



Scottish Cup 2025/26



Key Dates

Entry deadlines

Monday 9th February 2026: entries to the Junior Scottish Cup

Monday 9th March 2026: entries to the Senior Scottish Cup

These deadlines will be strictly enforced.

Qualification stage

West			East			North		
Junior	Sunday 29 th March 2026	SCRC, Glasgow	Junior	Sunday 29 th March 2026	Venue TBC	Junior	Sunday 29 th March 2026	Venue TBC
Adult	Sunday 26 th April 2026	SCRC, Glasgow	Adult	Sunday 26 th April 2026	Venue TBC	Adult	Sunday 26 th April 2026	Venue TBC

*The decision whether to run a qualifying event in the North is dependent on the number of entries received from that area. If we are unable to run a separate North qualifier, teams will be offered the chance to take part in the East or West qualifiers instead

Scottish Cup Finals - 13th and 14th June 2026

Quarter finals on Saturday 13th June - Junior and Senior

Semi-finals and Finals on Sunday 14th June – Junior and senior

Tartan Cup Finals - 6th and 7th June 2026

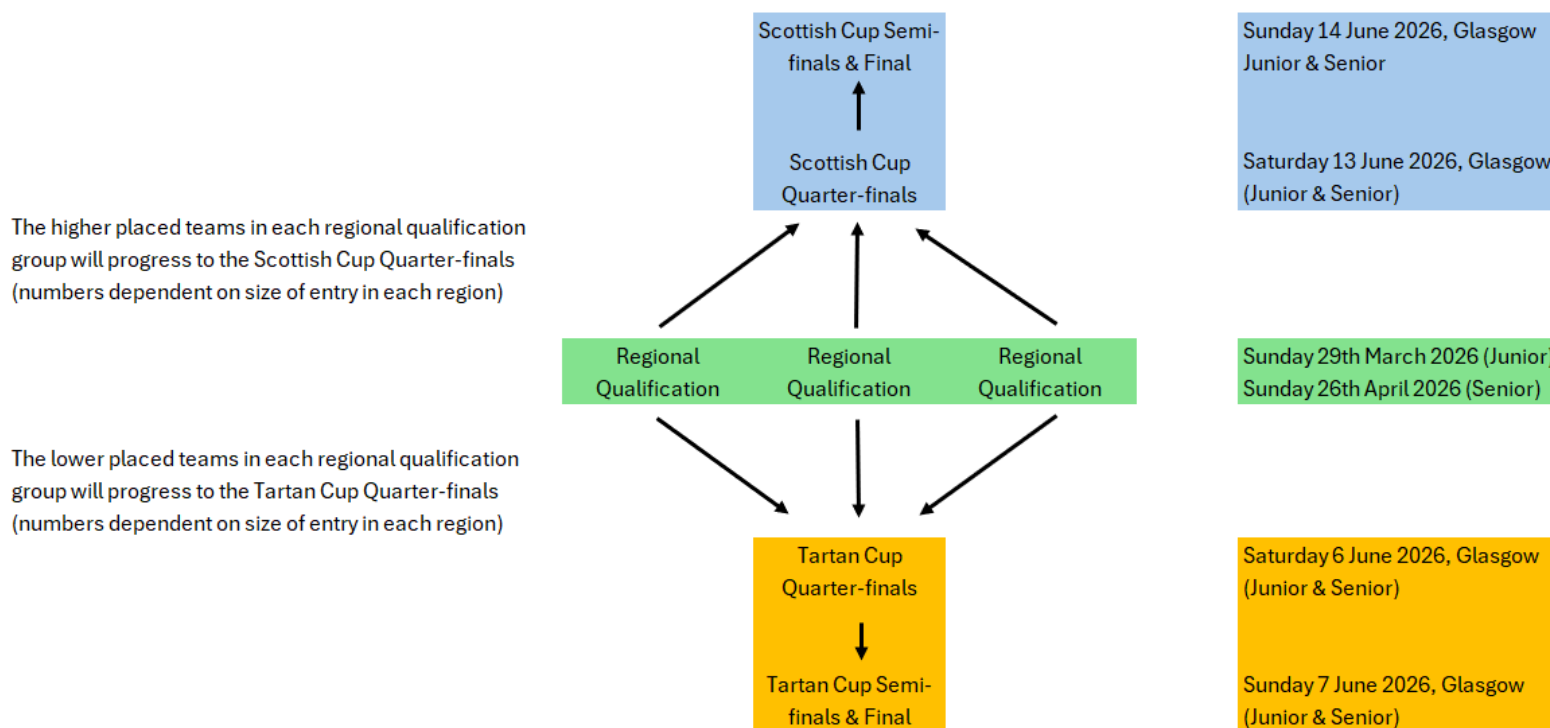
Quarter finals on Saturday 6th June - Junior and Senior

Semi-finals and Finals on Sunday 7th June - Junior and Senior

Competition Structure

The format of the Scottish Cup will be similar to previous years with regional qualifying rounds, a quarter final stage and then a semi final and final. It is hoped that we will receive enough entries to be able to organise regional qualifiers in three regions (North, East and West).

In season 2025/26 we are introducing a second finals day, called The Tartan Cup, for both Juniors and Seniors. The top teams from each regional event will progress into the Scottish cup and the lower ranked teams from the regional events will progress into the Tartan cup. The Scottish Cup and the Tartan Cup quarter final stages will each consist of 8 teams, at both Junior and Senior level. The overall competition structure is:



The number of teams which qualify for the Scottish Cup and the Tartan Cup will depend on the ratio of teams which enter the competition from each region. An example to illustrate the approach that will be taken is shown below. Please note this example is for illustration only – the actual number of qualifying spots available to each region will be made public once all entries have been submitted.

Region	number of teams entered	Ratio	Scottish Cup qualification places	Tartan Cup qualification places
North	6	25% of total entries	2	2
East	12	50% of total entries	4	4
West	6	25% of total entries	2	2

Competition Format

The Regional Qualifiers, the Scottish Cup and the Tartan Cup will all be played using the same format. Each tie will consist of 7 matches: MS1 WS1 MD1 MD2 WD1 XD1 XD2.

Each player can play in a maximum of 2 matches per tie and teams must consist of a minimum of 4 males and 3 females.

Scoring format

In the Regional Qualification stage, it is hoped that 3 games to 21 with setting will be possible. However, if this is not possible due to the number of matches being played, other scoring formats can be chosen. This will be communicated in advance to all teams, once the closing date for entries has passed.

The quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals will all be played as best of 3 games to 21 with setting.

Entry fee

Senior Scottish Cup - £100 per team entered

Junior Scottish Cup - £75 per team entered

Clubs are allowed to enter more than one team.

All clubs wishing to enter Scottish Cup competition must complete the online entry form, via JustGo, submitted to Badminton Scotland by Monday 9 February (juniors) and Monday 9 March (seniors).

>> [Enter here for the JUNIOR Scottish Cup](#) <<

>> [Enter here for the SENIOR Scottish Cup](#) <<

Eligibility

All affiliated clubs in Scotland can enter. Teams must consist of a minimum of 4 males and 3 females. Each player must be bona-fide members of the club they are representing, registered with that club on Badminton Scotland's membership system, and have a current Badminton Scotland affiliation. A player is only permitted to play for one club per season in the Scottish Cup competition. Age group eligibility is based on year of birth

Junior Scottish Cup: Players must have been born in 2011 or **later**.

Senior Scottish Cup: Players must have been born in 2010 or **earlier**.

Draws

Badminton Scotland will organise the regional qualification stage, as well as the quarter-finals, semi-finals and final of the Scottish Cup and the Tartan Cup, including making the draws and running the competition.

Badminton Scotland will make a draw from the teams which have progressed from the regional qualification stages and will notify each team captain the time of their match(es) and the name of their opponents in advance. The draw from the quarter final to final will be published in advance.

In the senior Scottish Cup and senior Tartan Cup, if any team withdraws after qualifying for the knock-out stage, the opposing team will automatically receive a bye to the semi-finals.

Following feedback from 2024/25 the Junior Scottish Cup Quarter finals (and Junior Tartan Cup quarter finals) will be played in a round robin style to allow teams to have more matches. The round robin will be played in two pools of 4 with the top two teams progressing to semi-finals. The top team in group 1 will play the 2nd team in group 2 and the top team in group 2 will play the second team in group 1.

In the Junior Scottish Cup and Junior Tartan Cup, if any team withdraws after qualifying for the round robin the group will be played with one less team. If more than one team withdraws from the same group Badminton Scotland may move another team from the other group to even the pools.