

# LIVERPOOL QUIZ LEAGUE 2015-2016

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# LIVERPOOL QUIZ LEAGUE

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(Q) Questions to Secretary or delegate

C team entered MQL Challenge

R team entered Riley Cup Handicap

## **DIVISION ONE FIXTURES**

**07 September 2015**

**25 January 2016**

Rainhill Victoria v

Earles v

Kluggers v

Eleanor's v

Aigburth Swans v

**09 November 2015**

Bishop Eton

Leyfield Crown

Aigburth People

Judges

Duncan's Doughnuts

**14 September 2015****01 February 2016**

Aigburth People	v
Bishop Eton	v
Judges	v
Leyfield Crown	v
Duncan's Doughnuts	v

**16 November 2015**

Rainhill Victoria
Earles
Aigburth Swans
Eleanor's
Kluggers

**21 September 2015****08 February 2016**

Rainhill Victoria	v
Earles	v
Aigburth Swans	v
Eleanor's	v
Duncan's Doughnuts	v

**23 November 2015**

Kluggers
Aigburth People
Leyfield Crown
Bishop Eton
Judges

**28 September 2015****15 February 2016**

Aigburth People	v
Bishop Eton	v
Leyfield Crown	v
Kluggers	v
Rainhill Victoria	v

**30 November 2015**

Eleanor's
Aigburth Swans
Judges
Earles
Duncan's Doughnuts



**05 October 2015**

**22 February 2016**

Judges v

Earles v

Aigburth Swans v

Eleanor's v

Duncan's Doughnuts v

**07 December 2015**

Bishop Eton

Rainhill Victoria

Aigburth People

Kluggers

Leyfield Crown

**12 October 2015**

**29 February 2016**

Aigburth People v

Bishop Eton v

Rainhill Victoria v

Kluggers v

Earles v

**14 December 2015**

Judges

Leyfield Crown

Eleanor's

Aigburth Swans

Duncan's Doughnuts

**19 October 2015**

**07 March 2016**

Judges v

Leyfield Crown v

Aigburth Swans v

Eleanor's v

Duncan's Doughnuts **V**

**04 January 2016**

Kluggers

Aigburth People

Rainhill Victoria

Earles

Bishop Eton

**26 October 2015**

**11 January 2016**

**14 March 2016**

Aigburth People	v	Bishop Eton
Rainhill Victoria	v	Judges
Earles	v	Aigburth Swans
Kluggers	v	Leyfield Crown
Eleanor's	v	Duncan's Doughnuts

**02 November 2015**

**18 January 2016**

**21 March 2016**

Bishop Eton	v	Kluggers
Judges	v	Earles
Leyfield Crown	v	Rainhill Victoria
Aigburth Swans	v	Eleanor's
Duncan's Doughnuts	v	Aigburth People

### **WB Feeny Cup 2016**

Entry to this competition is open to teams finishing first, second or third in the First Division of each of the constituent leagues of MQL.

The draw and full competitions rules are posted on the MQL website [www.merseysidequizleagues.org.uk](http://www.merseysidequizleagues.org.uk)

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## **Liverpool Division Two 2015-2016**

### **Black Horse**

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(Q) Questions to Secretary or Delegate

C team entered MQL Challenge

R team entered Riley Cup Handicap

## **DIVISION TWO FIXTURES**

**07 September 2015**

**09 November 2015**

**25 January 2016**

Mersey Bowmen	v	Exiles
Triangle	v	Palmy Army
CTK Wanderers	v	Top Shelf
Tramway	v	Black Horse
Monstrous Regiment	v	CTK Cavaliers

**14 September 2015****01 February 2016**

Top Shelf V

Exiles V

Black Horse V

Palmy Army V

CTK Cavaliers V

**16 November 2015**

Mersey Bowmen

Triangle

Monstrous Regiment

Tramway

CTK Wanderers

**21 September 2015****08 February 2016**

Mersey Bowmen V

Triangle V

Monstrous Regiment V

Tramway V

CTK Cavaliers V

**23 November 2015**

CTK Wanderers

Top Shelf

Palmy Army

Exiles

Black Horse

**28 September 2015****15 February 2016**

Top Shelf V

Exiles V

Palmy Army V

CTK Wanderers V

Mersey Bowmen V

**30 November 2015**

Tramway

Monstrous Regiment

Black Horse

Triangle

CTK Cavaliers

**05 October 2015**

**22 February 2016**

Black Horse v

Triangle v

Monstrous Regiment v

Tramway v

CTK Cavaliers v

**07 December 2015**

Exiles

Mersey Bowmen

Top Shelf

CTK Wanderers

Palmy Army

**12 October 2015**

**29 February 2016**

Top Shelf v

Exiles v

Mersey Bowmen v

CTK Wanderers v

Triangle v

**14 December 2015**

Black Horse

Palmy Army

Tramway

Monstrous Regiment

CTK Cavaliers

**19 October 2015**

**07 March 2016**

Black Horse v

Palmy Army v

Monstrous Regiment v

Tramway v

CTK Cavaliers v

**04 January 2016**

CTK Wanderers

Top Shelf

Mersey Bowmen

Triangle

Exiles



**26 October 2015**

**11 January 2016**

**14 March 2016**

Top Shelf	v	Exiles
Mersey Bowmen	v	Black Horse
Triangle	v	Monstrous Regiment
CTK Wanderers	v	Palmy Army
Tramway	v	CTK Cavaliers

**02 November 2015**

**18 January 2016**

**21 March 2016**

Exiles	v	CTK Wanderers
Black Horse	v	Triangle
Palmy Army	v	Mersey Bowmen
Monstrous Regiment	v	Tramway
CTK Cavaliers	v	Top Shelf

### **Rendon Cup 2016**

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## **Liverpool Division Three 2015-2016**

### **Aigburth Cricket Club**

**R**

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### **Bookworms**

**R**

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### **CI Edwardians**

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7NJ

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### **J.C. and The Jets**

**R**

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### **St Patrick's**

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(Q) Questions to Secretary or Delegate

C team entered MQL Challenge

R team entered Riley Cup Handicap

## **Division Three Fixtures**

**07 September 2015**

**09 November 2015**

**25 January 2016**

Residents	v	Wandering Star
Outside Edge	v	Sefton CC
Aigburth CC	v	J.C. and the Jets
St Francis of Assisi	v	Cl Edwardians
Bookworms	v	St Patricks

**14 September 2015****01 February 2016**

J.C. and the Jets v

Wandering Star v

CI Edwardians v

Sefton CC v

St Patricks v

**16 November 2015**

Residents

Outside Edge

Bookworms

St Francis of Assisi

Aigburth CC

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Residents v

Outside Edge v

Bookworms v

St Francis of Assisi v

St Patricks v

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Aigburth CC

J.C. and the Jets

Sefton CC

Wandering Star

CI Edwardians

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Wandering Star v

Sefton CC v

Aigburth CC v

Residents v

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St Francis of Assisi

Bookworms

CI Edwardians

Outside Edge

St Patricks

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CI Edwardians v

Outside Edge v

Bookworms v

St Francis of Assisi v

St Patricks v

**07 December 2015**

Wandering Star

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J.C. and the Jets

Aigburth CC

Sefton CC

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St Francis of Assisi v

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Aigburth CC v

St Francis of Assisi v

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Wandering Star

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Sefton CC

St Patricks

**02 November 2015****21 March 2016**

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# **Merseyside Quiz League - Rules**

**All matches played under the auspices of the MQL must conform to the following rules:**

## **Section 1: ORGANISATION AND REGISTRATION**

1. The Leagues shall be known as "The Merseyside Quiz Leagues" and shall be divided into as many Leagues as the Council deem necessary.
2. A Council shall be appointed annually consisting of the following members: Chairman, Deputy Chairman, General Secretary, Assistant General Secretary and Treasurer, together with one committee member from each constituent league plus a further committee member for each of ten teams within the constituent league
3. The Council shall have the power to arrange and settle all matters relating to the Leagues.
4. The Council may at any time fill any vacancies that may occur among the Officers or Council.
5. Council meetings shall be held as necessary and at least once every four months. The Council shall also call an Annual General Meeting at the end of each season, which will consider all amendments to Rules and other matters.

6. Proposals for the AGM be submitted to the General Secretary no later than 28 days before the advertised date of the AGM.
7. All meetings shall close or stand adjourned at 9:30 p.m.
8. League matches must be played on a Monday or a Tuesday and teams must select which shall be their Home Match night upon the Registration form.
9. To initiate the playing season, the Council have set June 15th or any date decided by the Local Council or Committee in any season as a Final Registration Date, and all teams must by that date submit: Local Council/Committees are empowered to refuse registration to teams not fulfilling ALL the above conditions by the Registration Date.

**THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO**

- a. A fully completed Registration Form as issued by the Council
  - b. A remittance to cover the main entrance fee as set by the Annual General Meeting of the MQL and a local fee appropriate to the individual Leagues.
  - c. At least one set of questions (from all teams other than those in their first season)
10. Extra Fixture Lists may be purchased at the price fixed by the Council, payment being included with the Remittance as per Rule 9(b).

11. No player may play for more than one team in any one season without first obtaining the permission of the Council of the constituent league or leagues directly concerned; the player has the right of appeal to the Council of the MQL should the request for a transfer be refused.  
This rule applies to all competitions played under the auspices of the MQL
12. The MQL Council shall fix a playing season of 26 weeks, during which areas will be able to play league games to questions provided by the MQL Areas wishing to play games outside these parameters will be responsible for arranging question sets for the said games.
13. Each constituent League is required to forward nine question sets to the distributors by 31st July and a further nine by the 31st October. Questions for matches will not be sent to Leagues who fail to meet the deadlines until the commitment has been met, and League Secretaries will be notified in writing immediately after the above dates.
14. Costs of handbooks to be borne by the local leagues.
15. MQL Council has discretion to amend the playing rules for competitions in order to best accommodate the number of teams entering.
16. A quorum at a MQL Council meeting be three officers plus three council members to represent at least three areas in total.

17. A quorum at an AGM be three officers plus representatives of at least five teams.

## **Section 2: MATCH RULES**

20. Sets of questions will be provided by the Council and only these shall be used in league matches, unless the two captains agree otherwise.
21. Questions will be issued to the Home Team in sealed envelopes, the sealing to consist of sellotape covering over both end flaps and official stamp on centre join, properly sealed. These envelopes must be opened by the Question Person in the presence of the two captains before the match begins.
22. Teams shall consist of not more than four players; any missing players' questions will be for team bonus points. Players must remain in the same position for the duration of the match. The Home Team shall be responsible for providing Question Person, Timekeepers and Scorer for each Match, except where other arrangements exist in any particular League. Any arrivals after the start of a Match cannot join the team.
23. A Match shall consist of 32 Questions to each Team, and the winner shall be the team securing the most points.
24. All matches to start at 8:45 p.m. with an allowance of 15 minutes. Should matches be delayed more

than this 15 minutes the non-offending team have the right to claim the match.

25. Visiting teams have the option of answering first or second in the League games. In the Cup, President's Trophy and President's Shield matches, the home captain will toss a coin and ask the visiting captain to call to decide the order of answering. In all games the order of answering shall change after round four.
26. Each constituent League shall be permitted to decide which match rules apply to League matches and internal Cup competitions, even to the extent of different rules applying to different divisions within the League. Standard match rules shall apply to all matches between teams from different constituent Leagues except for competitions outside the jurisdiction of the Merseyside Quiz League. The Question Person will adjudicate strictly in accordance with the "Notes for the Guidance of Question Persons".
27. Should any member of a team be found guilty of prompting in any shape or form, the Question Person shall treat any answer received as incorrect and then proceed to pass the question to the non-offending team.
28. If any member of the audience should prompt a person answering a question, the Question Person shall cancel and ask a supplementary question.

29. It is the duty of each captain to ensure that his or her team's supporters do not in any way prompt any member of the competing team.
30. Two points shall be awarded to the winning team and one point to each team in the event of a draw.
31. The result sheet must bear the names of all eight players in capitals and be countersigned by both Captains and the Question Person within 10 minutes of the completion of the game. The home captain is responsible for the result sheet being in the hands of the appropriate League Secretary within three days, or such period as the local league determines, of the date of play. Failure to comply with this rule will entail a fine of £1 on the home team or any penalty seen fit by the appropriate Council or Committee.

32.

- a) If either team feels that an answer in the question set, or the Question Person's ruling, is incorrect so that points were wrongly awarded, they must say so immediately, or at least before the start of the next round. The Question Person must then invite the two captains to agree how points should be awarded if possible. Captains who know that a mistake has been made should concede the point(s) there and then. If teams cannot

agree, the Question Person must note a possible protest.

- b) If, at the end of the game, the result turns out to depend on the disputed point(s) and it is decided to proceed with the protest, the captain of the protesting team must write the word PROTEST on the front of the score sheet and on the reverse side give brief details of the matter concerned. As a first step the two captains must consult reference books to confirm their opinions, try to agree to concede or withdraw the protest and inform the appropriate Secretary. If they cannot agree, then a written protest must be made within 7 days of the game to the appropriate Secretary, with a copy to the other team.
- c) Protests arising from Local League matches will be heard by the League concerned whose decisions shall be FINAL. Protests arising from all other competitions will be heard by a Committee appointed by the MQL Council. Both teams involved should be given 3 days' notice of the hearing and shall have the right to attend.

33. Any tie at the end of each season for the first or second place in a League shall be settled by a play-off at a neutral venue, with Question Person,

Timekeeper and Scorer appointed by the League Committees concerned or by any method decided by the local league.

34. In all knockout competitions, ONE extra round shall be played if the game results in a tie after 8 rounds. If the game is still tied after 9 rounds, then a 10th round shall be played. The questions in these rounds shall be of a general nature. The order of answering will change after Round 8 and again after Round 9.
35. Teams who enter the Challenge Cup or the MQL Plate and fail to fulfil a fixture without, in the opinion of the MQL Council, good reason, will be subject to a £6 fine.
36. Committees of local leagues shall be required to undertake the following:
  - a) adequate vetting of questions submitted by its teams
  - b) in respect of accuracy, correct wording, balance and general interest, acceptance of responsibility for those questions submitted by its teams

Local committees shall be empowered to fix dates or receipt of questions from constituent members of its league. These dates to be sufficiently far in advance of the closing date for registration as to allow time for vetting and to allow the replacement of inadequate sets before they enter general circulation.



37. Either Captain has the right to be told the score before a question is asked during the last round.
38. Teams who fail to turn up for League games will suffer such penalty as the local area deems fit

### **Section 3: GENERAL**

50. Any published matters, including press, radio and social media concerning Quiz Teams and individual members must not contain any comment or statement capable of causing offence or embarrassment.
51. All final League tables to be printed in the following season's Fixture Book.
52. All unsold tickets for Merseyside Quiz League functions shall be returned 7 days prior to the function, otherwise the teams concerned will be held responsible for payment.
53. Teams failing to pay fines imposed upon them within 14 days of the date of the notice of fining shall have their registration suspended until such time as the fine is paid, with games due to be played during this period being forfeit and points awarded to their opponents; or be liable to such sanctions as the local league committee or Council thinks fit to impose.
54. Teams finishing, first, second or third in the first division of a constituent league of the MQL shall be entitled to compete in that season's Feeny Cup.

Teams finishing first or second in any other division of a constituent league of the MQL shall be entitled to compete in that season's Rendon Cup. Any team which, having entered the Feeny Cup or the Rendon Cup then fails to fulfil any fixture without, in the opinion of the MQL Council, good reason, shall be subject to a £6 fine.

55. The AGM shall elect as honorary Vice-Presidents any persons whom the meeting feel to be worthy of such election; a Vice-President shall hold office for three years, but may be re-confirmed in office for further terms, which may be consecutive.
56. The Monday or Tuesday following the completion of a Division's season's fixtures shall be designated the occasion for any necessary play-offs in that Division. In the event that teams involved cannot agree a date, the decision as to whether the play-off matches are to be played on Monday or Tuesday shall be determined by the majority home night of the teams in that Division.
57. Questions involving multiple-part answers should not be set in quizzes, and questions should be so structured as to avoid this type of answer.
58. The MQL Council should draw up and publish competition rules for all competitions promoted directly by the MQL

59. In all cases, MQL matches will take precedence over quiz matches organised by constituent leagues.
60. An honorary President shall be elected by the A.G.M. to serve for a three-year term of office; a person may serve more than one term of office as President, although at no point shall a person serve consecutive terms in the office.

## **LIVERPOOL QUIZ LEAGUE LOCAL RULES**

### **Answering Questions, resolved at the 2004 AGM**

Each individual is allowed to answer, without penalty, their own question, if they give a wrong answer, the question is then passed to a member of their own team, if still wrong it is then passed to the opposition. Scoring and timing remain unchanged.

### **Question Submission, resolved at the 2011 AGM**

Teams failing to submit a set of questions largely suitable for an MQL quiz match, by 31<sup>st</sup> January prior to the start of the season for which questions are set shall, in that season, be deducted one point for every week the questions are late

## Setting of Questions

(based upon Guidance provided by the Merseyside Quiz League)

To assist teams in the completion of sets of questions, facilitate the work of the vetting groups and to improve the standard of quizzes, the following notes should be borne in mind.

### SETTING

Nobody ever sits down to write a poor quiz and what constitutes a good quiz is of course, quite subjective. However, there are certain things that every setter can check for, including:

- Spelling and typographical errors
- Factual accuracy. Check each question/answer against an irrefutable reference
- Missing questions or missing answers
- Balanced questions going to the same side because the half time switch around has been overlooked
- A predominance of questions in one subject area
- A certain player getting several questions on the same subject area

Set papers in good time and **play them before submission**. All of the above problems should easily be identified if the set has been played as a friendly.

Questions should balance in terms of topic, severity and fairness. Severity is again very subjective but is helped by trying out the sets. Fairness can be easier to judge e.g. one team may be asked to give a specific name whereas the balance for the question might require a year or a number, which is much more guessable.

Similarly, 'Year in the life' type questions an attempt should be made to choose two people who had similar lengths of lives.

It is appreciated that the areas of Light Entertainment and Current Affairs lend themselves to the attempt to find new and interesting questions, but setters should guard against overuse and be aware of the temporary nature of some news stories. Questions that have an answer that may change should be qualified, e.g. naming the manager of a football team in a particular date range.

Questions involving innovations brought about by Act of Parliament need consideration, as often the Act is passed in a year before it is implemented. The question should make clear which is required. Similarly, awards for films, books, etc. are often presented in the year following their release, so the question should remove ambiguity e.g. "Which film won the 2012 Oscar for Best Picture at the Awards Ceremony in April 2013".

Do not use trick questions or questions containing YES/NO answers.

Avoid questions with long-winded or multi-part answers. Questions with one word answers are usually the most suitable, e.g. questions involving the meaning of abbreviations could identify just one of the words.

Pay close attention to the phrasing of questions to ensure that there is only one possible answer. For example, there are a number of equally correct answers to the question "Where are the Karakorams?" but there is only one possible answer to the question, "Of which mountain range are the Karakorams a part?"

Do not copy sets directly from published quiz books, or old sets.

Bear in mind that several Leagues now use the Two Attempt system and that certain answers can be rendered too obvious by this.

## **PRODUCTION OF SETS**

If at all possible, please produce the questions electronically on the LQL template and send them by email to the General Secretary **before** 31<sup>st</sup> January deadline.

Failing this, type the questions and answers. If this too is not possible, and the set is hand written, then please use capital letters.

When setting out the paper, use the existing format of the league sets, i.e. at the top of the paper, indicate the name of the setting team, head each round with a round number and number the questions 1a to 4b.

### **... A FINAL THOUGHT.**

We often bemoan the fact that there is little new blood coming into the Leagues. The flip side of this however means that we have all been playing for a number of years and as such we all appreciate the effect that a quiz that was too hard or too easy or poorly balanced or riddled with errors has on our night out! The question sets are everything, let's all make the effort to produce sets that we would enjoy playing!

## **Liverpool Quiz League Diary 2015 2016**

### September 2015

- 6 LQL Council Meeting
- 13 MQL Council Meeting
- 23 President's Shield, President's Trophy (1)

### October 2015

- 10 Quiz in the North, Liverpool
- 14 MQL Challenge Cup (1) set by O
- 21 President's Trophy (2)

### November 2015

- 4 President's Shield (2)
- 11 MQL Challenge (2) Set by W
- 18 President's Trophy (3)

### December 2015

- 2 President's Trophy (4)
- 9 MQL Cup (3) Set by N
- 6 LQL Council Meeting
- 13 MQL Council Meeting



## January 2016

- 27 President's Trophy (5)
- 27 Liverpool MCC questions submission
- 31 Final date for LQL questions submission
- 31 Liverpool Mimir questions submission 1

## February 2016

- 3 President's Shield (3)
- 10 MQL Cup/Plate QF set by L
- 17 LQL Mimir -Aigburth People's Hall
- 24 President's Trophy (6)

## March 2016

- 1 Liverpool Mimir questions submission 2
- 2 Presidential Challenge
- 6 LQL Council Meeting
- 9 MQL Cup/Plate Semi-finals set by Wi
- 13 MQL Council Meeting
- 16 MQL Mimir heat - Aigburth People's Hall

## April 2016

- 4 LQL AGM
- 11 Riley Cup Round One
- 13 Liverpool Feeny + Rendon questions submission
- 13 Feeny and Rendon Cups first stage. Set by N, Wa, S+F

- 18 Riley Cup Round Two
- 24 MQL AGM
- 25 Riley Cup Round Three
- 27 Liverpool MCC questions submission
- 27 Feeny and Rendon Finals, W venue. Set by L, O, Wi

#### May 2016

- 9 Riley Cup QF, SF and Final. Aigburth People's Hall
- 11 Presentation Evening and Finals Night. MQL Cup Plate and Mimir. S&F venue. Final set by S&F, Plate O
- 23 LQL Presentation and Pairs Evening

#### June 2016

- 5 LQL Council Meeting
- 12 MQL Council Meeting