

BUCS Volleyball Premier League

Qualification

General Requirements

To qualify 12 teams (6 northern premier league, 6 southern premier league)

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Top 6 northern teams (see table below) from the last 16 of the Championship go into the northern prem and top 6 southern teams (see table below) go into southern prem.

Process

All conferences will qualify 3 teams each for last 16. Teams from the Midlands Conference depend on their geographic location as to whether they will go into a northern or southern prem. If no midlands teams were eligible for the north then those 6 teams will make up the northern premier league and 9 teams will compete for places in the south (and vice versa). It is more likely that there will be 7 teams who could qualify for the south and 8 in the north (or vice versa).

Northern Ireland will be invited to qualify one team as per usual into the Championship

Qualification will then be determined by their finishing positions in the last 16. i.e. if 6 northern teams qualified for the final 8s then they will make up the premier league. If 7 or 8 qualified from the north then the top 6 at the end of the Final 8s will qualify.

If less than 6 qualify for the Final 8s i.e. lose in the last 16 then those teams will play in a premier league play off to secure the remaining numbers. The playoff format will depend on the number of teams eligible and the number of places available. This will only be determined once we know the number of teams who haven't qualified for the Final 8s and the number of spaces available in the Premier League.

All institutions qualifying for the last 16 must confirm whether they would take up a Premier League place no later than **Friday 14 February 2014**.

The table below details which league the teams in tier one are eligible for:

Men

Premier North	Premier South
Northumbria	Bournemouth
Sheffield Hallam	Exeter
Durham	Southampton
Leeds Met	Bath
Lancaster	Cardiff
Sheffield	Gloucestershire
Edinburgh	Imperial
Glasgow	UCL
Strathclyde	Surrey
St Andrews	Brighton

Aberdeen	Brunel
Edinburgh 2 (ineligible for a Premier League)	East London
Loughborough	Cambridge
Birmingham	Oxford
Warwick	Cranfield

Women

North	South
St Andrews	Bournemouth
Edinburgh	Bristol
Glasgow	Exeter
Aberdeen	Cardiff
Dundee	Bath
Heriot-Watt	Swansea
Northumbria	Kings
Durham	Sussex
Liverpool	UCL
Manchester	Kent
Lancaster	Surrey
Sheffield	Middlesex
Loughborough	Oxford
Birmingham	Cambridge
Nottingham	
Aston	