

FUTURE OF FOOTBALL

TIRANA, ALBANIA

27-29 MARCH
U9; U11; U13; U14; U15

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PARTICIPATION FEE:-

Package with
accommodation
transport not included

€140
per night/ per person

The team registration fees are included.
One coach is provided free of charge.

Parents who wish to accompany their children may join at the same package price, with **half board instead of full board**.

Everything is organized to ensure a comfortable and seamless experience from arrival to departure, allowing participants to fully focus on the event.

Participation fee
no transport nor
accommodation included

€65
/ person



PARTICIPANT TEAMS THROUGH THE YEARS



FOF X PARIS SAINT-GERMAIN

A MILESTONE FOR FOF

A New Chapter in Football Excellence

This year, FOF reaches a significant milestone by welcoming Paris Saint-Germain as a participating team, marking an important step in the tournament's development and international positioning. The presence of one of the world's most recognized football clubs brings increased visibility and prestige, reinforcing FOF's ambition to establish itself as a professional and internationally connected football platform.

RAISING COMPETITIVE & PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

The participation of PSG contributes to elevating the competitive level and sporting standards of the tournament, creating an environment that encourages greater preparation, discipline, and ambition among participating teams. It also provides an opportunity to enhance the overall quality of the tournament experience, from sporting organization and hospitality to communication and event execution, ensuring that FOF continues developing in line with higher professional expectations.

A MILESTBUILDING THE FUTURE OF FOFONE FOR FOF

Beyond this year's edition, hosting Paris Saint-Germain represents an opportunity for long-term growth, stronger international partnerships, and increased brand recognition. This milestone strengthens FOF's vision of creating a tournament that connects football communities, inspires players, and delivers meaningful experiences for teams, partners, and audiences. It is a step toward building a more competitive, prestigious, and internationally recognized football event with a lasting impact on the future of FOF.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Future of Football is the largest Balkan tournament held in Albania — a unique regional event that brings together football, talent, and passion on one stage. Football holds a strong and meaningful place in Albanian-speaking society, widely followed as a powerful platform that contributes to social development and unity.

It is exactly this spirit and passion that we aim to share with teams and athletes from all across the Balkans, creating an unforgettable experience both on and off the field.



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OBJECTIVES:

To develop and promote football by creating opportunities for the exposure of young talents and strengthening sports cooperation in the region. The tournament also aims to be organized several times throughout the calendar year as a sustainable development platform.

02

TEAMS & PARTICIPATION

It includes teams and players from different age groups, both from professional and amateur football, creating a competitive and dynamic mix from various countries across the Balkans and beyond.

03

EVENT & EXPERIENCE

The edition will take place ON THE 27-29TH of March offering an intense sporting atmosphere, high-level matches, and an unforgettable experience for players, coaches, and fans.

DATES:

27-29 MARCH

AGE GROUPS:

U9 (2018-2019) - U11 (2016-2017) - U13
(2014-2015); U14 (2013), U15 (2012)

Formation

PROFESSIONAL

MATCH TIMING:

2x25 - U14, U15

2x20 - U11, U13

2x15 - U9

OFFICIAL RULES:

According to UEFA standards for
tournament organization.



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AGENDA:

The match schedule for the tournament has been designed with a fully professional approach, focusing on organization, functionality, and the well-being of all participants.

Our goal is to create a high-quality sporting experience where on-field performance goes hand in hand with careful off-field organization. In this way, every team and every player has the opportunity to give their maximum in optimal conditions throughout the entire tournament.



FIRST DAY:

GROUP STAGE MATCHES.

The tournament begins with the group stage, where teams start their competition and set the pace of the competition.

SECOND DAY:

GROUP STAGE MATCHES.

Continuation of the group stage, where the teams that qualify for the final phase are determined.

THIRD DAY:

GROUP STAGE PLAYOFFS; FINALS – CUPS

The final matches, where the winners of the tournament in each category are declared.



CULTURAL VISIT

(Subject to request, availability, and length of stay)*

Tirana City Center – with the option to organize a city tour.



COVERAGE

The semi-finals and finals will be broadcast live on social media. With over 1,400 participating players and more than 2,000 attendees, the event guarantees an exceptional sporting atmosphere and a wide audience at every stage of the tournament.

ENTERTAINMENT

(Optional, not included in the price)*



Cartodrom

(starting from 1000ALL)



LATITUDE

(starting from 800ALL)



Cable Card Dajt

(starting from 1500ALL)

CHARACTERISTICS:



REHABILITATION AREA

Dedicated spaces for players' physical recovery, equipped for relaxation and energy restoration after intensive matches.

FUN AREA

Social areas where participants can relax and enjoy their free time, including various swimming pools and aquaparks at Equos Resort. Opportunities are also provided to visit the Artificial Lake of Tirana, as well as city tours to explore Tirana's main attractions such as Skanderbeg Square, the Pyramid of Tirana, Blloku area, Mount Dajti cable car experience, etc

25 MIN DISTANCE

Only 25 minutes away from the hotels, ensuring quick and convenient access for all teams throughout the event.



The tournament area has been designed to offer a complete and professional experience for all participants, combining sports with wellness and entertainment.

ACCOMMODATION:

ACCOMMODATION IN SPECIALIZED HOTELS

Teams will be accommodated in selected hotels specialized in hosting sports teams, offering high levels of comfort and professional standards to ensure a smooth and comfortable stay.

BALANCED AND PERSONALIZED NUTRITION.

The accommodation package includes a full-board meal plan for all teams arriving from outside Tirana, designed to support athletes' energy levels, recovery, and performance throughout the tournament.

DEDICATED FACILITIES AND CONDITIONS FOR FOOTBALL TEAMS.

The hotels are adapted to the specific needs of sports teams, ensuring flexible services, quiet environments, and optimal conditions for rest and match preparation.

A COMPLETE AND COMFORTABLE SPORTING EXPERIENCE.

The organization ensures an integrated experience where accommodation, nutrition, and athletic well-being are combined, allowing each team to focus fully on competition and performance.



GENERAL ACCREDITATION PROCEDURES:

The first day is **MANDATORY** for all teams to arrive at the designated pitch at the scheduled time for the accreditation procedure and membership check. You must present:

- **Players, staff, and managers (full team)**
- **Identity documents**
- **Any authorization for loaned players, including a copy of their membership card (final or provisional)**

During accreditation, you will receive the MATI SPORT folder containing all tournament documentation and the official list of players approved by the organization. Before each match, you must present the referee with this list, including the players who will take part on the field.

Each team must also be equipped with its own warm-up balls.

IMPORTANT:

1. **It is mandatory** for players and team officials **to present an identity document before each match**; otherwise, the game will be forfeited with a 0–3 result.
2. Accepted valid documents include **a valid national ID card or passport**. Every player is required to wear shin guards (protective gear); otherwise, they will not be authorized by the match director to enter the field.
3. SUBSTITUTIONS: U14, U15 – UP TO 7 replacements, U11, U13, U9, – UNLIMITED
4. **CARDS**: In case of a second yellow card in the same match or a direct red card, the player or manager is suspended for the following match. If a player or official is involved in violent or offensive behavior towards referees or the organization, they may be disqualified for the entire tournament. If a player or official refuses to leave the field within 5 minutes, the team will forfeit the match 0–3.
5. **Appeals will only be accepted** if submitted in written form with proper documentation within 30 minutes after the match ends.
6. **BENCH AREA**: Only 3 staff members per team are allowed on the bench. Each must hold the official technical pass issued at accreditation. The organization may authorize additional staff access if properly accredited.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. *All match results, provisional standings after the group stage, and knockout fixtures will be available on MATISPORT EVENTS under the Tournament section, as well as on the official Facebook and Instagram pages FUTURE OF FOOTBALL.*
2. *Group standings and knockout brackets will also be published on MATISPORT EVENTS and the official social media pages.*
3. *Referees are not responsible for verifying compliance with tournament regulations; any discrepancies may be subject to an appeal reviewed by the tournament management and possibly the sports judge.*
4. *All participating teams are required to respect proper conduct and adhere to the regulations of the Albanian Football Federation. All players must be officially registered with their team, and confirmation (“OK”) from their national football federation must be submitted in order to participate in the tournament.*

GENERAL ACCREDITATION PROCEDURES:

LOANED PLAYERS: The use of loaned players is allowed, **with a maximum of 3 (three)** per team for the entire duration of the tournament, upon presentation of a valid authorization issued by the parent club. Loaning players between participating teams of the tournament is not permitted.

PLAYER LIST: Participating teams must submit their official player list to the tournament organization before the start of the competition. After submission, no changes are allowed. Before each match, the team manager must present this list to the referee, including only the approved players (any other players will be removed from eligibility for that match).

MATCH DURATION:

2x25 – U14, U15; 2x20 – U11, U13; 2x15 – U9

TOURNAMENT FORMAT (U9, U11, U13, U14, U15,): Teams will be divided into groups of 4. At the end of the group stage, the teams ranked first and second will advance to the Play-Off phase.

RANKING: Points system is as follows: 3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw, 0 points for a loss. In case of equal points, the following criteria apply:

1. **Points obtained**
2. **Head-to-head result**
3. **Goal difference**
4. **Goals scored**
5. **Disciplinary ranking**
6. **Draw**

NUMBER OF PLAYERS:

U9: 5+1; U11: 8+1; U13, U14, U15: 10+1

U13 – Offside Rule: The offside rule applies from one penalty area to the other (box-to-box), meaning from one goalkeeper's penalty area to the opposing goalkeeper's penalty area.

QUALIFICATION: In case of a draw in knockout stages, the match is decided by penalty shootout (5 penalties per team).

EXTRA TIME: No extra time is played.

TOURNAMENT MANAGEMENT: A tournament committee will be established (contact: +355 69 22 92 760), responsible for any disputes, protests, complaints, or unforeseen circumstances. The committee will not accept protests against refereeing decisions and may report cases of unsporting behavior to the relevant national or international federation.

DISCIPLINE: Tournament discipline is under the authority of the sports judge.

SANCTIONS: Automatic sanctions apply as follows: a player sent off during a match will be suspended for the next match, unless further penalties are imposed by the tournament management or sports judge. Yellow cards are reset after each match, except in cases of repeated or severe incidents reported by match officials.

APPEALS: Any appeal must be submitted within 30 minutes after the match, accompanied by a fee of €0. A copy must also be delivered to the opposing team within the same timeframe.

INSURANCE: Each participating team is responsible for providing insurance coverage for its players. The tournament organization ensures compliance with insurance requirements.



THANK YOU!

Thank you for your support and participation! Together, we are making this tournament an unforgettable experience!