



## SCOTTISH FA YOUTH CUP – SEASON 2025/26 FORMAT AND COMPOSITION

There are a total of **52** clubs participating in the Scottish FA Youth Cup Competition 2025/26. Clubs are regionally placed in Round One to minimise travelling. Clubs reaching Round Four of the 2024/25 competition will enter the competition at the **Round of 32 (Round 3)** stage this year.

### North Clubs

1. Clachnacuddin
2. Deveronvale
3. Elgin City
4. Formartine United
5. Fraserburgh
6. Huntly
7. Keith
8. Nairn County
9. Turriff United

### South Clubs

1. Auchinleck Talbot
2. Darvel
3. Kilwinning Rangers
4. Queen of the South

### Central Clubs

1. Airdrieonians
2. Blackburn United
3. Bonnyrigg Rose
4. Caledonian Braves
5. Camelon Juniors
6. Celtic
7. Dalkeith Thistle
8. Dunbar United
9. Dundee United
10. Dunfermline Athletic
11. Dunipace
12. East Fife
13. East Kilbride
14. Edinburgh City
15. Greenock Morton
16. Haddington Athletic
17. Hamilton Academical
18. Kelty Hearts
19. Motherwell
20. Musselburgh Athletic
21. Rangers
22. St. Johnstone
23. Stirling Albion

### Clubs Entering the Competition in Round Three

1. Aberdeen
2. Ayr United
3. Banks O'Dee
4. Dundee
5. Falkirk
6. Heart of Midlothian
7. Hibernian
8. Inverness Caledonian Thistle
9. Inverurie Loco Works
10. Kilmarnock
11. Livingston
12. Montrose
13. Partick Thistle
14. Queen' Park
15. Ross County
16. St. Mirren

## **Dates for Ties**

Round One – Friday 22 August 2025

Round Two – Friday 19 September 2025

Round Three – Friday 24 October 2025

Round Four – Friday 21 November 2025

Round Five – Friday 16 January 2026

Semi-Finals – Friday 20 February 2026

Final – TBC

## **Round One (39 clubs)**

*Ties to be played on **Friday 22 August 2025***

*North Section: 9 numbered balls will be placed in a pot and 1 tie will be drawn.  
The remaining 7 clubs will receive a bye into Round Two.*

*South Section: 4 clubs will receive a bye into Round Two*

*Central Section: 23 numbered balls will be placed into a pot and 3 ties will be drawn.  
The remaining 17 clubs will receive a bye into Round Two.*

## **Round Two – (32 clubs)**

*Ties to be played on **Friday 19 September 2025***

*North Region 8 numbered ball will be placed in a pot and 4 ties will be drawn.*

*South Region: 4 numbered balls will be placed into a pot and 2 ties will be drawn.*

*Central Region: 20 numbered balls will be placed in a pot and 10 ties will be drawn.*

## **Round Three – (32 clubs – 16 ties)**

*Ties to be played on **Friday 24 October 2025***

*Previous season: Entry of 16 clubs who reached Round of 16 in previous season's competition.*

*North Region 4 Round Two winners.*

*South Region: 2 Round Two winners.*

*Central Region: 10 Round Two winners.*

## **Round Four – (16 clubs – 8 ties)**

*Ties to be played on **Friday 21 November 2025***

## **Round Five - (8 clubs – 4 ties)**

*Ties to be played on **Friday 16 January 2026***

## **Semi-Finals - (4 clubs – 2 ties)**

***Friday 20 February 2026***

## **Final Match**

**TBC**