

TORONTO RUGBY UNION

RUSSELL & KEENAN 2019 DRAFT SCHEDULE

IMPORTANT DATES:

April 27th DEADLINE – Minimum Player Registration Numbers Due (**Keenan Division 30 players & Russell Division 20 players**). *A Keenan Division club who does not meet 30 registered players by April 27th shall be removed from the Keenan schedule and replaced with a Russell Division club who does have 30 registered players. If more than one Russell Division club has 30 registered players, then the spot will be offered to the club in order of league regular season finish from the previous season (2018 #1: Keenan 8th place, #2: Keenan 9th place, #3: Russell 1st place, #4 : Russell 2nd place, etc.).*

May 11 – Leagues Start

August 10th – Playoffs Start

August 24th - TRU CUP Day

RUSSELL DIVISION

Six clubs fielding a single team in one division playing each other home and away, for a total of 10 matches.

RUSSELL DIVISION

1. Brock RFC
2. Toronto Dragons RFC
3. Cobourg Saxons RFC
4. North Halton Highlanders RFC
5. Bay Street Pigs (3rds) RFC
6. Oakville Crusaders (3rds) RFC

TRU 2019 Russell Schedule

May 11	Bay St. at Brock Cobourg at North Halton Dragons at Crusaders
May 25	Cobourg at Brock Bay St. at North Halton Crusaders at Dragons
June 1	Dragons at North Halton Brock at Crusaders Bay St. at Cobourg
June 8	North Halton at Bay (12 pm) Brock at Dragons Crusaders at Cobourg
June 15	<i>Brock at Bay St. (12 pm)</i> <i>Cobourg at Dragons</i> <i>Crusaders at North Halton</i>
June 22	Crusaders at Bay St. (12 pm) North Halton at Cobourg Dragons at Brock
July 6	Brock at Cobourg Dragons at Bay (12 pm) North Halton at Crusaders
July 13	Bay St. at Crusaders Dragons at Cobourg

North Halton at Brock

July 20 Cobourg at Crusaders
 Brock at North Halton
 Bay St. at Dragons

July 27 Cobourg at Bay (12 pm)
 North Halton at Dragons
 Crusaders at Brock

KEENAN DIVISIONS (East & West)

Eight clubs, each fielding at least 2 teams, and playing other clubs with their 2nd XV playing first, and the 1st XV playing last, in back to back fashion.

Teams are divided into their regions based on proximity to each other's home field pitch for the purpose of reducing travel. Each team will play a home and away game against their division opponents, and one cross over game (2 away & 2 home) against the other division. There will be 10 league matches total.

KEENAN WEST

1. Vaughn Yeomen RFC
2. Mississauga Blues RFC
3. Toronto Saracens RFC
4. Brampton Beavers RFC

KEENAN EAST

1. Balmy Beach (Academy) RFC
2. Bay Street Pigs RFC
3. Toronto Buccaneers RFC
4. Belleville Bulldogs RFC

TRU 2019 Keenan A 1st & 2nd Teams Schedule

May 11 Bucs at Brampton

Beach at Belleville
Bay at Sarries
Blues at Yeomen

May 25 Bay at Beach
Blues at Sarries
Belleville at Brampton
Yeomen at Bucs

June 1 Sarries at Belleville
Brampton at Yeomen
Beach at Bucs
Bay at Blues (Friday May 31)

June 8 Brampton at Bay
Bucs at Sarries
Blues at Belleville
Beach at Yeomen

June 14 Yeomen at Blues (Friday evening)

June 15 Sarries at Brampton
Belleville at Beach
Bucs at Bay

June 22 Bucs at Belleville
Beach at Bay
Sarries at Blues (Friday June 21)
Brampton at Yeomen

July 6 Sarries at Yeomen

Brampton at Blues (Friday July 5)

Bucs at Beach

Belleville at Bay

July 13

Bay at Bucs

Belleville at Yeomen

Sarries at Beach

Blues at Brampton

July 20

Blues at Bucs

Brampton at Beach

Bay at Belleville

Yeomen at Sarries

July 27

Belleville at Bucs

Brampton at Sarries

Beach at Blues (Friday July 26)

Yeomen at Bay

PLAYOFFS – August 10, 17, 24

- The first & second place of both Russell and Keenan get 'byes' in the first round of play-offs.
- The 7th and 8th place Keenan teams will play the 1st and 2nd place Russell teams for promotion to the Keenan Division for 2020 during 1st round of play-offs. 1st place Russell hosts 8th place Keenan. 7th place Keenan hosts 2nd place Russell. The winner of each match will assume a place in the Keenan division for 2020. The loser of each match shall compete in the Russell division for 2020. If a Russell club who is ineligible, or unable, to be promoted to Keenan Division for 2020 finishes 1st or 2nd, then the immediate Russell club below them in standings will be offered that spot to play for the promotion game. This could move the 2nd place Russell team up into a better promotion game. If no club takes the spot than

the promotion game will not be played, and the Keenan club will retain its place in the Keenan for 2020.

- There are 4 trophies to be won on TRU CUP DAY; TRU CUP (the winner of Keenan Playoffs, and earns right to compete for promotion to Marshal Championship). TRU PLATE (bronze medal game between the two Keenan Championship team who were knocked out in the semi-finals). TRU BOWL (Keenan Consolation Championship). TRU SHIELD (Russell Playoff Champion).

August 10 – Round 1

KEENAN-RUSSELL PROMOTION MATCHES

(winners are promoted to Keenan Division for following season)

Russell 1st place team hosts Keenan 8th place team – winner is eligible to play in Keenan Division.

Keenan 7th place team hosts Russell 2nd place team – winner is eligible to play in Keenan Division.

LEAGUE PLAYOFFS

Russell Championship

3rd place hosts 6th place

4th place hosts 5th place

Keenan Championship

3rd place hosts 6th place

4th place hosts 5th place

August 17th – Round 2

Keenan Championship Semi-Finals

Keenan 1st place hosts the lowest seed winner of Round 1 Keenan Playoff games

Keenan 2nd place hosts the other winner of Round 1 Keenan Playoff games

Keenan Consolation Championship Semi-Finals

Highest Seed Keenan Loser of Round 1 hosts the Keenan 8th place team

The other Keenan loser of Round 1 hosts the 7th place team

Russell Championship Semi-Finals

Russell 1st place team hosts the lowest seed winner of Russell Round 1

Russell 2nd place team hosts the other winner of Russell Round 1

Russell teams who lost in Round 1 are now eliminated from competition.

August 24th – TRU CUP DAY

(to be held at a neutral field which can accommodate all 4 championship games).

- TRU SHIELD (Russell Championship): winners of Russell Championship Semi-Finals
- TRU BOWL (Keenan Consolation Championship): winner of Keenan Consolation Semi-Finals
- TRU PLATE (Keenan Bronze Medal Championship): losers of Keenan Championship Semi-Finals
- TRU CUP (for the right to play for promotion to Marshal Championship): winners of Keenan Championship Semi-Finals. *If the Cup winner is an ineligible club, or a club who declines promotion, the TRU Cup loser will be offered the right to play for promotion. If both clubs in the TRU Cup final are ineligible, or decline, than the winner of the TRU Plate will be offered the eligibility for promotion.*

THE 2019 PINGUET MEN'S LEAGUE PROPOSED STRUCTURE AND PLAYOFFS

It is proposed that the TRU Pinguet League remain a largely exhibition league, which offers clubs with men's teams that may not be able to commit to a full season a venue to get regular games.

The Pinguet division would begin scheduling games May 25 and conclude their season July 27, with an aim to have 8 Saturday's available for regular season games.

Of course games can be scheduled earlier, and on days other than Saturday, if clubs are willing and able.

A playoff structure would consist of the TOP 4 teams based on NUMBER OF GAMES PLAYED, with seeding based on point totals for those 4 clubs. The Pinguet league often have 10-12 clubs participating, but many teams only play a handful of games. The playoff format is proposed to reward those clubs who have committed to the league and played the most games. Tie breakers (for teams who have played the same number of games) would first be 'points', then 'point differential', with last tie breaker being 'most points scored for'. Further tie breakers, if necessary, shall be decided by the Game Director. If a club cannot field a team in the Pinguet playoffs, the next team in order will be offered the spot.

Of those TOP 4 clubs, with seeding based on points, playoffs would begin August 10, with 1st place hosting 4th place, and 2nd place hosting 3rd place. August 17th, the winners of the previous round would play at the club who was seeded highest at the start of playoffs.

For example, given this season's final Pinguet Standings; the TOP 4 Pinguet teams would be Muddy York (6 games played), Toronto Nomads (5 games played), Oshawa Vikings (4 games played), and Bay Steet Pigs (3 games played, and wins tie breaker with best points differential).

The TOP 4 teams would then be ranked by points for playoff format:

1. Bay Street (12 points),
2. Nomads (11 points),
3. Muddy York (8 points), and
4. Oshawa (6 points).