

LONDON OPEN QUIZ FESTIVAL

Guidance notes

Venue: [The Counting House](#), 50 Cornhill, London EC3V 3PD
Date: Saturday 15th June 2019
Doors open: 10.30am
Ends: 18.45pm
Après-quiz: TBC

11:00 – Rally quiz

The rally quiz is a written quiz for individuals, consisting of three stages, each of 40 questions. Each stage is independently timed i.e. you may not carry over time from one stage to another stage. Each stage must be completed in order i.e. you may not attempt stage two before stage one.

You will receive your questions from either of the “Check-out” stations, one on the ground floor and the other on the first floor, where an invigilator will note your start time on the sheet. There is space adjacent to each question for you to write its answer – there is no separate answer sheet. Once you have completed each stage, you will return it to either of the “Check-in” stations where an invigilator will note your finish time on the sheet.

You may not record your own start time or finish time for any stage – doing so will result in automatic disqualification.

You will be awarded 1 point per correct answer, plus bonus / or penalty points according to how long it takes you to complete the stage. Stages 1 and 2 have a target time of 20 minutes and stage 3 has a target time of 15 minutes. If you complete any stage in less time than its target time, an extra bonus point per minute will be added to your score up to a maximum of 10. Similarly, if you complete any stage in more time than its target time, your score will be reduced by 1 penalty point per extra minute taken – there is no maximum limit of penalty points! Timing is to whole minutes rounded down and seconds discarded i.e. a finish time of 11:23:59 will be recorded as 11:23, not 11:24.

Please note it is your responsibility to write legibly. If the scorers cannot read your answer it will be regarded as incorrect. We recommend you use BLOCK CAPITALS. Please do not write your answers in red ink, as that is used by the scorers.

The first competitors will begin stage 1 at 11am. Once you have completed a stage you can queue for the next stage whenever you are ready, allowing time for a comfort break, recharging your glass etc. However, all competitors must have begun stage 3 by 12.15pm – if you start later than 12.15pm, your start time will still be recorded as 12.15pm.

In the event of a tie-break for the major positions, the result will be decided by the following method:

1. the highest score without bonus / penalty points;
2. the highest score in stage one, then stage two, then stage three;
3. by comparison of the tied competitors’ answers, the first to take the lead.

Marking will be done by the invigilators, and the answers displayed on the screen as soon as everyone has completed stage 3.

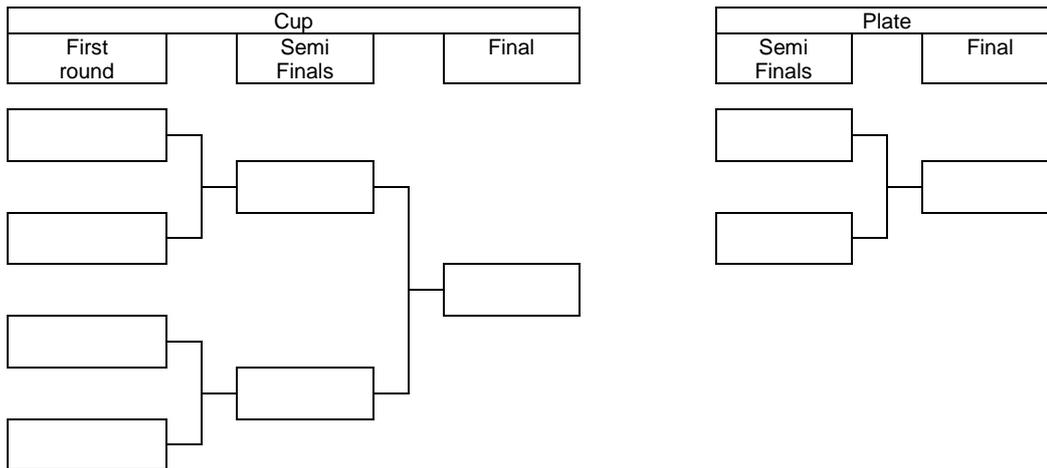
12:45 – Picture quiz

The picture quiz is an individual quiz consisting of 30 pictures of people, places etc – you simply have to identify them. The pictures themselves will be displayed at various places around the venue and also on the main screen. Answer sheets will be available on the ground floor and the first floor – just take one!

During the picture quiz lunch will be available, the cost of which is included in your registration.

13:45 – Don Bissett Memorial Cup & Plate

The Don Bissett Memorial Cup is a knockout competition for teams of four and uses the MQL / QLL team quiz format. The order of play will be drawn on the day.



The four teams which don't get to the semi finals will play each other in a Plate competition.

Friendly team quizzes in the MQL / QLL format will be available for those not participating in the quarter finals and semi finals. As far as possible, the teams for these quizzes will be decided in advance from the list of registrations so, if you are not intending to participate in these, please let the organisers know. No other matches will be played during the finals so that everyone can spectate.

15:45 – Pairs quiz

The pairs quiz is a written quiz for teams of two. However, as an added twist, no player who finished in the top 25 of the rally quiz may pair up with another player who also finished in the top 25 of the rally quiz – **doing so will result in automatic disqualification.**

The pairs quiz consists of two rounds of 25 questions each. As with the rally quiz, you will write your answers on the questions sheets themselves – there are no separate answer sheets. You will have 20 minutes to complete each stage after which you will swap papers for marking.

17:15 – Team quizzes

The day will conclude with as many team quizzes in the MQL / QLL format as we can fit in before the venue closes. As far as possible, the teams for these quizzes will be decided in advance from the list of registrations so, if you are not intending to participate in these, please let the organisers know.

19.00 – Après-quiz

The day will conclude with socialising and informal quizzing in a relaxed environment.