

# HNK Orijent

**HNK Orijent** is a football club from Sušak, the eastern part of the city of Rijeka, Croatia. The club was established under the name *Orient* in 1919. They compete in the Croatian Second Football League. It is a phoenix club of NK Orijent which ceased activities in 2014 due to financial difficulties. The club is resurrected the same year under the new name, HNK Orijent 1919, but in September 2022 club assembly decided to bring back an old name, HNK Orijent.

## History

### *Orient*

The club was founded in 1919 in Sušak, eastern part of the present day city of Rijeka, under the name *Jugoslavenski Športski Klub Orient*.<sup>[2][3][4][5][6]</sup> At the time, Sušak was predominantly Croatian, while Fiume, the western part of the city, was predominantly Italian. According to the legend, during his time on journey to the United States, one of the club's founders saw a ship named *Orient* in the New York Harbor. After he came back, he suggested the new club to be named *Orient*, a suggestion which was later accepted. Although Orijent spent most of its history in lower tiers of Yugoslav and Croatian football, it was and still is popular among Sušak's population.<sup>[2][3]</sup>

The club was disbanded by the communists in 1945 and refounded as FD Jedinstvo. The club's greatest success came in 1969 when they were the champions of Yugoslav Second League's Division West but were unable to win promotion through playoff. Orijent and city rivals Rijeka contested numerous derbies during the early 1970s. Other notable successes were quarter-finals of Yugoslav Cup in 1980–81 and 1982–83. Orijent played top tier football only once, during the season 1996–97 when they finished 14th and were relegated.<sup>[2][3]</sup>

In June 2014, the club was liquidated due to its inability to service mounting debts.<sup>[7]</sup> Shortly thereafter, the club was re-established and admitted to the fifth tier of the Croatian football league system for the start of the 2014–15 campaign. Over the following five seasons, they gained promotion on three occasions, reaching the Croatian Second Football League for the 2019–20 campaign.

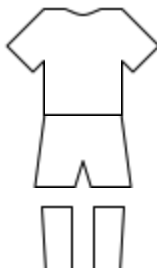
### Names

As regimes changed, Orijent was often forced to change its name. At various stages of its history the club was known as *Jedinstvo*, *Primorac*, *Primorje* and *Budućnost*. Finally, from 1953 onwards, the club carries the original name, *Orijent* in various forms (NK Orijent, HNK Orijent 1919, HNK Orijent).<sup>[2][3][4][8]</sup>

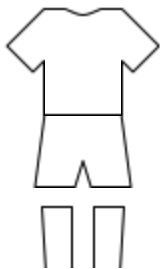
### HNK Orijent



<b>Full name</b>	Hrvatski nogometni klub Orijent <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Nickname(s)</b>	<i>Sušačani</i> , <i>Crveni s Krimeje</i>
<b>Founded</b>	14 June 1919 (as <i>NK Orijent</i> )
<b>Ground</b>	Stadion Krimeja
<b>Capacity</b>	3,500
<b>Chairman</b>	Saša Matijaš
<b>Manager</b>	Edo Flego
<b>League</b>	First League (II)
<b>2022–23</b>	6th
<b>Website</b>	Club website ( <a href="http://www.nk-orijent.com">http://www.nk-orijent.com</a> )



**Home colours**



**Away colours**

In June 2014, the club was liquidated and shortly thereafter re-established under the new name, HNK Orijent 1919.<sup>[7][8]</sup> In September 2022 club assembly decided to rename the club by leaving out 1919 as a year of its original formation, while the club emblem was decided to remain the same.<sup>[9][10]</sup> The new name entered official HNS register on 6 October 2022.<sup>[11][12]</sup>

## Honours

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- **Yugoslav Second League Winner (1):**
  - 1968–69 (West)
- **Croatian Republic Football League Winner (4):**
  - 1967–68 (West), 1983–84 (West), 1984–85 (West), 1985–86 (West)
- **Druga HNL Runner-up (2):**
  - 1993–94 (South), 1994–95 (West)
- **Prva B HNL Runner-up (1):**
  - 1995–96
- **First League of Primorje-Gorski Kotar County Winner (1):**
  - 2014–15
- **Yugoslav Cup Quarter-final (2):**
  - 1980–81, 1982–83
- **Croatian Football Cup Quarter-final (1):**
  - 1997–98



*"Monument to football youth"*  
at the entrance of the NK  
Orient soccer field in Rijeka,  
Croatia

## Current squad

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*As of 25 February 2024*<sup>[13]</sup>






Note: Flags indicate national team as defined under FIFA eligibility rules. Players may hold more than one non-FIFA nationality.

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player	No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
1	<a href="#">GK</a>	<a href="#"></a> <a href="#">SRB</a>	<a href="#">Aleksa Todorović</a>	15	<a href="#">DF</a>	<a href="#"></a> <a href="#">CRO</a>	<a href="#">Noa Zuliani</a>
2	<a href="#">DF</a>	<a href="#"></a> <a href="#">CRO</a>	<a href="#">Filip Braut</a>	16	<a href="#">FW</a>	<a href="#"></a> <a href="#">GAM</a>	<a href="#">Baboucarr Faal</a>
3	<a href="#">DF</a>	<a href="#"></a> <a href="#">CRO</a>	<a href="#">Noel Bodetić</a>	17	<a href="#">FW</a>	<a href="#"></a> <a href="#">CRO</a>	<a href="#">Mateo Monjac</a>
4	<a href="#">DF</a>	<a href="#"></a> <a href="#">CRO</a>	<a href="#">Dominik Mulac</a>	18	<a href="#">MF</a>	<a href="#"></a> <a href="#">CRO</a>	<a href="#">Karlo Valjan</a>
5	<a href="#">MF</a>	<a href="#"></a> <a href="#">SVN</a>	<a href="#">Jaka Korošec</a>	20	<a href="#">MF</a>	<a href="#"></a> <a href="#">CRO</a>	<a href="#">Dominik Simčić</a>
6	<a href="#">MF</a>	<a href="#"></a> <a href="#">CRO</a>	<a href="#">Franjo Lazar</a>	21	<a href="#">MF</a>	<a href="#"></a> <a href="#">CRO</a>	<a href="#">Filip Zrilić</a>
7	<a href="#">MF</a>	<a href="#"></a> <a href="#">BIH</a>	<a href="#">Edin Fatić</a>	22	<a href="#">DF</a>	<a href="#"></a> <a href="#">CRO</a>	<a href="#">Adriano Milanović</a>
8	<a href="#">FW</a>	<a href="#"></a> <a href="#">CRO</a>	<a href="#">Niko Gajzler</a>	23	<a href="#">MF</a>	<a href="#"></a> <a href="#">CRO</a>	<a href="#">Marko Putnik</a>
9	<a href="#">MF</a>	<a href="#"></a> <a href="#">CRO</a>	<a href="#">Andrija Bubnjar</a>	25	<a href="#">MF</a>	<a href="#"></a> <a href="#">CRO</a>	<a href="#">Antonio Galešić</a>
10	<a href="#">FW</a>	<a href="#"></a> <a href="#">CRO</a>	<a href="#">Emanuel Črnko</a>	28	<a href="#">DF</a>	<a href="#"></a> <a href="#">CRO</a>	<a href="#">Mario Tadejević</a>
11	<a href="#">DF</a>	<a href="#"></a> <a href="#">CRO</a>	<a href="#">Andro Švrljuga</a>	29	<a href="#">DF</a>	<a href="#"></a> <a href="#">CRO</a>	<a href="#">Ricardo Bagadur</a>
13	<a href="#">DF</a>	<a href="#"></a> <a href="#">UKR</a>	<a href="#">Yegor Smirnov</a>	30	<a href="#">GK</a>	<a href="#"></a> <a href="#">CRO</a>	<a href="#">Patrik Mohorović</a>
14	<a href="#">DF</a>	<a href="#"></a> <a href="#">CRO</a>	<a href="#">Sanin Muminović</a>	45	<a href="#">GK</a>	<a href="#"></a> <a href="#">CRO</a>	<a href="#">Leo Margan</a>

## Out on loan

*As of 16 February 2024*

Note: Flags indicate national team as defined under [FIFA eligibility rules](#). Players may hold more than one non-FIFA nationality.

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player	No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
5	<a href="#">MF</a>	<a href="#"></a> <a href="#">CRO</a>	<a href="#">Patrik Srzentić</a> ( <i>at <a href="#">Grobničan</a> until 30 May 2024</i> )	—	<a href="#">FW</a>	<a href="#"></a> <a href="#">CRO</a>	<a href="#">Matija Matulja</a> ( <i>at <a href="#">Krk</a> until 30 May 2024</i> )
45	<a href="#">GK</a>	<a href="#"></a> <a href="#">CRO</a>	<a href="#">Muhamed Tanjić</a> ( <i>at <a href="#">Grobničan</a> until 15 June 2024</i> )	—	<a href="#">FW</a>	<a href="#"></a> <a href="#">GAM</a>	<a href="#">Mass Njie</a> ( <i>at <a href="#">Krk</a> until 29 June 2024</i> )
—	<a href="#">FW</a>	<a href="#"></a> <a href="#">CRO</a>	<a href="#">Marko Jelić</a> ( <i>at <a href="#">Krk</a> until 30 May 2024</i> )				

## Notable players

## Notable managers

- [!\[\]\(67ff022fd78f943b679992c2874bbfd1\_img.jpg\)](#) [Ivan "Đalma" Marković](#) (1962)
- [!\[\]\(042ea11c58a77088d3dd7150909adec0\_img.jpg\)](#) [Ivan "Đalma" Marković](#) (1968 – 69)
- [!\[\]\(5890ff4c38007932c846fa9d39ba1fe6\_img.jpg\)](#) [Marcel Žigante](#) (1973 – 74)
- [!\[\]\(0951d374ca92713a262635cd1d2251b2\_img.jpg\)](#) [Josip Skoblar](#) (1979 – 81)
- [!\[\]\(3b3fbb6cc430c0b8da0c6ad8d8fe9f5d\_img.jpg\)](#) [Ivan "Đalma" Marković](#) (1982 – 84)
- [!\[\]\(48d5ea9af81461d47ce0bfa0808d84ea\_img.jpg\)](#) [Marijan Brnčić](#) (1987 – 89)
- [!\[\]\(4a20c858524295d2b586b58826d34eb7\_img.jpg\)](#) [Miloš Hrستیć](#) (1988 – 89)
- [!\[\]\(cdbbc2244079ed4c75056c9432abc2fd\_img.jpg\)](#) [Velimir Naumović](#) (1989 – 91)
- [!\[\]\(4bc01b60fbcf390cababda6fff62edc0\_img.jpg\)](#) [Mladen Vranković](#) (1991 – 92)

-  [Ivica Šangulin](#) (1992 – 94)
-  [Predrag Stilinović](#) (1995 – 96)
-  [Boris Tičić](#) (July 1996 – March 97)
-  [Drago Mamić](#) (July 1997 – March 97)
-  [Ilija Lončarević](#) (March 1997 – June 97)
-  [Rodion Gačanin](#) (1999 – 2000)
-  [Danilo Butorović](#) (2014 – 2018)
-  [Fausto Budicin](#) (2019 – 2020)

## Seasons

Season	League									Cup
	Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos	
NK ORIJENT										
1966–67	<u>3. Div</u>	26	13	5	8	57	29	31	4th	
1967–68	<u>3. Div</u>	30	22	6	2	95	26	50	1st ↑	
1968–69	<u>2. Div</u>	30	23	3	4	70	27	49	1st	
1969–70	<u>2. Div</u>	30	16	3	11	48	30	35	4th	<u>R2</u>
1970–71	<u>2. Div</u>	30	9	10	11	36	38	28	7th	
1971–72	<u>2. Div</u>	34	15	8	11	63	47	38	5th	
1972–73	<u>2. Div</u>	34	10	12	12	45	57	31	12th ↓	
1973–74	<u>3. Div</u>	32	7	14	11	30	41	28	15th ↓	
1974–75	4. Div								1st ↑	
1975–76	<u>3. Div</u>	22	4	8	10	25	26	16	11th	
1976–77	<u>3. Div</u>	26	12	8	6	36	25	32	3rd	
1977–78	<u>3. Div</u>	26	13	7	6	30	18	33	3rd	
1978–79	<u>3. Div</u>	26	14	6	6	33	18	34	2nd	
1979–80	<u>3. Div</u>	30	13	6	11	42	30	32	6th	
1980–81	<u>3. Div</u>	30	12	9	9	36	22	33	3rd	<u>QF</u>
1981–82	<u>3. Div</u>	30	15	7	8	44	26	37	3rd	
1982–83	<u>3. Div</u>	30	12	9	9	47	35	33	5th	<u>QF</u>
1983–84	<u>3. Div</u>	26	21	5	0	55	8	47	1st	
1984–85	<u>3. Div</u>	26	20	5	1	74	9	45	1st	
1985–86	<u>3. Div</u>	26	20	4	2	73	10	44	1st	
1986–87	<u>3. Div</u>	26	16	6	4	49	16	38	2nd	
1987–88	<u>3. Div</u>	30	13	6	11	44	32	32	4th	

1988–89	<u>3. Div</u>	34	11	<sup>9</sup> (5)	14	34	33	27	13th	
1989–90	<u>3. Div</u>	34	10	<sup>9</sup> (7)	15	37	43	27	15th	<u>R1</u>
1990–91	<u>3. Div</u>	34	13	<sup>5</sup> (4)	16	31	45	30	11th	
1992	<u>2. HNL West</u>	12	4	3	5	14	13	11	3rd	
1992–93	<u>2. HNL South</u>	29	13	6	10	44	34	32	7th	<u>R1</u>
1993–94	<u>2. HNL South</u>	30	21	8	1	62	15	50	2nd	<u>R1</u>
1994–95	<u>2. HNL West</u>	36	24	8	4	86	19	80	2nd ↑	
1995–96	<u>1.B HNL</u>	28	15	4	9	45	34	49	2nd ↑	
1996–97	<u>1. HNL</u>	30	5	11	14	28	53	26	14th ↓	<u>R1</u>
1997–98	<u>2. HNL West</u>	30	21	5	4	63	15	68	3rd	<u>QF</u>
1998–99	<u>2. HNL</u>	36	13	9	14	39	48	48	13th	
1999–2000	<u>2. HNL</u>	32	10	11	11	37	41	41	9th	
2000–01	<u>2. HNL</u>	34	13	8	13	40	40	47	10th	<u>R2</u>
2001–02	<u>2. HNL South</u>	30	14	4	12	35	37	46	6th	
2002–03	<u>2. HNL South</u>	32	12	6	14	36	48	42	8th	<u>R1</u>
2003–04	<u>2. HNL South</u>	32	2	7	23	23	62	13	12th ↓	
2004–05	<u>3. HNL West</u>	30	8	10	12	26	47	34	14th	
2005–06	<u>3. HNL West</u>	30	15	9	6	60	35	54	4th	
2006–07	<u>3. HNL West</u>	34	13	7	14	44	53	46	13th	
2007–08	<u>3. HNL West</u>	34	10	11	13	39	36	41	13th	
2008–09	<u>3. HNL West</u>	34	12	8	14	45	41	42	13th	<u>R1</u>
2009–10	<u>3. HNL West</u>	34	10	14	10	47	44	44	11th	<u>R1</u>
2010–11	<u>3. HNL West</u>	34	12	6	16	40	47	42	11th	
2011–12	<u>3. HNL West</u>	34	9	12	13	38	48	39	14th	
2012–13	<u>3. HNL West</u>	30	13	4	13	46	45	43	8th	
2013–14	<u>3. HNL West</u>	28	13	4	11	35	43	43	6th	
<b>HNK ORIJENT 1919</b>										
2014–15	<u>1. ŽNL</u>	28	18	5	1	65	18	59	1st ↑	
2015–16	<u>4. HNL Rijeka</u>	30	11	7	12	42	45	40	8th	
2016–17	<u>4. HNL Rijeka</u>	30	10	12	8	49	36	42	8th	
2017–18	<u>4. HNL Rijeka</u>	29	20	4	5	58	24	64	2nd ↑	
2018–19	<u>3. HNL West</u>	34	21	5	8	72	47	68	3rd ↑	

2019–20	<u>2. HNL</u>	19	9	6	4	26	23	33	3rd	
2020–21	<u>2. HNL</u>	34	12	9	13	52	49	45	11th	
2021–22	<u>2. HNL</u>	30	12	4	14	44	49	40	9th	<u>R1</u>
<b>HNK ORIJENT</b>										
2022–23	<u>1. NL</u>	33	10	13	10	45	45	43	6th	

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