

The Rugby Six Nations

What is the Six Nations Rugby Tournament?

The Six Nations is a rugby competition that takes place every year. There are six teams and they compete to win the championship.

What happens during the tournament?

Each team has 15 players on the pitch. The aim is to get the rugby ball to the other end of the pitch and score points. In rugby you can carry, pass and kick the ball.

During the tournament, each team plays each other once. If the team wins, they score four points. If they draw, they score two points. At the end of the competition, the team with the most points wins.

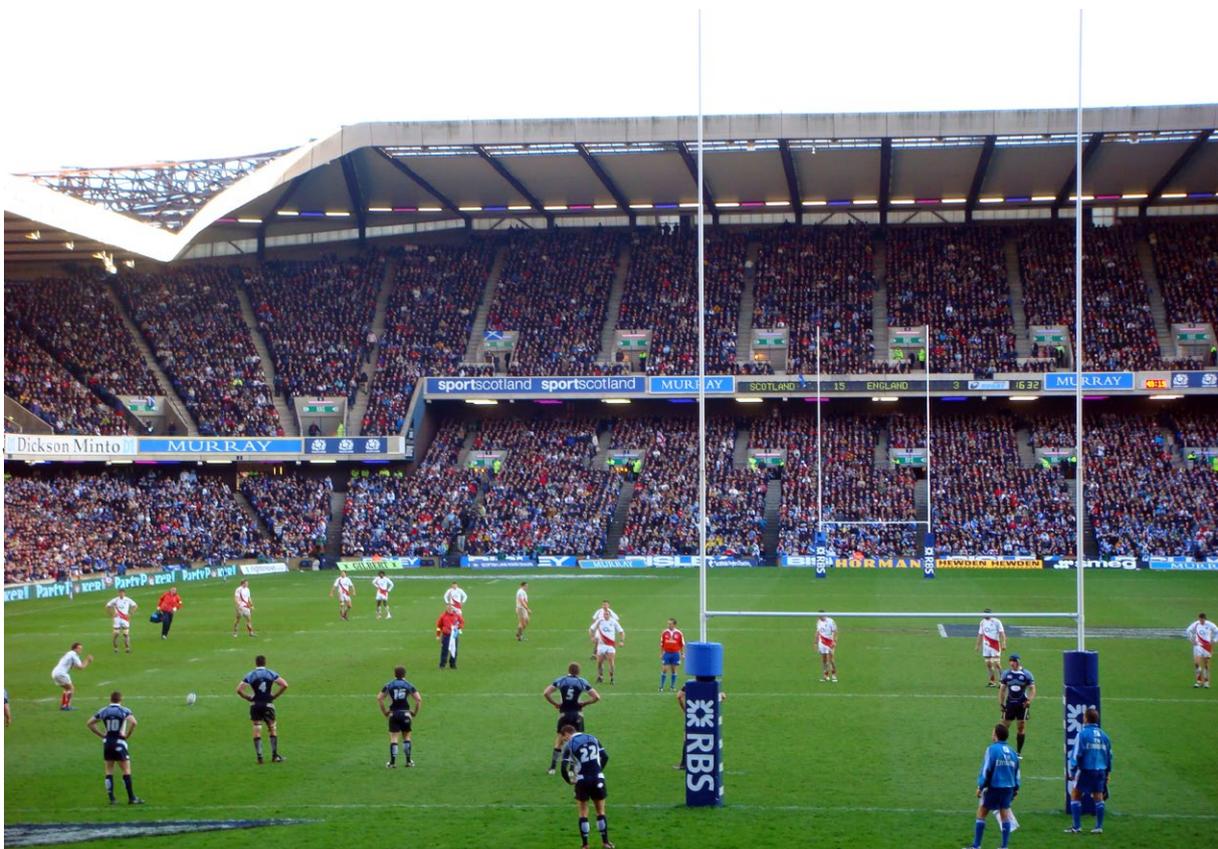


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Each player has an important job. Here are some of the jobs:

Prop: They are at the front of the scrum.

Scrum half: They help to pass the ball and move the ball out of the scrum.

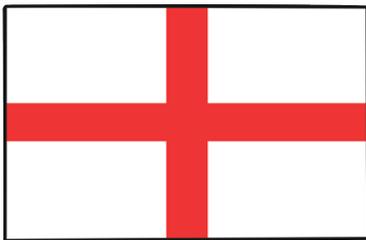
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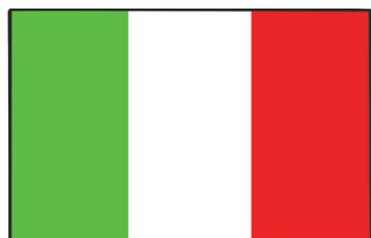
England



Scotland



Italy



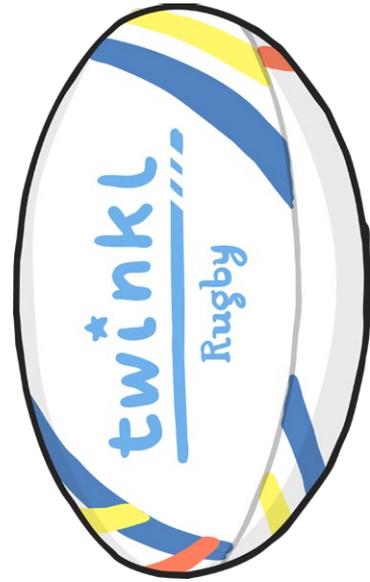
Ireland



France



Wales



Questions

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3. How many players are on the pitch for each team?

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Answers

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Two from the following: England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, France and Italy.



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This flag belongs to the Welsh team.

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There are 15 players on the pitch for each team.

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Which teams compete in the tournament?

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England		Twickenham Stadium	82,000	Eddie Jones
Wales		Millennium Stadium	74,500	Rob Howley (caretaker)
Scotland		Murrayfield Stadium	67,144	Vern Cotter
Ireland		Aviva Stadium	51,700	Joe Schmidt
France		Stade de France	81,338	Guy Novès
Italy		Stadio Olimpico	73,261	Conor O'Shea

What happens during the tournament?

The teams play one another and are given points according to the final score. If a team win a match they are awarded 4 points or 2 points if they draw. Extra points are being introduced in the 2017 championship.

The 2017 tournament is the 123rd championship between these teams. Each one will be hoping to be awarded the trophy for winning the tournament.

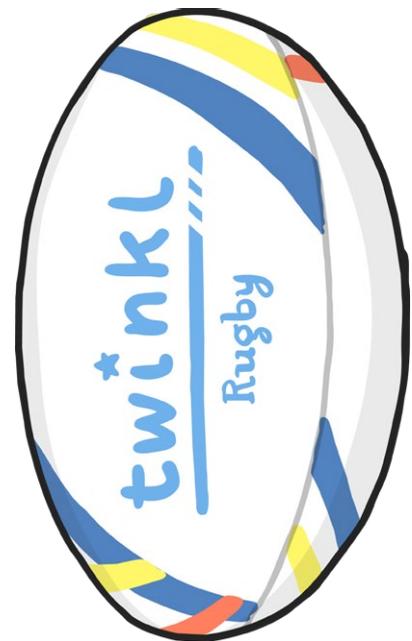
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2. How many points does a team score if they win the game?

3. What is the name of England's home stadium?

4. What is the name of Scotland's manager?

5. How many championships have there been so far?

6. When will the new points system be introduced?

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Answers

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The Six Nations Tournament takes place every year.
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A team scores 4 points if they win the game.
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England's home stadium is called Twickenham Stadium.
4. What is the name of Scotland's manager?
Scotland's manager is called Vern Cotter.
5. How many championships have there been so far?
There have been 122 championships so far.
6. When will the new points system be introduced?
The new points system will be introduced in the 2017 championship.
7. What do the overall winners of the tournament win?
The overall winners of the tournament are awarded a trophy.
8. What is the job of the fly half?
The fly half's job is to kick the ball to try to score points.

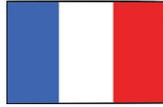
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The RBS Six Nations Tournament is an annual international rugby union competition involving six teams. It is the oldest international rugby union tournament and first began in 1883 when it was called the Home Nations Championship. Only four teams took part in the tournament; England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland. In 1910, it changed its name to the Five Nations Championship as France joined the competition. In 2000, Italy joined and the tournament was renamed the Six Nations Championship.



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Each team plays one another (making 15 matches in total) with home ground advantage alternating each year. If a team wins all of their games, they have won the 'Grand Slam'. The team who finishes in last place is said to have won the 'Wooden Spoon' although they do not actually receive a trophy for this. The reigning champions are England who are hoping to hold onto their title in 2017. The 2017 championship marks an addition to the scoring system. The new bonus points system will match the other common rugby union tournaments.

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3. Which team joined in 1910 to make the Five Nations Championship?

4. Which team's home stadium is Murrayfield?

5. Which stadiums can seat over 80,000 people?

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The tournament first began in 1883.
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The teams that took part in the Home Nations were England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland.
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France joined in 1910 to make the Five Nations Championship.
4. Which team's home stadium is Murrayfield?
Scotland's home stadium is Murrayfield.
5. Which stadiums can seat over 80,000 people?
Twickenham Stadium and Stade de France can seat over 80,000 people (need both stadiums for the mark).
6. Who is the Italian team's manager?
Conor O'Shea is the Italian manager.
7. What do you think the term 'caretaker' means?
A 'caretaker' in rugby is a manager who is looking after the team, a temporary manager.
8. What does the term 'Grand Slam' mean?
A team wins the Grand Slam if they win all of their games.
9. Who receives the 'Wooden Spoon'?
The team who finishes in last place is said to have won the Wooden Spoon although they do not actually receive a trophy for this.
10. Who are the reigning champions?
The reigning champions are England.