

APPENDIX 14 – PROVISIONAL PREMIER TIER PLAYOFFS DOCUMENT

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This provisional document specifies the potential playoff matrices which could be required to decide which team(s) will compete in Premier Tier leagues for the 2026-27 season. The purpose of this document is to allow institutions to be able to better plan their playoff logistics before official confirmation of the participating teams. This document should be read in conjunction with [REG 8, Appendix 10](#) and the relevant [sport specific regulations](#).

FORMAT OF PLAYOFF FIXTURES

The format of each playoff is determined by the number of eligible teams and the number of positions available in each league. The notes accompanying each playoff outline how the 'winning' team(s) is/are determined, the number of promotion spots available, and how the playoffs have been drawn.

All teams who may be eligible to compete in playoffs are listed in this document, this includes teams finishing in 'potential' playoff spots in [Appendix 10](#).

All playoff fixtures must be played in accordance with the requirements of the tier of competition to which teams are seeking promotion, for example National league general and sport specific regulations ([REG 8.3.8.5.2](#)).

Please see [REG 8.3.8.5.3-8.3.8.5.5](#) for clarity on which matches must be played to the end of 'normal time' only and which may also require specific tiebreaker penalties to take place.

DEADLINE FOR COMPLETING PLAYOFF FIXTURES

Please see [Appendix 2a](#) for the playoff deadlines for all sports. It is requested that institutions are as accommodating as possible when (re)arranging playoff fixtures to allow fixtures to be completed by this date. Any alterations to the scheduled dates listed must be by mutual agreement in writing between the institutions involved and approved by the BUCS Executive before being updated on BUCS Play. **Any fixtures remaining unfulfilled after the playoff deadline will be resolved at the discretion of the BUCS Executive.**

WITHDRAWAL FROM PLAYOFFS (ELIGIBLE AND POTENTIAL TEAMS)

If an eligible or potential playoff team wishes to withdraw from the playoffs, they must do this before **23:59 on Tuesday 24 March (23:59 on Tuesday 10 March for the Women's Rugby Union North v South playoff match and 23:59 on Tuesday 17 February for the Men's/Women's Tennis North v South playoff match)**. We would encourage institutions to withdraw teams they think could potentially be involved in the playoffs as soon as possible. To withdraw please send an email to the [BUCS Competitions Team](#). Teams not withdrawn prior to the deadline shall be subject to honouring all scheduled fixtures ([REG 8.3.8.5.1](#)), if they do not they shall be liable to conceding walkovers and so may face sanctions in in with [REG 13.7.5.3](#).

Any team that wishes to be involved in the playoffs should ensure that if they were to secure a place in a specific Premier Tier league that they would be able to meet the regulations and requirements of that league and any associated knockout competition(s).

Should you have queries about any of the playoffs listed in this document, please do not hesitate to contact the [BUCS Competitions Team](#).

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AMERICAN FOOTBALL (OPEN)

PREMIER (NATIONAL) PLAYOFF

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams:

5th in PREMIER (NATIONAL):

Winner of NATIONAL VASE:

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Winner of the National Vase	5 th in Premier (National)	05/04/26

BADMINTON (FEMALE)

PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (NORTH) [Only if point 4 of [REG 8.3.8.4.4](#) applies]:

SCOTTISH 1A:

NORTHERN 1A:

MIDLANDS 1A:

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Northern 1A	Midlands 1A	01/04/26
2	Scottish 1A	Northern 1A	15/04/26
3	Midlands 1A	Scottish 1A	22/04/26
If point 4 of REG 8.3.8.4.4 applies	6 th in Premier (North)	Eligible 1A Team	01/04/26

Should any conference's team withdraw or not be eligible, then the fixtures published for the remaining teams on BUCS Play will be as listed above. If teams would like to move fixtures to a different date, please see [above](#) for the playoff rearrangement process.

PREMIER (SOUTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (SOUTH) [Only if point 4 of [REG 8.3.8.4.4](#) applies]:

MIDLANDS 1A:

WESTERN 1A:

SOUTH EASTERN 1A:

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Western 1A	Midlands 1A	01/04/26
2	South Eastern 1A	Western 1A	15/04/26
3	Midlands 1A	South Eastern 1A	22/04/26
If point 4 of REG 8.3.8.4.4 applies	6 th in Premier (South)	Eligible 1A Team	01/04/26

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BADMINTON (OPEN)
PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS
Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

 6th in PREMIER (NORTH) [Only if point 4 of [REG 8.3.8.4.4](#) applies]:

SCOTTISH 1A:

NORTHERN 1A:

MIDLANDS 1A:

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Northern 1A	Midlands 1A	01/04/26
2	Scottish 1A	Northern 1A	15/04/26
3	Midlands 1A	Scottish 1A	22/04/26
If point 4 of REG 8.3.8.4.4 applies	6 th in Premier (North)	Eligible 1A Team	01/04/26

Should any conference's team withdraw or not be eligible, then the fixtures published for the remaining teams on BUCS Play will be as listed above. If teams would like to move fixtures to a different date, please see [above](#) for the playoff rearrangement process.

PREMIER (SOUTH) PLAYOFFS
Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

 6th in PREMIER (SOUTH) [Only if point 4 of [REG 8.3.8.4.4](#) applies]:

MIDLANDS 1A:

WESTERN 1A:

SOUTH EASTERN 1A:

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Western 1A	Midlands 1A	01/04/26
2	South Eastern 1A	Western 1A	15/04/26
3	Midlands 1A	South Eastern 1A	22/04/26
If point 4 of REG 8.3.8.4.4 applies	6 th in Premier (South)	Eligible 1A Team	01/04/26

Should any conference's team withdraw or not be eligible, then the fixtures published for the remaining teams on BUCS Play will be as listed above. If teams would like to move fixtures to a different date, please see [above](#) for the playoff rearrangement process.

BASKETBALL (MEN'S)
PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS
Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

 6th in PREMIER (NORTH) [Only if point 4 of [REG 8.3.8.4.4](#) applies]:

SCOTTISH 1A:

NORTHERN 1A:

MIDLANDS 1A:

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Northern 1A	Scottish 1A	01/04/26
2	Midlands 1A	Northern 1A	15/04/26
3	Scottish 1A	Midlands 1A	22/04/26
If point 4 of REG 8.3.8.4.4 applies	Eligible 1A Team	6 th in Premier (North)	01/04/26

Should any conference's team withdraw or not be eligible, then the fixtures published for the remaining teams on BUCS Play will be as listed above. If teams would like to move fixtures to a different date, please see [above](#) for the playoff rearrangement process.

PREMIER (SOUTH) PLAYOFFS
Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

 6th in PREMIER (SOUTH) [Only if point 4 of [REG 8.3.8.4.4](#) applies]:

MIDLANDS 1A:

WESTERN 1A:

SOUTH EASTERN 1A:

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Western 1A	South Eastern 1A	01/04/26
2	Midlands 1A	Western 1A	15/04/26
3	South Eastern 1A	Midlands 1A	22/04/26
If point 4 of REG 8.3.8.4.4 applies	Eligible 1A Team	6 th in Premier (South)	01/04/26

Should any conference's team withdraw or not be eligible, then the fixtures published for the remaining teams on BUCS Play will be as listed above. If teams would like to move fixtures to a different date, please see [above](#) for the playoff rearrangement process.

BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)
PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS
Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (NORTH) [Only if point 4 of [REG 8.3.8.4.4](#) applies]:

SCOTTISH 1A:

NORTHERN 1A:

MIDLANDS 1A:

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Northern 1A	Scottish 1A	01/04/26
2	Midlands 1A	Northern 1A	15/04/26
3	Scottish 1A	Midlands 1A	22/04/26
If point 4 of REG 8.3.8.4.4 applies	Eligible 1A Team	6 th in Premier (North)	01/04/26

Should any conference's team withdraw or not be eligible, then the fixtures published for the remaining teams on BUCS Play will be as listed above. If teams would like to move fixtures to a different date, please see [above](#) for the playoff rearrangement process.

PREMIER (SOUTH) PLAYOFFS
Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (SOUTH) [Only if point 4 of [REG 8.3.8.4.4](#) applies]:

MIDLANDS 1A:

WESTERN 1A:

SOUTH EASTERN 1A:

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Western 1A	South Eastern 1A	01/04/26
2	Midlands 1A	Western 1A	15/04/26
3	South Eastern 1A	Midlands 1A	22/04/26
If point 4 of REG 8.3.8.4.4 applies	Eligible 1A Team	6 th in Premier (South)	01/04/26

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FENCING (FEMALE)

PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (NORTH) [Only if point 4 of [REG 8.3.8.4.4](#) applies]:

SCOTTISH 1A:

NORTHERN 1A:

MIDLANDS 1A:

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Scottish 1A	Northern 1A	01/04/26
2	Midlands 1A	Scottish 1A	15/04/26
3	Northern 1A	Midlands 1A	22/04/26
If point 4 of REG 8.3.8.4.4 applies	6 th in Premier (North)	Eligible 1A Team	01/04/26

Should any conference's team withdraw or not be eligible, then the fixtures published for the remaining teams on BUCS Play will be as listed above. If teams would like to move fixtures to a different date, please see [above](#) for the playoff rearrangement process.

PREMIER (SOUTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (SOUTH) [Only if point 4 of [REG 8.3.8.4.4](#) applies]:

MIDLANDS 1A:

WESTERN 1A:

SOUTH EASTERN 1A:

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	South Eastern 1A	Western 1A	01/04/26
2	Midlands 1A	South Eastern 1A	15/04/26
3	Western 1A	Midlands 1A	22/04/26
If point 4 of REG 8.3.8.4.4 applies	6 th in Premier (South)	Eligible 1A Team	01/04/26

Should any conference's team withdraw or not be eligible, then the fixtures published for the remaining teams on BUCS Play will be as listed above. If teams would like to move fixtures to a different date, please see [above](#) for the playoff rearrangement process.

FENCING (MIXED)
PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS
Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

 6th in PREMIER (NORTH) [Only if point 4 of [REG 8.3.8.4.4](#) applies]:

SCOTTISH 1A:

NORTHERN 1A:

MIDLANDS 1A:

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Scottish 1A	Northern 1A	01/04/26
2	Midlands 1A	Scottish 1A	15/04/26
3	Northern 1A	Midlands 1A	22/04/26
If point 4 of REG 8.3.8.4.4 applies	6 th in Premier (North)	Eligible 1A Team	01/04/26

Should any conference's team withdraw or not be eligible, then the fixtures published for the remaining teams on BUCS Play will be as listed above. If teams would like to move fixtures to a different date, please see [above](#) for the playoff rearrangement process.

PREMIER (SOUTH) PLAYOFFS
Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

 6th in PREMIER (SOUTH) [Only if point 4 of [REG 8.3.8.4.4](#) applies]:

MIDLANDS 1A:

WESTERN 1A:

SOUTH EASTERN 1A:

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	South Eastern 1A	Western 1A	01/04/26
2	Midlands 1A	South Eastern 1A	15/04/26
3	Western 1A	Midlands 1A	22/04/26
If point 4 of REG 8.3.8.4.4 applies	6 th in Premier (South)	Eligible 1A Team	01/04/26

Should any conference's team withdraw or not be eligible, then the fixtures published for the remaining teams on BUCS Play will be as listed above. If teams would like to move fixtures to a different date, please see [above](#) for the playoff rearrangement process.

FOOTBALL (MEN'S)

PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (NORTH) [Only if point 4 of [REG 8.3.8.4.4](#) applies]:

SCOTTISH 1A:

NORTHERN 1A:

MIDLANDS 1A:

If three teams are involved in the playoff then, regardless of the result at full time, a tie-breaker penalty shootout as per the International Football Association Board (IFAB) Laws of the Game will be taken in case of a tie in the mini league ([REG 8.3.8.5.4](#)).

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Northern 1A	Midlands 1A	01/04/26
2	Midlands 1A	Scottish 1A	15/04/26
3	Scottish 1A	Northern 1A	22/04/26
If point 4 of REG 8.3.8.4.4 applies	6 th in Premier (North)	Eligible 1A Team	01/04/26

Should any conference's team withdraw or not be eligible, then the fixtures published for the remaining teams on BUCS Play will be as listed above. If teams would like to move fixtures to a different date, please see [above](#) for the playoff rearrangement process.

PREMIER (SOUTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (SOUTH) [Only if point 4 of [REG 8.3.8.4.4](#) applies]:

MIDLANDS 1A:

WESTERN 1A:

SOUTH EASTERN 1A:

If three teams are involved in the playoff then, regardless of the result at full time, a tie-breaker penalty shootout as per the International Football Association Board (IFAB) Laws of the Game will be taken in case of a tie in the mini league ([REG 8.3.8.5.4](#)).

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Western 1A	Midlands 1A	01/04/26
2	Midlands 1A	South Eastern 1A	15/04/26

3	South Eastern 1A	Western 1A	22/04/26
If point 4 of REG 8.3.8.4.4 applies	6 th in Premier (South)	Eligible 1A Team	01/04/26

Should any conference's team withdraw or not be eligible, then the fixtures published for the remaining teams on BUCS Play will be as listed above. If teams would like to move fixtures to a different date, please see [above](#) for the playoff rearrangement process.

FOOTBALL (WOMEN'S)

PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (NORTH) [Only if point 4 of [REG 8.3.8.4.4](#) applies]:

SCOTTISH 1A:

NORTHERN 1A:

MIDLANDS 1A:

If three teams are involved in the playoff then, regardless of the result at full time, a tie-breaker penalty shootout as per the International Football Association Board (IFAB) Laws of the Game will be taken in case of a tie in the mini league ([REG 8.3.8.5.4](#)).

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Northern 1A	Midlands 1A	01/04/26
2	Midlands 1A	Scottish 1A	15/04/26
3	Scottish 1A	Northern 1A	22/04/26
If point 4 of REG 8.3.8.4.4 applies	6 th in Premier (North)	Eligible 1A Team	01/04/26

Should any conference's team withdraw or not be eligible, then the fixtures published for the remaining teams on BUCS Play will be as listed above. If teams would like to move fixtures to a different date, please see [above](#) for the playoff rearrangement process.

PREMIER (SOUTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (SOUTH) [Only if point 4 of [REG 8.3.8.4.4](#) applies]:

MIDLANDS 1A:

WESTERN 1A:

SOUTH EASTERN 1A:

If three teams are involved in the playoff then, regardless of the result at full time, a tie-breaker penalty shootout as per the International Football Association Board (IFAB) Laws of the Game will be taken in case of a tie in the mini league ([REG 8.3.8.5.4](#)).

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Western 1A	Midlands 1A	01/04/26
2	Midlands 1A	South Eastern 1A	15/04/26

3	South Eastern 1A	Western 1A	22/04/26
If point 4 of REG 8.3.8.4.4 applies	6 th in Premier (South)	Eligible 1A Team	01/04/26

Should any conference's team withdraw or not be eligible, then the fixtures published for the remaining teams on BUCS Play will be as listed above. If teams would like to move fixtures to a different date, please see [above](#) for the playoff rearrangement process.

FUTSAL (MEN'S)

PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (NORTH) [Only if point 4 of [REG 8.3.8.4.4](#) applies]:

SCOTTISH 1A:

NORTHERN 1A:

MIDLANDS 1A:

If three teams are involved in the playoff then, regardless of the result at full time, a tie-breaker penalty shootout as per the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game will be taken in case of a tie in the mini league ([REG 8.3.8.5.4](#)).

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Northern 1A	Midlands 1A	29/03/26
2	Scottish 1A	Northern 1A	12/04/26
3	Midlands 1A	Scottish 1A	19/04/26
If point 4 of REG 8.3.8.4.4 applies	6 th in Premier (North)	Eligible 1A Team	29/03/26

Should any conference's team withdraw or not be eligible, then the fixtures published for the remaining teams on BUCS Play will be as listed above. If teams would like to move fixtures to a different date, please see [above](#) for the playoff rearrangement process.

PREMIER (SOUTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (SOUTH) [Only if point 4 of [REG 8.3.8.4.4](#) applies]:

MIDLANDS 1A:

WESTERN 1A:

SOUTH EASTERN 1A:

If three teams are involved in the playoff then, regardless of the result at full time, a tie-breaker penalty shootout as per the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game will be taken in case of a tie in the mini league ([REG 8.3.8.5.4](#)).

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Western 1A	Midlands 1A	29/03/26
2	South Eastern 1A	Western 1A	12/04/26
3	Midlands 1A	South Eastern 1A	19/04/26

If point 4 of REG 8.3.8.4.4 applies	6 th in Premier (South)	Eligible 1A Team	29/03/26
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Should any conference's team withdraw or not be eligible, then the fixtures published for the remaining teams on BUCS Play will be as listed above. If teams would like to move fixtures to a different date, please see [above](#) for the playoff rearrangement process.

FUTSAL (WOMEN'S)

PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (NORTH) [Only if point 4 of [REG 8.3.8.4.4](#) applies]:

SCOTTISH 1A:

NORTHERN 1A:

MIDLANDS 1A:

If three teams are involved in the playoff then, regardless of the result at full time, a tie-breaker penalty shootout as per the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game will be taken in case of a tie in the mini league ([REG 8.3.8.5.4](#)).

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Northern 1A	Midlands 1A	28/03/26
2	Scottish 1A	Northern 1A	11/04/26
3	Midlands 1A	Scottish 1A	18/04/26
If point 4 of REG 8.3.8.4.4 applies	6 th in Premier (North)	Eligible 1A Team	28/03/26

Should any conference's team withdraw or not be eligible, then the fixtures published for the remaining teams on BUCS Play will be as listed above. If teams would like to move fixtures to a different date, please see [above](#) for the playoff rearrangement process.

PREMIER (SOUTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (SOUTH) [Only if point 4 of [REG 8.3.8.4.4](#) applies]: N/A due to a team withdrawing from league

MIDLANDS 1A:

WESTERN 1A:

SOUTH EASTERN 1A:

If three teams are involved in the playoff then, regardless of the result at full time, a tie-breaker penalty shootout as per the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game will be taken in case of a tie in the mini league ([REG 8.3.8.5.4](#)).

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Western 1A	Midlands 1A	28/03/26
2	South Eastern 1A	Western 1A	11/04/26
3	Midlands 1A	South Eastern 1A	18/04/26

If point 4 of REG 8.3.8.4.4 applies	6 th in Premier (South)	Eligible 1A Team	28/03/26
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Should any conference's team withdraw or not be eligible, then the fixtures published for the remaining teams on BUCS Play will be as listed above. If teams would like to move fixtures to a different date, please see [above](#) for the playoff rearrangement process.

GOLF (MIXED)
PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS
Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

 7th in PREMIER (NORTH) [Only if point 4 of [REG 8.3.8.4.4](#) applies]:

SCOTTISH 1A:

NORTHERN 1A:

MIDLANDS 1A:

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Scottish 1A	Northern 1A	29/04/26
2	Midlands 1A	Scottish 1A	06/05/26
3	Northern 1A	Midlands 1A	13/05/26
If point 4 of REG 8.3.8.4.4 applies	Eligible 1A Team	7 th in Premier (North)	29/04/26

Should any conference's team withdraw or not be eligible, then the fixtures published for the remaining teams on BUCS Play will be as listed above. If teams would like to move fixtures to a different date, please see [above](#) for the playoff rearrangement process.

PREMIER (SOUTH) PLAYOFFS
Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

 7th in PREMIER (SOUTH) [Only if point 4 of [REG 8.3.8.4.4](#) applies]:

MIDLANDS 1A:

WESTERN 1A:

SOUTH EASTERN 1A:

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	South Eastern 1A	Western 1A	29/04/26
2	Midlands 1A	South Eastern 1A	06/05/26
3	Western 1A	Midlands 1A	13/05/26
If point 4 of REG 8.3.8.4.4 applies	Eligible 1A Team	7 th in Premier (South)	29/04/26

Should any conference's team withdraw or not be eligible, then the fixtures published for the remaining teams on BUCS Play will be as listed above. If teams would like to move fixtures to a different date, please see [above](#) for the playoff rearrangement process.

HOCKEY (FEMALE)

PREMIER (NATIONAL) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

Two

Potentially eligible teams

8th in PREMIER (NATIONAL):

PREMIER (NORTH):

PREMIER (SOUTH):

The winner of each match will compete in Premier (National) for the 2026-27 season, the loser of the second match will compete in Premier Tier (North/South).

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Premier (South)	Premier (North)	01/04/26
2	Loser of Match 1	8 th in Premier (National)	15/04/26

PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One or Two – TBC after Withdrawal deadline (24 March) and/or Premier (National) playoffs.

Potentially eligible teams

TBC after withdrawal deadline (24 March) and/or Premier (National) playoffs.

8th or 9th in PREMIER (NORTH):

SCOTTISH 1A:

NORTHERN 1A:

MIDLANDS 1A:

TEAMS ARE ADVISED TO BE PREPARED FOR POTENTIAL FIXTURES ON 29/04/26, 06/05/26 AND/OR 13/05/26.

PREMIER (SOUTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One or Two – TBC after Withdrawal deadline (24 March) and/or Premier (National) playoffs.

Potentially eligible teams

TBC after withdrawal deadline (24 March) and/or Premier (National) playoffs.

8th or 9th in PREMIER (SOUTH):

MIDLANDS 1A:

WESTERN 1A:

SOUTH EASTERN 1A:

TEAMS ARE ADVISED TO BE PREPARED FOR POTENTIAL FIXTURES ON 29/04/26, 06/05/26 AND/OR 13/05/26.

HOCKEY (OPEN)

PREMIER (NATIONAL) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

Two

Potentially eligible teams

8th in PREMIER (NATIONAL):

PREMIER (NORTH):

PREMIER (SOUTH):

The winner of each match will compete in Premier (National) for the 2026-27 season, the loser of the second match will compete in Premier Tier (North/South).

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Premier (South)	Premier (North)	01/04/26
2	Loser of Match 1	8 th in Premier (National)	15/04/26

PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One or Two – TBC after Withdrawal deadline (24 March) and/or Premier (National) playoffs.

Potentially eligible teams

TBC after withdrawal deadline (24 March) and/or Premier (National) playoffs.

8th or 9th in PREMIER (NORTH):

SCOTTISH 1A:

NORTHERN 1A:

MIDLANDS 1A:

TEAMS ARE ADVISED TO BE PREPARED FOR POTENTIAL FIXTURES ON 29/04/26, 06/05/26 AND/OR 13/05/26.

PREMIER (SOUTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One or Two – TBC after Withdrawal deadline (24 March) and/or Premier (National) playoffs.

Potentially eligible teams

TBC after withdrawal deadline (24 March) and/or Premier (National) playoffs.

8th or 9th in PREMIER (SOUTH):

MIDLANDS 1A:

WESTERN 1A:

SOUTH EASTERN 1A:

TEAMS ARE ADVISED TO BE PREPARED FOR POTENTIAL FIXTURES ON 29/04/26, 06/05/26 AND/OR 13/05/26.

LACROSSE (MEN'S)
PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS
Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

 6th in PREMIER (NORTH) [Only if point 4 of [REG 8.3.8.4.4](#) applies]:

SCOTTISH 1A:

NORTHERN 1A:

MIDLANDS 1A:

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Midlands 1A	Scottish 1A	01/04/26
2	Northern 1A	Midlands 1A	15/04/26
3	Scottish 1A	Northern 1A	22/04/26
If point 4 of REG 8.3.8.4.4 applies	Eligible 1A Team	6 th in Premier (North)	01/04/26

Should any conference's team withdraw or not be eligible, then the fixtures published for the remaining teams on BUCS Play will be as listed above. If teams would like to move fixtures to a different date, please see [above](#) for the playoff rearrangement process.

PREMIER (SOUTH) PLAYOFFS
Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

 6th in PREMIER (SOUTH) [Only if point 4 of [REG 8.3.8.4.4](#) applies]:

MIDLANDS 1A:

WESTERN 1A:

SOUTH EASTERN 1A:

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Midlands 1A	South Eastern 1A	01/04/26
2	Western 1A	Midlands 1A	15/04/26
3	South Eastern 1A	Western 1A	22/04/26
If point 4 of REG 8.3.8.4.4 applies	Eligible 1A Team	6 th in Premier (South)	01/04/26

Should any conference's team withdraw or not be eligible, then the fixtures published for the remaining teams on BUCS Play will be as listed above. If teams would like to move fixtures to a different date, please see [above](#) for the playoff rearrangement process.

LACROSSE (WOMEN'S)

PREMIER (NORTH 1) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

If 1st placed finishing team in Premier (North 2) is eligible for promotion, then they are automatically promoted, and Bottom of Premier (North 1) is automatically relegated.

If the 1st placed team in Premier (North 2) is not eligible then the following fixture will take place if point 4 of [REG 8.3.8.4.4](#) applies.

6th in PREMIER (NORTH 1):

2nd in PREMIER (NORTH 2):

Match #	Home	Away	Date
If point 4 of REG 8.3.8.4.4 applies	2 nd in Premier (North 2)	6 th in Premier (North 1)	01/04/26

PREMIER (SOUTH 1) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

If 1st placed finishing team in Premier (South 2) is eligible for promotion, then they are automatically promoted, and Bottom of Premier (South 1) is automatically relegated.

If the 1st placed team in Premier (South 2) is not eligible then the following fixture will take place if point 4 of [REG 8.3.8.4.4](#) applies.

6th in PREMIER (SOUTH 1):

2nd in PREMIER (SOUTH 2):

Match #	Home	Away	Date
If point 4 of REG 8.3.8.4.4 applies	2 nd in Premier (South 2)	6 th in Premier (South 1)	01/04/26

PREMIER (NORTH 2) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (NORTH 2) [Only if point 4 of [REG 8.3.8.4.4](#) applies]:

SCOTTISH 1A:

NORTHERN 1A:

MIDLANDS 1A:

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Midlands 1A	Scottish 1A	01/04/26
2	Northern 1A	Midlands 1A	15/04/26
3	Scottish 1A	Northern 1A	22/04/26
If point 4 of REG 8.3.8.4.4 applies	Eligible 1A Team	6 th in Premier (North 2)	01/04/26

Should any conference's team withdraw or not be eligible, then the fixtures published for the remaining teams on BUCS Play will be as listed above. If teams would like to move fixtures to a different date, please see [above](#) for the playoff rearrangement process.

PREMIER (SOUTH 2) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (SOUTH 2) [Only if point 4 of [REG 8.3.8.4.4](#) applies]:

MIDLANDS 1A:

WESTERN 1A:

SOUTH EASTERN 1A:

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Midlands 1A	South Eastern 1A	01/04/26
2	Western 1A	Midlands 1A	15/04/26
3	South Eastern 1A	Western 1A	22/04/26
If point 4 of REG 8.3.8.4.4 applies	Eligible 1A Team	6 th in Premier (South 2)	01/04/26

Should any conference's team withdraw or not be eligible, then the fixtures published for the remaining teams on BUCS Play will be as listed above. If teams would like to move fixtures to a different date, please see [above](#) for the playoff rearrangement process.

NETBALL (FEMALE)

PREMIER (NORTH 1) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

If 1st placed finishing team in Premier (North 2) is eligible for promotion, then they are automatically promoted, and Bottom of Premier (North 1) is automatically relegated.

If the 1st placed team in Premier (North 2) is not eligible then the following fixture will take place if point 4 of [REG 8.3.8.4.4](#) applies.

6th in PREMIER (NORTH 1):

2nd in PREMIER (NORTH 2):

Match #	Home	Away	Date
If point 4 of REG 8.3.8.4.4 applies	6 th in Premier (North 1)	2 nd in Premier (North 2)	01/04/26

PREMIER (SOUTH 1) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

If 1st placed finishing team in Premier (South 2) is eligible for promotion, then they are automatically promoted, and Bottom of Premier (South 1) is automatically relegated.

If the 1st placed team in Premier (South 2) is not eligible then the following fixture will take place if point 4 of [REG 8.3.8.4.4](#) applies.

6th in PREMIER (SOUTH 1):

2nd in PREMIER (SOUTH 2):

Match #	Home	Away	Date
If point 4 of REG 8.3.8.4.4 applies	6 th in Premier (South 1)	2 nd in Premier (South 2)	01/04/26

PREMIER (NORTH 2) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (NORTH 2) [Only if point 4 of [REG 8.3.8.4.4](#) applies]:

SCOTTISH 1A:

NORTHERN 1A:

MIDLANDS 1A:

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Northern 1A	Midlands 1A	01/04/26
2	Scottish 1A	Northern 1A	15/04/26
3	Midlands 1A	Scottish 1A	22/04/26
If point 4 of REG 8.3.8.4.4 applies	Eligible 1A Team	6 th in Premier (North 2)	01/04/26

Should any conference's team withdraw or not be eligible, then the fixtures published for the remaining teams on BUCS Play will be as listed above. If teams would like to move fixtures to a different date, please see [above](#) for the playoff rearrangement process.

PREMIER (SOUTH 2) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (SOUTH 2) [Only if point 4 of [REG 8.3.8.4.4](#) applies]:

MIDLANDS 1A:

WESTERN 1A:

SOUTH EASTERN 1A:

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Western 1A	Midlands 1A	01/04/26
2	South Eastern 1A	Western 1A	15/04/26
3	Midlands 1A	South Eastern 1A	22/04/26
If point 4 of REG 8.3.8.4.4 applies	Eligible 1A Team	6 th in Premier (South 2)	01/04/26

Should any conference's team withdraw or not be eligible, then the fixtures published for the remaining teams on BUCS Play will be as listed above. If teams would like to move fixtures to a different date, please see [above](#) for the playoff rearrangement process.

RUGBY LEAGUE (MEN'S)

PREMIER (NATIONAL) PLAYOFF

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (NATIONAL):

NORTHERN 1A:

SOUTHERN 1A:

The winner of match 2 will compete in Premier (National) for the 2026-27 season, the losing teams of matches 1 and 2 will compete in Tier 1.

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Southern 1A	Northern 1A	01/04/26
2	6 th in Premier (National)	Winner of Match 1	15/04/26

RUGBY UNION (MEN'S)

BUCS SUPER RUGBY PLAYOFF

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

10th in PREMIER (NATIONAL) [Only if a team finishing in second place in North 1 or South 1 is the only eligible team for promotion or the only eligible team to not opt out of promotion/competing in the Men's BUCS Super Rugby playoff]:

PREMIER (NORTH 1):

PREMIER (SOUTH 1):

The winner of the playoff match will compete in Premier (National) for the 2026-27 season, the losing team will compete in Premier (North/South 1).

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Premier (North 1)	Premier (South 1)	01/04/26
1*	10 th in Premier (National)	Eligible Premier (North/South 1) Team	15/04/26

* If a team finishing in second place in North 1 or South 1 is the only eligible team for promotion or the only eligible team to not opt out of promotion/competing in the Men's BUCS Super Rugby playoff, then the BUCS Super Rugby playoff shall be between this team and the 10th placed team in the National league, unless the 10th placed team in the National league are required to be relegated under a different regulation (for example because they have conceded a walkover).

PREMIER (NORTH 1) PLAYOFF

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

TBC after withdrawal deadline (24 March) and/or BUCS Super Rugby playoff.

7th or 8th [only if point 4 of [REG 8.3.8.4.4 applies](#)] in PREMIER (NORTH 1):

PREMIER (NORTH 2):

TEAMS ARE ADVISED TO BE PREPARED FOR POTENTIAL FIXTURE ON 29/04/26.

PREMIER (SOUTH 1) PLAYOFF

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

TBC after withdrawal deadline (24 March) and/or BUCS Super Rugby playoff.

7th or 8th [only if point 4 of [REG 8.3.8.4.4 applies](#)] in PREMIER (SOUTH 1):

PREMIER (SOUTH 2):

TEAMS ARE ADVISED TO BE PREPARED FOR POTENTIAL FIXTURE ON 29/04/26.

PREMIER (NORTH 2) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One or Two – TBC after Withdrawal deadline (24 March) and/or BUCS Super Rugby playoff.

Potentially eligible teams

TBC after withdrawal deadline (24 March) and/or BUCS Super Rugby playoff.

6th or 7th in PREMIER (NORTH 2):

SCOTTISH 1A:

NORTHERN 1A:

MIDLANDS 1A:

TEAMS ARE ADVISED TO BE PREPARED FOR POTENTIAL FIXTURES ON 13/05/26, 20/05/26 AND/OR 27/05/26.

PREMIER (SOUTH 2) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One or Two – TBC after Withdrawal deadline (24 March) and/or BUCS Super Rugby playoff.

Potentially eligible teams

TBC after withdrawal deadline (24 March) and/or BUCS Super Rugby playoff.

6th or 7th in PREMIER (SOUTH 2):

MIDLANDS 1A:

WESTERN 1A:

SOUTH EASTERN 1A:

TEAMS ARE ADVISED TO BE PREPARED FOR POTENTIAL FIXTURES ON 13/05/26, 20/05/26 AND/OR 27/05/26.

RUGBY UNION (WOMEN'S)

BUCS SUPER RUGBY PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

7th in PREMIER (NATIONAL):

PREMIER (NORTH):

PREMIER (SOUTH):

The BUCS Executive and Rugby Union Sport Advisory Group (SAG) will undertake a review during the 2025-26 season to assess the suitability of expanding Premier (National) to eight teams for the 2026-27 season.

If it is decided that the league is to expand, only match 1 will take place. The winner of match 1 will compete in BUCS Super Rugby for the 2026-27 season, the losing team of match 1 will compete in Premier (North/South).

If it is decided that the league is not to expand, matches 1 and 2 will take place. The winner of match 2 will compete in Premier (National) for the 2026-27 season, the losing teams of matches 1 and 2 will compete in Premier (North/South).

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Premier (North)	Premier (South)	18/03/26
2	7 th in Premier (National)	Winner of Match 1	15/04/26

PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One or Two – TBC after Withdrawal deadline (24 March) and/or BUCS Super Rugby playoffs.

Potentially eligible teams

TBC after withdrawal deadline (24 March) and/or BUCS Super Rugby playoffs.

5th or 6th in PREMIER (NORTH):

SCOTTISH 1A:

NORTHERN 1A:

MIDLANDS 1A:

TEAMS ARE ADVISED TO BE PREPARED FOR POTENTIAL FIXTURES ON 29/04/26, 06/05/26 AND/OR 13/05/26.

PREMIER (SOUTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One or Two – TBC after Withdrawal deadline (24 March) and/or BUCS Super Rugby playoffs.

Potentially eligible teams

TBC after withdrawal deadline (24 March) and/or BUCS Super Rugby playoffs.

5th or 6th in PREMIER (SOUTH):

MIDLANDS 1A:

WESTERN 1A:

SOUTH EASTERN 1A:

TEAMS ARE ADVISED TO BE PREPARED FOR POTENTIAL FIXTURES ON 29/04/26, 06/05/26 AND/OR 13/05/26.

TABLE TENNIS (MEN'S)

PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (NORTH) [Only if point 4 of [REG 8.3.8.4.4](#) applies]:

SCOTTISH 1A:

NORTHERN 1A:

MIDLANDS 1A:

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Midlands 1A	Scottish 1A	01/04/26
2	Scottish 1A	Northern 1A	15/04/26
3	Northern 1A	Midlands 1A	22/04/26
If point 4 of REG 8.3.8.4.4 applies	6 th in Premier (North)	Eligible 1A Team	01/04/26

Should any conference's team withdraw or not be eligible, then the fixtures published for the remaining teams on BUCS Play will be as listed above. If teams would like to move fixtures to a different date, please see [above](#) for the playoff rearrangement process.

PREMIER (SOUTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially Eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (SOUTH) [Only if point 4 of [REG 8.3.8.4.4](#) applies]:

MIDLANDS 1A:

WESTERN 1A:

SOUTH EASTERN 1A:

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Midlands 1A	South Eastern 1A	01/04/26
2	South Eastern 1A	Western 1A	15/04/26
3	Western 1A	Midlands 1A	22/04/26
If point 4 of REG 8.3.8.4.4 applies	6 th in Premier (South)	Eligible 1A Team	01/04/26

Should any conference's team withdraw or not be eligible, then the fixtures published for the remaining teams on BUCS Play will be as listed above. If teams would like to move fixtures to a different date, please see [above](#) for the playoff rearrangement process.

TABLE TENNIS (WOMEN'S)

PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (NORTH) [Only if point 4 of [REG 8.3.8.4.4](#) applies]:

SCOTTISH 1A:

NORTHERN 1A:

MIDLANDS 1A:

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Midlands 1A	Scottish 1A	01/04/26
2	Scottish 1A	Northern 1A	15/04/26
3	Northern 1A	Midlands 1A	22/04/26
If point 4 of REG 8.3.8.4.4 applies	6 th in Premier (North)	Eligible 1A Team	01/04/26

Should any conference's team withdraw or not be eligible, then the fixtures published for the remaining teams on BUCS Play will be as listed above. If teams would like to move fixtures to a different date, please see [above](#) for the playoff rearrangement process.

PREMIER (SOUTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially Eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (SOUTH) [Only if point 4 of [REG 8.3.8.4.4](#) applies]:

MIDLANDS 1A:

WESTERN 1A:

SOUTH EASTERN 1A:

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Midlands 1A	South Eastern 1A	01/04/26
2	South Eastern 1A	Western 1A	15/04/26
3	Western 1A	Midlands 1A	22/04/26
If point 4 of REG 8.3.8.4.4 applies	6 th in Premier (South)	Eligible 1A Team	01/04/26

Should any conference's team withdraw or not be eligible, then the fixtures published for the remaining teams on BUCS Play will be as listed above. If teams would like to move fixtures to a different date, please see [above](#) for the playoff rearrangement process.

TENNIS (MEN'S)

PREMIER (NATIONAL) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (NATIONAL):

PREMIER (NORTH):

PREMIER (SOUTH):

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Premier (North)*	Premier (South)*	25/02/26
2	Winner of Match 1*	6 th in Premier (National)*	01/04/26

*As per [TEN 18](#), the home team for each of the playoff matches will be determined by coin toss, undertaken by the BUCS Executive. (This is how the table currently shows). If the teams have played each other in the playoffs in one or more of the previous three BUCS seasons, the team that did not win the coin toss in their most recent meeting will be allocated as the home team.

PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One or Two – TBC after Withdrawal deadline (24 March) and/or Premier (National) playoffs.

Potentially eligible teams

TBC after withdrawal deadline (24 March) and/or Premier (National) playoffs.

5th or 6th in PREMIER (NORTH):

SCOTTISH 1A:

NORTHERN 1A:

MIDLANDS 1A:

TEAMS ARE ADVISED TO BE PREPARED FOR POTENTIAL FIXTURES ON 15/04/26, 22/04/26 AND/OR 29/04/26.

PREMIER (SOUTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One or Two – TBC after Withdrawal deadline (24 March) and/or Premier (National) playoffs.

Potentially eligible teams

TBC after withdrawal deadline (24 March) and/or Premier (National) playoffs.

5th or 6th in PREMIER (SOUTH):

MIDLANDS 1A:

WESTERN 1A:

SOUTH EASTERN 1A:

TEAMS ARE ADVISED TO BE PREPARED FOR POTENTIAL FIXTURES ON 15/04/26, 22/04/26 AND/OR 29/04/26.

TENNIS (WOMEN'S)

PREMIER (NATIONAL) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (NATIONAL):

PREMIER (NORTH):

PREMIER (SOUTH):

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Premier (North)*	Premier (South)*	25/02/26
2	Winner of Match 1*	6 th in Premier (National)*	01/04/26

*As per [TEN 18](#), the home team for each of the playoff matches will be determined by coin toss, undertaken by the BUCS Executive. (This is how the table currently shows). If the teams have played each other in the playoffs in one or more of the previous three BUCS seasons, the team that did not win the coin toss in their most recent meeting will be allocated as the home team.

PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One or Two – TBC after Withdrawal deadline (24 March) and/or Premier (National) playoffs.

Potentially eligible teams

TBC after withdrawal deadline (24 March) and/or Premier (National) playoffs.

5th or 6th in PREMIER (NORTH):

SCOTTISH 1A:

NORTHERN 1A:

MIDLANDS 1A:

TEAMS ARE ADVISED TO BE PREPARED FOR POTENTIAL FIXTURES ON 15/04/26, 22/04/26 AND/OR 29/04/26.

PREMIER (SOUTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One or Two – TBC after Withdrawal deadline (24 March) and/or Premier (National) playoffs.

Potentially eligible teams

TBC after withdrawal deadline (24 March) and/or Premier (National) playoffs.

5th or 6th in PREMIER (SOUTH):

MIDLANDS 1A:

WESTERN 1A:

SOUTH EASTERN 1A:

TEAMS ARE ADVISED TO BE PREPARED FOR POTENTIAL FIXTURES ON 15/04/26, 22/04/26 AND/OR 29/04/26.

VOLLEYBALL (FEMALE)

PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (NORTH) [Only if point 4 of [REG 8.3.8.4.4](#) applies]:

SCOTTISH 1A:

NORTHERN 1A:

MIDLANDS 1A:

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Midlands 1A	Scottish 1A	01/04/26
2	Northern 1A	Midlands 1A	15/04/26
3	Scottish 1A	Northern 1A	22/04/26
If point 4 of REG 8.3.8.4.4 applies	6 th in Premier (North)	Eligible 1A Team	01/04/26

Should any conference's team withdraw or not be eligible, then the fixtures published for the remaining teams on BUCS Play will be as listed above. If teams would like to move fixtures to a different date, please see [above](#) for the playoff rearrangement process.

PREMIER (SOUTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (SOUTH) [Only if point 4 of [REG 8.3.8.4.4](#) applies]:

MIDLANDS 1A:

WESTERN 1A:

SOUTH EASTERN 1A:

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Midlands 1A	South Eastern 1A	01/04/26
2	Western 1A	Midlands 1A	15/04/26
3	South Eastern 1A	Western 1A	22/04/26
If point 4 of REG 8.3.8.4.4 applies	6 th in Premier (South)	Eligible 1A Team	01/04/26

Should any conference's team withdraw or not be eligible, then the fixtures published for the remaining teams on BUCS Play will be as listed above. If teams would like to move fixtures to a different date, please see [above](#) for the playoff rearrangement process.

VOLLEYBALL (MALE)

PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (NORTH) [Only if point 4 of [REG 8.3.8.4.4](#) applies]:

SCOTTISH 1A:

NORTHERN 1A:

MIDLANDS 1A:

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Midlands 1A	Scottish 1A	01/04/26
2	Northern 1A	Midlands 1A	15/04/26
3	Scottish 1A	Northern 1A	22/04/26
If point 4 of REG 8.3.8.4.4 applies	6 th in Premier (North)	Eligible 1A Team	01/04/26

Should any conference's team withdraw or not be eligible, then the fixtures published for the remaining teams on BUCS Play will be as listed above. If teams would like to move fixtures to a different date, please see [above](#) for the playoff rearrangement process.

PREMIER (SOUTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (SOUTH) [Only if point 4 of [REG 8.3.8.4.4](#) applies]:

MIDLANDS 1A:

WESTERN 1A:

SOUTH EASTERN 1A:

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Midlands 1A	South Eastern 1A	01/04/26
2	Western 1A	Midlands 1A	15/04/26
3	South Eastern 1A	Western 1A	22/04/26
If point 4 of REG 8.3.8.4.4 applies	6 th in Premier (South)	Eligible 1A Team	01/04/26

Should any conference's team withdraw or not be eligible, then the fixtures published for the remaining teams on BUCS Play will be as listed above. If teams would like to move fixtures to a different date, please see [above](#) for the playoff rearrangement process.

WATER POLO (FEMALE)

PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (NORTH) [Only if point 4 of [REG 8.3.8.4.4](#) applies]:

SCOTTISH 1A:

NORTHERN 1A:

MIDLANDS 1A:

If three teams are involved in the playoff then, regardless of the result at full time, a tie-breaker penalty shootout as per the Water Polo Rules of the World Aquatics (WA) Competition Regulations will be taken in case of a tie in the mini league ([REG 8.3.8.5.4](#)).

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Midlands 1A	Northern 1A	01/04/26
2	Scottish 1A	Midlands 1A	15/04/26
3	Northern 1A	Scottish 1A	22/04/26
If point 4 of REG 8.3.8.4.4 applies	6 th in Premier (North)	Eligible 1A Team	01/04/26

Should any conference's team withdraw or not be eligible, then the fixtures published for the remaining teams on BUCS Play will be as listed above. If teams would like to move fixtures to a different date, please see [above](#) for the playoff rearrangement process.

PREMIER (SOUTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (SOUTH) [Only if point 4 of [REG 8.3.8.4.4](#) applies]:

MIDLANDS 1A:

WESTERN 1A:

SOUTH EASTERN 1A:

If three teams are involved in the playoff then, regardless of the result at full time, a tie-breaker penalty shootout as per the Water Polo Rules of the World Aquatics (WA) Competition Regulations will be taken in case of a tie in the mini league ([REG 8.3.8.5.4](#)).

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Midlands 1A	Western 1A	01/04/26
2	South Eastern 1A	Midlands 1A	15/04/26

3	Western 1A	South Eastern 1A	22/04/26
If point 4 of REG 8.3.8.4.4 applies	6 th in Premier (South)	Eligible 1A Team	01/04/26

Should any conference's team withdraw or not be eligible, then the fixtures published for the remaining teams on BUCS Play will be as listed above. If teams would like to move fixtures to a different date, please see [above](#) for the playoff rearrangement process.

WATER POLO (OPEN)

PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (NORTH) [Only if point 4 of [REG 8.3.8.4.4](#) applies]:

SCOTTISH 1A:

NORTHERN 1A:

MIDLANDS 1A:

If three teams are involved in the playoff then, regardless of the result at full time, a tie-breaker penalty shootout as per the Water Polo Rules of the World Aquatics (WA) Competition Regulations will be taken in case of a tie in the mini league ([REG 8.3.8.5.4](#)).

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Midlands 1A	Northern 1A	01/04/26
2	Scottish 1A	Midlands 1A	15/04/26
3	Northern 1A	Scottish 1A	22/04/26
If point 4 of REG 8.3.8.4.4 applies	6 th in Premier (North)	Eligible 1A Team	01/04/26

Should any conference's team withdraw or not be eligible, then the fixtures published for the remaining teams on BUCS Play will be as listed above. If teams would like to move fixtures to a different date, please see [above](#) for the playoff rearrangement process.

PREMIER (SOUTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

Bottom of PREMIER (SOUTH) [Only if point 4 of [REG 8.3.8.4.4](#) applies]:

MIDLANDS 1A:

WESTERN 1A:

SOUTH EASTERN 1A:

If three teams are involved in the playoff then, regardless of the result at full time, a tie-breaker penalty shootout as per the Water Polo Rules of the World Aquatics (WA) Competition Regulations will be taken in case of a tie in the mini league ([REG 8.3.8.5.4](#)).

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Midlands 1A	Western 1A	01/04/26
2	South Eastern 1A	Midlands 1A	15/04/26

3	Western 1A	South Eastern 1A	22/04/26
If point 4 of REG 8.3.8.4.4 applies	6 th in Premier (South)	Eligible 1A Team	01/04/26

Should any conference's team withdraw or not be eligible, then the fixtures published for the remaining teams on BUCS Play will be as listed above. If teams would like to move fixtures to a different date, please see [above](#) for the playoff rearrangement process.