



SOUTHERN DEVELOPMENT
BASKETBALL LEAGUE
SDBL

Tournament schedule and format

Southern Development Basketball League

April–May 2026

List of participants

1. BC Birgu 1971
 2. Valletta Union
 3. Gozo Unit 66
 4. Senglea Sentinels
 5. Harbour Flux
 6. Limestone Five
 7. Kalkara Cannons
 8. Hamrun Blaze
 9. Birkirkara Axis
 10. Marsa Forge
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Tournament format

Regular season:

- 10 teams
- 1 round
- Each team plays every other team once
- 45 matches in the regular season
- usually 3 matches per match day
- Match times: 07:30 / 08:50 / 10:10
- On certain match days, as per the approved calendar, the following time slots apply: 08:00 / 09:20 / 10:30 / 10:40
- matches are held at the Basketball Complex, Ta' Qali, RBT 13, Malta

Play-offs:

- Teams finishing in 1st–4th place at the end of the regular season qualify for the play-offs
- 4 matches:
 - Semi-finals — 2 matches
 - Third-place play-off — 1 match
 - Final — 1 match
- All stages of the play-offs are single-match fixtures
- The play-offs take place the week following the end of the regular season over two match days, with two matches per day, within the approved time slots

Regular season — 45 matches, play-offs — 4 matches. Total — 94 matches

Reserve dates and organisational windows are determined by the Organiser as part of the official tournament calendar.

Regular season

First round

13 April 2026 — Monday

08:00 — BC Birgu 1971 vs Valletta Union
09:20 — Gozo Unit 66 vs Senglea Sentinels
10:30 — Harbour Flux vs Limestone Five

14 April 2026 — Tuesday

07:30 — Kalkara Cannons vs Hamrun Blaze
08:50 — Birkirkara Axis vs Marsa Forge
10:10 — BC Birgu 1971 vs Gozo Unit 66

15 April 2026 — Wednesday

07:30 — Valletta Union vs Harbour Flux
08:50 — Senglea Sentinels vs Kalkara Cannons
10:10 — Limestone Five vs Birkirkara Axis

16 April 2026 — Thursday

07:30 — Hamrun Blaze vs Marsa Forge
08:50 — BC Birgu 1971 vs Harbour Flux
10:10 — Gozo Unit 66 vs Kalkara Cannons

17 April 2026 — Friday

07:30 — Valletta Union vs Birkirkara Axis
08:50 — Senglea Sentinels vs Hamrun Blaze
10:10 — Limestone Five vs Marsa Forge

Second round

8 May 2026 — Friday

07:30 — Valletta Union vs BC Birgu 1971
08:50 — Senglea Sentinels vs Gozo Unit 66
10:10 — Limestone Five vs Harbour Flux

11 May 2026 — Monday

08:00 — Hamrun Blaze vs Kalkara Cannons
09:20 — Marsa Forge vs Birkirkara Axis
10:40 — Gozo Unit 66 vs BC Birgu 1971

12 May 2026 — Tuesday

07:30 — Harbour Flux vs Valletta Union
08:50 — Kalkara Cannons vs Senglea Sentinels
10:10 — Birkirkara Axis vs Limestone Five

13 May 2026 — Wednesday

07:30 — Marsa Forge vs Hamrun Blaze
08:50 — Harbour Flux vs BC Birgu 1971
10:10 — Kalkara Cannons vs Gozo Unit 66

14 May 2026 — Thursday

07:30 — Birkirkara Axis vs Valletta Union
08:50 — Hamrun Blaze vs Senglea Sentinels
10:10 — Marsa Forge vs Limestone Five

21 April 2026 — Tuesday

07:30 — BC Birgu 1971 vs Kalkara Cannons

08:50 — Harbour Flux vs Birkirkara Axis

10:10 — Gozo Unit 66 vs Hamrun Blaze

23 April 2026 — Thursday

07:30 — Valletta Union vs Marsa Forge

08:50 — Senglea Sentinels vs Limestone Five

10:10 — BC Birgu 1971 vs Birkirkara Axis

24 April 2026 — Friday

07:30 — Kalkara Cannons vs Hamrun Blaze

08:50 — Harbour Flux vs Marsa Forge

10:10 — Gozo Unit 66 vs Limestone Five

27 April 2026 — Monday

08:00 — Valletta Union vs Senglea Sentinels

09:20 — BC Birgu 1971 vs Hamrun Blaze

10:40 — Birkirkara Axis vs Marsa Forge

28 April 2026 — Tuesday

07:30 — Kalkara Cannons vs Limestone Five

08:50 — Harbour Flux vs Senglea Sentinels

10:10 — Gozo Unit 66 vs Valletta Union

29 April 2026 — Wednesday

07:30 — BC Birgu 1971 vs Marsa Forge

08:50 — Hamrun Blaze vs Limestone Five

10:10 — Birkirkara Axis vs Senglea Sentinels

15 May 2026 — Friday

07:30 — Kalkara Cannons vs BC Birgu 1971

08:50 — Birkirkara Axis vs Harbour Flux

10:10 — Hamrun Blaze vs Gozo Unit 66

18 May 2026 — Monday

08:00 — Marsa Forge vs Valletta Union

09:20 — Limestone Five vs Senglea Sentinels

10:40 — Birkirkara Axis vs BC Birgu 1971

19 May 2026 — Tuesday

07:30 — Hamrun Blaze vs Kalkara Cannons

08:50 — Marsa Forge vs Harbour Flux

10:10 — Limestone Five vs Gozo Unit 66

20 May 2026 — Wednesday

07:30 — Senglea Sentinels vs Valletta Union

08:50 — Hamrun Blaze vs BC Birgu 1971

10:10 — Marsa Forge vs Birkirkara Axis

21 May 2026 — Thursday

07:30 — Limestone Five vs Kalkara Cannons

08:50 — Senglea Sentinels vs Harbour Flux

10:10 — Valletta Union vs Gozo Unit 66

22 May 2026 — Friday

07:30 — Marsa Forge vs BC Birgu 1971

08:50 — Limestone Five vs Hamrun Blaze

10:10 — Senglea Sentinels vs Birkirkara Axis

30 April 2026 — Thursday

07:30 — Kalkara Cannons vs Valletta Union

08:50 — Harbour Flux vs Gozo Unit 66

10:10 — BC Birgu 1971 vs Limestone Five

1 May 2026 — Friday

07:30 — Marsa Forge vs Senglea Sentinels

08:50 — Hamrun Blaze vs Valletta Union

10:10 — Birkirkara Axis vs Gozo Unit 66

06 May 2026 — Wednesday

07:30 — Kalkara Cannons vs Harbour Flux

08:50 — BC Birgu 1971 vs Senglea Sentinels

10:10 — Limestone Five vs Valletta Union

7 May 2026 — Thursday

07:30 — Marsa Forge vs Gozo Unit 66

08:50 — Hamrun Blaze vs Harbour Flux

10:10 — Birkirkara Axis vs Kalkara Cannons

25 May 2026 — Monday

08:00 — Valletta Union vs Kalkara Cannons

09:20 — Gozo Unit 66 vs Harbour Flux

10:40 — Limestone Five vs BC Birgu 1971

26 May 2026 — Tuesday

07:30 — Senglea Sentinels vs Marsa Forge

08:50 — Valletta Union vs Hamrun Blaze

10:10 — Gozo Unit 66 vs Birkirkara Axis

27 May 2026 — Wednesday

07:30 — Harbour Flux vs Kalkara Cannons

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Play-offs

The teams that finished in 1st to 4th place in the regular season qualify for the play-offs.

Semi-finals

- 1st place in the regular season — 4th place in the regular season
- 2nd place in the regular season — 3rd place in the regular season

Final matches

- The teams that lost in the semi-finals play the third-place play-off
- The semi-final winners play in the final

The play-offs take place over two match days:

- On the first match day, the two semi-finals are played
- On the second match day, the third-place play-off and the final are held.

The exact dates, match times and order of play will be confirmed by the Organiser after the conclusion of the regular season.

Rules for determining the winner in the play-offs

All stages of the play-offs are played as single-match fixtures. If the winner of the match is not determined, an extra period or successive extra periods shall be played in accordance with the Official FIBA Basketball Rules until a winner is determined. A draw is not permitted.

The winner progresses through the tournament bracket. The loser occupies the corresponding position or advances to the next classification round, if provided for by the play-off structure.

Official status of the fixture list

Only the schedule approved by the Organiser and published on the official tournament website <https://sdbl-malta.com> or sent via official communication channels to team representatives shall be considered official.