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## TOURNAMENT INFO

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### WHAT AND WHERE?

Helsinki Cup 2026, Helsinki

### WHEN?

From 6th to 11th, July 2026

### AGE GROUPS:

Boys B7–B18 (2019–2008)

Girls G7–G18 (2019–2008)

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# WELCOME TO THE HELSINKI CUP SUMMER 2026

Helsinki Cup returns next summer, bringing another unforgettable celebration of football joy, the power of community and the pure passion for football! Building on this year's anniversary spirit, we're ready to make summer 2026 even more exciting. We expect to welcome over 30,000 players and more than 1,800 teams to this international event.

Helsinki Cup is an unforgettable experience that brings together players, coaches, families and friends. This vibrant summer city event fills the streets of Helsinki with carnival atmosphere, colourful parades and a strong sense of football community. For many, the Helsinki Cup, now in its 51st edition, remains the undisputed highlight of the summer.

## THE SPIRIT OF FOOTBALL AND POSITIVE VIBES

At its core, the Helsinki Cup is about good energy, fair play, and encouragement. Every player, big or small, deserves support and positive reinforcement. At Helsinki Cup, everyone gets to play and try their best at their own level, free from fear of failure. Our mission is to create a space where everyone feels included and valued, regardless of background, skill or results. It's about football, but even more about the joy of playing and spending meaningful moments together.

The 2026 tournament promises a full week of unforgettable experiences. Alongside the matches, the festival atmosphere continues with live performances, opening celebrations, fun competitions and entertainment. Expect carnival parades, music, dancing, top

entertainment, shared joy and playful activities at the Love The Ball Center.

## WORLD-CLASS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Helsinki Cup is known for its exceptional organization and high standards. Even the youngest players get the chance to play on major arenas and top-quality football fields. The tournament spans over 100 football fields, with as many as 6,000 matches played throughout the week. Our refereeing meets the highest standards, and the entire tournament is organized with safety as a top priority. Every participant, whether young or old, gets the opportunity to develop as a player, make new friends, and experience the pure joy of sports. And beyond the matches: delicious meals, a well-structured schedule, nearby attractions in Helsinki, and the best of Finnish summer nature.

Bringing an international flair, nearly 100 high-level teams from abroad will join us with visitors arriving from Asia, the USA, Latin America and across Europe. Expect trumpets, cheers and colourful sombreros as Helsinki once again becomes the global stage for junior football.

Sign up now for the most exciting tournament of summer 2026! Come create new memories, enjoy the joy of sport and share magical moments through the love of the game.

See you in summer 2026!

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Warm regards,  
The Helsinki Cup Team

# GIRLS G7-G18

## AGE GROUPS G7-G9

- Teams will play six matches against teams of the same level
- No points or league tables will be counted, and a knock-out phase will not be played
- All players will be awarded diplomas and a medal for participation

**Team entry fee: €415**

## AGE GROUPS G10-G13

- Teams will be placed in groups of five for the group stage of the tournament
- Teams will only play against other teams of the same level (Elite, General, Entry)
- The General and Entry-level games start on Tuesday. The Elite-level games start on Wednesday.
- After the group stage, the teams will be divided into A and B finals. The follow-up games will be played in a cup format.
- The four best teams from the A finals will be awarded medals and the winners of the B finals will be awarded a trophy
- The General and Entry-level A finals will be played on Friday, only the Elite-level A finals will be played on Saturday

**Team entry fee: €460**

## AGE GROUPS G14-G18

- Teams will be placed in groups of five for the group stage of the tournament
- G14-G18 matchdays: Tue-Sat. G14H-G18H (ie. Entry-level) matchdays: Tue-Fri.
- After the group stage, the teams will be divided into A and B finals. The follow-up games will be played in a cup format.
- The four best teams from the A finals will be awarded medals and the winners of the B finals will be awarded a trophy
- The General and Elite-level A finals will be played on Saturday, the Entry-level A finals will be played on Friday

**Team entry fee: €500**

**The team level should be selected during registration, and it can be changed up until 30 April 2026.** The tournament organiser reserves the right to change a team's level and to combine levels as one series if this is considered necessary.

In the age groups G10-G13 the **General and Entry-level** games start on Tuesday.

**The Elite-level** games start on Wednesday.

## G10-G18 FROM PRELIMINARY DIVISIONS TO FOLLOW-UP GAMES

### ALL SERIES

A-finals	B-finals
Position 1	Position 4
Position 2	Position 5
Position 3	Position 6

## WEEK SCHEDULE

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

G14-G18

GROUP STAGE

A-FINALS

B-FINALS

G14H-G18H

GROUP STAGE

A-FINALS

B-FINALS

G10E-G13E

GROUP STAGE

A-FINALS

B-FINALS

G10Y-G13Y  
G10H-G13H

GROUP STAGE

A-FINALS

B-FINALS

G7-G9

G7-G9

The game days of the group stages and knockout rounds can change depending on the number of teams in the series.

	DATE OF BIRTH	FORMATION	GAME TIME	BALL	OFFSIDE	LEVELS	MATCHDAYS
G7	1.1.2019	5v5	2 x 14 min	3	-	Elite/General/Entry	Wed-Fri
G8	1.1.2018	5v5	2 x 14 min	3	-	Elite/General/Entry	Wed-Fri
G9	1.1.2017	5v5	2 x 14 min	3	-	Elite/General/Entry	Wed-Fri
G10	1.1.2016	8v8	2 x 15 min	4	Area*	Elite/General/Entry	(Tue) Wed-Fri (Sat)
G11	1.1.2015	8v8	2 x 15 min	4	Area*	Elite/General/Entry	(Tue) Wed-Fri (Sat)
G12	1.1.2014	8v8	2 x 20 min	4	x	Elite/General/Entry	(Tue) Wed-Fri (Sat)
G13	1.1.2013	8v8	2 x 20 min	4	x	Elite/General/Entry	(Tue) Wed-Fri (Sat)
G14	1.1.2012	11v11	2 x 20 min	5	x	General	Tue-Sat
G14H	1.1.2012	11v11	2 x 20 min	5	x	Entry	Tue-Fri
G15H	1.1.2011	11v11	2 x 25 min	5	x	Entry	Tue-Fri
G15-16	1.1.2010	11v11	2 x 25 min	5	x	General	Tue-Sat
G18	1.1.2008	11v11	2 x 25 min	5	x	General	Tue-Sat
G18H	1.1.2008	11v11	2 x 25 min	5	x	Entry	Tue-Fri

\* Offside area starting from the penalty line

# BOYS B7-B18

## AGE GROUPS B7-B9

- Teams will play six matches against teams of same level
- No points or league tables will be counted, and a knock-out phase will not be played
- All players will be awarded a medal for participation
- The B9 Elite series will be played as a separate competition, with 7v7 matches all the way to the finals.

**The team fee for the B7 and B8 series, as well as the B9 General and B9 Hobby series is €415.**

**The team fee for the B9 Elite serie is €450.**

## AGE GROUPS B10-B18

- Teams will be placed in groups of five or six for the group stage of the tournament
- After the group stage, the teams will be divided into A, B and C finals groups
- All the finals groups will play up to the final match
- The four best teams from finals group A will be awarded medals
- The winners of finals groups A and B will be awarded a trophy
- The winner of final C will be awarded a trophy plate

**Team entry fee: B10-B13 €485  
B13 11v11 & B14-B17 €525**

## AGE GROUPS ENTRY-LEVEL SERIES B10H-B15H

- All entry-level series are played 8v8, except B14-15H (8v8 & 11v11)
- Teams will be placed in groups of five or six for the group stage of the tournament
- After the group phase, teams will play a match on Thursday against a team that finished in the same position in a different group
- No other finals are played
- Teams have the opportunity for a penalty shootout after extra time if the match ends in a draw

**Team entry fee:  
B10H-B13H & B14-15H 8v8: €485  
B14-B15H 11v11: €525**

**The team level should be selected during registration, and it can be changed up until 30 April 2026.** The tournament organiser reserves the right to change a team's level if this is considered necessary.

## B10-B18 FROM PRELIMINARY DIVISIONS TO FOLLOW-UP GAMES

ELITE LEVELS		GENERAL LEVELS
A finals	Position 1	A finals
	Position 2	
B finals	Position 3	B finals
	Position 4	
B finals	Position 5	C finals
	Position 6	

# WEEK SCHEDULE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			A-FINALS		
GROUP STAGE			B-FINALS		
			C-FINALS		
		B13 11v11	A- ja B -FINALS		
ENTRY LEVELS B10H-B15H			ONE FOLLOW-UP GAME		
	B9 ELITE	A & B -FINALS			
B9 GENERAL AND ENTRY					
Two day tournament			B7 & B8		
			Two day tournament		

The game days of the group stages and knockout rounds can change depending on the number of teams in the series.

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B8	1.1.2018	5v5	2 x 14 min	3	-	Elite/General/Entry	Wed-Fri
B9	1.1.2017	5v5	2 x 14 min	3	-	Elite/General/Entry	Mon-Wed
B9E	1.1.2017	7v7	2 x 15 min	4	-	Elite	Tue-Fri
B10	1.1.2016	8v8	2 x 15 min	4	Area*	Elite/General	Mon-Sat
B10H	1.1.2016	8v8	2 x 15 min	4	Area*	Entry	Mon-Thu
B11	1.1.2015	8v8	2 x 15 min	4	Area*	Elite/General	Mon-Sat
B11H	1.1.2015	8v8	2 x 15 min	4	Area*	Entry	Mon-Thu
B12	1.1.2014	8v8	2 x 20 min	4	x	Elite/General	Mon-Sat
B12H	1.1.2014	8v8	2 x 20 min	4	x	Entry	Mon-Thu
B13	1.1.2013	8v8	2 x 20 min	4	x	Elite/General	Mon-Sat
B13H	1.1.2013	8v8	2 x 20 min	4	x	Entry	Mon-Thu
B13 11v11	1.1.2013	11v11	2 x 20 min	4	x	Elite	Wed-Sat
B14	1.1.2012	11v11	2 x 20 min	5	x	Elite/General	Mon-Sat
B14-15H	1.1.2011	8v8	2 x 20 min	5	x	Entry	Mon-Thu
B14-15H	1.1.2011	11v11	2 x 25min	5	x	Entry	Mon-Thu
B15-16	1.1.2010	11v11	2 x 25 min	5	x	Elite/General	Mon-Sat
B18	1.1.2008	11v11	2 x 25 min	5	x	General	Mon-Sat

\* Offside area starting from the penalty line

# REGISTRATION

You can register for the tournament at:

[www.helsinki.fi](http://www.helsinki.fi) or [www.taso.palloliitto.fi](http://www.taso.palloliitto.fi)

The registration period is from: 15 September 2025 to 30 April 2026

## RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE & OVER-AGE PLAYERS

- Participating teams must belong to an association operating under FIFA.
- School teams will be accepted from countries where school football is favoured.
- Finnish teams must be registered with the Finnish Football Association (FFA). The participating club must have teams that compete in FFA junior leagues.
- Foreign teams may include unlimited amount of older players in their player list, as long as they are born in the previous year than the age group. The limitation of the number of older players participating per match applies. An overage player can only represent the team they play for in the overage category and does not have the right to participate in different series.
- The amount of players representing a team during the tournament is not limited. However, a team's roster is limited to 18 players/match. The amount of substitutes in a match is unlimited.

## INSURANCE

The Helsinki Cup does not have insurance for players, team staff members or other people who are taking part in the tournament. International players and team staff members must have valid travel insurance or other insurance that will cover any accidents that may occur during the matches and the tournament in general.

## PLAYING FIELDS

All Helsinki Cup matches will take place on high-quality natural grass and (artificial turf fields that are in excellent condition and specifically designed for football use.

\* The fields are convenient to access by public transport.





## EARLY BIRD -OFFER!

By booking the tournament package  
by 31st December 2025,  
**you'll get the team participation  
fee for 200 euros.**

## TOURNAMENT PACKAGE

**The Helsinki Cup tournament package is the best way for your group to make the most of the tournament and coordinate all your tournament arrangements!**

### THE TOURNAMENT PACKAGE INCLUDES

- Accommodation and meals
- Tournament tag
- Helsinki Region Transport (HSL) travel cards
- Helsinki Cup guide services
- Group stage matches will be arranged along routes with good transport connections.
- Invitations to events during the tournament
- Personalized customer service from the Helsinki Cup sales team
- Various offers from our partners

**Our Helsinki Cup sales team will help you with all your accommodation and transport needs.**

## TOURNAMENT MEALS

**Teams, family members and everyone else travelling with the group can enjoy nutritious tournament meals included in the tournament package for the entire Helsinki Cup week.**

- Breakfast is served in the hotels every morning
- Lunch and dinner are served in the tournament restaurant
- The serving of tournament meals start with dinner on Sunday July 5 and end with lunch on Saturday July 11 starting no earlier than dinner on July 6th and ending with lunch on July 11th.
- There is a vegetarian option every day

## TRANSPORTATION DURING THE TOURNAMENT

**A Helsinki Region Transport (HSL) travel card is included in the Helsinki Cup tournament package and entitles the holder to free use of HSL public transport for the entire tournament week.**

- The card can be used for free travel during the tournament in the Helsinki area (and to some extent, Espoo and Vantaa), including the Suomenlinna ferry
- All tournament playing fields are located within a convenient distance by public transport
- Teams can also book transport to their hotel from Helsinki-Vantaa airport, the Helsinki harbours, the bus station and the railway station to the hotel by contacting the Helsinki Cup sales team
- We recommend using the comprehensive public transport system due to a lack of parking spaces in the city

## HELSINKI CUP GUIDES

**Helsinki Cup guide services are available for teams that have booked the tournament package.**

- The guides will pick you up from the airport/harbour and take you to your accommodation
- The guides will assist you with getting from your accommodation to the playing fields, and they will help with any questions you have about the tournament or Helsinki
- The guides will be located at the hotels, where they can assist you
- The guides are the link between the participating teams and the Helsinki Cup organisers
- The guides will serve teams in English or if possible in your native language

# YOUR TICKET TO EXPERIENCES



## THE TOURNAMENT TAG BENEFITS INCLUDE:

### Free entry:

- Helsinki Cup Disco (regular price €15)
- Helsinki Cup Finals on Fri and Sat (regular price €10/€15)

### Read more about the benefits

[helsinkicup.fi/en](https://helsinkicup.fi/en)

Tags are included in the participation fee, and the quantity is determined by the team's category: 5v5 10 pieces, 8v8 15 pieces, 11v11 25 pieces. Teams that have purchased the tournament package receive the tags as part of the package.



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# ACCOMMODATION

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

**The Helsinki Cup offers quality hotel accommodation through its partners at Holiday Inn and Scandic hotels.**

- All accommodation options are centrally located for the convenience of the tournament.
- Accommodation in 1–4 person rooms.
- All the hotel packages include a full Scandinavian buffet breakfast each morning (lunch and dinner are served at the tournament restaurant).
- Family members and everyone else travelling with the group are just as welcome to stay at Helsinki Cup's partner hotels at the same tournament rates as the teams. Please note that accommodation with breakfast only is also available at a discounted price.

**Choose your favorite from a selection of excellent hotels:**

- Easy access to the center of Helsinki.
- Good transportation connections to various Helsinki attractions, including Linnanmäki, the Olympic Stadium, shopping centers like Forum, Kamppi, and Tripla, the Music House, Finlandia Hall, and Kiasma.
- You can also easily escape the city hustle and bustle by heading to the central park or the waterfront.

## RESERVATIONS AND INQUIRIES

**Please contact the Helsinki Cup sales team on +358 40 680 4006 or [sales@helsinkicup.fi](mailto:sales@helsinkicup.fi) and we will help you find the most suitable tournament package for your group.**



# ACTIVITIES DURING THE TOURNAMENT WEEK

## OPENING CEREMONY

**The Helsinki Cup opening ceremony is held on the second day of the tournament on Tuesday 7th July.** One of the tournament's traditions is the opening procession, where tournament teams walk through the centre of Helsinki to announce the tournament officially to the whole city. The opening ceremony is a fun event where the teams compete with each other in their looks and loudness.

## LOVE THE BALL CENTER

**The Love the Ball Center is an oasis of good vibes right in the middle of the Helsinki Cup.** It offers a variety of entertainment and a great atmosphere throughout the tournament for players, their parents and everyone else travelling with the group. This is the perfect place for teams to relax, prepare for upcoming matches, enjoy the cafe's refreshing drinks and snacks and explore the exhibitions of our tournament partners. The entertainment is guaranteed by the versatile program taking place on the event stage daily. Recharge your batteries and enjoy the positive energy at the Love the Ball Center!

## HELSINKI CUP FESTIVAL

**The Helsinki Cup's traditional festival brings the juniors together for a night full of beats and tunes.** The festival will feature some of the youth's favorite artists and will be held in the middle of the tournament week, on Wednesday 8th July.

## FUN PLACES TO VISIT DURING THE TOURNAMENT

- Suomenlinna Sea Fortress
- Linnanmäki Amusement Park
- Natural History Museum
- The Swimming Stadium

**Find out more: [myhelsinki.fi](https://myhelsinki.fi)**





Helsinki



# Welcome to Helsinki, the Capital of Finland!

Helsinki is a unique and diverse city, where interesting history meets contemporary Scandinavian style - a city whose urban cosmopolitan lifestyle exists in perfect harmony with nature. Helsinki is a compact and lively city that offers visitors an endless number of possibilities. Even if you

are staying in Helsinki for a short time you can easily have a quick look at the main attractions. In Helsinki nature is around wherever you go. The sea is very close by and there are several parks and recreational areas within the city. For ultimate relaxation you should try one of Helsinki's many saunas.

Helsinki Art Museum HAM



Tennis Palace



## MyHelsinki.fi Your local guide to Helsinki.



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Helsinki

# HELSINKI CUP ON THE MAP



**BY FERRY**

There are daily ferry services to Helsinki from Estonia, Sweden and Germany. All the ferry companies offer the option of taking a car with you. Helsinki can also be reached by ferry from Russia and Poland.

## CONTACT DETAILS

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