatubua	Section Paloise	3	5
4	Steeve Barry	Biarritz Olympique	4	5
4	Julien Blanc	RC Toulon	4	5
4	Baptiste Couilloud	Lyon	3	5
4	Sione Vailanu	Worcester Warriors	4	5
4	Mathieu Hirigoyen	Biarritz Olympique	3	5
4	Andy Christie	Saracens	5	5
4	Barnabe Couilloud	Biarritz Olympique	4	5
4	Jiuta Wainiqolo	RC Toulon	5	5

TACKLES

			Matches	Tackles	Missed Tackles
1	Grant Gilchrist	Edinburgh Rugby	6	74	3
2	Pierre Schoeman	Edinburgh Rugby	6	56	2
2	Magnus Bradbury	Edinburgh Rugby	5	56	7
4	Santiago Socino	Gloucester Rugby	5	49	4
5	Marshall Sykes	Edinburgh Rugby	5	48	1
6	Liam Mitchell	Zebre Parma	3	46	6
6	Taine Basham	Dragons	4	46	4
8	Harrison Keddie	Dragons	4	43	3
8	Juan Martin Gonzalez	London Irish	4	43	4
10	Yanis Charcosset	Lyon	6	42	5

LINEOUTS

			Matches	Lineouts Won (inc. steals)	Lineout Steals
1	Federico Ruzza	Benetton Rugby	5	39	5
2	Freddie Clarke	Gloucester Rugby	5	33	0
3	Maro Itoje	Saracens	4	27	1
4	Grant Gilchrist	Edinburgh Rugby	6	24	2
5	Rob Simmons	London Irish	4	22	0
6	Lewis Ludlow	Gloucester Rugby	4	20	4
6	Dylan Cretin	Lyon	4	20	1
8	Felix Lambey	Lyon	5	19	0
9	Elliott Stooke	Wasps	2	17	0
10	Andrew Davidson	Gloucester Rugby	5	16	1
10	Andrew Kitchener	Worcester Warriors	2	16	0

TURNOVERS

			Matches	Turnovers Won
1	Colby Fainga'a	Lyon	4	8
2	Steffon Armitage	Biarritz Olympique	4	6
2	Patrick Sobela	Lyon	4	6
2	Federico Ruzza	Benetton Rugby	5	6
5	Jamie Ritchie	Edinburgh Rugby	2	5
5	Lewis Ludlow	Gloucester Rugby	4	5
5	Gabin Villiere	RC Toulon	3	5
5	Jordan Joseph	Section Paloise	2	5
5	Ivan Nemer	Benetton Rugby	4	5
10	Baptiste Serin	RC Toulon	3	4
10	Val Rapava-Ruskin	Gloucester Rugby	3	4
10	Evan Olmstead	Biarritz Olympique	4	4
10	Eduardo Bello	Zebre Parma	4	4
10	Will Rowlands	Dragons	3	4
10	Callum Chick	Newcastle Falcons	2	4
10	Santiago Socino	Gloucester Rugby	5	4
10	Killian Geraci	Lyon	2	4
10	Victor Montgaillard	USAP	4	4
10	Theodore McFarland	Saracens	4	4

DISCIPLINARY UPDATE

YELLOW CARDS

Round	Player	Team	Opponent	Match Date
1	Will Welch	Newcastle Falcons	Worcester Warriors	10/12/2021
	Tavis Knoyle	Dragons	USAP	11/12/2021
	Seilala Lam	USAP	Dragons	11/12/2021
	Adam Warren	Dragons	USAP	11/12/2021
	Brieuc Plessis-Couillaud	Biarritz Olympique	Zebre Parma	11/12/2021
	Eroni Mawi	Saracens	Edinburgh Rugby	11/12/2021
	Vincent Pinto	Section Paloise	London Irish	11/12/2021
	Nino Seguela	USAP	Dragons	11/12/2021
2	Mickael Ivaldi	Lyon	Dragons	17/12/2021
	Thibault Regard	Lyon	Dragons	17/12/2021
	Irne Herbst	Benetton Rugby	Gloucester Rugby	17/12/2021
	Pierre Bruno	Zebre Parma	RC Toulon	17/12/2021
	Giovanni Licata	Zebre Parma	RC Toulon	17/12/2021
	Danilo Fischetti	Zebre Parma	RC Toulon	17/12/2021
	Michele Lamaro	Benetton Rugby	Gloucester Rugby	17/12/2021
3	Giovanni Habel-Kueffner	Section Paloise	CA Brive	14/01/2022
	Daniel Ikpefan	Section Paloise	CA Brive	14/01/2022
	Matthieu Voisin	CA Brive	Section Paloise	14/01/2022
	Hugo Auradou	Section Paloise	CA Brive	14/01/2022
	Florian Fresia	RC Toulon	Worcester Warriors	15/01/2022
	Ellis Shipp	Dragons	Benetton Rugby	15/01/2022
4	Gianmarco Lucchesi	Benetton Rugby	Lyon	21/01/2022
	Arthur Joly	USAP	Gloucester Rugby	22/01/2022
5	Elliot Dee	Dragons	Gloucester Rugby	09/04/2022
	Andrei Mahu	USAP	Benetton Rugby	09/04/2022
	Jamie Blamire	Newcastle Falcons	Zebre Parma	09/04/2022
Round of 16	Clement Laporte	Lyon	Worcester Warriors	15/04/2022
	Théo Chabouni	Castres Olympique	London Irish	15/04/2022
	Nahuel Tetaz Chaparro	Benetton Rugby	RC Toulon	16/04/2022
	Cameron Hutchison	Edinburgh Rugby	Bath Rugby	16/04/2022
	Alex Coles	Northampton Saints	Gloucester Rugby	16/04/2022
Quarter Final	Jamie George	Saracens	Gloucester Rugby	06/05/2022
	Val Rapava-Ruskin	Gloucester Rugby	Saracens	06/05/2022
	Ollie Thorley	Gloucester Rugby	Saracens	06/05/2022
	Jamie Bhatti	Glasgow Warriors	Lyon	07/05/2022
	Leo Berdeu	Lyon	Glasgow Warriors	07/05/2022
	Connor Boyle	Edinburgh Rugby	Wasps	07/05/2022
	Agustin Creevy	London Irish	RC Toulon	08/05/2022
	Baptiste Serin	RC Toulon	London Irish	08/05/2022
	Juan Martin Gonzalez	London Irish	RC Toulon	08/05/2022

RED CARDS

Round	Player	Team	Opponent	Match Date
3	Agustin Creevy	London Irish	Edinburgh Rugby	15/01/2022
5	Axel Muller	CA Brive	Saracens	08/04/2022
Round of 16	Dan Biggar	Northampton Saints	Gloucester Rugby	16/04/2022
	Alex Craig	Gloucester Rugby	Northampton Saints	16/04/2022

KEY 2021/22 CHALLENGE CUP RULES

The following is a summary of the rules for the 2021/22 Challenge Cup tournament:

1. LAWS OF THE GAME

The tournament will be played in accordance with World Rugby's Laws of the Game of Rugby Union (as amended from time to time), as varied or supplemented by EPCR.

2. FORMAT

Pool Stage

2.1 Fifteen clubs – six from the TOP 14, five from the Gallagher Premiership and four from the United Rugby Championship – were divided into three tiers based on meritocracy from last season's leagues, or on other qualification criteria as follows:

TIER 1 (6 clubs)

TOP 14 clubs ranked 9th and 10th
Premiership clubs ranked 9th and 10th
URC clubs ranked 9th and 10th

TIER 2 (6 clubs)

TOP 14 clubs ranked 11th and 12th
Premiership clubs ranked 11th and 12th
URC clubs ranked 11th and 12th

TIER 3 (3 clubs)

TOP 14 clubs ranked 13th and 14th
Premiership club ranked 13th

2.2 The clubs were then allocated into three pools of five – Pool A, Pool B and Pool C.

2.3 The pool stage will consist of five rounds with each club playing four matches home or away against opponents in its own pool. One club in each pool will have a bye in every round.

2.4 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 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.

Knockout Stage - Round of 16

2.5 The three highest-ranked clubs in Pool A, the three highest-ranked clubs in Pool B, the three highest-ranked clubs in Pool C, and the highest-ranked fourth-placed club, as well as the three clubs ranked 9 to 11 from each of the Heineken Champions Cup pools, will qualify for the Round of 16.

2.6 The ranking of the clubs which qualify for the Round of 16 will be as follows:

- (i) the EPCR Challenge Cup pool winners will be ranked 1st to 3rd
- (ii) the EPCR Challenge Cup pool runners-up will be ranked 4th to 6th
- (iii) the EPCR Challenge Cup third-placed clubs will be ranked 7th and 9th
- (iv) the leading fourth-placed EPCR Challenge Cup club will be ranked 10th
- (v) the six Heineken Champions Cup qualifiers will be ranked 11th to 16th

2.7 The Round of 16 matches, in which the highest-ranked EPCR Challenge Cup qualifiers have home advantage, will be as follows:

Match 1: ECC ranked 1 v ECC ranked 10

Match 2: ECC ranked 2 v ECC ranked 9

Match 3: ECC ranked 3 v HCC ranked 6

Match 4: ECC ranked 4 v HCC ranked 5

Match 5: ECC ranked 8 v HCC ranked 1

Match 6: ECC ranked 7 v HCC ranked 2

Match 7: ECC ranked 6 v HCC ranked 3

Match 8: ECC ranked 5 v HCC ranked 4

Quarter-finals

2.8 Clubs with the higher rankings from the pool stage will have home venue advantage in the quarter-final matches as follows:

QF 1: winner Match 1 v winner Match 8

QF 2: winner Match 3 v winner Match 6

QF 3: winner Match 2 v winner Match 7

QF 4: winner Match 4 v winner Match 5

Semi-finals

2.9 Clubs with the higher rankings from the pool stage will have home venue advantage in the semi-final matches as follows:

SF 1: winner QF 1 v winner QF 2

SF 2: winner QF 3 v winner QF 4

Final

2.10 The 2022 EPCR Challenge Cup final will be played in Marseille on Friday, 27 May (21.00).

NB In the event of drawn matches at the end of normal time during the knockout stage, extra time of 10 minutes each way. If the scores remain tied at the end of extra time, the winner will be determined as follows:

(a) the club that scored the most tries in the match (including extra time) or

(b) if equal, by a place kick competition.

3. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

3.1 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 was in November 2021 and all players were fully and properly registered with their club and Union.

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

3.3 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).

3.4 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 and two Additional Players can be from any position. 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.

3.5 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. Second Registration took place on 25 March 2022.

4. CLUB COLOURS

4.1 For pool stage matches, Round of 16, quarter-finals and semi-finals, if a club fails to wear the strip designated by EPCR and there is a colour clash, that club must change strip. For the final, in the event of a colour clash, the club to change strip will be at EPCR's discretion.

5. ANTI-DOPING PROGRAMME

5.1 Players will be subject to doping control as set out in EPCR's Anti-Doping Programme, which is based on and subject to Regulation 21 (Anti-Doping) of World Rugby's regulations.

6. ABANDONMENT

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

6.2 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.

7. MEDIA REGULATION – Match Day Squad announcements

7.1 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.