

APPENDIX 14 - PREMIER TIER PLAYOFFS DOCUMENT

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This document specifies the playoffs which would be required to decide which team(s) will compete in the Premier Tier leagues for the 2025-26 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, 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 18 March**. 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 Teams not withdrawn prior to the deadline shall be subject to honouring all scheduled fixtures ([REG 8.3.8.5.1](#)), if they do not they shall be liable to conceding walkovers and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.

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

PREMIER (NATIONAL) PLAYOFF

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

5th in PREMIER (NATIONAL): **Leeds Becket Open 1**

Winner of NATIONAL VASE: **SGS (Withdrawn)**

Leeds Beckett Open 1 will remain in the Premier (National) for the 2025-26 season.

MEN'S BADMINTON

PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

Bottom of PREMIER (NORTH): ~~Edinburgh Men's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

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

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

MIDLANDS 1A: ~~Loughborough Men's 2~~ (Not Eligible, [REG 8.3.1.1](#)), ~~Nottingham Men's 2~~ (Not Eligible, [REG 8.3.1.1](#))

The winner of match 1 will be promoted to Premier (North) for the 2025-26 season, losing team to compete in Tier 1.

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Durham Men's 1	Glasgow Men's 1	02/04/25

PREMIER (SOUTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

Bottom of PREMIER (SOUTH): ~~Brunel Men's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

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

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

The winner of match 1 will be promoted to Premier (South) for the 2025-26 season, losing team to compete in Tier 1.

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Bristol Men's 1	Surrey Men's 1	02/04/25

WOMEN'S BADMINTON

PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

Bottom of PREMIER (NORTH): ~~Edinburgh Women's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

SCOTTISH 1A: **Glasgow Women's 1**

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

MIDLANDS 1A: ~~Loughborough Women's 2~~ (Not Eligible, [REG 8.3.1.1](#)), ~~Loughborough Women's 3~~ (Not Eligible, [REG 8.3.1.1](#))

The winner of match 1 will be promoted to Premier (North) for the 2025-26 season, losing team to compete in Tier 1.

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Manchester Women's 1	Glasgow Women's 1	02/04/25

PREMIER (SOUTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

Bottom of PREMIER (SOUTH): ~~Swansea Women's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

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

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

The winner of match 1 will be promoted to Premier (South) for the 2025-26 season, losing team to compete in Tier 1.

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Cardiff Women's 1	Imperial Women's 1	02/04/25

MEN'S BASKETBALL

PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

Bottom of PREMIER (NORTH): ~~Manchester Met Men's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

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

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

MIDLANDS 1A: **Birmingham City Men's 1**

The top team in the mini league created from the matches played below will be promoted to Premier (North) for the 2025-26 season, the teams finishing in second and third to compete in Tier 1.

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Birmingham City Men's 1	Manchester Men's 1	26/03/25
2	Manchester Men's 1	Strathclyde Men's 1	02/04/25
3	Strathclyde Men's 1	Birmingham City Men's 1	09/04/25

PREMIER (SOUTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

Bottom of PREMIER (SOUTH): ~~Surrey Men's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

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

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

The winner of match 1 will be promoted to Premier (South) for the 2025-26 season, losing team to compete in Tier 1.

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Bournemouth Men's 1	Westminster Men's 1	02/04/25

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

Bottom of PREMIER (NORTH): ~~Manchester Met Women's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

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

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

MIDLANDS 1A: ~~Loughborough Women's 2~~ (Not Eligible, [REG 8.3.1.1](#)), **Nottingham Trent Women's 1**

The top team in the mini league created from the matches played below will be promoted to Premier (North) for the 2025-26 season, the teams finishing in second and third to compete in Tier 1.

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Nottingham Trent Women's 1	Northumbria Women's 1	26/03/25
2	Northumbria Women's 1	St Andrews Women's 1	02/04/25
3	St Andrews Women's 1	Nottingham Trent Women's 1	09/04/25

PREMIER (SOUTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

Bottom of PREMIER (SOUTH): ~~Cardiff Women's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

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

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

Exeter Women's 1 are promoted to Premier (South) for the 2025-26 season

MEN'S FENCING

PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

Bottom of PREMIER (NORTH): ~~Glasgow Men's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

SCOTTISH 1A: ~~Aberdeen Men's 1~~ (Withdrawal)

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

MIDLANDS 1A: ~~Nottingham Men's 2~~ (Not Eligible, [REG 8.3.1.1](#)), ~~Nottingham Men's 3~~ (Not Eligible, [REG 8.3.1.1](#))

Lancaster Men's 1 have been promoted to the Premier (North) 1 for the 2025-26 season.

PREMIER (SOUTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

Bottom of PREMIER (SOUTH): ~~Bath Men's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

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

SOUTH EASTERN 1A: ~~Imperial Men's 2~~ (Not Eligible, [REG 8.3.1.1](#)), **Essex Men's 1**

The winner of match 1 will be promoted to Premier (South) for the 2025-26 season, losing team to compete in Tier 1.

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Bristol Men's 1	Essex Men's 1	26/03/25

WOMEN'S FENCING

PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

Bottom of PREMIER (NORTH): ~~Liverpool Women's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

SCOTTISH 1A: ~~Edinburgh Women's 2~~ (Not Eligible, [REG 8.3.1.1](#)), **Glasgow Women's 1**

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

MIDLANDS 1A: ~~Nottingham Women's 2~~ (Not Eligible, [REG 8.3.1.1](#)), **Birmingham Women's 1**

The top team in the mini league created from the matches played below will be promoted to Premier (North) for the 2025-26 season, the teams finishing in second and third to compete in Tier 1.

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Lancaster Women's 1	Glasgow Women's 1	26/03/25
2	Glasgow Women's 1	Birmingham Women's 1	02/04/25
3	Birmingham Women's 1	Lancaster Women's 1	09/04/25

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

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

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

The winner of match 1 will be promoted to Premier (South) for the 2025-26 season, losing team to compete in Tier 1.

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Exeter Women's 1	Imperial Women's 1	26/03/25

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.

MEN'S FOOTBALL

PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

Bottom of PREMIER (NORTH): ~~Nottingham Trent Men's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

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

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

MIDLANDS 1A: **Birmingham 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 IFAB LAW 10.3 will be taken in case of a tie in the mini league (REG 8.3.8.5.4).

The top team in the mini league created from the matches played below will be promoted to Premier (North) for the 2025-26 season, the teams finishing in second and third to compete in Tier 1.

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Strathclyde Men's 1	Northumbria Men's 1	26/03/25
2	Birmingham Men's 1	Strathclyde Men's 1	02/04/25
3	Northumbria Men's 1	Birmingham Men's 1	09/04/25

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

WESTERN 1A: **Bristol 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 IFAB LAW 10.3 will be taken in case of a tie in the mini league (REG 8.3.8.5.4).

The winner of match 1 will be promoted to Premier (South) for the 2025-26 season, losing team to compete in Tier 1.

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	East London Men's 1	Bristol Men's 1	26/03/25

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.

WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

Bottom of PREMIER (NORTH): ~~Durham Women's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

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

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

MIDLANDS 1A: ~~Loughborough Women's 2~~ (Not Eligible, [REG 8.3.1.1](#)), ~~Loughborough Women's 3~~ (Not Eligible, [REG 8.3.1.1](#)),

If three teams are involved in the playoff then, regardless of the result at full time, a tie-breaker penalty shootout as per IFAB LAW 10.3 will be taken in case of a tie in the mini league ([REG 8.3.8.5.4](#)).

The winner of match 1 will be promoted to Premier (North) for the 2025-26 season, losing team to compete in Tier 1.

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Edinburgh Women's 1	Leeds Women's 1	26/03/25

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

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

SOUTH EASTERN 1A: **East London 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 IFAB LAW 10.3 will be taken in case of a tie in the mini league ([REG 8.3.8.5.4](#)).

The winner of match 1 will be promoted to Premier (South) for the 2025-26 season, losing team to compete in Tier 1.

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	East London Women's 1	Bath Women's 1	26/03/25

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.

MEN'S FUTSAL

PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

Bottom of PREMIER (NORTH): ~~Nottingham Men's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

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

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

MIDLANDS 1A: **Staffordshire 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 FIFA LAW 10.3 will be taken in case of a tie in the mini league (REG 8.3.8.5.4).

The winner of match 1 will be promoted to Premier (North) for the 2025-26 season, losing team to compete in Tier 1.

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Staffordshire Men's 1	Newcastle Men's 1	13/04/25

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

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

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

The winner of match 1 will be promoted to Premier (South) for the 2025-26 season, losing team to compete in Tier 1.

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Bath Men's 1	King's College Men's 1	23/03/25

WOMEN'S FUTSAL

PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

Bottom of PREMIER (NORTH): **Newcastle Women's 1 (REG 8.3.8.4.4)**

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

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

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

The winner of match 1 will be promoted to/remain in Premier (North) for the 2025-26 season, losing team to compete in Tier 1.

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Newcastle Women's 1	Loughborough Women's 1	29/03/25

PREMIER (SOUTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

Bottom of PREMIER (SOUTH): ~~Only under REG 8.3.8.4.4~~ N/A due to a team withdrawing from league

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

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

The winner of match 1 will be promoted to Premier (North) for the 2025-26 season, losing team to compete in Tier 1.

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Marjon Women's 1	Portsmouth Women's 1	22/03/25

MIXED GOLF

PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

Bottom of PREMIER (NORTH): UCLan Mixed 1

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

NORTHERN 1A: ~~UCLan Mixed 2~~ (Not Eligible, [REG 8.3.1.1](#)), Liverpool John Moores Mixed 1

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

Match #	Home	Away	Date
IF REG 8.3.8.4.4	Liverpool John Moores Mixed 1	UCLan Mixed 1	30/04/25

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):

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

SOUTH EASTERN 1A: Reading Mixed 1

Reading Mixed 1 are automatically Promoted to the Premier (South) for the 2025-26 season.

MEN'S HOCKEY

PREMIER (NATIONAL) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

Two

Potentially eligible teams

9th in Premier (National): ~~Newcastle Men's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

8th in PREMIER (NATIONAL): **Oxford Men's 1**

PREMIER (NORTH): **Edinburgh Men's 1**

PREMIER (SOUTH): **Cardiff Met Men's 1**

The winner of Match 1 will be promoted to the Premier (National League) for the 2025-26 season. The winner of Match 2 will compete in the Premier (National) for the 2025-26 season, the loser will compete in the Premier (North/South) for the 2025-26 season.

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Cardiff Met Men's 1 (3)	(4) Edinburgh Men's 1	26/03/25
2	Oxford Men's 1	Cardiff Met Men's 1	09/04/25

Edinburgh Men's 1 are promoted to the Premier (National) for the 2025-26 season. Winner of Match 2 to compete in Premier (National), loser to compete in Premier (North/South).

PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

9th in PREMIER (NORTH): ~~Manchester Men's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

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

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

MIDLANDS 1A: ~~Nottingham Men's 3~~ (Not Eligible, [REG 8.3.1.1](#)), ~~Nottingham Men's 4~~ (Not Eligible, [REG 8.3.1.1](#))

The winner of match 1 will be promoted to Premier (North) for the 2025-26 season, losing team to compete in Tier 1.

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Liverpool Men's 1	Stirling Men's 1	23/04/25

PREMIER (SOUTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

9th in PREMIER (SOUTH): ~~Southampton Men's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

WESTERN 1A: ~~Exeter Men's 4~~ (Not Eligible, [REG 8.3.1.1](#)), ~~Exeter Men's 3~~ (Not Eligible, [REG 8.3.1.1](#))

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

Reading Men's 1 are promoted to the Premier (South) for the 2025-26 season.

ICG WOMEN'S HOCKEY

PREMIER (NATIONAL) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

Two

Potentially eligible teams

9th in PREMIER (NATIONAL): ~~Cambridge Women's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

8th in PREMIER (NATIONAL): **Bath Women's 1**

PREMIER (NORTH): **St Andrews Women's 1**

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

The winner of Match 1 will be promoted to the Premier (National League) for the 2025-26 season. The winner of Match 2 will compete in the Premier (National) for the 2025-26 season, the loser will compete in the Premier (North/South) for the 2025-26 season.

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Bristol Women's 1 (1)	(2) St Andrews Women's 1	26/03/25
2	Bath Women's 1	Bristol Women's 1	09/04/25

St Andrew's Women's 1 are promoted to the Premier (National) for the 2025-26 season. Winner of Match 2 to compete in Premier (National), loser to compete in Premier (North/South).

PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

Two

Potentially eligible teams

TBC after withdrawal deadline (18 March) and/or Premier (National) playoffs.

9th in PREMIER (NORTH): **Glasgow Women's 1**

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

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

MIDLANDS 1A: ~~Loughborough Women's 3~~ (Not Eligible, [REG 8.3.1.1](#)), ~~Nottingham Women's 3~~ (Not Eligible, [REG 8.3.1.1](#)),

Sheffield Women's 1 to be promoted to Premier (North) for the 2025-26 season. Glasgow Women's 1 to remain in the Premier (North) for the 2025-26 season.

PREMIER (SOUTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

TBC after withdrawal deadline (18 March) and/or Premier (National) playoffs.

9th in PREMIER (SOUTH): ~~UCL Women's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

8th in PREMIER (SOUTH): **Swansea Women's 1**

WESTERN 1A: ~~Exeter Women's 3~~ (Not Eligible, [REG 8.3.1.1](#)), **Bath Women's 2**

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

The top team in the mini league created from the matches played below will be promoted to Premier (South) for the 2025-26 season, the teams finishing in second and third to compete in Tier 1.

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Surrey Women's 1	Swansea Women's 1	23/04/25
2	Swansea Women's 1	Bath Women's 2	30/04/25
3	Bath Women's 2	Surrey Women's 1	07/05/25

MEN'S LACROSSE

PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

Bottom of PREMIER (NORTH): ~~Sheffield Hallam Men's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

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

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

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

The top team in the mini league created from the matches played below will be promoted to Premier (North) for the 2025-26 season, the teams finishing in second and third to compete in Tier 1.

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	St Andrews Men's 1	Warwick Men's 1	26/03/25
2	Manchester Met Men's 1	St Andrews Men's 1	02/04/25
3	Warwick Men's 1	Manchester Met Men's 1	09/04/25

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

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

SOUTH EASTERN 1A: ~~Imperial Men's 1 (Medics)~~ (Withdrawn)

Bournemouth Men's 1 will be promoted to Premier (South) for the 2025-26 season.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

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.

Bottom of PREMIER (NORTH) 1: ~~Edinburgh Women's 1~~(Automatically Relegated)

1st in PREMIER (NORTH) 2: **Liverpool Women's 1**

Liverpool Women's 1 are automatically promoted to Premier (North) 1 for the 2025-26 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 (~~Exeter Women's 2~~) is not eligible then the following fixture will take place under [REG 8.3.8.4.4](#).

Bottom of PREMIER (SOUTH) 1: ~~Cardiff Women's 1~~ (Withdrawn)

2nd in PREMIER (SOUTH) 2: ~~UCL Women's 1~~(Withdrawn)

Cardiff Women's 1 will remain in Premier (South) 1 for the 2025-26 season.

PREMIER (NORTH) 2 PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

Bottom of PREMIER (NORTH) 2: ~~St Andrews Women's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

SCOTTISH 1A: **Glasgow Women's 1**

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

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

The top team in the mini league created from the matches played below will be promoted to Premier (North) 2 for the 2025-26 season, the teams finishing in second and third to compete in Tier 1.

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Sheffield Women's 1	Glasgow Women's 1	26/03/25
2	Warwick Women's 1	Sheffield Women's 1	02/04/25
3	Glasgow Women's 1	Warwick Women's 1	09/04/25

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

Bottom of PREMIER (SOUTH) 2: ~~Surrey 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: **St Mary's Women's 1**

St Mary's Women's 1 are automatically promoted to Premier (South) 2 for the 2025-26 season.

WOMEN'S NETBALL

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.

Bottom of PREMIER (NORTH) 1: ~~Manchester Met Women's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

1st in PREMIER (NORTH) 2: **Nottingham Women's 1**

Nottingham Women's 1 are automatically promoted to Premier (North) 1 for the 2025-26 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 (~~Bath Women's 2~~) is not eligible then the following fixture will take place under [REG 8.3.8.4.4](#).

Bottom of PREMIER (SOUTH) 1: **Bristol Women's 1**

2nd in PREMIER (SOUTH) 2: **Cardiff Women's 1**

The winner of match 1 will be promoted to Premier (South) 1 for the 2025-26 season, losing team to compete in Premier (South) 2.

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Bristol Women's 1	Cardiff Women's 1	26/03/25

PREMIER (NORTH) 2 PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

Bottom of PREMIER (NORTH) 2: ~~Manchester Women's 1~~ (Automatic Relegation)

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

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

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

The top team in the mini league created from the matches played below will be promoted to Premier (North) 2 for the 2025-26 season, the teams finishing in second and third to compete in Tier 1.

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Nottingham Women's 2	St Andrews Women's 1	26/03/25
2	Newcastle Women's 1	Nottingham Women's 2	02/04/25
3	St Andrews Women's 1	Newcastle Women's 1	09/04/25

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

Bottom of PREMIER (SOUTH) 2: ~~Portsmouth Women's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated)

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

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

The winner of match 1 will be promoted to Premier (South) 2 for the 2025-26 season, losing team to compete in Tier 1.

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Surrey Women's 1	Exeter Women's 2	09/04/25

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

PREMIER (NATIONAL) PLAYOFF

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (NATIONAL): **Newcastle Men's 1**

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

SOUTHERN 1A: **Nottingham Men's 1**

The winner of match 1 will face the 6th placed team in Premier (National). The winner of match 2 will compete in Premier (National) for the 2025-26 season, the losing teams of matches 1 and 2 will compete in Tier 1.

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Liverpool John Moore's Men's 1	Nottingham Men's 1	26/03/25
2	Nottingham Men's 1	Newcastle Men's 1	09/04/25

MEN'S RUGBY UNION

BUCS SUPER RUGBY PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

10th in PREMIER (NATIONAL): **Swansea Men's 1**

PREMIER (NORTH) 1: **Newcastle Men's 1**

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

The winner of match 1 will face the 10th placed team in Premier (National). The winner of match 2 will compete in BUCS Super Rugby for the 2025-26 season, the losing teams of matches 1 and 2 will compete in Premier (North/South) 1.

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Brunel Men's 1 (30)	(29) Newcastle Men's 1	26/03/25
2	Brunel Men's 1	Swansea Men's 1	09/04/25

PREMIER (NORTH) 1 PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

TBC after withdrawal deadline (18 March) and/or Premier (National) playoffs.

8th in PREMIER (NORTH) 1: **Durham Men's 2** (Automatically Relegated)

PREMIER (NORTH) 2: **Manchester Met Men's 1**

Manchester Men's 1 are promoted to Premier (North) 1 for the 2025-26 season.

PREMIER (SOUTH) 1 PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

TBC after withdrawal deadline (18 March) and/or Premier (National) playoffs.

8th in PREMIER (SOUTH) 1: **Brunel Men's 2** (Automatically Relegated)

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

Exeter Men's 3 are promoted to Premier (South) 1 for the 2025-26 season.

PREMIER (NORTH) 2 PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

7th in PREMIER (NORTH) 2: ~~Sheffield Men's 1~~ (Automatic Relegation)

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

NORTHERN 1A: **Durham Men's 3**

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

The top team in the mini league created from the matches played below will be promoted to Premier (North) 2 for the 2025-26 season, the teams finishing in second and third to compete in Tier 1.

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Glasgow Men's 1	Durham Men's 3	07/05/25
2	Nottingham Men's 2	Glasgow Men's 1	14/05/25
3	Durham Men's 3	Nottingham Men's 2	21/05/25

PREMIER (SOUTH) 2 PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

7th in PREMIER (SOUTH) 2: ~~UWE Men's 1~~ (Automatic Relegation)

WESTERN 1A: ~~Hartpury Men's 4~~ (Not Eligible, [REG 8.3.1.1](#)), **Bath Men's 3**

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

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Reading Men's 1	Bath Men's 3	07/05/25

WOMEN'S RUGBY UNION

BUCS SUPER RUGBY PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

7th in PREMIER (NATIONAL): ~~Durham Women's 1~~ (Automatically Relegated under REG 13.7.5.1)

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

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

The winner of match 1 will be promoted to Premier (National). The losing team will compete in Premier (North/South).

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Brunel Women's 1 (64)	(8) Newcastle Women's 1	12/02/25

Brunel Women's 1 are promoted to Women's BUCS Super Rugby after winning Match 1.

PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

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

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

SCOTTISH 1A: **Glasgow Women's 1**

NORTHERN 1A: **Leeds Beckett Women's 1**

MIDLANDS 1A: **Nottingham Trent Women's 1**

Winner of Match 1a and 1b will face each other in Match 2. Winner of Match 2 will be promoted to/remain in Premier (North) for the 2025-26 season. All losing teams in match 1a, 1b, and 2 to compete in Tier 1.

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1a	Liverpool Women's 1	Leeds Beckett Women's 1	23/04/25
1b	Glasgow Women's 1	Nottingham Trent Women's 1	23/04/25
2	Winner of Match 1b	Winner of Match 1a	30/04/25

PREMIER (SOUTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

Two

Potentially eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (SOUTH): ~~Cambridge Women's 1~~ (Not eligible [REG 13.7.5.1](#))

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

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

Hartpury Women's 2 and Surrey Women's 1 will be promoted to Premier (South) for the 2025-26 season. Cambridge Women's 1 to compete in Tier 1.

MEN'S TABLE TENNIS

PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

Bottom of PREMIER (NORTH): ~~Strathclyde Men's 1~~ (Automatic Relegation)

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

NORTHERN 1A: **Sheffield Hallam Men's 1**

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

The winner of match 1 will be promoted to Premier (North) for the 2025-26 season, losing team to compete in Tier 1.

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Warwick Men's 1	Sheffield Hallam Men's 1	09/04/25

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): ~~Bristol Men's 1~~ (Automatic Relegation)

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

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

The winner of match 1 will be promoted to Premier (South) for the 2025-26 season, losing team to compete in Tier 1.

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Southampton Men's 1	LSE Men's 1	26/03/25

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.

WOMEN'S TABLE TENNIS

PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

Bottom of PREMIER (NORTH): ~~Nottingham Trent Women's 1~~ (Automatic Relegation)

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

NORTHERN 1A: **Lancaster 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](#)),

The winner of match 1 will be promoted to Premier (North) for the 2025-26 season, losing team to compete in Tier 1.

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Edinburgh Women's 1	Lancaster Women's 1	09/04/25

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): ~~King's College Women's 1~~ (Automatic Relegation)

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

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

The winner of match 1 will be promoted to Premier (South) for the 2025-26 season, losing team to compete in Tier 1.

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Imperial Women's 1	Exeter Women's 1	09/04/25

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.

MEN'S TENNIS

PREMIER (NATIONAL) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

6th in PREMIER (NATIONAL): **Leeds Beckett Men's 1**

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

PREMIER (SOUTH): ~~Bath Men's 2 (Not Eligible, REG 8.3.1.1)~~, **Exeter Men's 1**

The winner of Match 2 will compete in Premier (National) for the 2025-26 season.

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Premier (South)*	Premier (North)*	26/03/25
2	Exeter Men's 1	Leeds Beckett Men's 1	09/04/25

PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One or Two – TBC after Withdrawal deadline (18 March) and/or Premier (National) playoffs.

Potentially eligible teams

TBC after withdrawal deadline (18 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 23/04/25, 30/04/25 AND/OR 07/05/25.

PREMIER (SOUTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One or Two – TBC after Withdrawal deadline (18 March) and/or Premier (National) playoffs.

Potentially eligible teams

TBC after withdrawal deadline (18 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 23/04/25, 30/04/25 AND/OR 07/05/25.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

PREMIER (NATIONAL) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

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

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

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

The winner of Match 1 will face the 6th placed Premier (National) team in Match 2. The winner of Match 2 will compete in Premier (National) for the 2025-26 season, the losing team will compete in Premier (North/South) for the 2025-26 season.

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Cambridge Women's 1 (2)	(4) Durham Women's 1	26/03/25
2*	Imperial Women's 1	Durham Women's 1	09/04/25

*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 (18 March) and/or Premier (National) playoffs.

Potentially eligible teams

TBC after withdrawal deadline (18 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 23/04/25, 30/04/25 AND/OR 07/05/25.

PREMIER (SOUTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One or Two – TBC after Withdrawal deadline (18 March) and/or Premier (National) playoffs.

Potentially eligible teams

TBC after withdrawal deadline (18 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 23/04/25, 30/04/25 AND/OR 07/05/25.

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

Bottom of PREMIER (NORTH): ~~Manchester Men's 1~~ (Automatic Relegation)

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

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

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

The top team in the mini league created from the matches played below will be promoted to Premier (North) for the 2025-26 season, the teams finishing in second and third to compete in Tier 1.

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Strathclyde Men's 1	Leeds Men's 1	26/03/25
2	Loughborough Men's 1	Strathclyde Men's 1	02/04/25
3	Leeds Men's 1	Loughborough Men's 1	09/04/25

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 under [REG 8.3.8.4.4](#)

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

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

The winner of match 1 will be promoted to Premier (South) for the 2025-26 season, losing team to compete in Tier 1.

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Brunel Men's 1	Southampton Men's 1	26/03/25

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.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

Bottom of PREMIER (NORTH): ~~Northumbria Women's 1~~ (Automatic Relegation)

SCOTTISH 1A: **Glasgow Women's 1**

NORTHERN 1A: ~~Durham Women's 2~~ (Not Eligible, REG 8.3.1.1), ~~Manchester Women's 1~~ (Withdrawn)

Glasgow Women's 1 will be promoted to Premier (North) for the 2025-26 season.

PREMIER (SOUTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

Bottom of PREMIER (SOUTH): ~~Bristol Women's 1~~ (Automatic Relegation)

MIDLANDS 1A: **Anglia Ruskin Women's 1 (Cambridge)**

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

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

The winner of match 1 will be promoted to Premier (South) for the 2025-26 season, losing team to compete in Tier 1.

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Anglia Ruskin Women's 1 (Cambridge)	Imperial Women's 1	09/04/25

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.

OPEN WATER POLO

PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

Bottom of PREMIER (NORTH): ~~Birmingham Open 1~~ (Automatic Relegation)

SCOTTISH 1A: **Strathclyde Open 1**

NORTHERN 1A: **Newcastle Open 1**

MIDLANDS 1A: **Loughborough 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 World Aquatics Water Polo Rules will be taken in case of a tie in the mini league ([REG 8.3.8.5.4](#)).

The top team in the mini league created from the matches played below will be promoted to Premier (North) for the 2025-26 season, the teams finishing in second and third to compete in Tier 1.

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Newcastle Open 1	Strathclyde Open 1	26/03/25
2	Loughborough Open 1	Newcastle Open 1	02/04/25
3	Strathclyde Open 1	Loughborough Open 1	09/04/25

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): ~~King's College Open 1~~ (Automatic Relegation)

WESTERN 1A: **Exeter Open 1**

SOUTH EASTERN 1A: ~~Surrey Open 1~~ (**Withdrawn**)

Exeter Open 1 are promoted to the Premier (South) for the 2025-26 season.

FEMALE WATER POLO

PREMIER (NORTH) PLAYOFFS

Number of league positions available

One

Potentially eligible teams

Bottom of PREMIER (NORTH): ~~Only under [REG 8.3.8.4.4](#)~~ N/A due to a team withdrawing from league

SCOTTISH 1A: **Strathclyde Female 1**

NORTHERN 1A: ~~Durham Female 2~~ (Not Eligible, [REG 8.3.1.1](#)), **Sheffield Hallam Female 1**

MIDLANDS 1A: **Loughborough 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 World Aquatics Water Polo Rules will be taken in case of a tie in the mini league ([REG 8.3.8.5.4](#)).

The top team in the mini league created from the matches played below will be promoted to Premier (North) for the 2025-26 season, the teams finishing in second and third to compete in Tier 1.

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Sheffield Hallam Female 1	Strathclyde Female 1	26/03/25
2	Loughborough Female 1	Sheffield Hallam Female 1	02/04/25
3	Strathclyde Female 1	Loughborough Female 1	09/04/25

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

WESTERN 1A: **Exeter Female 1**

SOUTH EASTERN 1A: **Imperial 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 World Aquatics Water Polo Rules will be taken in case of a tie in the mini league ([REG 8.3.8.5.4](#)).

The winner of match 1 will be promoted to Premier (South) for the 2025-26 season, losing team to compete in Tier 1.

Match #	Home	Away	Date
1	Exeter Female 1	Imperial Female 1	26/03/25

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.