



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) between the teams concerned.

If after having applied criteria a), b), c) and d), teams still have an equal ranking, or if not all matches between the teams concerned have been played yet, 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 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

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

Stage	Format
Quarter-Finals	Match 1: 4th vs 5th Match 2: 2nd vs 7th Match 3: 3rd vs 6th - 3 winners advance to Semi-Finals
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 7th 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

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

Stage	Format
Quarter-Finals	Match 1: 4th vs 5th Match 2: 2nd vs 7th Match 3: 3rd vs 6th - 3 winners advance to Semi-Finals

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 7th compete in the Quarter-Finals.

1.6 Kings World Cup of Clubs - Qualification

The number of teams participating in the KWCC 2026 has been set at sixteen (16) clubs.

The following teams have already qualified:

Los Troncos FC (KWCC 2025 winner),
 Furia FC (KC America winner),
 Porcinos FC (KC Europe winner)
 DR7 (KC MENA winner)

For the remaining teams, the following criteria shall apply:

a) Kings League Spain, Kings League Italy, Kings League Brazil and Kings League Mexico. Two (2) teams per league will qualify:

- 1st place in the Regular Split
- Split Champion*

*If the Split Champion has already qualified, qualification will pass to the 2nd placed team in the Regular Split, or subsequently to the next highest-ranked team in that phase.

b) Kings League Germany and Kings League France. One (1) team per league will qualify:

- Split Champion

c) Kings League MENA. One (1) team will qualify. Due to Kings League MENA Split being cancelled prior to KWCC 2026, the following team will qualify:

- FWZ (KC MENA runner-up)

d) Due to the cancellation of Kings League MENA, one further qualification spot will be available from one of Kings League Spain, Kings League Italy, Kings League Brazil, Kings League Mexico, Kings League Germany or Kings League France. The criteria for qualification for this final spot is TBD and will be communicated in due course.

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, however a maximum of one (1) card may be activated per matchday, with no limit on the use of the Elite and Legend Cards during the Regular Phase.

In that sense, the maximum number of players that can be called up per matchday is thirteen (13).

To activate one of the following two cards, there is **no need for agreement between the teams involved in the match** in question but must be approved by the league. They can just be activated during the Regular Phase.

Elite Player Card: A professional player **currently registered in the first division (11-a-side football)** of a National Federation recognised by FIFA in one of the countries with a Kings League competition.

Legend Player Card: A retired professional footballer who had a top-level international career. The former player must meet **at least one** of the following criteria:

- Have won the **Ballon d'Or**.
- Have been a **FIFA World Cup champion** with a senior national team.
- Have won the UEFA European Championship / Copa América / Copa Libertadores / UEFA Champions League.
- Have played a UEFA Champions League final.
- Have earned more than 100 caps with a senior national team.
- Have played at least 300 matches in one of the following leagues: Arabia, Brazil, England, France, Germany, Mexico and Spain.

To activate any of the following two cards, there must be **prior agreement between the teams involved in the match** in question and the league.

Star Guest Player Card: A public figure or celebrity with recognised media notoriety whose main activity is not professional football.

The player must meet **at least one** of the following criteria:

- Be a **content creator** with more than 1 million followers.
- Be a recognized artist, actor, singer or media personality.
- Be a **top-level professional athlete in another discipline** (first division, Olympic athlete or World Championship participant).

President Player Card: A team may field one of its officially registered presidents as a player.

- The president must have been linked to the club since the start of the Split or competition.
- This card may be used only once per matchday.

Note:

The competition organizer reserves the final authority to validate or reject any player proposed for the use of special cards in order to preserve the competitive and entertainment spirit of the competition.