

KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS 2026–2027

Updated Friday 18 September 2026

This season's knockout will use an identical format to the 2025–2026 season: a group qualifying stage followed by 'normal' semi-finals and finals. As usual, knockout games will use randomly chosen, unpaired questions. All knockout games will be handicapped, based on average league scores from the 2025–2026 season.

Each team is allocated randomly to a four-team qualifying group and will play the other three teams in its group twice, once at home and once away. Group placings will be determined by group points (two for a win, one for a draw), then by average scores (including handicap), and then, if required, by head-to-head results (including handicap). The Dave Badley Cup semi-finals will be contested by the group winners and runners-up. The Plate semi-finals will be between the third and fourth-placed teams. For each week of qualifying group games two teams in both groups will set a half-a-quiz for the matches in the other group, so each team will have to produce half-a-quiz on **three** occasions during the qualifying phase. Questions for the Dave Badley Cup semi-finals will be set by the two teams that finish fourth in qualifying; questions for the Plate semi-finals will be set by the teams that were runners-up in qualifying. The questions for the two finals will be set by the finalists.

Qualifying Group A

Table

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Avge	Pts
Armoury (+14)								
Swan & Railway (+3)								
Swan w. Two Necks (+19)								
Tiviot (+8)								

Fixtures/Results

Week 1 Thursday 15 October 2026

Tiviot (+8)	v	Swan & Railway (+3)
Swan w. Two Necks (+19)	v	Armoury (+14)

Questions by: Griffin and Alexandra

Week 2 Thursday 22 October 2026

Tiviot (+8)	v	Armoury (+14)
Swan & Railway (+3)	v	Swan w. Two Necks (+19)

Questions by: HMRUFC and Smart Alex

Week 3 Thursday 10 December 2026

Tiviot (+8)	v	Swan w. Two Necks (+19)
Swan & Railway (+3)	v	Armoury (+14)

Questions by: Griffin and Alexandra

Week 4 Thursday 7 January 2027

Swan & Railway (+3)	v	Tiviot (+8)
Armoury (+14)	v	Swan w. Two Necks (+19)

Questions by: HMRUFC and Smart Alex

Week 5 Thursday 25 February 2027

Armoury (+14)	v	Tiviot (+8)
Swan w. Two Necks (+19)	v	Swan & Railway (+3)

Questions by: Griffin and Alexandra

Week 6 Thursday 4 March 2027

Swan w. Two Necks (+19)	v	Tiviot (+8)
Armoury (+14)	v	Swan & Railway (+3)

Questions by: HMRUFC and Smart Alex

Qualifying Group B

Table

	Pld	W	D	L	F	A	Avge	Pts
Alexandra (+0)								
Griffin (+19)								
HMRUFC (+15)								
Smart Alex (+3)								

Fixtures/Results

Week 1 Thursday 15 October 2026

Griffin (+19)	v	Alexandra (+0)
Smart Alex (+3)	v	HMRUFC (+15)

Questions by: Tiviot and Swan & Railway

Week 2 Thursday 22 October 2026

Smart Alex (+3)	v	Griffin (+19)
HMRUFC (+15)	v	Alexandra (+0)

Questions by: Swan w. Two Necks and Armoury

Week 3 Thursday 10 December 2026

Griffin (+19)	v	HMRUFC (+15)
Alexandra (+0)	v	Smart Alex (+3)

Questions by: Tiviot and Swan & Railway

Week 4 Thursday 7 January 2027

Alexandra (+0)	v	Griffin (+19)
HMRUFC (+15)	v	Smart Alex (+3)

Questions by: Swan w. Two Necks and Armoury

Week 5 Thursday 25 February 2027

Griffin (+19)	v	Smart Alex (+3)
Alexandra (+0)	v	HMRUFC (+15)

Questions by: Tiviot and Swan & Railway

Week 6 Thursday 4 March 2027

HMRUFC (+15)	v	Griffin (+19)
Smart Alex (+3)	v	Alexandra (+0)

Questions by: Swan w. Two Necks and Armoury

Semi-finals

Thursday 8 April 2027

Dave Badley Cup

Winner Group A	v	Runner-up Group B
Winner Group B	v	Runner-up Group A

(Questions by two fourth-placed teams in qualifying phase)

Plate

Third place Group A	v	Fourth place Group B
Third place Group B	v	Fourth place Group A

(Questions by two second-placed teams in qualifying phase)

Finals

Thursday 13 May 2027

Dave Badley Cup

To be confirmed	v	To be confirmed
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(Questions by Plate finalists)

Plate

To be confirmed	v	To be confirmed
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(Questions by Dave Badley Cup finalists)

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