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TOURNAMENT INFO

WHAT AND WHERE?

Helsinki Cup 2024, Helsinki

WHEN?

8th–13th July 2024

AGE GROUPS:

Boys B7–B17 (2017–2007)

Girls G7–G18 (2017–2006)

WELCOME TO HELSINKI CUP 2024

One of Europe's largest football carnivals is once again activating children, youth, parents, coaches, and team leaders. The heart of the action-packed family event, the Helsinki Cup, will beat for football again next summer. The junior football tournament is the highlight of the year for many. In the most anticipated sports celebration of the summer, nearly 30,000 players from around the world kick the ball, and this number grows year by year. Last year, there were already about 1,800 teams participating, with over 300 of them being girls' teams, which is delightful.

Physical activity for children and youth plays a significant role in their development. Sports help children become more skilled, support their well-being, and boost self-esteem. The social interaction in our games is also important.

However, the most important thing is to play, enjoy shared moments, and rejoice in football. For many, making new friends and sharing moments with their team or supporters remain vivid in their memories. The Helsinki Cup creates lifelong memories.

Games on big arenas not only create memories but also shows strong emotions. Football is emotional education at its best when joy and laughter on the pitch with frustrations and disappointments. Wins, losses, and the excitement of games help develop emotional intelligence together. Helsinki Cup's goal is to offer children and youth various tournament experiences through sports.

Although football is at the core of the Helsinki Cup, community-related events are visible throughout the capital city. Opening ceremonies, parades, discos, competitions, and festivals – Helsinki Cup always has a carnival atmosphere. Horns blare, and drums beat because joy and excitement abound when approximately 300,000 people participate in events, opening parades, stands, and in the background.

The junior mega-tournament also brings international flavor to the capital city, with almost 100 teams traveling from around the world to participate. The farthest guests arrive to admire the tournament's safety, top-notch pitches, flawless organization, and Finland's nature and attractions from Asia, Latin America, and the United States.

Our tradition lives on strongly, and in 2024, we will celebrate together for the 49th time. Our foundation remains the same, as we firmly stand behind tolerance, equality, internationality, and respectful behavior towards all participants. Fair play is one of our cornerstones, recognized by both our players and signed by our referees.

A huge thank you to the little players, the big support team, and our partners who were part of the summer tournament. With the same warmth and a big heart, I invite all of you to join us in the grand football tournament in the summer of 2024!

With tournament greetings,

Kirsi Kavanne
CEO, Helsinki Cup

GIRLS G7-G15, 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 2024. 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	1.1.2017	5v5	2 x 14 min	3	-	Elite/General/Entry	Wed-Fri
G8	1.1.2016	5v5	2 x 14 min	3	-	Elite/General/Entry	Wed-Fri
G9	1.1.2015	5v5	2 x 14 min	3	-	Elite/General/Entry	Wed-Fri
G10	1.1.2014	8v8	2 x 15 min	4	Area*	Elite/General/Entry	(Tue) Wed-Fri (Sat)
G11	1.1.2013	8v8	2 x 15 min	4	Area*	Elite/General/Entry	(Tue) Wed-Fri (Sat)
G12	1.1.2012	8v8	2 x 20 min	4	x	Elite/General/Entry	(Tue) Wed-Fri (Sat)
G13	1.1.2011	8v8	2 x 20 min	4	x	Elite/General/Entry	(Tue) Wed-Fri (Sat)
G14	1.1.2010	11v11	2 x 20 min	5	x	Elite/General	Tue-Sat
G14H	1.1.2010	11v11	2 x 20 min	5	x	Entry	Tue-Fri
G15	1.1.2009	11v11	2 x 25 min	5	x	Elite/General	Tue-Sat
G15H	1.1.2009	11v11	2 x 25 min	5	x	Entry	Tue-Fri
G18	1.1.2006	11v11	2 x 25 min	5	x	Elite/General	Tue-Sat
G18H	1.1.2006	11v11	2 x 25 min	5	x	Entry	Tue-Fri

* Offside area starting from the penalty line

BOYS **B7-B15, B17**

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

Team entry fee: €415

AGE GROUPS B10 -B17

- 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**

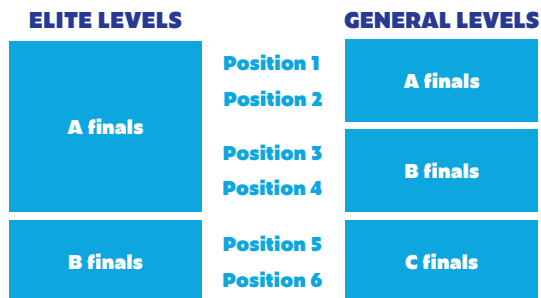
AGE GROUPS ENTRY-LEVEL SERIES **B10H-B15H**

- 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

**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 2024. The tournament organiser reserves the right to change a team's level if this is considered necessary.

B10-B17 FROM PRELIMINARY DIVISIONS TO FOLLOW-UP GAMES



WEEK SCHEDULE



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B8	1.1.2016	5v5	2 x 14 min	3	-	Elite/General/Entry	Wed-Fri
B9	1.1.2015	5v5	2 x 14 min	3	-	Elite/General/Entry	Mon-Wed
B10	1.1.2014	8v8	2 x 15 min	4	Area*	Elite/General	Mon-Sat
B10H	1.1.2014	8v8	2 x 15 min	4	Area*	Entry	Mon-Thu
B11	1.1.2013	8v8	2 x 15 min	4	Area*	Elite/General	Mon-Sat
B11H	1.1.2013	8v8	2 x 15 min	4	Area*	Entry	Mon-Thu
B12	1.1.2012	8v8	2 x 20 min	4	x	Elite/General	Mon-Sat
B12H	1.1.2012	8v8	2 x 20 min	4	x	Entry	Mon-Thu
B13	1.1.2011	8v8	2 x 20 min	4	x	Elite/General	Mon-Sat
B13H	1.1.2011	8v8	2 x 20 min	4	x	Entry	Mon-Thu
B13 11v11	1.1.2011	11v11	2 x 20 min	4	x	Elite	Mon-Sat
B14	1.1.2010	11v11	2 x 20 min	5	x	Elite/General	Mon-Sat
B14-15H	1.1.2010	8v8	2 x 25min	5	x	Entry	Mon-Thu
B14-15H	1.1.2010	11v11	2 x 25min	5	x	Entry	Mon-Thu
B15	1.1.2009	11v11	2 x 25 min	5	x	Elite/General	Mon-Sat
B17	1.1.2007	11v11	2 x 25 min	5	x	Elite/General	Mon-Sat

* Offside area starting from the penalty line

REGISTRATION

You can register for the tournament at:

www.helsinki.fi or www.taso.palloliitto.fi

The registration period is from: 15 September 2023 to 30 April 2024

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 2023, you'll get the team entry fee fully free of charge!

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
- Team matches as close to your accommodation as possible (provided the registration is done before 31 December 2023).
- 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 7 and end with lunch on Saturday July 13. Shorter tournament packages include meals starting with dinner on the day of arrival until lunch on the day of departure.
- 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 for the whole tournament week.

- 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 €7)
- **Helsinki Cup Finals** on Fri and Sat (regular price €5/€10)
- **Helsinki Zoo** during the tournament (regular price fr. €13/€20)

Read more about the benefits
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.



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.

RESERVATIONS AND INQUIRIES

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

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.



ACTIVITIES DURING THE TOURNAMENT WEEK

OPENING CEREMONY

The Helsinki Cup opening ceremony is held on the second day of the tournament on Tuesday 9th July 2024. 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!

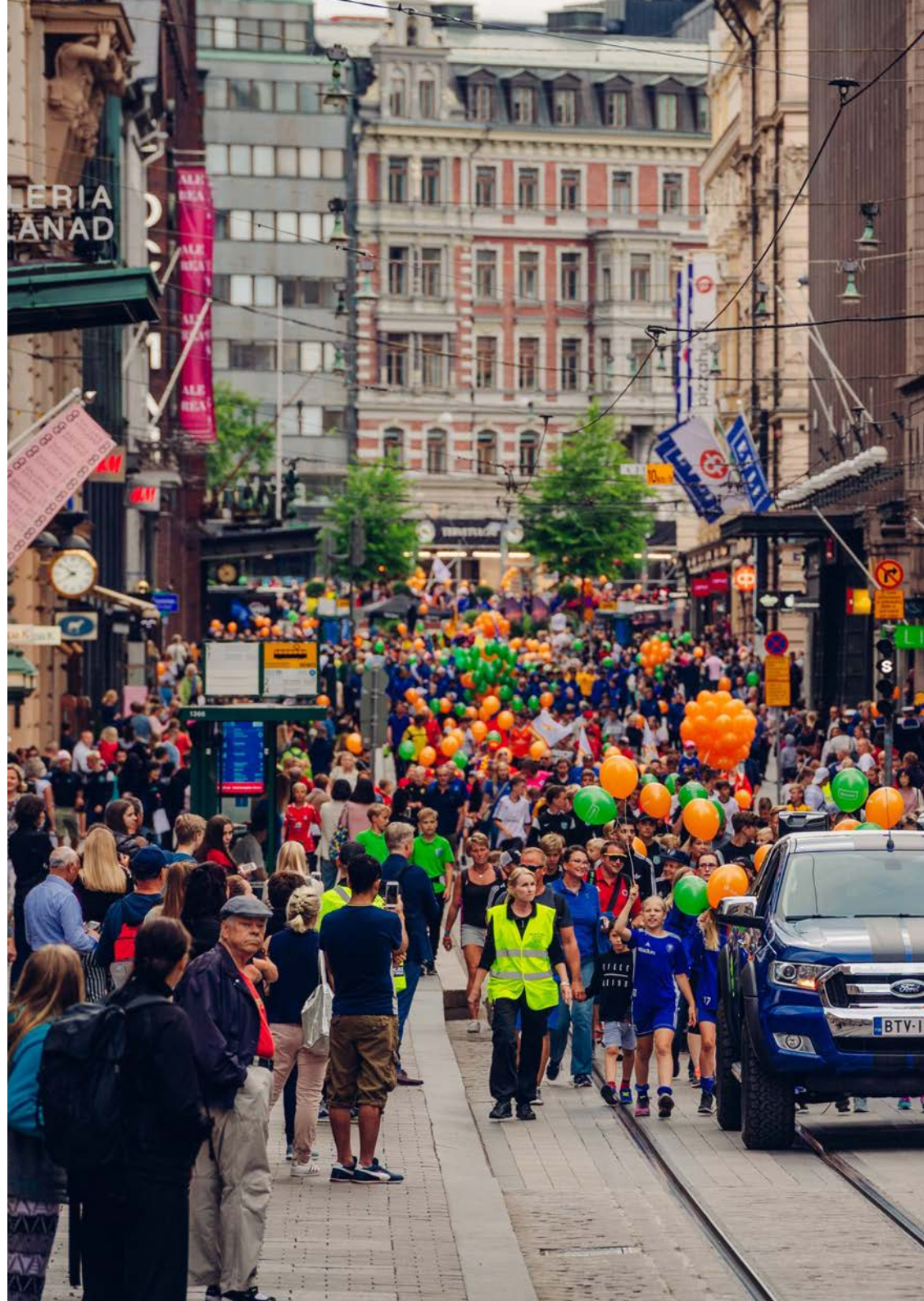
HELSINKI CUP FESTIVAL

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 10th July

FUN PLACES TO VISIT DURING THE TOURNAMENT

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

Find out more: 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



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Helsinki

HELSINKI CUP ON THE MAP



STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN
HELSINKI, FINLAND
TALLINN, ESTONIA
TRAVEMÜNDE, GERMANY

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.

BY PLANE

Helsinki can be reached easily from anywhere in the world.

Helsinki Airport serves around 200 international flights every day. Finnair's route network covers over 1,000 destinations in 150 countries worldwide and the airline, together with its partner airlines, operates direct flights from Helsinki to North America and Asia. Finnair also flies to over 40 cities in Europe. The trip from the airport to the city only takes around 30 minutes.

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