# **KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS 2024–2025**

Updated Friday 18 October 2024

This season's knockout competitions will use a new format: a group qualifying stage followed by 'normal' semi-finals and finals. Knockout games will continue to use randomly chosen, unpaired questions; matches will still be handicapped using average league scores from the 2023-24 season.

#### The new format has a number of benefits:

All teams (except one) will now play a minimum of five and a maximum of six knockout matches during the season, with the exception playing four times. Under the previous format some teams played just one game and even the winners may have played as few as three.

The season, which has shrunk as we have lost teams over recent years, will be extended to accommodate the additional knockout fixtures.

Setting of questions will be more equitable: every team will set half-a-quiz on a group stage bye week, and three teams will have to set on **both** bye weeks.

Each team has been allocated randomly to a three-team qualifying group. Each team will play the other two teams in its group twice, home and away.

The Cup semi-finals will be contested by the group winners and the best of the runners-up— to be determined by group points and then by average score (including handicap) if level on points.

The Plate semi-finals will be between the other two runners-up and the two best third-placed teams. The third-placed team with the worst record will be eliminated and will set the questions for the semi-finals. Questions for the Cup and Plate finals will, as now, be set by the finalists in the 'other' competition.

# **Qualifying Group A**

#### **Table**

	Pld	W	D	L	F	Α	Avge	Pts
Swan w. Two Necks (+28)	1	1	0	0	73	66	73.00	2
Swan & Railway (+4)	1	0	0	1	66	73	66.00	0
Griffin (+22)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

#### **Fixtures**

### Week 1 Thursday 17 October 2024

Swan & Railway (+4) 66 - 73 Swan With Two Necks (+28)

Bye: Griffin

**Questions by: Griffin and Smart Alex** 

#### Week 2 Thursday 14 November 2024

Swan With Two Necks v Griffin

Bye: Swan & Railway

Questions by: Swan & Railway and Armoury

# Week 3 Thursday 12 December 2025

Griffin v Swan & Railway

Bye: Swan With Two Necks

Questions by: Swan With Two Necks and HMRUFC

# Week 4 Thursday 23 January 2025

Swan With Two Necks v Swan & Railway

Bye: Griffin

**Questions by: Alexandra and Smart Alex** 

### Week 5 Thursday 27 February 2025

Griffin v Swan With Two Necks

Bye: Swan & Railway

**Questions by: Tiviot and Armoury** 

#### Week 6 Thursday 27 March 2025

Swan & Railway v Griffin

Bye: Swan With Two Necks

Questions by: Swan With Two Necks and S&C Fliers

# **Qualifying Group B**

#### **Table**

	Pld	W	D	L	F	Α	Avge	Pts
Tiviot (+11)	1	1	0	0	74	57	74.00	2
S&C Fliers (+16)	1	0	0	1	57	74	57.00	0
Smart Alex (+0)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

#### **Fixtures**

### Week 1 Thursday 17 October 2024

Tiviot (+11) 74 - 57 S&C Fliers (+16)

Bye: Smart Alex

**Questions by: Smart Alex and Griffin** 

### Week 2 Thursday 14 November 2024

Smart Alex v S&C Fliers

Bye: Tiviot

Questions by: Swan & Railway and Armoury

# Week 3 Thursday 12 December 2025

Smart Alex v Tiviot

Bye: S&C Fliers

Questions by: Swan With Two Necks and HMRUFC

### Week 4 Thursday 23 January 2025

S&C Fliers v Tiviot

Bye: Smart Alex

**Questions by: Alexandra and Smart Alex** 

#### Week 5 Thursday 27 February 2025

S&C Fliers v Smart Alex

Bye: Tiviot

**Questions by: Tiviot and Armoury** 

#### Week 6 Thursday 27 March 2025

Tiviot v Smart Alex

Bye: S&C Fliers

Questions by: Swan With Two Necks and S&C Fliers

# **Qualifying Group C**

#### **Table**

	Pld	W	D	L	F	Α	Avge	Pts
HMRUFC (+19)	1	1	0	0	66	57	66.00	2
Armoury (+17)	1	0	0	1	57	66	57.00	0
Alexandra (+5)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

#### **Fixtures**

### Week 1 Thursday 17 October 2024

Armoury (+17) 57 - 66 HMRUFC (+19)

Bye: Alexandra

**Questions by: Smart Alex and Griffin** 

#### Week 2 Thursday 14 November 2024

HMRUFC v Alexandra

Bye: Armoury

Questions by: Swan & Railway and Armoury

Week 3 Thursday 12 December 2025

Armoury v Alexandra

Bye: HMRUFC

Questions by: Swan With Two Necks and HMRUFC

### Week 4 Thursday 23 January 2025

HMRUFC v Armoury

Bye: Alexandra

**Questions by: Alexandra and Smart Alex** 

### Week 5 Thursday 27 February 2025

Alexandra v HMRUFC

Bye: Armoury

**Questions by: Tiviot and Armoury** 

### Week 6 Thursday 27 March 2025

Alexandra v Armoury

Bye: HMRUFC

Questions by: Swan With Two Necks and S&C Fliers

# Semi-finals Thursday 17 April 2025

### Questions by team eliminated at group stage

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#### **Plate**

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# **Finals**

Thursday 8 May 2025

**Questions by finalists** 

# Cup

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### **Plate**

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