

# Heineken Champions Cup 2021-22

The northern hemisphere's premier club rugby union tournament kicks off, with 24 teams from England's Aviva Premiership, France's Top 14 and the United Rugby Championship\* – formerly known as the Pro14 – battling to lift the trophy

**POOL STAGE:** Dec 10-Jan 23

**Tier 1** **Tier 2** **Tier 3**

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



POOL 1			POOL 2		
	La Rochelle	Top 14		Toulouse	Top 14
	Exeter Chiefs	Prem.		Harlequins	Prem.
	Leinster	URC		Munster	URC
	Racing 92	Top 14		Bordeaux	Top 14
	Sale Sharks	Prem.		Bristol Bears	Prem.
	Ulster	URC		Connacht	URC
	Clermont	Top 14		SF Paris	Top 14
	Northampton	Prem.		Leicester	Prem.
	Ospreys	URC		Scarlets	URC
	Montpellier	Top 14		Castres	Top 14
	Bath	Prem.		Wasps	Prem.
	Glasgow	URC		Cardiff	URC

Top eight in each pool advance to knock-out stage

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**Last 16** Apr 8-17 **Quarter-final** May 6-8 **Semi-finals** May 13-15

**Final: May 28, Stade Vélodrome, Marseille, France**

**RECENT FINALS:** Toulouse beat French rivals La Rochelle in 2021 final to claim fifth title – first since 2010 – and record for overall titles won since 1996

2021 <b>Toulouse</b>	<b>22-17</b>	La Rochelle	2016 <b>Saracens</b>	<b>21-9</b>	Racing 92
2020 <b>Exeter</b>	<b>31-27</b>	Racing 92	2015 <b>Toulon</b>	<b>24-18</b>	Clermont
2019 <b>Saracens</b>	<b>20-10</b>	Leinster	2014 <b>Toulon</b>	<b>23-6</b>	Saracens
2018 <b>Leinster</b>	<b>15-12</b>	Racing 92	2013 <b>Toulon</b>	<b>16-15</b>	Clermont
2017 <b>Saracens</b>	<b>28-17</b>	Clermont	2012 <b>Leinster</b>	<b>42-14</b>	Ulster

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