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HELSINKI CUP 2019 8. – 13.7.

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WELCOME TO HELSINKI CUP 2019!

Helsinki Cup is one of the world's largest junior football tournaments. Helsinki Cup is attended by over 20,000 players annually throughout Finland and world - we are the highlight of the summer for many junior footballers.

In the summer of 2019, we are celebrating the 44th Helsinki Cup. Since 1976, the role of the tournament as a contributor to the well-being of children and young people and community has been preserved throughout the decades. Helsinki Cup is a tolerant, equal, international football tournament that respects all participants.

Helsinki Cup has gathered participants from about 20 countries in recent years. The number of participants in the tournament has been increasing for the last seven years. The percentage of girls' clubs has been growing steadily and over 200 of the 1300 teams in the tournament are girls' teams.

We work closely with the City of Helsinki, which means that the Helsinki Cup is always played on high-quality and well-kept pitches. The tournament has around 15 pitch areas around the city. Public transport from Helsinki city center guarantees a quick and easy access to the venues.

Football has, and will always be, at the core of our tournament. As the tournament has grown, we have invested in match-experiences while also putting a lot of effort in to various events so that now we can talk about a real Helsinki Cup experience. In addition to the games, the tournament week includes the opening day parade, the Helsinki Cup Summer Party and the events at the Love the Ball Center. And I haven't even mentioned the program designed for traveling support.

During the tournament week Helsinki Cup is visible and heard around the city. In addition to players, a large number of coaches, managers, mothers and fathers, as well as other supporting groups, will arrive in Helsinki. The Helsinki Cup is a communal and urban event that spreads the message of joy and unity all over Helsinki.

Warmly welcome to Helsinki,

Kirsi Kavanne

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CEO, Helsinki Cup Oy



TOURNAMENT INFO

WHAT AND WHERE?	Helsinki Cup 2019, Helsinki
WHEN?	From 8 to 13 July 2019
AGE GROUPS:	Boys: B7–B17 (2012 – 2002)
	Girls: G7–G18 (2012 – 2001)

GIRLS (G7, G8, G9, G10, G11, G12, G13, G14, G15, G18)

Age groups G7–G9

- Teams play six matches against teams of same level
- No points or league tables are counted, and knock-out phase will not be played
- All players will be awarded a medal for participation
- Team entry fee 295 €

Age groups G10 –G18

- 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
- After the group stage, the teams will be divided into A and B cup stages
- B cup stage will be played up to the final match
- The four best teams from final stage A will be awarded medals
- The winners of the cup final B will be awarded a trophy
- Only A Cup stage final will be played on saturday
- Team entry fee 315 €

The level should be selected during registration, and it can be changed until 15 April 2019. The tournament organizer reserves the right to change a team's level if considered necessary.

	Date of birth	Formation	Game time	Ball	Offside	Levels	Match days
G7	1.1.2012	5v5	2 x 14 min	3	-	Elite/General/Entry	Wed-Fri
G8	1.1.2011	5v5	2 x 14 min	3	-	Elite/General/Entry	Wed-Fri
G9	1.1.2010	5v5	2 x 14 min	3	-	Elite/General/Entry	Wed-Fri
G10	1.1.2009	8v8	2 x 15 min	4	Area*	Elite/General/Entry	Wed-Fri (Sat)
G11	1.1.2008	8v8	2 x 15 min	4	Area*	Elite/General/Entry	Wed-Fri (Sat)
G12	1.1.2007	8v8	2 x 20 min	4	x	Elite/General/Entry	Wed-Fri (Sat)
G13	1.1.2006	8v8	2 x 20 min	4	x	Elite/General/Entry	Wed-Fri (Sat)
G14	1.1.2005	8v8	2 x 20 min	5	x	Elite/Entry	Wed-Fri (Sat)
G15	1.1.2004	11v11	2 x 25 min	5	x	Elite/Entry	Wed-Fri (Sat)
G18	1.1.2001	11v11	2x25 min	5	x	Elite/Entry	Wed-Fri (Sat)

* Offside area starting from the penalty area line



BOYS (B7, B8, B9, B10, B10H, B11, B11H, B12, B12H, B13, B13H, B14, B15, B17)

Age groups B7–B9

- Teams play six matches against teams of same level
- No points or league tables are counted, and knock-out phase will not be played
- All players will be awarded a medal for participation
- Team entry fee 295 €

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 of the finals groups will be played up to the final match
- The four best teams from finals group A will be awarded medals
- The winners of the A and B finals groups will be awarded a trophy
- Winner of C final will be awarded a trophy plate
- Team entry fee 345 €

Age groups B10H, B11H, B12H ja B13H

- A separate entry-level league intended for occasional players
- 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 335 €

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	Date of birth	Formation	Game time	Ball	Offside	Levels	Game days
B7	1.1.2012	5v5	2 x 14 min	3	-	Elite/General/Entry	Mon-Wed
B8	1.1.2011	5v5	2 x 14 min	3	-	Elite/General/Entry	Tue-Thu
B9	1.1.2010	5v5	2 x 14 min	3	-	Elite/General/Entry	Wed-Fri
B10	1.1.2009	8v8	2 x 15 min	4	Area*	Elite/General	Mon-Sat
B10H	1.1.2009	8v8	2 x 15 min	4	Area*	Entry	Mon-Thu
B11	1.1.2008	8v8	2 x 15 min	4	Area*	Elite/General	Mon-Sat
B11H	1.1.2008	8v8	2 x 15 min	4	Area*	Entry	Mon-Thu
B12	1.1.2007	8v8	2 x 20 min	4	x	Elite/General	Mon-Sat
B12H	1.1.2007	8v8	2 x 20 min	4	x	Entry	
B13	1.1.2006	8v8	2 x 20 min	4	x	Elite/General	Mon-Sat
B13H	1.1.2006	8v8	2 x 20 min	4	x	Entry	Mon-Thu
B13 11v11	1.1.2006	11v11	2 x 20 min	4	x	Elite	Mon-Sat
B14	1.1.2005	11v11	2 x 20 min	5	x	Elite/General	Mon-Sat
B15	1.1.2004	11v11	2 x 25 min	5	x	Elite/General	Mon-Sat
B17	1.1.2002	11v11	2 x 25 min	5	x	Elite/General	Mon-Sat

* Offside area starting from the penalty area line



REGISTRATION

- You can register for the tournament at **www.helsinkicup.fi**
- The registration period is from 15 September 2018 to 15 April 2019

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 in Finnish Football Association. The participating club must have teams that compete in FFA junior leagues.
- In the tournament, the applicable age limits of the Finnish Football Association and districts apply. Teams can make a request to the tournament organizer for an exceptional permission for over-aged players for the duration of the tournament.
- The number of individual players on a team is not limited during the tournament.





INSURANCE

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

PLAYING FIELDS & TOURNAMENT FOOTBALLS

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 located within a convenient distance by public transport
* Specifically designed Helsinki Cup footballs, provided by Select, are used for all the tournament matches



TOURNAMENT PACKAGE

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

Tournament package includes:

- Accommodation and meals of your choice
- Helsinki Region Transport (HRT) travel cards
- Helsinki Cup guide services
- Your team's matches as close to accommodation as possible
- Invitation to all events during the tournament
- A personal customer service from the Helsinki Cup sales team
- Various offers from our partners

Our Helsinki Cup sales team help you with all of your accommodation and transportation 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 the hotels/schools every morning
- Lunch and dinner are served at the tournament restaurant
- There is a vegetarian option every day
- Tournament meals are available from 7 July dinner time to 13 July lunch.

HELSINKI CUP GUIDES

Helsinki Cup guide services are available for teams that have booked the tournament package for the whole tournament week from arrival to departure.

- The guides will pick the you up from the airport/harbor and bring you to your accommodation
- The guides will assist you with getting from accommodation to the playing fields and they will also help with any questions that you might have regarding the tournament or Helsinki
- The guides will be located at the hotels and schools from where they will assist you
- The guides are the link between the participating teams and the Helsinki Cuporganization
- The guides will serve teams in English or possibly even in their native language

TRANSPORTATION DURING THE TOURNAMENT

A Helsinki Region Transport (HRT) travel card is included in the Helsinki Cup tournament package. Teams can use the card for free transportation during the tournament week.

- The card grants the carrier unrestricted use of public transport in the Helsinki area during the whole tournament week. This includes the local trams, buses, trains, metro and ferry to Unesco's World Heritage site Suomenlinna
- All playing fields of the tournament are located within a convenient distance by public transport
- Teams can also book transportation from Helsinki-Vantaa airport, the Helsinki harbors, the bus station and the railway station to the hotel from the Helsinki Cup sales team
- We recommend using the comprehensive public tranport system due to lack of parking spaces in the city



ACCOMMODATION

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Helsinki Cup offers quality hotel accommodations through its partners at Holiday Inn- and Scandic -hotels.

- All of the hotels are located close to downtown Helsinki and immediate vicinity of the playing fields
- Accommodation is available in rooms for 1 to 4 guests, including amenities
- All of the hotel packages include a full Scandinavian buffet breakfast each morning (lunch and dinner are served at the tournament restaurant)
- Family members and other fans and followers are just as welcome to stay at Helsinki Cup's partner hotels at the same tournament rates as the teams





SCHOOL ACCOMMODATION

The Helsinki Cup tournament package is also available with dormitory-style school accommodation.

- School accommodation is available for players and team staff only. Most teams will be placed in classrooms with a maximum capacity of 18 people / room.
- The school package includes 18 meals: 6 breakfasts (at the school), 6 lunches and 6 dinners (tournament restaurant)
- Teams can also rent or buy mattressess and bed linen from tournament organizer

RESERVATIONS AND ENQUIRIES

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

BESIDES FOOTBALL

OPENING CEREMONY

The Helsinki Cup opening ceremony is held on the first day of the tournament on July 8. Over 40-years of tradition plays an important part in the opening ceremony, where tournament teams walk through the center of Helsinki, announcing 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

Love the Ball Center is an oasis good vibes right in the middle of Helsinki Cup. The center offers a variety of entertainment and a great atmosphere throughout the tournament for players, their parents and other tournament goers.

At the event stage teams can relax, prepare for future matches, enjoy the cafe's refreshing beverages and snacks and explore the many exhibitions of our tournament partners. Recharge your batteries and enjoy the positive energy at Love the Ball Center!





HELSINKI CUP DISCO

The Helsinki Cup's traditional disco brings the juniors together to spend a night full of beats and tunes. The event features top performers and it will be held in the middle of the tournament week.

FUN PLACES TO VISIT DURING THE TOURNAMENT

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

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.



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Helsinki

HOW TO REACH HELSINKI



BY FERRY

There are daily ferry services to Helsinki from Estonia and Sweden as well as from Germany. All the ferry companies also offer the possibility to take a car with you. Helsinki can also be reached by ferry from Russia and Poland.

BY AIRPLANE

Helsinki can be reached easily from anywhere in the world

Helsinki Airport serves around two hundred international flights every day. Finnair's route network covers over 1000 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 forty cities in Europe. The trip from the airport to the city only takes around 30 minutes.

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