

Wales' summer rugby internationals to be shown live on terrestrial TV

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Wales's three rugby internationals this summer will be shown live on terrestrial TV.

The Welsh Rugby Union has struck a deal for games, which will see Wales playing Argentina twice and Canada, to be shown live in combination between BBC Two Wales and Welsh language channel S4C.

The value of the TV deal has not been disclosed.

The first game, Wales v Canada on July 3, will be shown live on BBC Two Wales, with highlights later on S4C.

The two test matches against Argentina on July 10th and July 17th, will be shown live on S4C, with highlights on BBC Two Wales.

Viewers in other part of the UK can watch by finding BBC Two Wales and S4C via the digital guide.

The games on S4C will have English language commentary options.

Match coverage and highlights will also be available to watch on demand on BBC iPlayer and S4C Clic.

Earlier this week the WRU welcomed news of a change in restrictions which will allow up to 8,200 supporters to attend each of the summer test matches at the Principality Stadium.

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WRU chief executive Steve Phillips said: “We are grateful to our broadcast partners at both BBC Wales and S4C for their continued backing of Welsh rugby and, in this instance in particular, for their swift and generous support as we moved quickly to negotiate terms for these fixtures which have been re-scheduled in challenging times.

“It is with a great sense of optimism that we look forward to welcoming supporters back, safely, into Principality Stadium.

“I’m sure we could have filled the ground many times over in different circumstances and so it is hugely reassuring to know that BBC Wales and S4C are on hand to cater for the many loyal supporters who will be watching on screens across the country.”

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Graham Davies, managing editor of BBC Wales Sport, said: “It’s been an exciting year for Welsh rugby after Wayne Pivac’s team

won the Six Nations Championship and came so close to clinching a Grand Slam in the spring, so we're delighted that audiences in Wales will be able to watch Wales' opening match of the summer against Canada, live on BBC Two Wales.

Sue Butler, S4C sports commissioner, said: "We're excited to be showing the two Argentina matches live on S4C. It's a great opportunity to see new talent on the international stage and lovely to have the fans back in the Principality Stadium."