

2026-27 Carabao Cup Bracket

Predict the road to Wembley · Third Round through the Final · Fill it in



Carabao Cup Round Dates & Format

2026-27 EFL Cup · every round to the Wembley final

Round-by-Round Schedule

ROUND	WEEK / DATE	NOTES
Preliminary	Aug 1-2, 2026	4 lowest-ranked clubs
First Round	w/c Aug 3, 2026	70 EFL clubs · regionalised
Second Round	w/c Aug 24, 2026	Most Premier League clubs enter · regionalised
Third Round	w/c Sep 7 & 14, 2026	9 European PL clubs enter · open draw
Fourth Round	w/c Oct 26, 2026	Last 16
Quarter-Finals	w/c Dec 14, 2026	Round Five · last 8
Semi-Final, Leg 1	w/c Jan 11, 2027	Two legs
Semi-Final, Leg 2	w/c Feb 1, 2027	Two legs
The Final	Sun Mar 21, 2027	Wembley Stadium

How the Competition Works

- Single-elimination throughout. Ties are one match (no replays); level after 90 minutes goes straight to extra time, then penalties.
- Only the semi-finals are played over two legs (home and away, aggregate score).
- Rounds One and Two are split into North and South sections; from the Third Round it is one open, unseeded draw.
- The Premier League sides in European competition are held back and enter at the Third Round.
- The winner earns a place in the play-off round of the 2027-28 UEFA Conference League.

My Results & Predictions Log

Fill in as the rounds are drawn

ROUND	MY PICK TO ADVANCE	RESULT
3rd Round upset		
4th Round		
QF #1		
QF #2		
QF #3		
QF #4		
Semi-finalist A		
Semi-finalist B		
Finalist 1		
Finalist 2		
Winner		

Track the Dark Horse

The Carabao Cup is famous for lower-league giant-killings. Circle one EFL club you think makes a deep run, and follow it round by round.

MY DARK HORSE	HOW FAR?