



For the attention of Martin Anayi, CEO United Rugby Championship

Dear Mr Anayi,

I am the Chair of CF10 Rugby Trust. The trust is a democratic and representative forum open to all supporters of Cardiff Rugby.

You recently published the fixtures for the 2025/26 season. We discussed the fixture timings at our last board meeting, and it was resolved that I should write to you about our concerns.

Cardiff Rugby has been given eight kick-offs at 7.45pm. We understand our club put in preferences for a mix of times (including a change to the 27th of December for the Christmas fixture) and none of the club's requests were granted.

We often have complaints about the timings of matches but the complaints about the recent published fixtures have been unprecedented. As a result of these complaints we have analysed the fixtures, comparing them to the other teams in the league, and it is difficult to come to any other conclusion than we (Cardiff) have been harshly treated when compared to most other sides. (whilst we acknowledge Ulster have more late kick-offs, we understand that they have traditionally requested those times).

For ease of reference, we have included 2 tables below which show the unfairness of the declared fixtures.

It is our belief that our supporters understand the issues of TV commitments but that there should be a balance. Many families, older people and solo women supporters have told us this may affect their decision as to whether to renew their season tickets.

We would appreciate your rationale for the timings, the stark difference between teams and whether any consideration is given to supporters who attend the matches.

We understand that altering the fixtures for the coming season would not be possible, but we are hoping that by providing you this feedback more care will be taken for 2026/27 fixtures.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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Table a) shows the number of games at each kick-off time per side

Table a

| Kick off time | 7.30/ 8.05pm | 5/ 6pm | up to 3pm |
|------------------|-----------------|--------|--------------|
| Ulster | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Cardiff | 8 | 0 | 1 |
| Edinburgh | 7 | 1 | 1 |
| Dragons | 6 | 2 | 1 |
| Munster | 6 | 3 | 0 |
| Glasgow | 6 | 2 | 1 |
| Ospreys | 5 | 3 | 1 |
| Connacht | 5 | 2 | 2 |
| Scarlets | 4 | 4 | 1 |
| Zebra Parma | 4 | 0 | 5 |
| Benetton Treviso | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Leinster | 1 | 8 | 0 |
| Sharks | 0 | 1 | 7 |
| Bulls | 0 | 2 | 7 |
| Stormers | 0 | 7 | 2 |
| Lions | 0 | 0 | 9 |

Table b) shows the number of games at each kick-off time per side

Table b

| Kick off time | 7.30/ 8.05pm | 5/ 6pm | up to 3pm |
|------------------|-----------------|--------|--------------|
| Ulster | 100.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Cardiff | 88.89% | 0.00% | 11.11% |
| Edinburgh | 77.78% | 11.11% | 11.11% |
| Dragons | 66.67% | 22.22% | 11.11% |
| Munster | 66.67% | 33.33% | 0.00% |
| Glasgow | 66.67% | 22.22% | 11.11% |
| Ospreys | 55.56% | 33.33% | 11.11% |
| Connacht | 55.56% | 22.22% | 22.22% |
| Scarlets | 44.44% | 44.44% | 11.11% |
| Zebra Parma | 44.44% | 0.00% | 55.56% |
| Benetton Treviso | 33.33% | 33.33% | 33.33% |
| Leinster | 11.11% | 88.89% | 0.00% |
| Sharks | 0.00% | 11.11% | 77.78% |
| Bulls | 0.00% | 22.22% | 77.78% |
| Stormers | 0.00% | 77.78% | 22.22% |
| Lions | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |