



SCOTTISH FA YOUTH CUP – SEASON 2026/27 FORMAT AND COMPOSITION

There are a total of **44** clubs participating in the Scottish FA Youth Cup Competition 2026/27. Clubs are regionally placed in Round One to minimise travelling. Clubs reaching the Round of 16 of the 2025/26 competition will enter the competition at the **Round of 32 (Round 2)** stage this year.

North Clubs

1. Clachnacuddin
2. Deveronvale
3. Elgin City
4. Formartine United
5. Huntly
6. Inverurie Loco Works
7. Lossiemouth
8. Nairn County
9. Ross County
10. Rothes
11. Turriff United

South Clubs

1. Auchinleck Talbot
2. Ayr United
3. Darvel
4. Queen of the South
5. St. Cuthbert Wanderers

Central Clubs

1. Camelon Juniors
2. Celtic
3. Dalkeith Thistle
4. Dunbar United
5. Dundee United
6. Dunfermline Athletic
7. Dunipace
8. Falkirk
9. Greenock Morton
10. Livingston
11. Motherwell
12. Penicuik Athletic
13. St. Johnstone
14. Stirling Albion

Clubs Entering the Competition in Round Two

1. Aberdeen
2. Bonnyrigg Rose
3. Dundee
4. Edinburgh City
5. Fraserburgh
6. Heart of Midlothian
7. Hibernian
8. Inverness Caledonian Thistle
9. Kilmarnock
10. Montrose
11. Partick Thistle
12. Queen' Park
13. Rangers
14. St. Mirren

Dates for Ties

Round One – Friday 18 September 2026

Round Two – Friday 23 October 2026

Round Three – Friday 20 November 2026

Round Four – Friday 22 January 2027

Semi-Finals – Friday 19 February 2027

Final – TBC

Round One (30 clubs)

*Ties to be played on **Friday 18 September 2026***

North Section: 11 numbered balls will be placed in a pot and 4 ties will be drawn.

The remaining 3 clubs will receive a bye into Round Two.

South Section: 5 numbered balls will be placed in a pot and 2 ties will be drawn.

The remaining clubs will receive a bye into Round Two

Central Section: 14 numbered balls will be placed into a pot and 6 ties will be drawn.

The remaining 2 clubs will receive a bye into Round Two.

Round Two – (32 clubs – 16 ties)

*Ties to be played on **Friday 23 October 2026***

Previous season: Entry of 14 clubs who reached Round of 16 in previous season's competition.

North Region 4 Round One winners and 3 byes.

South Region: 2 Round One winners and 1 bye.

Central Region: 6 Round One winners and 2 byes.

Round Three – (16 clubs – 8 ties)

*Ties to be played on **Friday 20 November 2026***

Round Four - (8 clubs – 4 ties)

*Ties to be played on **Friday 22 January 2027***

Semi-Finals - (4 clubs – 2 ties)

Friday 19 February 2027

Final Match

TBC