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# CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Competition Presentation

2024



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THE LEAGUE OF CHAMPIONS IS BACK.





## WHAT IS ALL ABOUT

**The teams compete for the World crown on clubs level.**  
SOCCA Champions League brings 6-aside socca teams together, under the highest global authority of ISF.

SOCCA connects those people that love small sided football and makes them real ambassadors under the most professionally organized umbrella.

SOCCA provides to the most organized teams - a limited number of teams - which are selected by the National Associations and SOCCA, the appropriate ecosystem in order to be...

**BIG socca clubs.**



# ISF - THE ORGANISATION

The International Socca Federation is a global governing body, established to unite the largest and strongest small sided football league organizers from countries across the globe. Currently, the ISF counts 90+ country member associations and more than 2.5 million players.



How many players on the pitch?	5/6/7/8-a-side    👤👤👤👤👤	11-a-side    👤👤👤👤👤
What is the nature of the competition?	Amateur	Professional
Who is the target audience?	 Everyday football player + football fan watching TV	 Professional clubs players Everyday football player + football fan watching TV



# Socca – THE SPORT

Socca is the term that encompasses all of the different words used across the world for 5,6,7 & 8-a-side football. As the world's most popular sport, socca is already played by over 600 mio people worldwide. The ISF provides more opportunities for individuals to play socca, by developing in virgin markets (bringing socca to third world countries where there is little or no provision for playing sports), by developing the quality and regulation of the game in thriving markets, and by providing elite opportunities for players to progress to their national team.



The term “Socca” is also used to define the Federation, as an alternative of ISF, since the sport is strongly connected to the umbrella Organization as one and compact brand name.



# THE COMPETITIONS

## Local Level



### 1.600 local leagues

Played across the globe

## National Level



### National Finals & Selection Trials

Giving players the chance to wear the National jersey and represent their country at the Socca World Cup

## International Level



### Socca World Cup

The pinnacle of small sided football, 44 nations competing every year with only one dream: Reach the Top of the World



### Continental Cups for National Teams

Socca EuroCup, Socca Copa America, Socca Asia Cup & Socca Copa Africa take place every year



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### Champions League

The best socca teams of every National League take the "magic ticket" for the top World competition for clubs



The Socca Champions League is the largest event in the world for regular teams/clubs. Every ISF country member is represented by their best teams in a global socca event, which is held every year in autumn in many parallel socca fields and gives their players a unique opportunity to compete internationally. During the past 6 years the event has been hosted in Croatia and Slovenia and **in 2024 it will be hosted in Greece, in Crete, in Rethymno!**



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# WHICH TEAMS TAKE PART?

All teams which participate in SOCCA Champions League need to secure a license by SOCCA and their National Association. SOCCA Champions League combines 3 kinds of licensed teams:

**THE WINNING TEAMS:** Teams that are at the top 8 positions of their national league

**THE CONTRACT TEAMS:** Teams that are selected by the National Associations or the ISF because of their history, their organisation, their engagement with the fans, marketing potential, no matter if they are at the top 8 positions of the national league of this season

**THE WILD CARD TEAMS:** Teams that are selected by ISF after a special request for registration following specific quality and geographical criteria.



# THE STRUCTURE

**64 Teams from 27+ countries** take part in 16 groups of 4 teams. At least 2 of them will qualify at the next round (knockouts).

The 1st day includes 1 group match for all teams.

The 2nd day includes 2 group matches. The 3rd & the 4th day include knockout matches (R.32, R.16, QF, SF, F).

At the group stage it is not possible that 2 teams from the same country meet unless there is not other possibility from the draw conditions. In case of different number of teams, the structure remains same.

**MONEY PRIZE** FOR THE WINNERS IS **3.000€**





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# RETHYMMO

*Where magic and reality meet.*



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# CRETE

- The largest and most populous Greek island. 5th largest in the Mediterranean. 700,000 people / Capital city: Heraklion
- Center of the Minoan civilisation (c. 2700–1420 BC), the earliest known civilisation in Europe
- Among the top touristic destinations in the world: top touristic infra, breathtaking nature, gorgeous beaches.
- Famous Cretan gastronomy worldwide, linked to local products. Based on the olive oil.
- Tourist attractions: archaeological Minoan sites, the old towns & ports of Chania & Rethymno, Venetian castles, the gorge of Samaria and so on...





# RETHYMMO

- 40,000 city residents / 80,000 region inhabitants
- One of the most beautiful cities in Greece, attracting thousands of tourists all year long including many kilometers of coast / seaside & a Venetian harbour & Fortezza, the best-preserved castle in Crete
- Rich in history. Minoan civilisation. Old town entirely built by the Republic of Venice: one of the best-preserved old towns in Crete: Old aristocratic appearance, narrow streets, buildings dating from the 16th century, arched doorways, stone staircases...
- One of the most famous Mediterranean cuisines following the general Cretan gastronomy





# THE SPORT VENUUE

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# "SOCCORA ARENA"

- The venue is by the sea, inside the City of Rethymno, in walking distance from the Old Town (5 min), the city center (10min) and most of the hotels (about 15min)
- 6aside pitches: 46x26m / Goals: 4m x 2m
- 1 big football pitch divided in 4 pitches for 6-aside socca
- Artificial turf of top quality
- The venue will be transformed to a dedicated arena for the Socca Champions League matches (tribunes, referees area, dressing rooms, sponsors' area, media zone, teams registrations area etc)





# THE MAP



**SPORT  
VENUE**

**OLD  
TOWN**

**SOCCER WORLD  
CUP 2018**

**CITY  
CENTER**

**ΕΛΛΑΣ**









## PERIOD AND DURATION

The event starts in **October 17th** midday and finishes **October 20th evening**.

The duration of the event is 4 days in total: Starting Thursday and ending Sunday evening.

It is at the end of the touristic period and the weather is very good for football because it is still summer without being warmer than it should (average temperature 22-28 degrees)

## RULES

Minimum number of players per team: 8 players. Maximum number of players per team: 15 players.

The teams can include much more people, but not more players.

The rules will be the same like in all SOCCA events. The referees will be managed by SOCCA, exactly like in the SOCCA World Cup. The referees will be socca internationals.



## 2023 EVENT

2023 WINNERS:

NK Victory



Socca Champions League 2023 took place in Maribor, Slovenia. It was worldwide the most prestigious event of small sided football on club level.

The previous winners:

2022: NK Kapela Ekosen



2019: Arko Kljucarovci



2018: Dynamik Torun





# GETTING TO CRETE

## By plane



1. **Heraklion:** Nikos Kazantzakis airport (HER) - 75km to Rethymno
2. **Chania:** Ioannis Daskalogiannis airport (CHO) - 60km to Rethymno
  - A large number of countries have direct flights to those airports
  - As an alternative, there are numerous flights per day through Athens International Airport - Eleftherios Venizelos Airport (ATH)

## By ferry



Teams arriving to Athens by bus or plane can travel to Crete via ANEK LINES ferries, who are offering a 50% discount on vehicle fares (passenger fare included) for ISF members. Daily departures available.





**PARTICIPATION FEE**

**290€**

**per person, Half Board**

**incl. 5 nights in 3\*\*\* HOTEL**

**Breakfast + Lunch**



## MORE NOTES ➡ COSTS

- All teams should select their accommodation from the list of hotels / apartments of the LOC
- There is possibility for fewer or more days than 5, with an adjusted final price (not proportional / no analogy)
- The price refers to mixed rooms per team (quadruple - triple - double). There is possibility for an upgrade to only double rooms with an adjusted final price
- There is possibility for an upgrade to 4\*\*\*\* or 5\*\*\*\*\* hotel, with an adjusted final price
- All hotels are located in Rethymno City in distance between 1.000m - 2.400m from the sport venue
- As for the 3rd meal of the day, the LOC will be offering special offers to partner restaurants
- There is possibility for extra persons / tourists / families after communication with the LOC
- The LOC is not involved in the flight booking
- The LOC can give special offers for domestic transportation (airport - hotels - airport)



**Please contact the LOC for the list of hotels and special offers based on these notes**



# EXTRA EVENT DETAILS

- Player registration & control at the start of the tournament
- Accreditations for all participants
- Livestreaming at all pitches, for all matches
- Live Draw for the teams
- Use of the official Leisure Leagues Ball for all the matches
- Two referees per match
- No delays and breaks in balls return – Volunteers for collecting the balls during the matches
- Match reports for all matches
- Water supply for teams
- Social Media Feed for the event and for the teams
- Internet at the pitch for the media / press
- Every team needs to send at least 30 days before the event their logo of the team
- LIVE access to Videos and Pictures during all day and use of a cloud for the teams
- Strong branding
- Teams presentation in Social Media from before the event
- Media zone and interviews for players with a permanent journalist for short videos
- Volunteers and Staff
- Results board
- Delivery of Regulations and Rules sent to participants at least 2 months before the event.





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