



Blues placed in EFL Trophy group with Reading and Bristol Rovers

Wycombe Wanderers have been placed in Southern Group C of the EFL Trophy along with Reading, Bristol Rovers and an under-21 team from an invited Premier League club with a Category One academy.

The draw to place those under-21 sides into their respective groups will be made live on Sky Sports News on Thursday 25th June from 2.30pm.

The Chairboys will be grouped with one of Arsenal U21, Brentford U21, Brighton & Hove Albion U21, Chelsea U21, Crystal Palace U21, Fulham U21, Ipswich Town U21 or Tottenham Hotspur U21.

EFL Trophy Group Stage matches will commence in early September, with dates to be confirmed following the EFL's Fixture Release Day on Thursday 25th June.

2026/27 ROUND DATES

The round dates for the EFL Trophy have been confirmed as the following:

- Group Stage: From early September
- Round of 32: w/c 7 December
- Round of 16: w/c 11 January
- Quarter Finals: w/c 15 February
- Semi Finals: w/c 8 March
- Final: Sunday 11 April

COMPETITION FORMAT

The top two from each group progress to the knockout stages, with EFL Trophy fixtures remaining regionalised until the Quarter-Final stage.

Matches level after 90 minutes will be determined by penalty kicks up to, and including, the Semi-Final stage.

A period of 30 minutes of extra time will be played in the Final should the match be level after 90 minutes. If still level at the end of extra time, the winners shall be determined by penalty kicks.

HOW TO WATCH

The EFL's record domestic rights deal with broadcaster Sky Sports will see every EFL Trophy match broadcast live on Sky Sports for fans in the UK.