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**U-12 JUNIOR SOCCER WORLD CHALLENGE 2026
SOUTH EAST ASIA QUALIFIER JAKARTA**


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**U-12 JUNIOR SOCCER
WORLD CHALLENGE 2013**



**La Liga 2025-26
Real Sociedad de Fútbol
Samurai Blue**

TOURNAMENT PURPOSE

Since its inaugural edition in 2013, the U-12 Junior Soccer World Challenge (JSWC) has developed into one of the most prestigious international youth tournaments in the world.

Players such as Eric García (MVP of the first edition), Ansu Fati, and Takefusa Kubo have gone on to perform at the highest level of world football. In addition, many Japanese players who participated in previous editions have progressed to J.League clubs and the Japanese national team.

Today, JSWC is recognized as a global platform where young talents from around the world aspire to compete and showcase their abilities. This proposal aims to further elevate the tournament's global profile and firmly position it as a premier stage for developing the next generation of elite players.

“We envision this tournament as a global stage where young players grow not only as athletes, but also as individuals.”



2013 The Founding Years

The U-12 Junior Soccer World Challenge (JSWC) was established in 2013 by Koichi Kawamura (Senior Managing Executive Officer, Daiwa LifeNext Co., Ltd.) and Mitsuru Hamada (President & CEO, Amazing Sports Lab Japan).

The tournament was founded with the objective of enhancing both the competitive level and coaching standards of youth football in Japan.

From its first edition, JSWC invited world-renowned clubs such as FC Barcelona and Liverpool FC, bringing together 12 elite teams including top J.League academies.

This inaugural tournament gained significant attention, notably as a homecoming stage for Takefusa Kubo, who was part of FC Barcelona at the time. FC Barcelona went on to win the championship.

The squad featured players who would later become global stars, including Takefusa Kubo, Ansu Fati, Eric García, and Adrián Bernabé.



2013–2019: Expansion Period

The tournament gradually expanded in scale, and by 2019, qualifying competitions were held domestically in Japan as well as internationally, including in the United States and Southeast Asia (Indonesia). That year, the tournament featured a total of 32 teams, including 10 overseas clubs.



2020–2021: Pandemic Era

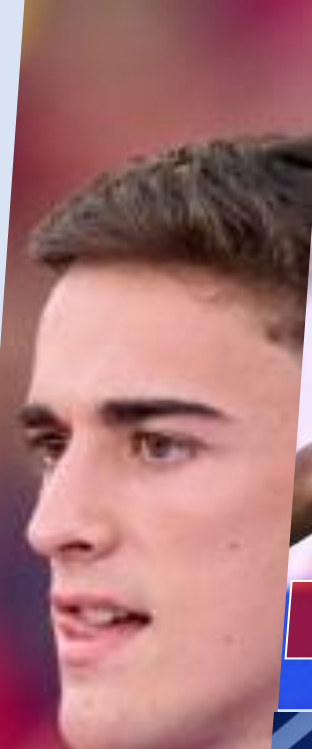
Due to the pandemic, it became difficult to hold the tournament, as severe restrictions were imposed not only on inviting overseas clubs but also on playing soccer within Japan. By that time, however, JSWC had already been established as a dream stage for Japan's junior players. Supported by strong calls for its continuation, the tournament was held as a domestic competition. Despite differing opinions, numerous restrictions, and significant challenges, the organizing committee and the Daiwa House Group, as the title sponsor, chose to continue the tournament. This decision was later widely praised by the football community.

At the closing ceremony, Executive Committee Chairman Mitsuru Hamada stated, "Adults who are involved in children's growth and development must not give up easily in the face of failure or adversity." These words had a strong impact on many stakeholders within the football community.



2021–Present: Global Dream Tournament for Youth Players

In order to enable junior players around the world to aspire to participate in JSWC, the tournament has implemented a wide range of initiatives across multiple countries. These efforts aim not only to strengthen competition within Japan, but also to contribute—particularly across Asia—to the improvement of playing and coaching standards. For the 2025 edition, the tournament will feature 40 participating clubs. In addition to inviting overseas clubs such as FC Barcelona, JSWC has conducted various initiatives worldwide, including China Qualifiers, as well as national selection programs in China, Taiwan, Myanmar, and Mexico. Looking ahead to the 2026 edition, participation is expected to exceed 400 clubs when including all qualifying competitions.



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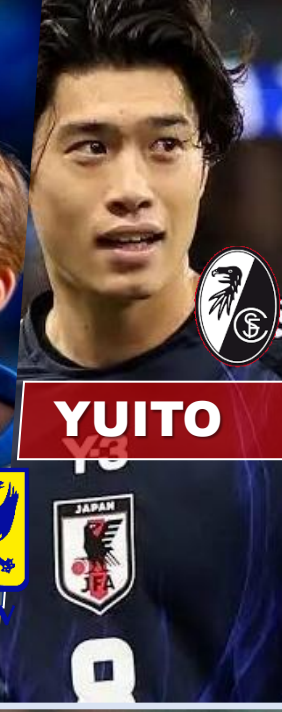
TAKE



MOMOKO



RIHITO



YUITO



GAVI



KOTA



SIMONS



JOEL



TENAS

Football players who are active in the world from the U-12 Junior Soccer World Challenge

The players who participated in the first tournament turned 22 this year, and many of the players who participated in the U-12 Junior Soccer World Challenge are now active on the world stage. The U-12 Junior Soccer World Challenge continues to produce the world's top players as the pinnacle world tournament for the junior generation.



Amazing Sports Lab Japan Inc.
 President & CEO
Mitsuru Hamada



U-12 ジュニアサッカーワールドチャレンジ2026

- Graduate of Kansai Gaidai University (Spanish)
- Speaks Spanish, Italian, English
- Experience in licensing & marketing with major European clubs
 ↳ FC Barcelona, AC Milan, Arsenal FC, Juventus FC
- Oversees Barcelona Camps, Barcelona Academies, U-12 Junior Soccer World Challenge
- President of Nara Club, Board Member of Nara FA, J.League Executive Committee



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NARA CLUB



U-12 Junior Soccer World Challenge



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Organizer

U-12 JUNIOR SOCCER WORLD CHALLENGE 2026 Steering Committee
(Amazing Sport Lab Japan Co., Ltd.)
Chiba Football Association

Special Sponsor

DAIWA HOUSE INDUSTRY CO LTD.

Cooperation

JEF UNITED CORPORATION

Schedule

21/Aug/2026.(Fri) ~24/Aug/2026.(Mon)-4Days

Venues

Group Phase 21/Aug/2026.(Fri)~22/Aug/2026.(Sat)
FUKUDA DENSHI FIELD/FUKUDA DENSHI SQUARE/Chiba Prefecture Football Center

Knockout Stage 23/Aug/2026(Sun)
FUKUDA DENSHI FIELD/FUKUDA DENSHI SQUARE

FINAL・SEMI-FINAL 24/Aug/2026(Mon)
FUKUDA DENSHI ARENA

Regulations

All participating players must be born on or after January 1, 2014
Each match shall be played by two teams, containing a maximum of 11 players per team and must include 1 goalkeeper per team.

The Qualifying League will be conducted in a round-robin format, while all matches from the ranking stage onward will follow a knockout (tournament) format. The ranking stage will be contested by 16 teams: the 10 group winners from the Qualifying League and the 6 playoff winners. The playoffs will be played by the 10 teams that finished second in the Qualifying League, along with the two third-placed teams with the highest points.

[Game duration]

The matches for the Qualifying League shall last 30-minutes, comprising of two of 15-minute periods with an interval of 5-minutes.
(Substitutions and drink time are included in each game during the stated time above.)
Except the classification matches, which shall last 40-minutes, comprising of two of 20-minutes periods.

The semi final and the final matches shall last 50 minutes comprising of two 25-minutes periods with an interval of 10 minutes.
(Substitutions and drink time are included in each game during the stated time above.)
In the knockout stages, if a match is level at the end of normal playing time, penalty kicks (3-players) shall be taken to determine the winner.

Teams

40teams



JEF UNITED

JEF United Ichihara Chiba
Home Stadium
Fukuda Denshi Arena

Group League



Play Off Round



Knock Out Stage



- The participating teams will be divided into ten groups (Groups A–J), with four teams in each group. Each group will compete in a round-robin qualifying group stage.
- The teams finishing second in each group, together with the top one to two teams among the third-placed finishers, will advance to the Play-Off Round, for a total of 12 teams. The six winners of the Play-Off Round will qualify for the final knockout stage.
- The final knockout stage will be contested by 16 teams: the 10 group winners and the six teams that advance from the Play-Off Round.



soga sports park



SOGA SPORTS PARK

1-20, Kawasakicho, Chiba Shi
Chuo Ku, Chiba Ken, Japan

FUKUDA DENSHI ARENA



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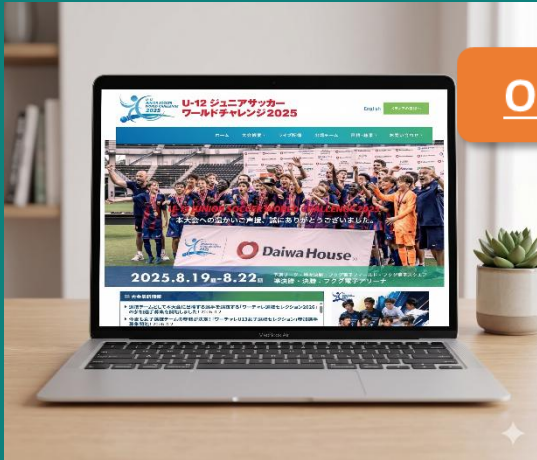
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FUKUDA DENSHI FIELD
FUKUDA DENSHI SQUARE



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WORLD CHALLENGE 2025 Semifinal](#)

[FC OHIZUMIGAKUEN vs FC Barcelona
EKKONO METHOD vs malva fc](#)







**Road to U-12 JUNIOR SOCCER
WORLD CHALLENGE 2026**

From Indonesia to
U-12 JUNIOR SOCCER
WORLD CHALLENGE 2026

Overseas Invitation

INDONESIA SELECT

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INDONESIA

CHINA
China Qualifier

World Qualifier

U-12 JUNIOR SOCCER WORLD CHALLENGE 2026

40 teams

Japan Qualifier

- NARA
- FUKUOKA
- GIFU
- YAMANASHI
- TOCHIGI
- HOKKAIDO
- FUKUSHIMA
- HIROSHIMA
- TOKYO

Invitation Select Club

SOLTILO WORLD SELECT

KASHIMA RYSOL

SAGAMI

JFA CHIBA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

CFA SELECT

U-12 JUNIOR SOCCER WORLD CHALLENGE SELECT

JEF UNITED
YOKOHAMA CHIBA

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Organizer JSWC SEA 2026 Organizing Committee (Amazing Sport Lab Japan Co., Ltd.)

Sponsor [Special sponsorship]
Agung Podomoro Land Tbk PT

[Sponsor]
PT. Garuda Indonesia (Persero) Tbk

Partners PT DAIWA LIFE NEXT INDONESIA
MF SPORT MANAGEMENT

Schedule June 5 (Fri) - June 7 (Sun), 2026 【3Days】

Venue GMSB - Soemantri Stadium
QRHM+8QQ, Kuningan, Karet, Kecamatan Setiabudi, Kota Jakarta Selatan, Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta 12940

Participating Teams A total of 24 teams from Indonesia and other Southeast Asian countries

Format

- Preliminary round with 6 groups of 4 teams
- Teams will be divided into three tournaments based on their rankings in the preliminary round.
- Qualifying Round: 15-minute halves, 7-a-side
- Knockout Tournament: 15-minute halves, no extra time, direct penalty shootout if tied
- Clubs eliminated from the knockout stage will play classification matches.



Gold Tournament 1st place in group(6) + 2nd place in group: Top 2 teams(2)

Silver Tournament 2nd place in group: bottom 4 teams(4) + 3rd place in group Top 4 teams(4)

Bronze Tournament 3rd place in the group: bottom 2 teams(2) + 4th place in group(4)

1.Participating Teams

A total of 24 teams, including domestic teams from Indonesia and other Southeast Asian teams.

2.Tournament Rules

This tournament will be conducted in accordance with FIFA rules, except for the items specified below.

3.Tournament Format

Teams will be divided into 6 groups of 4 teams for the group stage. Based on the group stage results, teams will advance to one of three placement tournaments (knockout stages).

<<Placement Tournaments>>

- Gold Tournament: A total of 8 teams (the 1st place teams from each group and the top two 2nd place teams).
- Silver Tournament: A total of 8 teams (the bottom four 2nd place teams and the top four 3rd place teams).
- Bronze Tournament: A total of 8 teams (the bottom two 3rd place teams and the 4th place teams from each group).

4. Group Stage Points System

Win: 3 points

Draw: 1 point

Loss: 0 points

5. Tie-breakers Within the Same Group

If teams have the same number of points within a group, the following criteria will be applied in order to determine the ranking:

- 1.Total points
- 2.Goal difference
- 3.Total goals scored
- 4.Head-to-head results between the tied teams

If teams are still tied after applying the above 4 criteria, the ranking will be determined by a drawing of lots.

6. Determining Rankings Among Teams in the Same Position Across Groups

- 1.Total points
- 2.Goal difference
- 3.Total goals scored

If teams are still tied after applying the above 3 criteria, the ranking will be determined by a drawing of lots.

7. Ties at the End of Regulation Time in Placement Tournaments

All placement tournaments are played in a knockout format. If a match is tied at the end of regulation time, the winner will be determined by a penalty shootout. Each team will designate 3 kickers, and the team that scores more goals will advance to the next round. If the score is still tied after the penalty shootout, a "sudden death" format will be applied to determine the winner.

8. Players and Teams

All Players must be born between January 1, 2014, and December 31, 2015.

The maximum number of registered players per team is 18, and the maximum number of registered staff is 5.

9. Absence of a Team at Kickoff

If either team is not present at kickoff, the attending team will be awarded a forfeit victory, and the score will be recorded as 3-0.

10. Substitutions

It is not necessary to stop the match for substitutions, but no more than 7 players per team may be on the pitch at any given time, even temporarily. When substituting a goalkeeper, the referee must be notified and permission granted while the ball is out of play. Re-entry (rolling substitutions) is permitted.

11. Player Equipment

Each club must play in the official uniform colors listed on the team sheet. Players must wear matching club uniforms (shirts, shorts, and socks). Shirt numbers must match the numbers pre-registered on the match sheet. Goalkeepers must wear a bright colored uniform that distinguishes them from teammates, opponents, and referees. Players not wearing the same color as their teammates will not be allowed to play in the match. If the uniform colors of the two opposing teams are similar or likely to cause confusion, the club listed first in the match fixture must wear a different colored uniform from the opponent. All players are required to wear shin guards.

12. Visual and Document Verification of Players

Teams must submit their team sheet to the tournament headquarters at least 1 hour before the start of their first match and undergo player and uniform verification by the organizing committee. Players and team staff must carry their IDs and present them if requested by the organizing committee.

13. Referees

All referees will be dispatched by the tournament organizers.

14. Match Duration

The match duration is 30 minutes, consisting of two 15-minute halves with a 5-minute halftime break.

15. Disciplinary Actions

Red Card: Suspension for 1 match.
Two Yellow Cards in different matches: Suspension for the next 1 match.
Two Yellow Cards during the group stage: Suspension for 1 match in the knockout stage.
One Yellow Card during the group stage: Will not carry over to the knockout stage and will be cleared.

16. Match Balls

Size 4 balls will be used for all matches.

17. Other Regulations

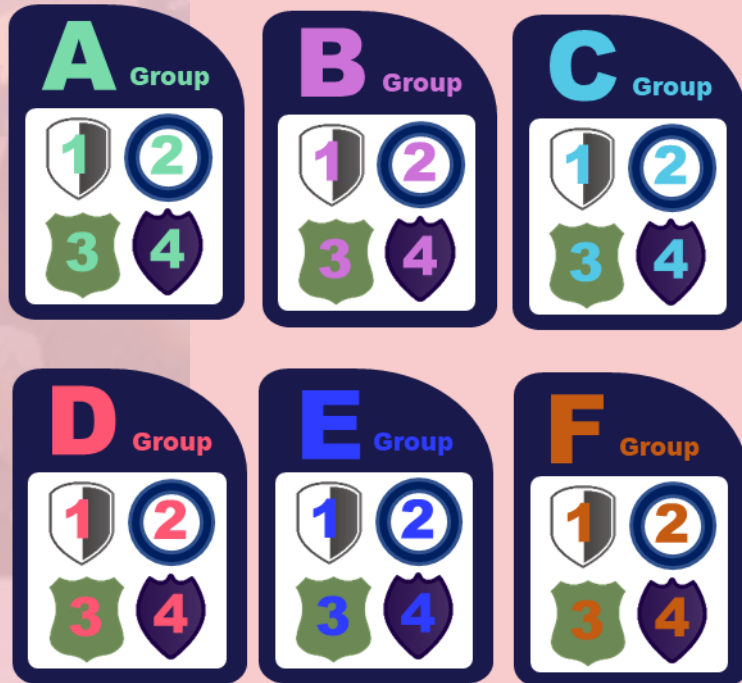
- 7-a-side
 - No offside rule
 - Unlimited substitutions (Rolling substitutions: substituted players may re-enter the pitch.)
- Note: Please notify the referee when substituting the goalkeeper (GK).
Note: Having more than 7 players on the pitch at any time, even temporarily, is strictly prohibited.

The winning club of the APL CUP will receive a complimentary invitation to participate in the U-12 Junior Soccer World Challenge 2026, to be held in Japan in August 2026.

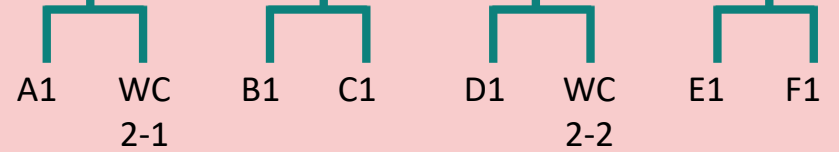
- Number of invitees :Up to 18 players and up to 5 staff members(Players must be born on or after January 1, 2014)
- Airfare :Bandar Udara Internasional Soekarno-Hatta(CGK) ⇄ HANEDA Airport (HND)
- Accommodation :Five nights and six days, from the day before the first match until the day after the final match
- Meals :Provided in accordance with the tournament organizing committee's arrangements
- Transportation :Domestic transportation within Japan(HANEDA Airport ⇄ Hotel / Hotel ⇄ Match Venues)
- Other :Drinking water/Size 4 match balls for warm-up use (loaned)



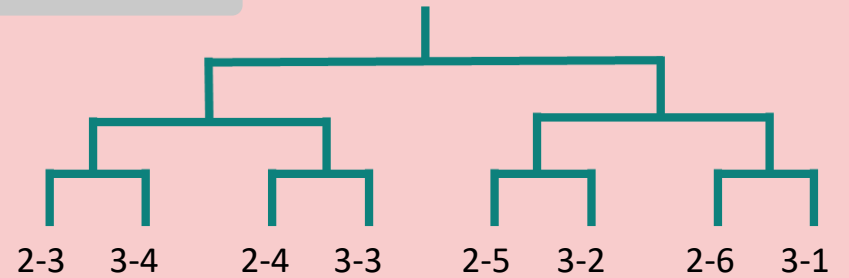
Qualifying Round



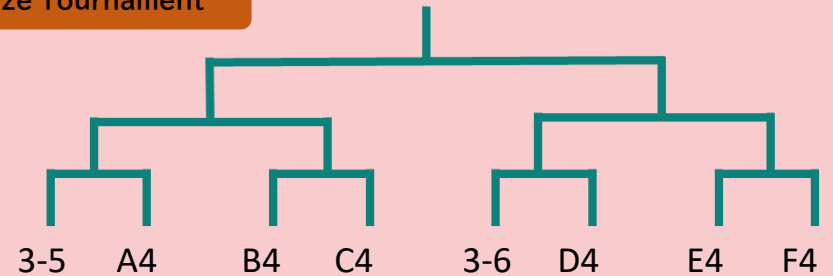
Gold Tournament



Silver Tournament



Bronze Tournament



JSWC SEA 2026 Schedule

【Day1】 Friday, June 5

Day1					
KICK OFF	FUEL	MN	Match Time (15-5-15)		
			Home	VS	Away
10:00	A	M1	A1	VS	A2
	B	M2	A3	VS	A4
	C	M3	B1	VS	B2
	D	M4	B3	VS	B4
10:50	A	M5	C1	VS	C2
	B	M6	C3	VS	C4
	C	M7	D1	VS	D2
	D	M8	D3	VS	D4
13:30	A	M9	E1	VS	E2
	B	M10	E3	VS	E4
	C	M11	F1	VS	F2
	D	M12	F3	VS	F4
14:20	A	M13	A1	VS	A3
	B	M14	A2	VS	A4
	C	M15	B1	VS	B3
	D	M16	B2	VS	B4
15:10	A	M17	C1	VS	C3
	B	M18	C2	VS	C4
	C	M19	D1	VS	D3
	D	M20	D2	VS	D4
16:00	A	M25	E1	VS	E3
	B	M26	E2	VS	E4
	C	M27	F1	VS	F3
	D	M28	F2	VS	F4

【Day2】 Saturday, June 6

Day2					
KICK OFF	FUEL	MN	Match Time (15-5-15)		
			Home	VS	Away
10:00	A	M29	A1	VS	A4
	B	M30	A2	VS	A3
	C	M31	B1	VS	B4
	D	M32	B2	VS	B3
10:50	A	M33	C1	VS	C4
	B	M34	C2	VS	C3
	C	M35	D1	VS	D4
	D	M36	D2	VS	D3
11:40	A	M37	E1	VS	E4
	B	M38	E2	VS	E3
	C	M39	F1	VS	F4
	D	M40	F2	VS	F3
13:15	A	B1	Best 8	VS	
	B	B2	Best 8	VS	
	C	B3	Best 8	VS	
	D	B4	Best 8	VS	
14:35	A	S1	Best 8	VS	
	B	S2	Best 8	VS	
	C	S3	Best 8	VS	
	D	S4	Best 8	VS	
15:25	A	G1	Best 8	VS	
	B	G2	Best 8	VS	
	C	G3	Best 8	VS	
	D	G4	Best 8	VS	

【Day3】 Sunday, June 7

Day3					
KICK OFF	FUEL	MN	Match Time (15-5-15)		
			Home	VS	Away
10:00	A	B5	#5-8	VS	
	B	B6	#5-8	VS	
	C	S5	#5-8	VS	
	D	S6	#5-8	VS	
10:50	A	G5	#5-8	VS	
	B	G6	#5-8	VS	
	C	B7	Best 4	VS	
	D	B8	Best 4	VS	
11:40	A	S7	Best 4	VS	
	B	S8	Best 4	VS	
	C	G7	Best 4	VS	
	D	G8	Best 4	VS	
13:15	A	B9	#7-8	VS	
	B	S9	#7-8	VS	
	C	G9	#7-8	VS	
	D	B10	#5-6	VS	
14:35	A	S10	#5-6	VS	
	B	G10	#5-6	VS	
	C	B11	#3-4	VS	
	D	S11	#3-4	VS	
15:25	A	G11	#3-4	VS	
	B	B12	Final	VS	
	C	S12	Final	VS	
	D	G12	Final	VS	