

New format for Champions Cup rugby 2020-21













The new *Heineken Champions Cup* season kicks off with an expanded 24 teams from England's Aviva Premiership, France's Top 14 and the Pro14 – contested by Ireland, Scotland, Wales and Italy – competing in an adapted tournament, enforced by the Covid-19 pandemic

POOL STAGE: Dec 11-Jan 24









Tier 1 **v** **Tier 4** **Tier 2** **v** **Tier 3**

Each team plays four matches – two home and two away – against teams in paired tier, not in same domestic league

POOL 1

	Bordeaux	Top 14
	Leinster	Pro14
	Wasps	Prem.
	Bath	Prem.
	Edinburgh	Pro14
	Toulon	Top 14
	La Rochelle	Top 14
	Sale Sharks	Prem.
	Scarlets	Pro14
	Dragons	Pro14
	Montpellier	Top 14
	Northampton	Prem.

POOL 2

	Exeter	Prem.
	Lyon	Top 14
	Ulster	Pro14
	Bristol	Prem.
	Munster	Pro14
	Racing 92	Top 14
	Clermont	Top 14
	Connacht	Pro14
	Harlequins	Prem.
	Glasgow	Pro14
	Gloucester	Prem.
	Toulouse	Top 14

Top four in each pool advance to knock-out stage

QUARTER-FINALS

1st leg: Apr 2-4,
2nd leg: Apr 9-11

- 1 A1 - B4
- 2 B2 - A3
- 3 A2 - B3
- 4 B1 - A4

SEMI-FINALS

Single-leg match
Apr 30-May 2

- 1 W1 - W2
- 2 W3 - W4

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS CUP FINAL

May 22, 2021: Stade Vélodrome, Marseille



Joe Simmonds
Exeter Chiefs
Youngest player to captain team to glory in European Cup final