



COMPETITION REGULATIONS

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1. THE COMPETITION – FORMAT

Kings League Regular Split is contested across multiple regions. Each region operates its own competition and each features a Regular Split phase followed by a Playoff phase. The number of teams and the precise playoff structure vary by region, as set out in the subsections below.

Kings League reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to modify the format of the Competition and the corresponding Regular Split dates, with reasonable prior notice to the teams.

1.1 Regular Split - General Format

Each Split consists of eleven (11) matchdays in leagues with twelve (12) teams, or the number of matchdays determined by the Competition for leagues with fewer teams. Matchdays are held on a single day, with all matches of that league played on the same day.

Kings League will determine the match fixtures for each matchday.

1.1.1 Points System

The standings are determined on an ordinal basis from the highest to the lowest number of points accumulated across the matchdays of each Split:

- A win awards 1 point to the winning team and 0 points to the losing team, regardless of the method of winning the match.

1.1.2 Equality of Points - Regular Split

If two or more teams finish level on points, the following criteria shall be applied in order:

- a) Greater number of points obtained in the Regular Split matches between the teams concerned;
- b) Superior goal difference resulting from the Regular Split matches between the teams concerned;
- c) Greatest number of goals scored in all Regular Split matches between the teams concerned.
- d) Greater number of wins achieved in the matchball phase (i.e. without the need for a penalty shootout)

If after having applied criteria a), b), c) and d), teams still have an equal ranking, the following criteria, in the order below, shall be applied:

- e) Superior goal difference in all Regular Split matches;
- f) Greatest number of goals scored in all Regular Split matches;
- g) Best disciplinary record in accordance with team performance (red cards first, then yellow cards);
- h) Any further criteria as determined by the Competition Committee.

1.2 Kings League Spain, Kings League Italy & Kings League Americas (Mexico) - 12 Teams

These leagues operate with twelve (12) teams across eleven (11) Regular Split matchdays.

Regular Split (MD1–MD11)

- 12 teams compete across 11 matchdays.
- Each team plays every other team once during the Split.
- Kings League will determine the match fixtures for each matchday

Play-In (MD12)

Three (3) matches are played on the same day to determine which team advances to the Playoffs from positions 7–10:

Play-In	Format
Match 1	7th place vs 10th place
Match 2	8th place vs 9th place
Match 3	Winner of Match 1 vs Winner of Match 2 - winner advances to Playoffs

Playoffs

Seven (7) teams qualify for the Playoffs: 1st–6th from the Regular Split plus the Play-In winner.

Stage	Format
Quarter-Finals	Match 1: 4th vs 5th Match 2: 3rd vs 6th Match 3: 2nd vs Play-In winner
Semi-Finals	Semi-Final 1: 1st vs QF Match 1 winner Semi-Final 2: QF Match 2 winner vs QF Match 3 winner
Final	Winner of Semi-Final 1 vs Winner of Semi-Final 2

The 1st placed team advances directly to the Semi-Finals. Teams finishing 2nd through 6th advance to the Quarter-Finals. Teams finishing 7th through 10th compete in the Play-In, with the winner advancing to the Quarter-Finals.

Tentatively, the Playoff phase will be played the week following the conclusion of the Regular Split. Kings League reserves the right to modify these dates with reasonable prior notice to the teams.

1.3 Kings League MENA & Kings League Brazil - 10 Teams

These leagues operate with ten (10) teams across nine (9) Regular Split matchdays.

Regular Split

- 10 teams compete across the Regular Split matchdays.
- Kings League will determine the match fixtures for each matchday.

Playoffs

Seven (7) teams qualify for the Playoffs: 1st–7th from the Regular Split.

Stage	Format
Quarter-Finals	Match 1: 2nd vs 7th Match 2: 3rd vs 6th Match 3: 4th vs 5th - 3 winners advance
Semi-Finals	Semi-Final 1: 1st vs QF Match 3 winner Semi-Final 2: QF Match 1 winner vs QF Match 2 winner
Final	Winner of Semi-Final 1 vs Winner of Semi-Final 2

The 1st placed team advances directly to the Semi-Finals. Teams finishing 2nd through 7th compete in the Quarter-Finals.

1.4 Kings League Germany - 8 Teams

Kings League Germany operates with eight (8) teams across seven (7) Regular Split matchdays.

Regular Split

- 8 teams compete across the Regular Split matchdays.
- Kings League will determine the match fixtures for each matchday.

Playoffs

Six (6) teams qualify for the Playoffs: 1st–6th from the Regular Split.

Stage	Format
Quarter-Finals	Match 1: 3rd vs 6th Match 2: 4th vs 5th - 2 winners advance to Semi-
Semi-Finals	Semi-Final 1: 1st vs QF Match 2 winner Semi-Final 2: 2nd vs QF Match 1 winner
Final	Winner of Semi-Final 1 vs Winner of Semi-Final 2

The 1st and 2nd placed teams advance directly to the Semi-Finals. Teams finishing 3rd through 6th compete in the Quarter-Finals.

1.5 Kings League France - 8 Teams

Kings League France operates with eight (8) teams across seven (7) Regular Split matchdays.

Regular Split

- 8 teams compete across the Regular Split matchdays.
- Kings League will determine the match fixtures for each matchday.

Playoffs

Four (4) teams qualify for the Playoffs: 1st–4th from the Regular Split.

Stage	Format
Semi-Finals	Semi-Final 1: 1st vs 4th Semi-Final 2: 2nd vs 3rd

The top four teams qualify directly for the Semi-Finals.

1.6 Kings World Cup of Clubs - Qualification

Qualification criteria for the Kings World Cup of Clubs will be confirmed by the Competition at a later date.

2. TEAM CONFIGURATION

Teams' configuration in each Regular Split is built in accordance with each country's rules, which are communicated to all teams prior to the start of the competition.

Substitutions

All regulation around substitutions shall be regulated by each regional league and communicated to all teams prior to the start of the competition.

Terminations and Withdrawals

Should a draft player wish to terminate their relationship with their team and the Competition, they may subsequently return to participate in the Competition either as a draft player, subject to completing the applicable selection process when open, or as a Wild Card (Player 13), provided that a minimum period of one (1) year has elapsed since the last match in which they participated in the Competition.

3. SPECIAL CARDS

3.1 Player Card 13

During the Regular Split, each team will have access to the Player 13 card. The following conditions apply:

- The card may be activated once per matchday without the need for agreement with the opposing team.
- During the Regular Split, teams in leagues with 10 or 12 teams may use the Player 13 card on up to three (3) separate matchdays within the Split.
- During the Regular Split, teams in leagues with 8 teams may use the Player 13 card on up to two (2) separate match days within the Split.
- During the Playoff week, teams may use the Player 13 card on one (1) occasion only.
- For teams playing two matches in one matchday, the card may only be used in one of the two matches.
- The Player 13 may not have participated for a team from the same country during the Split, nor for any other country competing in the same continental final.

The activation period of the card will be determined by each regional league.

3.2 Other Special Cards

In addition to Player Card 13, teams may also have access to the following special cards. To activate any of these cards, there must be prior agreement between the teams involved in the match in question and the league.

Elite Player Card: The team is allowed to include a current first division player in the match for that matchday.

Legend Player Card: The team is allowed to field a legendary top-level player in the match for that matchday.

Star Guest Player Card: The team may include a public figure or celebrity as a player in the match for that matchday.

President Player Card: The team may have one of its presidents participate as a player in the match for that matchday.