

# 1997 Torneo Descentralizado

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## [Torneo Descentralizado](#)

<b>Season</b>	1997
<b>Champions</b>	<a href="#">Alianza Lima</a> 18th Primera División title
<b>Relegated</b>	<a href="#">Alcides Vigo</a> <a href="#">Atlético Torino</a> <a href="#">José Gálvez</a> <a href="#">La Loretana</a>
<b><a href="#">Copa Libertadores</a></b>	<a href="#">Alianza Lima</a> (first stage) <a href="#">Sporting Cristal</a> (first stage)
<b><a href="#">Copa CONMEBOL</a></b>	<a href="#">Melgar</a>
<b>Top goalscorer</b>	Ricardo Zegarra (17) <a href="#">Alianza Atlético</a> 8–1 <a href="#">Unión Minas</a>
<b>Biggest home win</b>	<a href="#">Alianza Atlético</a> 8–1 <a href="#">La Loretana</a>
<b>Biggest away win</b>	<a href="#">Municipal</a> 1–6 <a href="#">Sporting Cristal</a> <a href="#">Torino</a> 0–5 <a href="#">Alianza Lima</a> <a href="#">Alianza Atlético</a> 8–1 <a href="#">Unión Minas</a>
<b>Highest scoring</b>	<a href="#">Alianza Atlético</a> 8–1 <a href="#">La Loretana</a> <a href="#">Alianza Lima</a> 5–4 <a href="#">Sporting Cristal</a>
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The **1997 [Torneo Descentralizado](#)** was the 82nd season of the top category of [Peruvian football \(soccer\)](#). It was played by 14 teams. The national champion was [Alianza Lima](#), their first title in 19 years.

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## Competition modus

The national championship was divided into two half-year [tournaments](#), the [Torneo Apertura](#) and the [Torneo Clausura](#). Each was played on a [round-robin](#) basis. The winners of each would play for the national title in a playoff. However, since the same club won both tournaments, it won the national championship automatically.

Following-season [Copa Libertadores](#) berths went to the champion, as well as to the winner of a Liguilla (*small league*) featuring teams between second and seventh place on the aggregate table. This had a round-robin format, with the team obtaining the best results in matchups during the "regular season" playing at home. The runner-up would qualify for the [Copa CONMEBOL](#). The bottom four teams on the aggregate table were relegated.

## Teams



Locations of the 1997 Primera División teams

Team	City	Stadium	Capacity	Field
<a href="#">Alcides Vigo</a>	<a href="#">Lima</a>	<a href="#">Nacional</a>	45,750	Grass
<a href="#">Alianza Atlético</a>	<a href="#">Sullana</a>	<a href="#">Campeones del 36</a>	8,000	Grass
<a href="#">Alianza Lima</a>	<a href="#">Lima</a>	<a href="#">Alejandro Villanueva</a>	35,000	Grass
<a href="#">Atlético Torino</a>	<a href="#">Talara</a>	<a href="#">Campeonísimo</a>	8,000	Grass
<a href="#">Cienciano</a>	<a href="#">Cuzco</a>	<a href="#">Garcilaso</a>	42,056	Grass
<a href="#">Deportivo Municipal</a>	<a href="#">Lima</a>	<a href="#">Nacional</a>	45,750	Grass
<a href="#">Deportivo Pesquero</a>	<a href="#">Chimbote</a>	<a href="#">Manuel Rivera Sanchez</a>	25,000	Grass
<a href="#">José Gálvez</a>	<a href="#">Chimbote</a>	<a href="#">Manuel Rivera Sanchez</a>	25,000	Grass
<a href="#">La Loretana</a>	<a href="#">Pucallpa</a>	<a href="#">Aliardo Soria</a>	15,000	Grass
<a href="#">Melgar</a>	<a href="#">Arequipa</a>	<a href="#">Mariano Melgar</a>	20,000	Grass
<a href="#">Sport Boys</a>	<a href="#">Callao</a>	<a href="#">Miguel Grau</a>	18,000	Grass
<a href="#">Sporting Cristal</a>	<a href="#">Lima</a>	<a href="#">San Martín de Porres</a>	18,000	Grass

<a href="#">Unión Minas</a>	<a href="#">Cerro de Pasco</a>	<a href="#">Daniel Alcides Carrión</a>	8,000	Grass
<a href="#">Universitario</a>	<a href="#">Lima</a>	<a href="#">Nacional</a>	45,750	Grass

## Torneo Apertura

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification
1	<a href="#">Alianza Lima</a>	13	9	3	1	27	9	+18	30	<a href="#">Copa Libertadores 1998</a> <a href="#">Group Stage</a>
2	<a href="#">Sporting Cristal</a>	13	8	3	2	30	13	+17	27	
3	<a href="#">Universitario</a>	13	7	4	2	19	8	+11	25	
4	<a href="#">Cienciano</a>	13	6	6	1	18	10	+8	24	
5	<a href="#">Deportivo Municipal</a>	13	6	2	5	25	23	+2	20	
6	<a href="#">Sport Boys</a>	13	5	3	5	15	18	-3	18	
7	<a href="#">Alianza Atlético</a>	13	4	3	6	22	18	+4	15	
8	<a href="#">Deportivo Pesquero</a>	13	3	5	5	16	16	0	14	
9	<a href="#">Melgar</a>	13	4	2	7	16	24	-8	14	
10	<a href="#">Atlético Torino</a>	13	2	7	4	14	19	-5	13	
11	<a href="#">Alcides Vigo</a>	13	3	3	7	13	18	-5	12	
12	<a href="#">Unión Minas</a>	13	3	3	7	14	28	-14	12	
13	<a href="#">José Gálvez</a>	13	3	3	7	12	28	-16	12	
14	<a href="#">La Loretana</a>	13	2	5	6	9	18	-9	11	

Updated to match(es) played on February 27, 2009. Source: [RSSSF Peru 1997](#)

Rules for classification: 1) points; 2) goal difference; 3) number of goals scored.

## Torneo Clausura

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification
1	<a href="#">Alianza Lima</a>	13	10	2	1	33	7	+26	32	<a href="#">Copa Libertadores 1998</a> <a href="#">Group Stage</a>
2	<a href="#">Universitario</a>	13	8	4	1	19	7	+12	28	
3	<a href="#">Sporting Cristal</a>	13	6	4	3	25	16	+9	22	
4	<a href="#">Alianza Atlético</a>	13	6	3	4	24	13	+11	21	
5	<a href="#">Melgar</a>	13	6	3	4	17	16	+1	21	
6	<a href="#">Cienciano</a>	13	6	2	5	17	13	+4	20	
7	<a href="#">Unión Minas</a>	13	6	2	5	15	15	0	20	
8	<a href="#">Deportivo Municipal</a>	13	6	1	6	18	24	-6	19	
9	<a href="#">Deportivo Pesquero</a>	13	4	3	6	17	16	+1	15	
10	<a href="#">Sport Boys</a>	13	3	6	4	13	15	-2	15	
11	<a href="#">Alcides Vigo</a>	13	3	4	6	19	23	-4	13	
12	<a href="#">Atlético Torino</a>	13	3	1	9	13	30	-17	10	
13	<a href="#">José Gálvez</a>	13	3	0	10	12	27	-15	9	
14	<a href="#">La Loretana</a>	13	2	3	8	10	30	-20	9	

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## Finals

No finals were held after Alianza Lima won both the Apertura and Clausura tournaments, thus automatically obtaining the national title.

## Aggregate table

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