

2026-27 Conference League Guide

League phase format, key dates & your club's fixture tracker

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TEAMS

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LEAGUE GAMES EACH

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DIRECT TO ROUND OF 16

Jun 2

FINAL (ISTANBUL)

How the League Phase Works

- All 36 clubs sit in one combined league table and each plays **6 different opponents** (3 home, 3 away). There are no groups.
- Top 8** in the table advance straight to the Round of 16.
- 9th through 24th** drop into a two-legged knockout playoff in February; the winners join the Round of 16.
- 25th through 36th** are eliminated with no drop to another competition.
- The winner earns a spot in next season's UEFA Europa League league phase.

2026-27 Key Dates

STAGE	DATE(S)
League phase draw	Fri, Aug 28, 2026
Matchday 1	Oct 15, 2026
Matchday 2	Oct 22, 2026
Matchday 3	Nov 5, 2026
Matchday 4	Nov 26, 2026
Matchday 5	Dec 10, 2026
Matchday 6	Dec 17, 2026
Knockout playoff	Feb 18 & 25, 2027
Round of 16	Mar 11 & 18, 2027
Quarter-finals	Apr 8 & 15, 2027
Semi-finals	Apr 29 & May 6, 2027
Final · Besiktas Park, Istanbul	Tue, Jun 2, 2027

My Club's League Phase (fill in after the Aug 28 draw)

MD	DATE	OPPONENT	H/A	RESULT
1	Oct 15			
2	Oct 22			
3	Nov 5			
4	Nov 26			
5	Dec 10			
6	Dec 17			

Final league position: ____ / 36 → Top 8 = Round of 16 | 9-24 = Playoff | 25-36 = Out

Conference League Knockout Bracket

Round of 16 to the final · fill it in from March 2027

The **top 8** league-phase clubs enter the Round of 16 directly. The other 8 spots come from the **knockout playoff (9th-24th)** played Feb 18 & 25. Ties through the semi-finals are two legs; the final is one match.

