











Super Rugby 2016: Match schedule

The southern hemisphere's top rugby union club tournament kicks off, with two teams from Japan and Argentina joining a radical new format that sees the introduction of regional groups

REGULAR SEASON: Feb 26 – Jul 16. Each team plays total of 15 matches – 6 home and away games within domestic conference, and 9 ties combining group and overseas matches

AUSTRALASIAN GROUP

CONFERENCE MATCHES: 6 matches. Each team plays two teams home and away, and one match against remaining two

AUSTRALIA					NEW ZEALAND				
									
Brumbies		Jul 16		Jul 1	Mar 4				
Force	Mar 11		Feb 27		Apr 23				
Rebels	May 13	May 29		Mar 12					
Reds		Mar 5	Jul 15		Mar 27				
Waratahs	Apr 16		Apr 3	Feb 27					
Blues						May 28	Feb 26	Mar 11	
Chiefs	Apr 8					Jul 1	May 7		
Crusaders	Mar 4	Feb 27						Jul 16	
Highlanders		Jul 16	May 13				Mar 5		
Hurricanes		Jul 2	Apr 23				May 27		

GROUP MATCHES: 5 matches. Teams play one match against each team in other conference









Feb 26 Brumbies - Hurricanes	Apr 24 Brumbies - Crusaders	Jul 9 Crusaders - Rebels
Mar 18 Hurricanes - Force	Apr 30 Blues - Rebels	Jul 9 Waratahs - Hurricanes
Mar 18 Waratahs - Highlanders	Apr 30 Highlanders - Brumbies	Jul 15 Blues - Waratahs
Mar 19 Reds - Blues	May 6 Crusaders - Reds	
Mar 26 Chiefs - Force	May 14 Hurricanes - Reds	
Mar 26 Rebels - Highlanders	May 20 Crusaders - Waratahs	
Apr 1 Highlanders - Force	May 21 Chiefs - Rebels	
Apr 2 Brumbies - Chiefs	May 21 Force - Blues	
Apr 8 Force - Crusaders	May 27 Waratahs - Chiefs	
Apr 9 Reds - Highlanders	Jul 8 Blues - Brumbies	
Apr 15 Rebels - Hurricanes	Jul 8 Reds - Chiefs	

Highlanders: Champions 2015



SOUTH AFRICAN GROUP

CONFERENCE MATCHES: 6 matches. Each team plays other three teams home and away

AFRICA 1					AFRICA 2				
									
Bulls		Apr 2	May 21	Jul 9	Jaguars ARG		Apr 30	Jul 16	May 14
Cheetahs	Jul 16		Mar 5	Apr 15	Kings	May 27		Apr 23	Feb 27
Stormers	Feb 27	May 28		Apr 8	Lions	May 21	Jul 8		Jul 2
Sunwolves JPN	Mar 26	Mar 12	May 14		Sharks	Mar 5	May 21	Apr 9	

GROUP MATCHES: 4 matches. Teams play one match against each team in other conference

Feb 26 Cheetahs - Jaguares	Apr 16 Lions - Stormers
Feb 27 Sunwolves - Lions	Apr 24 Sunwolves - Jaguares
Mar 12 Stormers - Sharks	May 13 Cheetahs - Kings
Mar 18 Bulls - Sharks	May 28 Bulls - Lions
Mar 19 Lions - Cheetahs	Jul 2 Jaguares - Bulls
Mar 26 Jaguares - Stormers	Jul 9 Sharks - Cheetahs
Apr 2 Kings - Sunwolves	Jul 15 Sharks - Sunwolves
Apr 9 Kings - Bulls	Jul 16 Stormers - Kings



OVERSEAS MATCHES: Teams in **Africa 1** will play one match against each team in **Australian Conference**, and teams in **Africa 2** will play one match against each team in **New Zealand Conference**

QUARTER-FINALS: Jul 22/23

1st Conference Winner -
Team ranked 8 overall

2nd Conference Winner -
Team ranked 7 overall

3rd Conference Winner -
Team ranked 6 overall

4th Conference Winner -
Team ranked 5 overall

SEMI-FINALS: Jul 29/30

Highest ranked team -
Lowest ranked team

2nd-highest ranked team -
3rd-highest ranked team

SUPER RUGBY FINAL Saturday August 6, 2016