

2020–21 in Croatian football

Football in Croatia

Season	2020–21
Men's football	
Prva HNL	<u>Dinamo Zagreb</u>
Druga HNL	<u>Hrvatski Dragovoljac</u>
Treća HNL	<u>Mladost Ždralovi</u> (North)
	<u>Neretvanac</u> (South)
	<u>Crikvenica</u> (West)
	<u>Belišće</u> (East)
	<u>Jarun</u> (Center)
Croatian Cup	<u>Dinamo Zagreb</u>
Women's football	
Prva HNLŽ	<u>Osijek</u>
Druga HNLŽ	<u>Rijeka</u> (Group A)
	<u>Međimurje-Čakovec</u> (Group B)
Croatian Cup	<u>Split</u>
	

The following article presents a summary of the **2020–21 football season in Croatia**, which is the 30th season of competitive football in the country.

National teams

Croatia




Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2020–21 UEFA Nations League – Group stage					
5 September 2020	<u>Estádio do Dragão, Porto</u>	 <u>Portugal</u>	1–4	<u>Petković</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefanationsleague/match/2029991/)
8 September 2020	<u>Stade de France, Saint-Denis</u>	 <u>France</u>	2–4	<u>Lovren</u> , <u>Brekalo</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefanationsleague/match/2030016/)
11 October 2020	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</u>	 <u>Sweden</u>	2–1	<u>Vlašić</u> , <u>Kramarić</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefanationsleague/match/2030035/)
14 October 2020	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</u>	 <u>France</u>	1–2	<u>Vlašić</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefanationsleague/match/2030063/)
14 November 2020	<u>Friends Arena, Solna</u>	 <u>Sweden</u>	1–2	<u>Danielson</u> (o.g.)	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefanationsleague/match/2030081/)
17 November 2020	<u>Stadion Poljud, Split</u>	 <u>Portugal</u>	2–3	<u>Kovačić</u> (2)	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefanationsleague/match/2030109/)
2022 FIFA World Cup qualification – Group stage					
24 March 2021	<u>Stadion Stožice, Ljubljana</u>	 <u>Slovenia</u>	0–1		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/match/2030768/)
27 March 2021	<u>Stadion Rujevica, Rijeka</u>	 <u>Cyprus</u>	1–0	<u>Pašalić</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/match/2030794/)

30 March 2021	Stadion Rujevica, Rijeka	 Malta	3–0	Perišić , Modrić , Brekalo	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/match/2030814/)
Friendly fixtures					
7 October 2020	Kybunpark, St. Gallen	 Switzerland	2–1	Brekalo , Pašalić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/friendlies/match/2029963--croatia-vs-switzerland/)
11 November 2020	Vodafone Park, Istanbul	 Turkey	3–3	Budimir , Pašalić , Brekalo	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/friendlies/match/2030569--turkey-vs-croatia/)
1 June 2021	Gradski stadion, Velika Gorica	 Armenia	1–1	Perišić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/friendlies/match/2032181--croatia-vs-armenia/)
6 June 2021	King Baudouin Stadium, Brussels	 Belgium	0–1		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/friendlies/match/2032161--belgium-vs-croatia/)

Croatia U21

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2021 UEFA European Under-21 Championship qualification - Group stage					
3 September 2020	Stadion Varteks, Varaždin	 Greece	5–0	Moro , Majer (2), Musa (2)	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under21/match/2026628/)
7 September 2020	Stadion Střelecký ostrov, České Budějovice	 Czech Republic	0–0		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under21/match/2026631/)



8 October 2020	<u>Stadion Kranjčevićeva, Zagreb</u>	 <u>San Marino</u>	10–0	<u>Kulenović</u> , <u>Majer</u> , <u>Špikić</u> , <u>Ivanušec</u> (3), <u>Nejašmić</u> (2), <u>Vizinger</u> , <u>Gvardiol</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under21/match/2026703/)
13 October 2020	<u>Pampeloponnisiako Stadium, Patras</u>	 <u>Greece</u>	1–0	<u>Majer</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under21/match/2026705/)
12 November 2020	<u>Tynecastle, Edinburgh</u>	 <u>Scotland</u>	2–2	<u>Moro</u> , <u>Bistrović</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2021/matches/round=2001101/match=2026632/index.html)
17 November 2020	<u>Stadion Aldo Drosina, Pula</u>	 <u>Lithuania</u>	7–0	<u>Špikić</u> , <u>Musa</u> (2), <u>Šverko</u> , <u>Šutalo</u> , <u>Moro</u> (2)	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2021/matches/round=2001101/match=2026629/index.html)
2021 UEFA European Under-21 Championship - Group stage					
25 March 2021	<u>Bonifika Stadium, Koper</u>	 <u>Portugal</u>	0–1		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under21/match/2030686/)
28 March 2021	<u>Bonifika Stadium, Koper</u>	 <u>Switzerland</u>	3–2	<u>Ivanušec</u> , <u>Moro</u> , <u>Vizinger</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under21/match/2030688/)
31 March 2021	<u>Bonifika Stadium, Koper</u>	 <u>England</u>	1–2	<u>Bradarić</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under21/match/2030691/)
2021 UEFA European Under-21 Championship - Knockout stage					
31 May 2021	<u>Ljudski vrt, Maribor</u>	 <u>Spain</u>	1–2 (a.e.t.)	<u>Ivanušec</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under21/match/2031977/)

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
<u>2021 UEFA European Under-19 Championship qualification - Qualifying round</u>					
24 March 2021	Stadion Branko Čavlović-Čavlek, <u>Karlovac</u>	 <u>Kazakhstan</u>	<i>Cancelled</i>		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under19/match/2028982/)
27 March 2021	Stadion Branko Čavlović-Čavlek, <u>Karlovac</u>	 <u>Latvia</u>	<i>Cancelled</i>		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under19/match/2029008/)
30 March 2021	Stadion Branko Čavlović-Čavlek, <u>Karlovac</u>	 <u>Georgia</u>	<i>Cancelled</i>		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under19/match/2029034/)

Croatia U17




Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
<u>2021 UEFA European Under-17 Championship qualification - Qualifying round</u>					
March 2021		 <u>Bulgaria</u>	<i>Cancelled</i>		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under17/match/2028853/)
March 2021		 <u>Liechtenstein</u>	<i>Cancelled</i>		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under17/match/2028879/)
March 2021		 <u>Bosnia and Herzegovina</u>	<i>Cancelled</i>		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under17/match/2028904/)

Croatia Women's

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
<u>UEFA Women's Euro 2022 qualifying - Group stage</u>					
18 September 2020	Stadion ŠRC Zaprešić, <u>Zaprešić</u>	 <u>Switzerland</u>	1–1	<u>Rudelić</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womenseuro/match/2027367/)
22 September 2020	Stadionul Mogoșoia, <u>Mogoșoia</u>	 <u>Romania</u>	1–4	<u>Rudelić</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womenseuro/match/2027212/)

27 November 2020	Stadion Aldo Drosina, Pula	 Lithuania	1–0	Šundov	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/wo/menseuro/match/2027360/)
23 February 2021	Stadion Aldo Drosina, Pula	 Romania	0–1		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/wo/menseuro/match/2027362/)

Croatia Women's U19

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
<u>2021 UEFA Women's Under-19 Championship qualification - Qualifying round</u>					
April 2021		 Austria	<i>Cancelled</i>		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womensunder19/match/2028739/)
April 2021		 Germany	<i>Cancelled</i>		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womensunder19/match/2028762/)
April 2021		 Kazakhstan	<i>Cancelled</i>		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womensunder19/match/2028787/)

Croatia Women's U17

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
<u>2021 UEFA Women's Under-17 Championship qualification - Qualifying round</u>					
9 February 2021		 Serbia	<i>Cancelled</i>		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womensunder17/match/2028675/)
12 February 2021		 Poland	<i>Cancelled</i>		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womensunder17/match/2028696/)
15 February 2021		 Montenegro	<i>Cancelled</i>		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womensunder17/match/2028717/)

League tables

Croatian First Football League

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification or relegation
1	Dinamo Zagreb (C)	36	26	7	3	84	28	+56	85	Qualification for the Champions League first qualifying round
2	Osijek	36	23	8	5	59	25	+34	77	Qualification for the Europa Conference League second qualifying round
3	Rijeka	36	18	7	11	51	46	+5	61	
4	Hajduk Split	36	18	6	12	48	37	+11	60	
5	Gorica	36	17	8	11	60	47	+13	59	
6	Šibenik	36	9	8	19	32	47	−15	35	
7	Slaven Belupo	36	7	13	16	36	53	−17	34	
8	Lokomotiva	36	7	9	20	29	60	−31	30	
9	Istra 1961	36	7	8	21	27	52	−25	29	
10	Varaždin (R)	36	6	10	20	30	61	−31	28	Relegation for the Croatian Second Football League

Source: PrvaHNL.hr (<https://web.archive.org/web/20210606141558/http://prvahnl.hr/statistika/ljestvica/>)
Rules for classification: 1) Points; 2) Head-to-head points; 3) Head-to-head goal difference; 4) Head-to-head goals scored (at home if two teams tied); 5) Goal difference; 6) Goals scored; 7) Play-off
(Note: Criteria 2-4 and 7 is only used if deciding champion, teams to international competition or teams for relegation and in that case criteria 6 will not be used).^[1]
(C) Champions; (R) Relegated

Croatian Second Football League

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification or relegation ^[a]
1	Hrvatski Dragovoljac (C, P)	34	16	11	7	49	39	+10	59	Promotion to the Croatian First Football League
2	Rudeš	34	15	12	7	52	41	+11	57	
3	BSK Bijelo Brdo	34	14	13	7	52	40	+12	55	
4	Cibalia	34	15	6	13	50	43	+7	51	
5	Kustošija	34	12	15	7	43	38	+5	51	
6	Sesvete	34	15	6	13	62	59	+3	51	
7	Opatija	34	12	14	8	42	41	+1	50	
8	Dugopolje	34	13	9	12	49	45	+4	48	
9	Dubrava	34	13	7	14	45	46	−1	46	
10	Inter Zaprešić	34	12	9	13	49	41	+8	45	
11	Orijent 1919	34	12	9	13	52	49	+3	45	
12	Croatia Zmijavci	34	13	5	16	52	53	−1	44	
13	Dinamo Zagreb II	34	12	7	15	45	41	+4	43	
14	Osijek II	34	11	9	14	42	42	0	42	
15	Hajduk Split II (D)	34	11	8	15	58	60	−2	41	Dissolved at the end of the season
16	Solin	34	10	8	16	45	56	−11	38	Relegation to the Croatian Third Football League
17	Junak Sinj (R)	34	7	13	14	46	58	−12	34	
18	Međimurje (R)	34	9	7	18	44	85	−41	34	

Updated to match(es) played on 29 May 2021. Source: Druga-HNL.com (<http://www.druga-hnl.com/tablica.php>)
Rules for classification: 1) Points; 2) Head-to-head points; 3) Head-to-head goal difference; 4) Head-to-head goals scored (at home if two teams tied); 5) Goal difference; 6) Goals scored; 7) Play-off
(Note: Criteria 2-4 and 7 is only used if deciding champion, teams for promotion or relegation and in that case criteria 6 will not be used).^[2]
(C) Champions; **(D)** Dissolved; **(P)** Promoted; **(R)** Relegated
Notes:

a. Dinamo Zagreb II, Hajduk Split II and Osijek II are ineligible for promotion

Croatian clubs in Europe

Summary

Club	Competition	Starting round	Final round	Matches played
Dinamo Zagreb	Champions League	2nd qualifying round	3rd qualifying round	2
	Europa League	Play-off round	Quarter-finals	13
Lokomotiva	Champions League	2nd qualifying round		1
	Europa League	3rd qualifying round		1
Rijeka	Europa League	3rd qualifying round	Group stage	8
Osijek	Europa League	2nd qualifying round		1
Hajduk Split	Europa League	2nd qualifying round	3rd qualifying round	2
ŽNK Split	Women's Champions League	1st qualifying round		1
Dinamo Zagreb U19	UEFA Youth League	First round		0

Dinamo Zagreb

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Dinamo Zagreb scorer(s)	Report
2020–21 Champions League - Second qualifying round					
26 August 2020	Stadionul Dr. Constantin Rădulescu, Cluj	 CFR Cluj	2–2 (6–5 p)	Gojak , Kastrati	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/match/2030303/)
2020–21 Champions League - Third qualifying round					
16 September 2020	Groupama Arena, Budapest	 Ferencváros	1–2	Uzuni (o.g.)	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/match/2030319/)
2020–21 Europa League - Play-off round					
1 October 2020	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb	 Flora	3–1	Gavranović , Ademi (2)	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/match/2030553/)
2020–21 Europa League - Group stage					
22 October 2020	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb	 Feyenoord	0–0		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/match/2030553/)

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(<https://www.uefa.com/uefauropalea gue/match/2029893/>)

29 October 2020	<u>VEB Arena, Moscow</u>	 <u>CSKA Moscow</u>	0–0		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefauropalea gue/match/2029737/)
5 November 2020	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</u>	 <u>Wolfsberger AC</u>	1–0	<u>Atiemwen</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefauropalea gue/match/2029762/)
26 November 2020	<u>Wörthersee Stadion, Klagenfurt</u>	 <u>Wolfsberger AC</u>	3–0	<u>Majer, Petković, Ivanušec</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefauropalea gue/match/2029798/)
3 December 2020	<u>De Kuip, Rotterdam</u>	 <u>Feyenoord</u>	2–0	<u>Petković, Majer</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefauropalea gue/match/2029809/)
10 December 2020	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</u>	 <u>CSKA Moscow</u>	3–1	<u>Gvardiol, Oršić, Kastrati</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefauropalea gue/match/2029845/)
2020–21 Europa League - Round of 32					
18 February 2021	<u>Krasnodar Stadium, Krasnodar</u>	 <u>Krasnodar</u>	3–2	<u>Petković (2), Atiemwen</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefauropalea gue/match/2029858/)
25 February 2021	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</u>	 <u>Krasnodar</u>	1–0	<u>Oršić</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefauropalea gue/match/2029874/)
2020–21 Europa League - Round of 16					
11 March 2021	<u>Tottenham Hotspur Stadium, London</u>	 <u>Tottenham Hotspur</u>	0–2		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefauropalea gue/match/2029885/)
18 March 2021	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</u>	 <u>Tottenham Hotspur</u>	3–0 (a.e.t.)	<u>Oršić (3)</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefauropalea gue/match/2029893/)

2020–21 Europa League - Quarter-finals

8 April 2021	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</u>	 <u>Villarreal</u>	0–1		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/match/2029900/)
15 April 2021	<u>Estadio de la Cerámica, Villarreal</u>	 <u>Villarreal</u>	1–2	<u>Oršić</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/match/2029904/)

Lokomotiva

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Lokomotiva scorer(s)	Report
2020–21 Champions League - Second qualifying round					
26 August 2020	<u>Stadion Kranjčevićeva, Zagreb</u>	 <u>Rapid Wien</u>	0–1		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/match/2030315/)
2020–21 Europa League - Third qualifying round					
24 September 2020	<u>Stadion, Malmö</u>	 <u>Malmö</u>	0–5		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/match/2030374/)

Rijeka

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Rijeka scorer(s)	Report
2020–21 Europa League - Third qualifying round					
24 September 2020	<u>Stadion Rujevica, Rijeka</u>	 <u>Kolos Kovalivka</u>	2–0 (a.e.t.)	<u>Escoval, Andrijašević</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/match/2030381/)
2020–21 Europa League - Play-off round					
1 October 2020	<u>Parken Stadium, Copenhagen</u>	 <u>Copenhagen</u>	1–0	<u>Ankersen (o.g.)</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/match/2030544/)
2020–21 Europa League - Group stage					
22 October 2020	<u>Stadion Rujevica, Rijeka</u>	 <u>Real Sociedad</u>	0–1		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/match/2030544/)

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29 October 2020	AFAS Stadion, Alkmaar	 AZ	1–4	Kulenović	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/match/2029751/)
5 November 2020	Stadion Rujevica, Rijeka	 Napoli	1–2	Murić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/match/2029776/)
26 November 2020	Stadio San Paolo, Naples	 Napoli	0–2		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/match/2029788/)
3 December 2020	Anoeta Stadium, San Sebastián	 Real Sociedad	2–2	Velkovski, Lončar	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/match/2029823/)
10 December 2020	Stadion Rujevica, Rijeka	 AZ	2–1	Menalo, Tomečak	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/match/2029835/)

Osijek

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Osijek scorer(s)	Report
2020–21 Europa League - Second qualifying round					
17 September 2020	Stadion Gradski vrt, Osijek	 Basel	1–2	Majstorović	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/match/2030359/)

Hajduk Split

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Hajduk Split scorer(s)	Report
2020–21 Europa League - Second qualifying round					
17 September 2020	Ecolog Arena, Tetovo	 Renova	1–0	Caktaš	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/match/2030354/)
2020–21 Europa League - Third qualifying round					

24 September 2020	Türk Telekom Stadium, Istanbul	 Galatasaray	0–2		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/match/2030395/)
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ŽNK Split

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	ŽNK Split scorer(s)	Report
2020–21 UEFA Women's Champions League - First qualifying round					
4 November 2020	Stadion Górnik Łęczna, Łęczna	 Górnik Łęczna	1–4	Medić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womenschampionsleague/match/2030581/)

Dinamo Zagreb U19

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Dinamo Zagreb U19 scorer(s)	Report
2018–19 UEFA Youth League Domestic Champions Path - First round					
3 March 2021	Stadion Hitrec-Kacian, Zagreb	 Rosenborg	<i>Cancelled</i>		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/2031228--dinamo-zagreb-vs-rosenborg/)

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