

APPENDIX 14 – PREMIER TIER PLAYOFFS DOCUMENT

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This document specifies the playoffs which are required to decide which team(s) will compete in the Premier Tier leagues for the 2026-27 season. 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 Teams not withdrawn prior to the deadline shall be subject to honouring all scheduled fixtures ([REG 8.3.8.5.1](#)), if they do not, they shall be liable to conceding walkovers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): ~~Leeds Beckett Open 1~~ (Withdrawn)

Winner of NATIONAL VASE: **Brunel Open 1**

Brunel Open 1 are promoted to the Premier (National) for the 26-27 season.

BADMINTON (FEMALE)

PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (NORTH): ~~Birmingham Female 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

SCOTTISH 1A: **Edinburgh Female 1**

NORTHERN 1A: **Durham Female 1**

MIDLANDS 1A: ~~Loughborough Female 2~~ (Not Eligible, REG 8.3.1.1), ~~Loughborough Female 3~~ (Not Eligible, REG 8.3.1.1),

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Edinburgh Female 1	Durham Female 1	15/04/26

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): ~~Cardiff Female 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

WESTERN 1A: ~~Bristol Female 2~~ (Not Eligible, REG 8.3.1.1), ~~Bath Female 2~~ (Not Eligible, REG 8.3.1.1),

SOUTH EASTERN 1A: **Imperial Female 1**

Imperial Female 1 are automatically promoted to Premier (South) for the 2026-27 season.

BADMINTON (OPEN)

PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (North): ~~Durham Open 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

SCOTTISH 1A: **Edinburgh Open 1**

NORTHERN 1A: **Lancaster Open 1**

MIDLANDS 1A: ~~Loughborough Open 2~~ (Not Eligible, REG 8.3.1.1), ~~Nottingham Open 2~~ (Not Eligible, REG 8.3.1.1),

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Edinburgh Open 1	Lancaster Open 1	15/04/26

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): ~~Exeter Open 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

WESTERN 1A: **Southampton Open 1**

SOUTH EASTERN 1A: ~~UCL Open 2~~ (Not Eligible, REG 8.3.1.1), **Surrey Open 1**

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Surrey Open 1	Southampton Open 1	15/04/26

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): ~~Strathclyde Men's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

SCOTTISH 1A: **Stirling Men's 1**

NORTHERN 1A: **Manchester Met Men's 1**

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Manchester Met Men's 1	Stirling Men's 1	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): ~~Cardiff Met Men's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

MIDLANDS 1A: **Worcester Men's 1**

WESTERN 1A: ~~UWE Men's 2~~ (Not Eligible, REG 8.3.1.1), **Solent Men's 1**

SOUTH EASTERN 1A: **Surrey Men's 1**

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Solent Men's 1	Surrey Men's 1	01/04/26
2	Worcester Men's 1	Solent Men's 1	15/04/26
3	Surrey Men's 1	Worcester Men's 1	22/04/26

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): ~~Durham Women's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

SCOTTISH 1A: **St Andrews Women's 1**

NORTHERN 1A: **Manchester Met Women's 1**

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Manchester Met Women's 1	St Andrews Women's 1	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): ~~King's College Women's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

MIDLANDS 1A: **Worcester Women's 1**

WESTERN 1A: ~~Southampton Women's 1~~ (Withdrawn)

SOUTH EASTERN 1A: **UCL Women's 1**

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	UCL Women's 1	Worcester Women's 1	22/04/26

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 (FEMALE)

PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (NORTH): ~~Newcastle Female 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

SCOTTISH 1A: **Glasgow Female 1**

NORTHERN 1A: ~~Liverpool Female 1~~ (Withdrawn)

MIDLANDS 1A: ~~Nottingham Female 2~~ (Not Eligible, REG 8.3.1.1), **Warwick Female 1**

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Warwick Female 1	Glasgow Female 1	15/04/26

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): ~~Exeter Female 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

WESTERN 1A: **Bristol Female 1**

SOUTH EASTERN 1A: **King's College Female 1**

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	King's College Female 1	Bristol Female 1	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): ~~Lancaster Mixed 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

SCOTTISH 1A: **Heriot-Watt Mixed 1**

NORTHERN 1A: **Manchester Mixed 1**

MIDLANDS 1A: ~~Nottingham Mixed 2~~ (Not Eligible, REG 8.3.1.1), ~~Oxford Mixed 2~~ (Not Eligible, REG 8.3.1.1)

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Heriot-Watt Mixed 1	Manchester Mixed 1	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): ~~Bristol Mixed 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

WESTERN 1A: **Bath Mixed 1**

SOUTH EASTERN 1A: **LSE Mixed 1**

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	LSE Mixed 1	Bath Mixed 1	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): ~~Heriot-Watt Men's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

SCOTTISH 1A: **St Andrews Men's 1**

NORTHERN 1A: **Northumbria Men's 1**

MIDLANDS 1A: ~~Nottingham Men's 2~~ (Not Eligible, **REG 8.3.1.1**), **Nottingham Trent Men's 1**

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	Northumbria Men's 1	Nottingham Trent Men's 1	01/04/26
2	Nottingham Trent Men's 1	St Andrews Men's 1	15/04/26
3	St Andrews Men's 1	Northumbria Men's 1	22/04/26

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): ~~Bath Men's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

WESTERN 1A: **Bristol Men's 1**

SOUTH EASTERN 1A: **Sussex Men's 1**

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	Sussex Men's 1	Bristol Men's 1	22/04/26

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): ~~Nottingham Trent Women's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

SCOTTISH 1A: Stirling Women's 1

NORTHERN 1A: Leeds Beckett Women's 1

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	Stirling Women's 1	Leeds Beckett Women's 1	22/04/26

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): ~~USW Women's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

MIDLANDS 1A: ~~Loughborough Women's 2~~ (Not Eligible, REG 8.3.1.1), Oxford Women's 1

WESTERN 1A: Cardiff Women's 1

SOUTH EASTERN 1A: Essex Women's 1

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	Cardiff Women's 1	Oxford Women's 1	01/04/26
2	Oxford Women's 1	Essex Women's 1	15/04/26
3	Essex Women's 1	Cardiff Women's 1	22/04/26

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): ~~Northumbria Men's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

SCOTTISH 1A: ~~Heriot-Watt Men's 1~~ (Withdrawn)

NORTHERN 1A: **Liverpool Men's 1**

Liverpool Men's 1 are automatically promoted to Premier (North) for the 26-27 season.

PREMIER (SOUTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (South): ~~Bath Men's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

MIDLANDS 1A: ~~Loughborough Female 2~~ (Not Eligible, REG 8.3.1.1), **Bedfordshire Men's 1**

WESTERN 1A: **Swansea Men's 1**

SOUTH EASTERN 1A: **East London Men's 1**

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	Swansea Men's 1	Bedfordshire Men's 1	29/03/26
2	East London Men's 1	Swansea Men's 1	12/04/26
3	Bedfordshire Men's 1	East London Men's 1	19/04/26

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 (WOMEN'S)

PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (North): ~~Edinburgh Women's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

SCOTTISH 1A: ~~St Andrews Women's 1~~ (Withdrawn)

NORTHERN 1A: **Liverpool Women's 1**

MIDLANDS 1A: **Loughborough Women's 1**

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	Liverpool Women's 1	Loughborough Women's 1	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): ~~Bath Women's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

WESTERN 1A: **Plymouth Women's 1**

SOUTH EASTERN 1A: **Imperial Women's 1**

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	Imperial Women's 1	Plymouth Women's 1	11/04/26

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.

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: ~~St Andrews Mixed 3~~ (Not Eligible, [REG 8.3.1.1](#)), ~~Stirling Mixed 2~~ (Not Eligible, [REG 8.3.1.1](#)),

NORTHERN 1A: **Lancashire Mixed 1**

Lancashire Mixed 1 are automatically promoted to Premier (South) for the 2026-27 season.

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: ~~Loughborough Mixed 2~~ (Not Eligible, [REG 8.3.1.1](#)), **Birmingham Mixed 1**

WESTERN 1A: ~~Exeter Mixed 2~~ (Not Eligible, [REG 8.3.1.1](#)), ~~Exeter Mixed 3~~ (Not Eligible, [REG 8.3.1.1](#)),

SOUTH EASTERN 1A: **Portsmouth Mixed 1**

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Birmingham Mixed 1	Portsmouth Mixed 1	06/05/26

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): **Nottingham Trent Female 1**

PREMIER (NORTH): ~~Loughborough Female 2~~ (Not Eligible, **REG 8.3.1.1**), **Newcastle Female 1**

PREMIER (SOUTH): **Cambridge Female 1**

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	Cambridge Female 1	Newcastle Female 1	01/04/26
2	Cambridge Female 1	Nottingham Trent Female 1	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: **St Andrews Female 2**

NORTHERN 1A: **Liverpool Female 1**

MIDLANDS 1A: ~~Loughborough Female 3~~ (Not Eligible, **REG 8.3.1.1**), **Nottingham Trent 2**

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):

WESTERN 1A: ~~Exeter Female 3~~ (Not Eligible, **REG 8.3.1.1**), **Bath Female 2**

SOUTH EASTERN 1A: **UCL Female 1**

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): **Bath Open 1**

PREMIER (NORTH): ~~Durham Open 2~~ (Not Eligible, REG 8.3.1.1), **Newcastle Open 1**

PREMIER (SOUTH): ~~Exeter Open 2~~ (Not Eligible, REG 8.3.1.1), **Cardiff Met Open 1**

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	Cardiff Met Open 1	Newcastle Open 1	01/04/26
2	Newcastle Open 1	Bath Open 1	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: **St Andrews Open 1**

NORTHERN 1A: ~~Durham Open 3~~ (Not Eligible, REG 8.3.1.1), **Sheffield Open 1**

MIDLANDS 1A: ~~Nottingham Open 3~~ (Not Eligible, REG 8.3.1.1), ~~Nottingham Trent Open 3~~ (Not Eligible, REG 8.3.1.1)

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):

WESTERN 1A: ~~Exeter Open 3~~ (Not Eligible, REG 8.3.1.1), **Cardiff Met open 2**

SOUTH EASTERN 1A: **St Mary's Open 1**

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): ~~Newcastle Men's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

SCOTTISH 1A: ~~Glasgow Men's 1~~ (Withdrawn)

NORTHERN 1A: ~~Sheffield Hallam Men's 1~~ (Withdrawn)

MIDLANDS 1A: **Warwick Men's 1**

Warwick Men's 1 are automatically promoted to Premier (North) for the 26-27 season.

PREMIER (SOUTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (SOUTH): ~~Bournemouth Men's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

WESTERN 1A: ~~Cardiff Men's 1~~ (Withdrawn)

SOUTH EASTERN 1A: **Portsmouth Men's 1**

Portsmouth Men's 1 are automatically promoted to Premier (South) for the 26-27 season.

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): ~~Loughborough Women's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

1st in PREMIER (NORTH 2): **Edinburgh Women's 1** (Automatically Promoted)

Edinburgh Women's 1 will be automatically promoted to Premier (North 1) for the 2026-27 season.

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): **Cardiff Women's 1**

2nd in PREMIER (SOUTH 2): ~~Exeter Women's 2~~ (Not Eligible, [REG 8.3.1.1](#)), **Bath Women's 1**

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Bath Women's 1	Cardiff Women's 1	01/04/26

PREMIER (NORTH 2) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (NORTH 2): ~~Manchester Women's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

SCOTTISH 1A: ~~St Andrews Women's 1~~ (Withdrawn)

NORTHERN 1A: ~~Durham Women's 3~~ (Not Eligible, REG 8.3.1.1), **Leeds Women's 1**

MIDLANDS 1A: **Warwick Women's 1**

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Leeds Women's 1	Warwick Women's 1	15/04/26

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PREMIER (SOUTH 2) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (SOUTH 2): ~~St Mary's Women's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

WESTERN 1A: ~~Exeter Women's 3~~ (Not Eligible, REG 8.3.1.1), ~~Exeter Women's 4~~ (Not Eligible, REG 8.3.1.1)

SOUTH EASTERN 1A: **Imperial Women's 1 (Medics)**

Imperial Women's 1 will be automatically promoted to Premier (South 2) for the 2026-27 season.

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): **Leeds Beckett Female 1**

2nd in PREMIER (NORTH 2): ~~Nottingham Female 2~~ (Not Eligible, [REG 8.3.1.1](#)), ~~Loughborough Female 2~~ (Not Eligible, [REG 8.3.1.1](#))

Leeds Beckett Female 1 will remain in Premier (North 1) for the 2026-27 season.

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): **Bristol Female 1**

2nd in PREMIER (SOUTH 2): ~~Bath Female 2~~ (Not Eligible, [REG 8.3.1.1](#)), **Cardiff Female 1**

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Bristol Female 1	Cardiff Female 1	01/04/26

PREMIER (NORTH 2) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (NORTH 2): ~~Durham Female 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

SCOTTISH 1A: Glasgow Female 1

NORTHERN 1A: Leeds Female 2

MIDLANDS 1A: Birmingham Female 2

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Leeds Female 2	Birmingham Female 2	01/04/26
2	Glasgow Female 1	Leeds Female 2	15/04/26
3	Birmingham Female 2	Glasgow Female 1	22/04/26

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): ~~UCL Female 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

WESTERN 1A: ~~Bath Female 3~~ (Not Eligible, REG 8.3.1.1), Cardiff Female 2

SOUTH EASTERN 1A: King's College Female 1 (GKT)

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	King's College Female 1 (GKT)	Cardiff Female 2	15/04/26

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): ~~Leeds Men's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated REG 13.7.5.1)

NORTHERN 1A: **Hull Men's 1**

SOUTHERN 1A: ~~Nottingham Trent Men's 1~~ (Withdrawn)

Hull Men's 1 are automatically promoted to Premier (National) for the 26-27 season.

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~~]; Swansea Men's 1 (Automatically Relegated)

PREMIER (NORTH 1): Newcastle Men's 1

PREMIER (SOUTH 1): Brunel Men's 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	Newcastle Men's 1	Brunel Men's 1	01/04/26
1*	10 th in Premier (National)	Eligible Premier (North/South 1) Team	15/04/26

Brunel Men's 1 have been promoted following their playoff win.

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.

8th in PREMIER (NORTH 1): ~~Northumbria Men's 1~~ (Automatically relegated)

PREMIER (NORTH 2): **Birmingham Men's 1**

Birmingham Men's 1 are automatically promoted to Premier (North 1) for the 26-27 season.

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.

8th in PREMIER (SOUTH 1): ~~Hartpury Men's 3~~ (Automatically Relegated)

PREMIER (SOUTH 2): **Bath Men's 3**

Bath Men's 1 are automatically promoted to Premier (South 1) for the 26-27 season.

PREMIER (NORTH 2) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

7th in PREMIER (NORTH 2): ~~UCD Men's 1~~ (Automatically relegated)

SCOTTISH 1A: **Stirling Men's 1**

NORTHERN 1A: **Liverpool Men's 1**

MIDLANDS 1A: **Nottingham Men's 2**

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Liverpool Men's 1	Nottingham Men's 2	13/05/26
2	Stirling Men's 1	Liverpool Men's 1	20/05/26
3	Nottingham Men's 2	Stirling Men's 1	27/05/26

PREMIER (SOUTH 2) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

7th in PREMIER (SOUTH 2): ~~Surrey Men's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

WESTERN 1A: ~~Exeter Men's 4~~ (Not Eligible, REG 8.3.1.1), ~~Hartpury Men's 4~~ (Not Eligible, REG 8.3.1.1),

SOUTH EASTERN 1A: **Imperial Men's 1**

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

PREMIER (NORTH): **Nottingham Women's 1**

PREMIER (SOUTH): **Surrey Women's 1**

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	Nottingham Women's 1	Surrey Women's 1	18/03/26
2	7th in Premier (National)	Winner of Match 1	15/04/26

Surrey Women's 1 have won the BSR promotion playoff.

PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

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

6th in PREMIER (NORTH): ~~Glasgow Women's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

SCOTTISH 1A: **St Andrews Women's 1**

NORTHERN 1A: **Manchester Met Women's 1**

MIDLANDS 1A: ~~Loughborough Women's 3~~ (Not Eligible, REG 8.3.1.1), **Birmingham Women's 1**

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	St Andrews Women's 1	Manchester Met Women's 1	29/04/26
2	Birmingham Women's 1	St Andrews Women's 1	06/05/26
3	Manchester Met Women's 1	Birmingham Women's 1	13/05/26

PREMIER (SOUTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

Two

Potentially eligible teams

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

6th in PREMIER (SOUTH): **Bath Women's 1** (Remains)

WESTERN 1A: **Exeter Women's 2**

SOUTH EASTERN 1A: ~~St Mary's Women's 1~~ (Withdrawn)

Exeter Women's 2 are automatically promoted to Premier (South) for the 26-27 season, Bath Women's 1 to Remain.

TABLE TENNIS (MEN'S)

PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (NORTH): ~~Newcastle Men's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

SCOTTISH 1A: **Edinburgh Men's 1**

NORTHERN 1A: **Durham Men's 1**

MIDLANDS 1A: ~~Nottingham Men's 2~~ (Not Eligible, REG 8.3.1.1), **Warwick Men's 1**

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Warwick Men's 1	Edinburgh Men's 1	01/04/26
2	Edinburgh Men's 1	Durham Men's 1	15/04/26
3	Durham Men's 1	Warwick Men's 1	22/04/26

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): ~~Southampton Men's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

WESTERN 1A: **Bath Men's 1**

SOUTH EASTERN 1A: **King's College Men's 1**

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	King's College Men's 1	Bath Men's 1	15/04/26

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): ~~Newcastle Women's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

SCOTTISH 1A: ~~Strathclyde Women's 1~~ (Withdrawn)

NORTHERN 1A: **Lancashire Women's 1**

MIDLANDS 1A: ~~Nottingham Women's 2~~ (Not Eligible, REG 8.3.1.1), ~~Nottingham Women's 3~~ (Not Eligible, REG 8.3.1.1)

Lancashire Women's 1 will be promoted to Premier (North) for the 26-27 season.

PREMIER (SOUTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially Eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (SOUTH): ~~Bath Women's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

WESTERN 1A: **Bristol Women's 1**

SOUTH EASTERN 1A: **King's College Women's 1**

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	King's College Women's 1	Bristol Women's 1	15/04/26

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): **Leeds Beckett Men's 1**

PREMIER (NORTH): ~~Nottingham Men's 2 (Not Eligible, REG 8.3.1.1), Loughborough Men's 2 (Not Eligible, REG 8.3.1.1)~~

PREMIER (SOUTH): **Oxford Men's 1**

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Premier (North)*	Premier (South)*	25/02/26
2	Oxford Men's 1	Leeds Beckett Men's 1	01/04/26

Leeds Beckett Men's 1 will remain in Premier (National) for the 26-27 season.

PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (NORTH): ~~Newcastle Men's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

SCOTTISH 1A: ~~Stirling Men's 3~~ (Not Eligible, REG 8.3.1.1), **Edinburgh Men's 1**

NORTHERN 1A: **Durham Men's 2**

MIDLANDS 1A: ~~Nottingham Men's 3~~ (Not Eligible, REG 8.3.1.1), ~~Loughborough Men's 3~~ (Not Eligible, REG 8.3.1.1)

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Edinburgh Men's 1	Durham Men's 2	22/04/26

PREMIER (SOUTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (SOUTH): ~~Imperial Men's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

WESTERN 1A: **Cardiff Met Men's 1**

SOUTH EASTERN 1A: **Essex Men's 1**

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Essex Men's 1	Cardiff Met Men's 1	22/04/26

TENNIS (WOMEN'S)

PREMIER (NATIONAL) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (NATIONAL): **Durham Women's 1**

PREMIER (NORTH): ~~Loughborough Men's 2~~ (Not Eligible, REG 8.3.1.1), ~~Nottingham Men's 2~~ (Not Eligible, REG 8.3.1.1)

PREMIER (SOUTH): **Essex Women's 1**

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Premier (North)*	Premier (South)*	25/02/26
2	Essex Women's 1	Durham Women's 1	01/04/26

Essex Women's 1 promoted to Premier (National) for the 26-27 season. Durham Women's 1 relegated to Premier (North).

PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

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

5th in PREMIER (NORTH): **Newcastle Women's 1**

SCOTTISH 1A: **Stirling Women's 2**

NORTHERN 1A: **Durham Women's 2**

MIDLANDS 1A: ~~Loughborough Women's 3~~ (Not Eligible, **REG 8.3.1.1**), ~~Loughborough Women's 4~~ (Not Eligible, **REG 8.3.1.1**)

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Durham Women's 2	Newcastle Women's 1	15/04/26
2	Stirling Women's 2	Durham Women's 2	22/04/26
3	Newcastle Women's 1	Stirling Women's 2	29/04/26

PREMIER (SOUTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

Two

Potentially eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (SOUTH): ~~Imperial Women's 1~~ (Not Eligible, **REG 13.7.5.1**)

WESTERN 1A: **Exeter Women's 2**

SOUTH EASTERN 1A: **King's College Women's 1**

Exeter Women's 2 and King's College Women's 1 will be promoted to Premier (South) for the 26-27 season.

VOLLEYBALL (FEMALE)

PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (NORTH): ~~Glasgow Female 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

SCOTTISH 1A: ~~St Andrews Female 1~~ (Withdrawn)

NORTHERN 1A: ~~Durham Female 2~~ (Not Eligible, REG 8.3.1.1), **Leeds Female 1**

MIDLANDS 1A: **Loughborough Female 1**

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Leeds Female 1	Loughborough Female 1	15/04/26

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): ~~Bournemouth Female 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

WESTERN 1A: **Bristol Female 1**

SOUTH EASTERN 1A: **King's College Female 1**

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	King's College Female 1	Bristol Female 1	22/04/26

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): ~~Edinburgh Male 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

SCOTTISH 1A: **Strathclyde Male 1**

NORTHERN 1A: **Manchester Met Male 1**

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Strathclyde Male 1	Manchester Met Male 1	22/04/26

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): ~~UCL Male 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

MIDLANDS 1A: **Oxford Male 1**

WESTERN 1A: **Bath Male 1**

SOUTH EASTERN 1A: **Imperial Male 1**

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Oxford Male 1	Imperial Male 1	01/04/26
2	Bath Male 1	Oxford Male 1	15/04/26
3	Imperial Male 1	Bath Male 1	22/04/26

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): ~~Sheffield Female 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

SCOTTISH 1A: ~~St Andrews Female 1~~ (Withdrawn)

NORTHERN 1A: **Manchester Female 1**

Manchester Female 1 will be promoted to Premier (North) for the 26-27 season.

PREMIER (SOUTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (SOUTH): ~~King's College Female 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

MIDLANDS 1A: ~~Nottingham Female 2~~ (Not Eligible, REG 8.3.1.1), ~~Cambridge Female 1~~ (Withdrawn)

WESTERN 1A: **Bath Female 1**

SOUTH EASTERN 1A: **Surrey Female 1**

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	Bath Female 1	Surrey Female 1	22/04/26

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): ~~Sheffield Hallam Open 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

SCOTTISH 1A: Glasgow Open 1

NORTHERN 1A: ~~Durham Open 2~~ (Not Eligible, REG 8.3.1.1), Newcastle Open 1

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	Newcastle Open 1	Glasgow Open 1	22/04/26

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): ~~UWE Open 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

MIDLANDS 1A: Cambridge Open 1

WESTERN 1A: Cardiff Open 1

SOUTH EASTERN 1A: UCL Open 1

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	Cambridge Open 1	Cardiff Open 1	01/04/26
2	UCL Open 1	Cambridge Open 1	15/04/26
3	Cardiff Open 1	UCL Open 1	22/04/26

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.