

2006–07 in Croatian football

The following article presents a summary of the **2006–07 football (soccer) season in Croatia**, which was the 16th season of competitive football in the country.

League competitions

Croatian First Division

2006–07 in Croatian football										
First Division champions										
<u>Dinamo Zagreb</u> (9th title)										
Second Division champions										
<u>Inter Zaprešić</u>										
Third Division champions										
<u>TBD</u>										
Croatian Cup winners										
<u>Dinamo Zagreb</u> (8th title)										
Teams in Europe										
<u>Dinamo Zagreb</u> , <u>Rijeka</u> , <u>Osijek</u> , <u>Varteks</u>										
Croatia national team										
UEFA Euro 2008 qualifying										

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification or relegation
1	<u>Dinamo Zagreb</u> (C)	33	30	2	1	84	22	+62	92	Qualification to Champions League first qualifying round
2	<u>Hajduk Split</u>	33	22	6	5	60	25	+35	72	Qualification to UEFA Cup first qualifying round
3	<u>NK Zagreb</u>	33	18	4	11	57	40	+17	58	Qualification to Intertoto Cup first round
4	<u>Šibenik</u>	33	14	7	12	50	47	+3	49	
5	<u>Slaven Belupo</u> ^[a]	33	14	7	12	40	37	+3	49	Qualification to UEFA Cup first qualifying round
6	<u>Osijek</u>	33	11	10	12	42	45	-3	43	
7	<u>Rijeka</u>	33	12	6	15	51	53	-2	42	
8	<u>Varteks</u>	33	12	6	15	49	62	-13	42	
9	<u>Medimurje</u>	33	11	4	18	40	60	-20	37	
10	<u>Cibalia</u>	33	9	5	19	33	53	-20	32	
11	<u>Pula</u> (R)	33	6	11	16	28	40	-12	29	Qualification to relegation play-off
12	<u>Kamen Ingrad</u> ^[b] (R)	33	3	4	26	27	77	-50	11	Relegation to Croatian Second Football League

Source: prva-hnl.hr (<https://web.archive.org/web/20080401021002/http://prva-hnl.hr/2-rezultati%20i%20tablice.php?sid=16>) (in Croatian)

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

(C) Champions; **(R)** Relegated

Notes:

a. Qualified for Europe as 2006–07 Croatian Football Cup finalists.

b. Kamen Ingrad were docked 2 points.

Croatian Second Division

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Promotion or relegation
1	<u>Inter Zaprešić</u> (C, P)	30	21	5	4	60	28	+32	68	Promotion to Croatian First Football League
2	<u>Zadar</u> (P)	30	20	5	5	55	25	+30	65	Qualification to promotion play-off
3	<u>Croatia Sesvete</u>	30	18	5	7	67	38	+29	59	
4	<u>Hrvatski Dragovoljac</u>	30	18	4	8	60	25	+35	58	
5	<u>Solin</u>	30	16	5	9	58	33	+25	53	
6	<u>Imotski</u>	30	12	8	10	41	44	-3	44	
7	<u>Belišće</u>	30	11	9	10	46	40	+6	42	
8	<u>Pomorac</u>	30	11	9	10	53	51	+2	42	
9	<u>Vukovar '91</u>	30	9	8	13	40	42	-2	35	
10	<u>Naftaš HAŠK</u> ^[a] (R)	30	8	11	11	44	49	-5	35	
11	<u>Mosor</u>	30	9	8	13	37	46	-9	35	
12	<u>Marsonia</u>	30	9	7	14	38	50	-12	34	
13	<u>Moslavina</u>	30	9	6	15	44	57	-13	33	
14	<u>Koprivnica</u> (R)	30	7	8	15	42	66	-24	29	
15	<u>Bjelovar</u> (R)	30	4	6	20	25	66	-41	18	
16	<u>Čakovec</u> (R)	30	4	4	22	37	87	-50	16	

Source: rsssf.org (<http://www.rsssf.org/tables/kroao7.html>)

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

(C) Champions; **(P)** Promoted; **(R)** Relegated

Notes:

a. Naftaš HAŠK were refused a 2nd level license for 2007–08 season, due to this, Moslavina remained at 2nd level.

Croatian clubs in Europe

Summary

Club	Competition	Final round
<u>Dinamo Zagreb</u>	<u>UEFA Champions League</u> <u>UEFA Cup</u>	Third qualifying round First round
<u>Rijeka</u>	<u>UEFA Cup</u>	First qualifying round
<u>Varteks</u>	<u>UEFA Cup</u>	First qualifying round
<u>Osijek</u>	<u>UEFA Intertoto Cup</u>	Second round

Dinamo Zagreb

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score ^[1]	Dinamo scorer(s)	Report
2006–07 Champions League - Second qualifying round					
25 July 2006	Aukštaitija, Panevėžys (A)	 <u>Ekranas</u>	4–1	Eduardo (2), M. Buljat, Vugrinec	uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/ucl/history/season=2006/round=2355/match=84470/index.html)
2 Aug 2006	Maksimir, Zagreb (H)	 <u>Ekranas</u>	5–2	Ljubojević (3), Vukojević, Vugrinec	uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/ucl/history/season=2006/round=2355/match=84471/index.html)
2006–07 Champions League - Third qualifying round					
8 Aug 2006	Maksimir, Zagreb (H)	 <u>Arsenal</u>	0–3		uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/ucl/history/season=2006/round=2356/match=84645/index.html)
23 Aug 2006	Emirates, London (A)	 <u>Arsenal</u>	1–2	Eduardo	uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/ucl/history/season=2006/round=2356/match=84646/index.html)
2006–07 UEFA Cup - First round					
14 Sep 2006	Maksimir, Zagreb (H)	 <u>Auxerre</u>	1–2	Eduardo	uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/history/season=2006/round=2364/match=84917/index.html)
28 Sep 2006	Abbé-Deschamps, Auxerre (A)	 <u>Auxerre</u>	1–3	Eduardo	uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/history/season=2006/round=2364/match=84918/index.html)

Rijeka

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score ^[2]	Slaven scorer(s)	Report
UEFA Cup - First qualifying round					
13 July 2006	Stadion na Kantridi, Rijeka (H)	 <u>Omonia</u>	2–2	Bule, Kerkez (pen)	uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/history/season=2006/round=2362/match=84214/index.html)
27 July	GSP Stadium,	 <u>Omonia</u>	1–2	Lukunić	uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/history/season=2006/round=2362/match=84215/index.html)

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Varteks

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score ^[2]	Slaven scorer(s)	Report
UEFA Cup - First qualifying round					
13 July 2006	Stadion Varteks, Varaždin (H)	 KF Tirana	1–1	Novinić	uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/history/season=2006/round=2362/match=84200/index.html)
27 July 2006	Selman Stërmasi, Tirana (A)	 KF Tirana	0–2		uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/history/season=2006/round=2362/match=84201/index.html)

Osijek

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score ^[2]	Hajduk scorer(s)	Report
Intertoto Cup - Second round					
2 July 2006	Stadion Gradski vrt, Osijek (H)	 Ethnikos Achna	2–2		
8 July 2006	Dasaki Stadium, Akhna (A)	 Ethnikos Achna	0–0		

References

1. Dinamo score is shown first.
2. The score of the Croatian team is shown first.

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2007–08 in Croatian football

2007–08 in Croatian football

First Division champions

Dinamo Zagreb (10th title)

Second Division champions

Croatia Sesvete

Third Division champions

Suhopolje (East)

Hrvace (South)

Karlovac (West)

Croatian Cup winners

Dinamo Zagreb (9th title)

Teams in Europe

Dinamo Zagreb, Hajduk Split,

Slaven Belupo, NK Zagreb

Croatia national team

UEFA Euro 2008 qualifying

UEFA Euro 2008

The following article presents a summary of the **2007–08 association football season in Croatia**, which was the 17th season of competitive football in the country.

League competitions

Croatian First Division

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification or relegation
1	<u>Dinamo Zagreb (C)</u>	33	26	4	3	91	34	+57	82	Qualification to Champions League first qualifying round
2	<u>Slaven Belupo</u>	33	16	6	11	45	29	+16	54	Qualification to UEFA Cup first qualifying round ^[a]
3	<u>Osijek</u>	33	16	6	11	43	34	+9	54	
4	<u>Rijeka</u>	33	14	11	8	53	41	+12	53	Qualification to Intertoto Cup first round
5	<u>Hajduk Split</u>	33	14	10	9	57	41	+16	52	Qualification to UEFA Cup first qualifying round ^[a]
6	<u>NK Zagreb</u>	33	11	11	11	51	40	+11	44	
7	<u>Varteks</u>	33	11	7	15	46	53	-7	40	
8	<u>Cibalia</u>	33	11	7	15	40	48	-8	40	
9	<u>Zadar</u>	33	11	7	15	49	61	-12	40	
10	<u>Šibenik</u>	33	9	12	12	34	52	-18	39	
11	<u>Inter Zaprešić (O)</u>	33	8	9	16	27	59	-32	33	Qualification to relegation play-off
12	<u>Međimurje (R)</u>	33	3	6	24	37	81	-44	15	Relegation to Croatian Second Football League

Source: Sportnet.hr (<https://sportnet.hr/statistika/1/ljestvice/>)

Rules for classification: 1st points; 2nd goal difference; 3rd goals scored

For deciding champions, qualification for the UEFA Cup and relegation: 1st points; 2nd head-to-head points; 3rd head-to-head goal difference; 4th head-to-head away goals scored

(C) Champions; (O) Play-off winners; (R) Relegated

Notes:

a. Hajduk Split qualified for the UEFA Cup as a runner-up of the 2007–08 Croatian Football Cup.

Croatian Second Division

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Promotion or relegation
1	<u>Croatia Sesvete (C, P)</u>	30	20	6	4	67	25	+42	66	Promotion to Croatian First Football League
2	<u>Hrvatski Dragovoljac</u>	30	19	7	4	60	28	+32	64	Qualification to promotion play-off
3	<u>Istra 1961</u>	30	17	7	6	42	14	+28	58	
4	<u>Pomorac</u>	30	14	7	9	42	28	+14	49	
5	<u>Vinogradar</u>	30	12	8	10	42	43	-1	44	
6	<u>Slavonac CO</u>	30	14	2	14	44	51	-7	44	
7	<u>Segesta</u>	30	11	10	9	39	37	+2	43	
8	<u>Trogir</u>	30	12	6	12	40	37	+3	42	
9	<u>Moslavina</u>	30	11	8	11	51	42	+9	41	
10	<u>Imotski</u>	30	11	7	12	49	53	-4	40	
11	<u>Mosor</u>	30	10	8	12	27	42	-15	38	
12	<u>Solin</u>	30	10	7	13	46	48	-2	37	
13	<u>Marsonia (R)</u>	30	8	7	15	34	58	-24	31	
14	<u>Kamen Ingrad (R)</u>	30	7	7	16	26	49	-23	28	
15	<u>Vukovar '91 (R)</u>	30	6	6	18	29	53	-24	24	
16	<u>Belišće (R)</u>	30	3	7	20	23	53	-30	16	Relegation to Croatian Third Football League

Source: rsssf.org (<http://www.rsssf.org/tables/kroao8.html>)

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

(C) Champions; (P) Promoted; (R) Relegated

Other honours

Competition	Winner
<u>Croatian Cup</u>	<u>Dinamo Zagreb</u>
<u>Third Division East</u>	<u>Suhopolje</u>
<u>Third Division West</u>	<u>Karlovac</u>
<u>Third Division South</u>	<u>Hrvace</u>

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2008–09 in Croatian football

The following article presents a summary of the **2008–09 football (soccer) season in Croatia**, which was the 18th season of competitive football in the country.

National team

The home team is on the left column; the away team is on the right column.

Friendly matches

Football in Croatia	
Season	2008–09
	
2008–09 in Croatian football	
First Division champions	
<u>Dinamo Zagreb</u> (11th title)	
Second Division champions	
<u>Istra 1961</u>	
Third Division champions	
<u>Grafičar Vodovod</u> (East)	
<u>RNK Split</u> (South)	
<u>Rudeš</u> (West)	
Croatian Cup winners	
<u>Dinamo Zagreb</u> (10th title)	
Teams in Europe	
<u>Dinamo Zagreb</u> , <u>Hajduk Split</u> , <u>Rijeka</u> , <u>Slaven Belupo</u>	
Croatia national team	
<u>2010 World Cup qualification</u>	

20 August 2008

Slovenia	 2 – 3	Croatia
Šuler 4' Šišić 55' (pen)	Report (http://www.w.sportnet.hr/Vijest.aspx?ID=364283) (in Croatian)	Rakitić 37', 64' Srna 59' (pen)

11 February
2009

Romania	 1 – 2	Croatia
Marica 22'	Report (http://www.w.sportnet.hr/Vijest.aspx?ID=372407) (in Croatian)	Rakitić 28' Kranjčar 75'

Ljudski vrt Maribor
Attendance: 8,000
Referee: Claudio Circhetta (Switzerland)

Steaua Stadium, Bucharest
Attendance: 6,000
Referee: Cristian Balaj (Romania)

World Cup qualifiers

Croatia is currently in Group 6 of the 2010 FIFA World Cup qualification process.^[1]

6 September
2008

Croatia	 3 – 0	Kazakhstan
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Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb
Attendance: 17,424

N. Kovač 13' Report (<https://web.archive.org/web/20080914193116/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/preliminaries/europe/matches/round=250471/match=300040545/report.html>)
Modrić 36'
Petrić 81'

Referee: Stefan Johannesson
(Sweden)

10 September
2008

Croatia 1 – 4 **England**
 
Mandžukić 78' Report (<https://web.archive.org/web/20080915184722/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/preliminaries/europe/matches/round=250471/match=300040542/report.html>)
Walcott 26' 59' 82'
Rooney 63'

Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb
Attendance: 35,218
Referee: Lubos Michel
(Slovakia)

11 October 2008

Ukraine 0 – 0 **Croatia**
 
Report (<https://web.archive.org/web/20081014075323/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/preliminaries/europe/matches/round=250471/match=300040539/report.html>)

Metalist Stadium, Kharkiv
Attendance: 38,500
Referee: Eric Braamhaar
(Netherlands)

15 October 2008

Croatia 4 – 0 **Andorra**
 
Rakitić 16' 87' (pen.) Report (<https://web.archive.org/web/20081019071254/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/preliminaries/europe/matches/round=250471/match=300040537/report.html>)
Olić 32'
Modrić 75'

Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb
Attendance: 14,441
Referee: István Vad (Hungary)

1 April 2009

Andorra 0 – 2 **Croatia**
 
Report (<https://web.archive.org/web/20090406034334/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/preliminaries/europe/matches/round=250471/match=300041079/report.html>)
Klasnić 15'
Eduardo 35'

Comunal, Andorra la Vella
Attendance: 1,100
Referee: Leontios Trattou
(Cyprus)

6 June 2009

Croatia 2 – 2 **Ukraine**
 
Petrić 2' Report (<https://web.archive.org/web/20121104135706/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/>)
Modrić 68'
Shevchenko 13'
Gai 54'

Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb
Attendance: 32,073
Referee: Terje Hauge (Norway)

League tables

Prva HNL

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification or relegation
1	Dinamo Zagreb (C)	33	23	5	5	71	26	+45	74	Qualification to Champions League second qualifying round
2	Hajduk Split	33	21	5	7	59	25	+34	68	Qualification to Europa League third qualifying round
3	Rijeka	33	17	5	11	50	44	+6	56	Qualification to Europa League second qualifying round
4	Slaven Belupo	33	16	7	10	46	39	+7	55	Qualification to Europa League first qualifying round ^[a]
5	NK Zagreb	33	13	8	12	38	39	-1	47	
6	Šibenik	33	13	7	13	44	35	+9	46	
7	Osijek	33	10	11	12	40	41	-1	41	
8	Cibalia	33	10	8	15	33	53	-20	38	
9	Inter Zaprešić	33	9	9	15	41	50	-9	36	
10	Varteks	33	10	5	18	41	55	-14	35	
11	Zadar	33	7	8	18	28	49	-21	29	
12	Croatia Sesvete ^[b] (O)	33	6	8	19	31	66	-35	25	Qualification to relegation play-off

Source: Sportnet.hr (<https://sportnet.hr/statistika/73/ljestvice/>)

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

(C) Champions; (O) Play-off winners

Notes:

- a. Because both cup finalists, Dinamo and Hajduk, qualified for Europe through their league positions, all three UEFA Europa League spots were given to teams according to their league positions, what means that fourth-placed Slaven Belupo also earned a spot in Europa League.

b. Croatia Sesvete were docked 1 point due to unpaid debts to Imotski over player Darko Vučić.^[2]

Druga HNL

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Promotion or relegation
1	Istra 1961 (C, P)	30	18	6	6	46	20	+26	60	Promotion to Croatian First Football League
2	Karlovac (P)	30	18	5	7	50	24	+26	59	
3	Lokomotiva (P)	30	18	5	7	50	30	+20	59	
4	Slavonac CO ^[a] (R)	30	15	12	3	39	18	+21	57	Relegation to county leagues
5	Međimurje (P)	30	16	2	12	61	34	+27	50	Promotion to Croatian First Football League
6	Hrvatski Dragovoljac	30	13	10	7	38	36	+2	49	Qualification to promotion play-offs
7	Solin	30	14	5	11	37	31	+6	47	
8	Vinogradar	30	11	7	12	40	50	-10	40	
9	Imotski	30	10	4	16	31	45	-14	34	
10	Suhopolje	30	8	9	13	33	37	-4	33	
11	Segesta	30	8	9	13	33	47	-14	33	
12	Junak	30	9	6	15	35	51	-16	33	
13	Pomorac	30	9	5	16	29	45	-16	32	
14	Mosor	30	8	6	16	25	44	-19	30	
15	Moslavina	30	7	7	16	33	51	-18	28	
16	Trogir (R)	30	3	12	15	32	49	-17	21	Relegation to Croatian Third Football League

Source: Sportnet.hr (<http://www.sportnet.hr/Tablica.aspx?ID=237>) (in Croatian)

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

(C) Champions; (P) Promoted; (R) Relegated

Notes:

- a. Slavonac CO had to step back from promotion after they were not able to find a satisfiable ground, and were demoted to the 1st county league; therefore Međimurje were promoted directly and Hrvatski Dragovoljac entered the playoff, while Moslavina were not relegated.

Treća HNL

Division East

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1	Grafičar Vodovod (C)	33	19	9	5	66	28	+38	66
2	Graničar	33	20	6	7	69	47	+22	66
3	Križevci	33	18	7	8	54	32	+22	61
4	Vukovar '91 (P)	33	17	7	9	52	39	+13	58
5	NK Đakovo	33	17	6	10	46	33	+13	57
6	Slavija Pleternica	33	16	5	12	57	42	+15	53
7	Virovitica	33	15	8	10	51	39	+12	53
8	Bjelovar	33	15	7	11	54	49	+5	52
9	Nedelišće	33	13	5	15	48	61	-13	44
10	Višnjevac	33	14	1	18	47	57	-10	43
11	Mladost Cernik	33	12	5	16	41	45	-4	41
12	Mladost Prelog	33	11	8	14	54	61	-7	41
13	Olimpija Osijek	33	11	8	14	53	60	-7	41
14	NAŠK	33	10	7	16	47	52	-5	37
15	Croatia Đakovo (R)	33	10	3	20	37	61	-24	33
16	Koprivnica (R)	33	8	8	17	48	58	-10	32
17	Belišće (R)	33	10	2	21	48	66	-18	32
18	Marsonia (R)	17	1	2	14	12	54	-42	5

Source:

(C) Champions; (P) Promoted; (R) Relegated

Division South

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1	RNK Split (C)	34	23	8	3	79	20	+59	77
2	Raštane	34	20	8	6	70	35	+35	68
3	Zmaj	34	19	7	8	44	28	+16	64
4	Velebit	34	17	8	9	54	35	+19	59
5	Primorac (BnM)	34	17	5	12	59	42	+17	56
6	GOŠK (D)	34	15	7	12	38	42	-4	52
7	Zagora	34	14	8	12	47	44	+3	50
8	Konavljanin	34	15	3	16	47	55	-8	48
9	Hrvace	34	13	8	13	56	46	+10	47
10	Primorac 1929	34	15	2	17	52	62	-10	47
11	Jadran (KS)	34	10	10	14	50	54	-4	40
12	Jadran LP	34	12	4	18	31	49	-18	40
13	Dugopolje	34	12	3	19	44	45	-1	39
14	Neretva	34	9	11	14	39	54	-15	38
15	Neretvanac (R)	34	10	7	17	38	57	-19	37
16	Omiš (R)	34	9	8	17	28	41	-13	35
17	Val (R)	34	11	1	22	35	66	-31	34
18	GOŠK (KG) (R)	34	8	6	20	30	66	-36	30

Source:

(C) Champions; **(R)** Relegated

Division West

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1	Rudeš (C)	34	22	10	2	63	24	+39	76
2	Lučko (P)	34	19	7	8	75	45	+30	64
3	Vrapče	34	16	8	10	58	45	+13	56
4	Jadran Poreč	34	17	5	12	46	34	+12	56
5	Polet Buševec	34	14	6	14	59	51	+8	48
6	HAŠK	34	15	3	16	56	53	+3	48
7	Novalja	34	13	9	12	40	39	+1	48
8	Rovinj	34	10	14	10	59	48	+11	44
9	Rudar Labin	34	12	8	14	48	51	-3	44
10	Nehaj	34	12	8	14	37	41	-4	44
11	Vrbovec	34	12	8	14	39	45	-6	44
12	Grobničan	34	13	4	17	40	58	-18	43
13	Orijent	34	12	8	14	45	41	+4	42^[a]
14	Medulin 1921	34	11	9	14	43	49	-6	42
15	Radnik (R)	34	11	7	16	38	46	-8	40
16	Maksimir (R)	34	10	10	14	34	52	-18	40
17	Istra Pula (R)	34	10	7	17	36	67	-31	35^[b]
18	Samobor (R)	34	6	11	17	35	62	-27	29

Source:

(C) Champions; **(P)** Promoted; **(R)** Relegated

Notes:

a. 2 points deducted?

b. 2 points deducted?

Honours

Competition	Winner	Details
Croatian Cup	Dinamo Zagreb	2008–09 Croatian Cup Beat Hajduk Split 4–3 on penalties (3–3 on aggregate)
1.HNL	Dinamo Zagreb	2008–09 Prva HNL
2.HNL	Istra 1961	2008–09 Druga HNL
3.HNL East Division	Grafičar Vodovod	
3.HNL South Division	RNK Split	
3.HNL West Division	Rudeš	

Croatian clubs in Europe

Summary

Club	Competition	Final round
Dinamo Zagreb	UEFA Champions League UEFA Cup	Third qualifying round Group stage
Slaven Belupo	UEFA Cup	First round
Hajduk Split	UEFA Cup	Second qualifying round
Rijeka	UEFA Intertoto Cup	First round

Dinamo Zagreb

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score ^[3]	Dinamo scorer(s)	Report
Champions League - First qualifying round					
16 July	Windsor Park, Belfast (A)	 Linfield	2–0	Mario Mandžukić, Dino Drpić	uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/ucl/history/season=2009/round=15273/match=303468/index.html)
23 July	Maksimir, Zagreb (H)	 Linfield	1–1	Mario Mandžukić	uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/ucl/history/season=2009/round=15273/match=303482/index.html)
Champions League - Second qualifying round					
30 July	Sports Park, Domžale (A)	 Domžale	3–0	Ivica Vrdoljak, Sammir, Josip Tadić	uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/ucl/history/season=2009/round=15274/match=303501/index.html)
6 August	Maksimir, Zagreb (H)	 Domžale	3–2	Igor Bišćan, Mirko Hrgović, Dino Drpić	uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/ucl/history/season=2009/round=15274/match=303515/index.html)
Champions League - Third qualifying round					
13 August	RSC Olimpiyskiy, Donetsk (A)	 Shakhtar Donetsk	0–2		uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/ucl/history/season=2009/round=15275/match=303814/index.html)
27 August	Maksimir, Zagreb (H)	 Shakhtar Donetsk	1–3	Boško Balaban	uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/ucl/history/season=2009/round=152)

UEFA Cup - First round

18 September	Maksimir, Zagreb (H)	 Sparta Prague	0–0		uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/history/season=2009/round=15284/match=303924/index.html)
2 October	AXA Arena, Prague (A)	 Sparta Prague	3–3	Pedro Morales, Dejan Lovren, Milan Badelj	uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/history/season=2009/round=15284/match=303964/index.html)

UEFA Cup - Group stage

23 October	Maksimir, Zagreb (H)	 NEC	3–2	Mario Mandžukić, Boško Balaban, Ivica Vrdoljak	uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/history/season=2009/round=15285/match=304175/index.html)
6 November	White Hart Lane, London (A)	 Tottenham Hotspur	0–4		uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/history/season=2009/round=15285/match=304190/index.html)
27 November	Maksimir, Zagreb (H)	 Spartak Moscow	0–1		uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/history/season=2009/round=15285/match=304207/index.html)
3 December	Stadio Friuli, Udine (A)	 Udinese	1–2	Igor Bišćan	uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/history/season=2009/round=15285/match=304223/index.html)

Slaven Belupo

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score ^[3]	Slaven scorer(s)	Report
UEFA Cup - First qualifying round					
17 July	Ta' Qali Stadium, Ta' Qali (A)	 Marsaxlokk	4–0	Matija Kristić, Dalibor Poldrugač, Franjo Tepurić, Bojan Vručina	uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/history/season=2009/round)

=15282/match=3035
34/index.html)

31 July	Gradski stadion, Koprivnica (H)	 Marsaxlokk	4–0	Mario Bilen, Kristijan Čaval, Bojan Vručina (2)	uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/history/season=2009/round=15282/match=303571/index.html)
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UEFA Cup - Second qualifying round

14 August	Kleanthis Vikelidis, (A)	 Aris	0–1		uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/history/season=2009/round=15283/match=303848/index.html)
28 August	Gradski stadion, Koprivnica (H)	 Aris	2–0	Bojan Vručina (2)	uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/history/season=2009/round=15283/match=303880/index.html)

UEFA Cup - First round

18 September	Gradski stadion, Koprivnica (H)	 CSKA Moscow	1–2	Mario Jurić	uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/history/season=2009/round=15284/match=303939/index.html)
30 September	Luzhniki, Moscow (A)	 CSKA Moscow	0–1		uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/history/season=2009/round=15284/match=303979/index.html)

Hajduk Split

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score ^[3]	Hajduk scorer(s)	Report
UEFA Cup - First qualifying round					
17 July	Poljud, Split (H)	 Birkirkara	4–0	Senjad Ibrićić, Nikola Kalinić, Tomislav Bušić, Mario Tičinović	uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/history/season=2009/round=15282/match=303532/index.html)
31 July	Ta' Qali Stadium, Ta' Qali (A)	 Birkirkara	3–0	Ivan Strinić, Mladen Bartolović, Senjad Ibrićić	uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/history/season=2009/round=15282/match=303569/index.html)

UEFA Cup - Second qualifying round

14 August	Riazor, La Coruña (A)	 Deportivo La Coruña	0–0		uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/history/season=2009/round=15283/match=303850/index.html)
28 August	Poljud, Split (H)	 Deportivo La Coruña	0–2		uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/history/season=2009/round=15283/match=303882/index.html)

Rijeka

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score ^[3]	Rijeka scorer(s)	Report
Intertoto Cup - First round					
21 June	Kantrida, Rijeka (H)	 Renova	0–0		
28 June	Gradski stadion, Skopje (A)	 Renova	0–2		

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2009–10 in Croatian football

The following article presents a summary of the **2009–10 football (soccer) season in Croatia**, which is the 19th season of competitive football in the country.

National team

The home team is on the left column; the away team is on the right column.

Friendly matches

Win Tie Loss

2009–10 in Croatian football

First Division champions

Dinamo Zagreb (12th title)

Second Division champions

RNK Split

Third Division champions

Lipik (East)

Dugopolje (South)

Gorica (West)

Croatian Cup winners

Hajduk Split (5th title)

Teams in Europe

Dinamo Zagreb, Hajduk Split,
Rijeka, Slaven Belupo

Croatia national team

2010 World Cup qualification

8 October 2009
17:30 CET

Croatia  **3 – 2** **Qatar**
 Čorluka 7'
 Klasnić 11'
 Jelavić 90+1'

Rijeka, Croatia [show]
 Stadium: Kantrida
 Attendance: 5,000
 Referee: Cristian Balaj (Romania)

14 November 2009
17:30 CET

Croatia  **5 – 0** **Liechtenstein**
 M. Bilić 1', 49'
 Srna 10'
 Eduardo 23', 47'

Vinkovci, Croatia [show]
 Stadium: Stadion Cibalia
 Attendance: 10,000
 Referee: Mihaly Fabian (Hungary)

3 March 2010
20:45 CET

Belgium  **0 – 1** **Croatia**
 Report (<http://www.kranjcar.com>) 63'
www.sportnet.hr/vijesti/392877/nogomet-reprezentacija/video-hrvatska-osvojila-i-bruxelles
 (in Croatian)

Brussels, Belgium [show]
 Stadium: King Baudouin Stadium
 Referee: Gianluca Rocchi (Italy)

19 May 2010
20:30 CET

Austria  **0 – 1** **Croatia**
 M. Bilić 86'

Klagenfurt, Austria [show]
 Stadium: Hypo-Arena
 Attendance: 15,000
 Referee: Kevin Blom (Netherlands)

23 May 2010
19:00 CET

Croatia  **2 – 0** **Wales**
 Rakitić 45' Report (<http://www.sportnet.hr/vijesti/397665/nogomet-reprezentacija>)
 Gabrić 82'

Osijek, Croatia [show]
 Stadium: Gradski vrt
 Attendance: 15,000
 Referee: Slavko Vinčić (Slovenia)

zentacija/dvije-
majstoriye-za-n
ovu-pobjedu)
(in Croatian)

26 May 2010

Estonia  0 – 0 Croatia

Report (<http://www.sportnet.hr/vijesti/397869/nogomet-reprezentacija/besmisleno-beskorisno-bespotrebno.html>)
(in Croatian)

Tallinn, Estonia

[show]

Stadium: A. Le Coq Arena
Attendance: 3,000
Referee: Michael Svendsen
(Denmark)

2010 World Cup qualifiers

20 August 2009

Belarus  1 – 3 Croatia

Verkhovtsov  81' Report (<https://web.archive.org/web/20090903061101/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/preliminaries/europe/matches/round=250471/match=300041072/report.html>)
Olić  22', 85'
Eduardo  69'

Minsk, Belarus

[show]

Stadium: Dinamo Stadium
Attendance: 21,651
Referee: Felix Brych
(Germany)

5 September 2009

Croatia  1 – 0 Belarus

Rakitić  24' Report (<https://web.archive.org/web/20090910001742/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/preliminaries/europe/matches/round=250471/match=300041070/report.html>)

Zagreb, Croatia

[show]

Stadium: Maksimir
Attendance: 25,628
Referee: Konrad Plautz
(Austria)

9 September 2009

England  5 – 1 Croatia

Lampard  7' (pen.), 59' Report (<https://web.archive.org/web/20090910032624/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/preliminaries/europe/matches/round=250471/match=300042930/index.html>)
Gerrard  17', 67'
Rooney  78'

London, England

[show]

Stadium: Wembley Stadium
Attendance: 87,319
Referee: Alberto Undiano Mallenco (Spain)

14 October 2009

Kazakhstan  1 – 2 Croatia

Astana, Kazakhstan

[show]

League tables

Prva HNL

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification or relegation
1	Dinamo Zagreb (C)	30	18	8	4	70	20	+50	62	Qualification to Champions League second qualifying round
2	Hajduk Split	30	17	7	6	50	21	+29	58	Qualification to Europa League third qualifying round ^[a]
3	Cibalia	30	16	9	5	46	20	+26	57	Qualification to Europa League second qualifying round
4	Šibenik	30	14	8	8	34	37	-3	50	Qualification to Europa League first qualifying round
5	Osijek	30	13	8	9	49	36	+13	47	
6	Karlovac	30	12	11	7	32	23	+9	47	
7	Slaven Belupo	30	11	10	9	44	45	-1	43	
8	Lokomotiva	30	12	6	12	35	38	-3	42	
9	Rijeka	30	10	10	10	49	44	+5	40	
10	Varteks	30	9	9	12	36	43	-7	36	
11	Istra 1961	30	9	8	13	31	40	-9	35	
12	Zadar	30	9	7	14	27	41	-14	34	
13	Inter Zaprešić	30	10	3	17	36	50	-14	33 ^[b]	
14	NK Zagreb ^[c]	30	9	6	15	43	49	-6	33 ^[b]	
15	Međimurje (R)	30	8	5	17	37	61	-24	29	
16	Croatia Sesvete (R)	30	3	5	22	30	81	-51	14	Relegation to Croatian Second Football League

Source: Sportnet.hr (<https://sportnet.hr/statistika/117/ljestvice/>)

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

For deciding champions, qualification to UEFA Europa League and relegation: 1st points; 2nd head-to-head points; 3rd head-to-head goal difference; 4th head-to-head away goals scored.

(C) Champions; (R) Relegated

Notes:

a. Hajduk Split won the 2009–10 Croatian Cup and thus qualified for the third qualifying round of the 2010–11 UEFA Europa League.

b. Head-to-head record: Inter Zaprešić–NK Zagreb 1–3, NK Zagreb–Inter Zaprešić 0–3.

c. Despite finishing 14th NK Zagreb eventually avoided relegation as only two second level clubs were granted first division licences by the Croatian Football Federation.

Drug HNL

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Promotion or relegation
1	RNK Split (C, P)	26	16	5	5	56	26	+30	53	Promotion to Croatian First Football League ^[a]
2	Pomorac	26	14	5	7	41	24	+17	47	
3	Hrvatski Dragovoljac (P)	26	11	9	6	35	23	+12	42	Promotion to Croatian First Football League ^[a]
4	Lučko	26	12	6	8	38	28	+10	42	
5	Solin	26	10	10	6	29	22	+7	40	
6	Vinogradar	26	11	4	11	38	37	+1	37	
7	Rudeš	26	10	7	9	38	38	0	37	
8	Imotski	26	10	5	11	29	31	-2	35	
9	Junak	26	10	4	12	40	49	-9	34	
10	Mosor	26	9	6	11	26	34	-8	33	
11	Suhopolje	26	8	7	11	29	31	-2	31	
12	Vukovar '91	26	7	10	9	31	39	-8	31	
13	Moslavina (R)	26	6	6	14	25	44	-19	24	
14	Segesta (R)	26	4	4	18	17	46	-29	16	Relegation to Croatian Third Football League

Source: Druga HNL (http://www.druga-hnl.com/glasila_2009.php) (in Croatian)

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

(C) Champions; (P) Promoted; (R) Relegated

Notes:

- a. Only RNK Split and Hrvatski Dragovoljac were granted a Prva HNL license for the Croatian First Football League.

Honours

Competition	Winner	Runners-up
Croatian Cup	Hajduk Split	Šibenik
1. HNL	Dinamo Zagreb	Hajduk Split
2. HNL	RNK Split	Pomorac
3. HNL East Division	Lipik	MV Croatia
3. HNL South Division	Dugopolje	Raštane
3. HNL West Division	Gorica	HAŠK

Croatian clubs in Europe

Summary

Club	Competition	Final round
Dinamo Zagreb	UEFA Champions League	Third qualifying round
	UEFA Europa League	Group stage
Slaven Belupo	UEFA Europa League	Third qualifying round
Rijeka	UEFA Europa League	Third qualifying round
Hajduk Split	UEFA Europa League	Third qualifying round

Dinamo Zagreb

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score ^[1]	Dinamo scorer(s)	Report
2009–10 Champions League - Second qualifying round					
14 July 2009	Republican, Yerevan (A)	 Pyunik	0–0		uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competition/s/ucl/fixturesresults/round=2000025/match=2000287/index.html)
21 July 2009	Maksimir, Zagreb (H)	 Pyunik	3–0	Mandžukić, Badelj, Lovren	uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competition/s/ucl/fixturesresults/round=2000025/match=2000304/index.html)
2009–10 Champions League - Third qualifying round					
29 July 2009	Red Bull Arena, Salzburg (A)	 Red Bull Salzburg	1–1	Mandžukić	uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competition/s/ucl/fixturesresults/round=2000026/match=2000314/index.html)
4 Aug 2009	Maksimir, Zagreb (H)	 Red Bull Salzburg	1–2	Papadopoulos	uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competition/s/ucl/fixturesresults/round=2000026/match=2000329/index.html)
2009–10 Europa League - Play-off round					
20 Aug 2009	Maksimir, Zagreb (H)	 Hearts	4–0	Mandžukić, Papadopoulos, Vrdoljak, Bišćan	uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competition/s/uefacup/fixturesresults/round=2000036/match=2000690/index.html)
27 Aug 2009	Tynecastle, Edinburgh (A)	 Hearts	0–2		uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competition/s/uefacup/fixturesresults/round=2000036/match=2000727/index.html)
2009–10 Europa League - Group stage					

17 Sep 2009	Maksimir, Zagreb (H)	 Anderlecht	0–2		uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/fixturesresults/round=2000037/match=2000764/report=rp.html)
1 Oct 2009	Dan Păltinișanu, Timișoara (A)	 Timișoara	3–0	Badelj, Sammir, Morales	uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/fixturesresults/round=2000037/match=2000788/report=rp.html)
22 Oct 2009	Arena, Amsterdam (A)	 Ajax	1–2	Tomečák	uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/fixturesresults/round=2000037/match=2000812/report=rp.html)
5 Nov 2009	Maksimir, Zagreb (H)	 Ajax	0–2		uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/fixturesresults/round=2000037/match=2000836/report=rp.html)
2 Dec 2009	Vanden Stock, Anderlecht (A)	 Anderlecht	1–0	Slepčíká	uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/fixturesresults/round=2000037/match=2000860/report=rp.html)
16 Dec 2009	Maksimir, Zagreb (H)	 Timișoara	1–2	Scutaru (o.g.)	uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/fixturesresults/round=2000037/match=2000896/index.html)

Slaven Belupo

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score ^[2]	Slaven scorer(s)	Report
Europa League - First qualifying round					
2 July 2009	Gradski stadion, Koprivnica (H)	 Birkirkara	1–0	Csizmadia	uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/fixturesresults/round=2000033/match=2000497/index.html)
9 July 2009	Ta' Qali Stadium, Ta' Qali (A)	 Birkirkara	0–0		uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/fixturesresults/round=2000033/match=2000522/index.html)

16 July 2009	<u>Gradski Stadion, Kumanovo (A)</u>	 <u>Milano</u>	4–0	<u>Csizmadia, Vojnović (3)</u>	uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/fixturesresults/round=2000034/match=2000566/index.html)
23 July 2009	<u>Gradski stadion, Koprivnica (H)</u>	 <u>Milano</u>	8–2	<u>Poredski, Vručina, Tepurić (2), Vojnović (2), Gregurina, Jurić</u>	uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/fixturesresults/round=2000034/match=2000606/index.html)

Europa League - Third qualifying round

30 July 2009	<u>Alfheim, Tromsø (A)</u>	 <u>Tromsø</u>	1–2	<u>Šafarić</u>	uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/fixturesresults/round=2000035/match=2000634/index.html)
6 August 2009	<u>Gradski stadion, Koprivnica (H)</u>	 <u>Tromsø</u>	0–2		uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/fixturesresults/round=2000035/match=2000669/index.html)

Rijeka

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score ^[2]	Rijeka scorer(s)	Report
Europa League - Second qualifying round					
16 July 2009	<u>Josy Barthel, Luxembourg (A)</u>	 <u>Differdange</u>	0–1		uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/fixturesresults/round=2000034/match=2000551/index.html)
23 July 2009	<u>Kantrida, Rijeka (H)</u>	 <u>Differdange</u>	3–0	<u>Cerić, An. Sharbini, Ah. Sharbini</u>	uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/fixturesresults/round=2000034/match=2000591/index.html)
Europa League - Third qualifying round					
30 July 2009	<u>Kantrida, Rijeka (H)</u>	 <u>Metalist Kharkiv</u>	1–2	<u>Ah. Sharbini</u>	uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/fixturesresults/round=2000035/match=2000621/index.html)
23 July 2009	<u>Metalist Stadium, Kharkiv (A)</u>	 <u>Metalist Kharkiv</u>	0–2		uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/fixturesresults/round=2000035/match=2000656/index.html)

Hajduk Split

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score ^[2]	Hajduk scorer(s)	Report
Europa League - Third qualifying round					
30 July 2009	Pod Dubňom, Žilina (A)	 Žilina	1–1	Rafael Paraiba	uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/fixtures/results/round=2000035/match=2000639/index.html)
6 August 2009	Poljud, Split (H)	 Žilina	0–1		uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competitions/uefacup/fixtures/results/round=2000035/match=2000674/index.html)

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2010–11 in Croatian football

2010–11 in Croatian football

First Division champions

Dinamo Zagreb (13th title)

Second Division champions

Gorica

Third Division champions

Podravina (East)

Raštane (South)

Radnik Sesvete (West)

Croatian Cup winners

Dinamo Zagreb (11th title)

Teams in Europe

Cibalia, Dinamo Zagreb, Hajduk Split, Šibenik

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National teams

Croatia

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
Friendly matches					
11 August 2010	Štadión Pasienky, Bratislava (A)	 Slovakia	1–1	Jelavić	HNS-CFF.hr (http://www.hns-cff.hr/?ln=en&w=statistike&d=utakmica&p1=-9&id=107380)
12 October 2010	Maksimir Stadium, Zagreb (H)	 Norway	2–1	Mandžukić, Kranjčar	HNS-CFF.hr (http://www.hns-cff.hr/?ln=en&w=statistike&d=utakmica&p1=-3&id=120761)
9 February 2011	Stadion Aldo Drosina, Pula (H)	 Czech Republic	4–2	Eduardo, Kalinić (2), Iličević	HNS-CFF.hr (http://www.hns-cff.hr/?ln=en&w=statistike&d=utakmica&p1=-1&id=128065)
29 March 2011	Stade de France, Saint-Denis (A)	 France	0–0		HNS-CFF.hr (http://www.hns-cff.hr/?ln=en&w=statistike&d=utakmica&p1=-1&id=129048)
UEFA Euro 2012 qualifying					
3 September 2010	Skonto Stadium, Riga (A)	 Latvia	3–0	Petrić, Olić, Srna	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro2012/matches/season=2012/round=15171/match=2002262/index.html)
7 September 2010	Maksimir Stadium, Zagreb (H)	 Greece	0–0		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro2012/matches/season=2012/round=15171/match=2002247/index.html)
9 October 2010	Ramat Gan Stadium, Ramat Gan (A)	 Israel	2–1	Kranjčar (2)	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro2012/matches/season=2012/round=15171/match=2002257/index.html)

17 November 2010	Maksimir Stadium, Zagreb (H)	Malta	3–0	Kranjčar (2), Kalinić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro2012/matches/season=2012/round=15171/match=2002251/index.html)
26 March 2011	Boris Paichadze Stadium, Tbilisi (A)	Georgia	0–1		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro2012/matches/season=2012/round=15171/match=2002267/index.html)

Croatia U21

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2011 UEFA European Under-21 Football Championship qualification – Group stage					
11 August 2010	Stadion Varteks, Varaždin (H)	Norway	4–1	Lovren (2), Jajalo, Kreilach	UEFA.com (http://www.efa.com/under21/matches/season=2011/round=2000006/match=2000175/index.html)
4 September 2010	Stadion Čika Dača, Kragujevac (A)	Serbia	2–2	Perišić (2)	UEFA.com (http://www.efa.com/under21/matches/season=2011/round=2000006/match=2000171/index.html)
2011 UEFA European Under-21 Football Championship qualification – Play-offs					
9 October 2010	Municipal El Plantío, Burgos (A)	Spain	1–2	Školnik	UEFA.com (http://www.efa.com/under21/matches/season=2011/round=2000007/match=2003233/index.html)
12 October 2010	Stadion Varteks, Varaždin (H)	Spain	0–3		UEFA.com (http://www.efa.com/under21/matches/season=2011/round=2000007/match=2003240/index.html)
Friendly matches					
16 November 2010	Stadion ŠRC Zaprešić, Zaprešić (H)	Slovenia	2–1	Lendrić, Sačer	HNS-CFF.hr (http://www.hns-cff.hr/?ln=en&w=statistike&d=utakmica&p1=-1&id=128057)
9 February 2011	Bonifika Stadium, Koper (A)	Slovenia	1–1	Pamić	HNS-CFF.hr (http://www.hns-cff.hr/?ln=en&w=statistike&d=utakmica&p1=-1&id=128506)
24 March 2011	Stadion Hrvatski	Ukraine	1–2	Lendrić	HNS-CFF.hr (http://www.hns-cff.hr/?ln=en&w=sta

	vitezovi, Dugopolje (H)				tistike&d=utakmica&p1=-2&id=129073)
28 March 2011	Stadion Park mladeži, Split (H)	 Hungary	3–2	Pavlović, F. Škvorc, Kramarić	HNS-CFF.hr (http://www.hns-cff.hr/?ln=en&w=statistike&d=utakmica&p1=-1&id=129074)

Croatia U19

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2010 UEFA European Under-19 Football Championship					
18 July 2010	Stade Henry Janne, Bayeux (A)	 Spain	1–2	Andrijašević	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under19/matches/season=2010/round=15348/match=2002377/index.html)
21 July 2010	Stade Michel Farré, Mondeville (A)	 Italy	0–0		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under19/matches/season=2010/round=15348/match=2002381/index.html)
24 July 2010	Stade Henry Janne, Bayeux (A)	 Portugal	5–0	Pamić (3), Andrijašević, Ozobić	UEFA.com (https://web.archive.org/web/20100826010603/http://en.uefa.com/under19/matches/season=2010/round=15348/match=2002385/index.html)
27 July 2010	Stade Michel d'Ornano, Caen (A)	 France	1–2	Ademi	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under19/matches/season=2010/round=15349/match=2002409/index.html)
2011 UEFA European Under-19 Football Championship qualifying round					
7 October 2010	Slokas Stadium, Jūrmala (A)	 Faroe Islands	2–2	Jakoliš, Mance	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under19/matches/season=2011/round=2000081/match=2001638/index.html)
9 October 2010	SB Arkadija, Riga (A)	 Latvia	2–1	Čulina, Mance	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under19/matches/season=2011/round=2000081/match=2001664/index.html)
12 October 2010	Slokas Stadium, Jūrmala (A)	 Italy	1–3	Mance	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under19/matches/season=2011/round=2000081/match=2001689/index.html)
2011 UEFA European Under-19 Football Championship elite round					

24 May 2011	Stadion Valbruna, <u>Rovinj</u> (H)	 Estonia	1–0	Mić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under19/matches/season=2011/round=2000082/match=2004658/index.html)
26 May 2011	Gradski stadion Laco, <u>Novigrad</u> (H)	 Belgium	2–3	Blažević, Mić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under19/matches/season=2011/round=2000082/match=2004671/index.html)
29 May 2011	Stadion Valbruna, <u>Rovinj</u> (H)	 Portugal	0–1		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under19/matches/season=2011/round=2000082/match=2004686/index.html)

Croatia U17

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2011 UEFA European Under-17 Football Championship qualifying round					
27 September 2010	Gradski stadion, <u>Crikvenica</u> (H)	 Israel	2–2	Ivančić, <u>Špehar</u>	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under17/matches/season=2011/round=2000076/match=2001548/index.html)
29 September 2010	Stadion Mavrinci, Čavle (H)	 Bulgaria	2–1	Špehar (2)	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under17/matches/season=2011/round=2000076/match=2001574/index.html)
2 October 2010	Stadion Žuknica, <u>Kostrena</u> (H)	 Greece	0–0		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under17/matches/season=2011/round=2000076/match=2001599/index.html)
2011 UEFA European Under-17 Football Championship elite round					
24 March 2011	Sportcomplex Varkenoord, <u>Rotterdam</u> (A)	 Portugal	0–0		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under17/matches/season=2011/round=2000077/match=2004585/index.html)
26 March 2011	Sportcomplex Varkenoord, <u>Rotterdam</u> (A)	 Netherlands	0–0		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under17/matches/season=2011/round=2000077/match=2004600/index.html)

29 March 2011	Sportpark De Bongerd, Barendrecht (A)	 Austria	2–0	Šimunović, Špehar	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under17/matches/season=2011/round=2000077/match=2004614/index.html)
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League tables

Prva HNL

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification or relegation
1	<u>Dinamo Zagreb (C)</u>	30	22	6	2	52	12	+40	72	Qualification to Champions League second qualifying round
2	<u>Hajduk Split</u>	30	16	7	7	54	32	+22	55	Qualification to Europa League third qualifying round
3	<u>RNK Split</u>	30	16	5	9	38	22	+16	53	Qualification to Europa League second qualifying round
4	<u>Cibalia</u>	30	12	8	10	33	24	+9	44	
5	<u>Inter Zaprešić</u>	30	12	6	12	31	35	-4	42	
6	<u>Karlovac</u>	30	11	8	11	25	27	-2	41	
7	<u>Slaven Belupo</u>	30	10	10	10	34	30	+4	40	
8	<u>Osijek</u>	30	9	12	9	31	29	+2	39	
9	<u>Rijeka</u>	30	9	12	9	29	35	-6	39	
10	<u>Zadar</u>	30	11	5	14	31	34	-3	38	
11	<u>Varaždin</u>	30	9	9	12	32	38	-6	36	Qualification to Europa League first qualifying round ^[a]
12	<u>Šibenik</u>	30	8	11	11	37	38	-1	35	
13	<u>NK Zagreb</u>	30	9	8	13	32	39	-7	35	
14	<u>Lokomotiva</u>	30	8	9	13	24	37	-13	33	
15	<u>Istra 1961</u>	30	9	4	17	24	44	-20	31	
16	<u>Hrvatski Dragovoljac (R)</u>	30	5	8	17	24	55	-31	23	Relegation to Croatian Second Football League ^[b]

Source: Prva-HNL.hr (<https://web.archive.org/web/20110531032816/http://prva-hnl.hr/blog/prva-hnl-2010-11/tablice/>)

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

For deciding champions, qualification to UEFA Europa League and relegation: 1st points; 2nd head-to-head points; 3rd head-to-head goal difference; 4th head-to-head away goals scored

(C) Champions; (R) Relegated

Notes:

a. Champions League-bound Dinamo Zagreb won the 2010–11 Croatian Cup, so cup runners-up Varaždin will enter the first qualifying round of UEFA Europa League.

b. Despite finishing 14th NK Lokomotiva avoided relegation as only two second level clubs who had been granted first division licences by the Croatian Football Federation (HNS) managed to finish the season within top five places (Gorica and Lučko finished top two and the only remaining licensed club Dugopolje failed to

clinch promotion as they ended the season in 8th place). However, on 20 June 2011 HNS rescinded Gorica's license which meant that only the last-placed Hrvatski Dragovoljac were replaced by Lučko, with 15th-placed Istra 1961 remaining in top flight as well.

Drugă HNL

Pos	Team	Plid	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Promotion or relegation
1	Gorica (C)	30	20	4	6	54	21	+33	64	
2	Lučko (P)	30	19	2	9	54	28	+26	59	Promotion to Croatian First Football League ^[a]
3	Pomorac	30	16	8	6	50	23	+27	56	
4	Rudeš	30	15	7	8	52	39	+13	52	
5	Imotski	30	14	6	10	35	32	+3	48	
6	Solin	30	13	6	11	35	33	+2	45	
7	Međimurje	30	12	6	12	53	49	+4	42	
8	Dugopolje	30	10	11	9	39	30	+9	41	
9	Junak	30	10	10	10	40	34	+6	40	
10	Vinogradar	30	12	4	14	43	38	+5	40	
11	Croatia Sesvete	30	12	4	14	37	41	-4	40	
12	MV Croatia	30	11	6	13	42	42	0	39	
13	HAŠK	30	11	5	14	40	42	-2	38	
14	Mosor	30	9	7	14	32	41	-9	34	
15	Vukovar '91 (R)	30	6	2	22	21	83	-62	20	
16	Suhopolje (R)	30	5	2	23	22	73	-51	17	Relegation to Croatian Third Football League ^[b]

Source: Drugă-HNL.hr (<http://www.druga-hnl.com/tablica.php>), Sportnet.hr (<http://www.sportnet.hr/Tablica.aspx?ID=601>) (in Croatian)

Rules for classification: 1st points; 2nd goal difference; 3rd goals scored

For deciding champion, promotion and relegation: 1st points; 2nd head-to-head points; 3rd head-to-head goal difference; 4th head-to-head away goals scored

(C) Champions; (P) Promoted; (R) Relegated

Notes:

- Only Lučko were granted top level license, Gorica's license was revoked after appeal from Istra 1961. Third placed Pomorac unsuccessfully tried to obtain it through arbitration.

b. Only two teams from Treća HNL were granted license for competing in the Druga HNL, but only Radnik Sesvete was promoted as Segesta didn't finish the season within top five places.

Croatian clubs in Europe

Summary

Club	Competition	Final round
Dinamo Zagreb	UEFA Champions League	Third qualifying round
	UEFA Europa League	Group stage
Hajduk Split	UEFA Europa League	Group stage
Cibalia	UEFA Europa League	Second qualifying round
Šibenik	UEFA Europa League	Second qualifying round

Dinamo Zagreb

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score ^[1]	Dinamo scorer(s)	Report
2010–11 Champions League – Second qualifying round					
13 July 2010	Maksimir, Zagreb (H)	 Koper	5–1	Mandžukić (2), Slepčka, Sammir, Etto	UEFA.com (http://www.efa.com/uefachampionsleague/matches/season=2011/round=2000115/match=2002421/index.html)
20 July 2010	Športni Park, Nova Gorica (A)	 Koper	0–3		UEFA.com (http://www.efa.com/uefachampionsleague/matches/season=2011/round=2000115/match=2002438/index.html)
2010–11 Champions League – Third qualifying round					
27 July 2010	Sheriff Stadium, Tiraspol (A)	 Sheriff Tiraspol	1–1	Sammir	UEFA.com (http://www.efa.com/uefachampionsleague/matches/season=2011/round=2000116/match=2002718/index.html)
4 August 2010	Maksimir, Zagreb (H)	 Sheriff Tiraspol	1–1	Sammir	UEFA.com (http://www.efa.com/uefachampionsleague/matches/season=2011/round=2000116/match=2002733/index.html)
2010–11 Europa League – Play-off round					

19 August 2010	<u>ETO Park, Győr (A)</u>	 Győri ETO	2–0	<u>Rukavina (2)</u>	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/matches/season=2011/round=2000127/match=2003091/index.html)
26 August 2010	<u>Maksimir, Zagreb (H)</u>	 Győri ETO	2–1	<u>Sammir (2)</u>	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/matches/season=2011/round=2000127/match=2003128/index.html)

2010–11 Europa League – Group stage

16 Sep 2010	<u>Maksimir, Zagreb (H)</u>	 Villareal	2–0	<u>Rukavina, Sammir</u>	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/matches/season=2011/round=2000128/match=2002919/index.html)
30 Sep 2010	<u>Toumba Stadium, Thessaloniki (A)</u>	 PAOK	0–1		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/matches/season=2011/round=2000128/match=2002943/index.html)
21 Oct 2010	<u>Maksimir, Zagreb (H)</u>	 Club Brugge	0–0		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/matches/season=2011/round=2000128/match=2002968/index.html)
4 Nov 2010	<u>Jan Breydel Stadium, Bruges (A)</u>	 Club Brugge	2–0	<u>Sammir, Bišćan</u>	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/matches/season=2011/round=2000128/match=2002992/index.html)
2 Dec 2010	<u>El Madrigal, Villareal (A)</u>	 Villareal	0–3		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/matches/season=2011/round=2000128/match=2003016/index.html)
15 Dec 2010	<u>Maksimir, Zagreb (H)</u>	 PAOK	0–1		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/matches/season=2011/round=2000128/match=2003051/index.html)

Hajduk Split

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Hajduk scorer(s)	Report
2010–11 Europa League – Third qualifying round					
29 July 2010	<u>Stadionul Dinamo, Bucharest (A)</u>	 Dinamo Bucharest	1–3	<u>Tomasov</u>	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/matches/season=2011/rou)

nd=2000126/match=20027
72/index.html)

5 August 2010	<u>Poljud, Split</u> (H)	 <u>Dinamo</u> <u>Bucharest</u>	3–0	<u>Vukušić,</u> <u>Brklača,</u> <u>Tomasov</u>	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/matches/season=2011/round=2000126/match=2002807/index.html)
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2010–11 Europa League – Play-off round

19 August 2010	<u>Poljud, Split</u> (H)	 <u>Unirea</u> <u>Urziceni</u>	4–1	<u>Ibričić</u> (2), <u>Brklača,</u> <u>Čop</u>	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/matches/season=2011/round=2000127/match=2003062/index.html)
26 August 2010	<u>Stadionul</u> <u>Steaua,</u> <u>Bucharest</u> (A)	 <u>Unirea</u> <u>Urziceni</u>	1–1	<u>Vukušić</u>	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/matches/season=2011/round=2000127/match=2003099/index.html)

2010–11 Europa League – Group stage

16 Sep 2010	<u>Olympic</u> <u>Stadium,</u> <u>Athens</u> (A)	 <u>AEK</u> <u>Athens</u>	1–3	<u>Ibričić</u>	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/matches/season=2011/round=2000128/match=2002926/index.html)
30 Sep 2010	<u>Poljud, Split</u> (H)	 <u>Anderlecht</u>	1–0	<u>Vukušić</u>	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/matches/season=2011/round=2000128/match=2002949/index.html)
21 Oct 2010	<u>Petrovsky</u> <u>Stadium, St.</u> <u>Petersburg</u> (A)	 <u>Zenit St.</u> <u>Petersburg</u>	0–2		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/matches/season=2011/round=2000128/match=2002973/index.html)
4 Nov 2010	<u>Poljud, Split</u> (H)	 <u>Zenit St.</u> <u>Petersburg</u>	2–3	<u>M. Ljubičić,</u> <u>Vukušić</u>	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/matches/season=2011/round=2000128/match=2002997/index.html)
1 Dec 2010	<u>Poljud, Split</u> (H)	 <u>AEK</u> <u>Athens</u>	1–3	<u>J. Buljat</u>	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/matches/season=2011/round=2000128/match=2003022/index.html)
15 Dec 2010	<u>Constant</u> <u>Vanden Stock,</u> <u>Brussels</u> (A)	 <u>Anderlecht</u>	0–2		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/matches/season=2011/round=2000128/match=2003033/index.html)

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Šibenik scorer(s)	Report
2010–11 Europa League – First qualifying round					
1 July 2010	Hrvatski vitezovi, Dugopolje (H)	 Sliema	0–0		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/matches/season=2011/round=2000124/match=2002454/index.html)
8 July 2010	Ta' Qali, Attard (A)	 Sliema	3–0	Medvid, Jakoliš, Bulat	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/matches/season=2011/round=2000124/match=2002479/index.html)
2010–11 Europa League – Second qualifying round					
15 July 2010	Antonis Papadopoulos, Larnaca (A)	 Anorthosis	2–0	Bloudek, Bačelić- Grgić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/matches/season=2011/round=2000125/match=2002502/index.html)
22 July 2010	Poljud, Split (H)	 Anorthosis	0–3		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/matches/season=2011/round=2000125/match=2002542/index.html)

Cibalia

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Cibalia scorer(s)	Report
2010–11 Europa League – Second qualifying round					
15 July 2010	Windsor Park, Belfast (A)	 Cliftonville	0–1		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/matches/season=2011/round=2000125/match=2002538/index.html)
22 July 2010	Stadion Cibalia, Vinkovci (H)	 Cliftonville	0–0		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/matches/season=2011/round=2000125/match=2002578/index.html)

References

1. Dinamo score is shown first.

2011–12 in Croatian football

2011–12 in Croatian football	
First Division champions	<u>Dinamo Zagreb</u> (14th title)
Second Division champions	<u>Dugopolje</u>
Third Division champions	<u>BSK Bijelo Brdo</u> (East) <u>Zelina</u> (West) <u>Mladost Ždralovi</u> (North) <u>Raštane</u> (South)
Croatian Cup winners	<u>Dinamo Zagreb</u> (12th title)
Teams in Europe	<u>Dinamo Zagreb</u> , <u>Hajduk Split</u> , <u>RNK Split</u> , <u>Varaždin</u>
Croatia national team	<u>UEFA Euro 2012 qualifying</u>

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National teams

Croatia

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
Friendly matches					
10 August 2011	Aviva Stadium, Dublin (A)	Republic of Ireland	0–0		HNS-CFF.hr (http://www.hns-cff.hr/?ln=en&w=statistic&d=utakmica&p1=0&id=130601)
UEFA Euro 2012 qualifying – Group stage					
3 June 2011	Poljud Stadium, Split (H)	Georgia	2–1	Mandžukić, Kalinić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro/seas on=2012/matches/round=15171/match=2002250/index.html)
2 September 2011	Ta' Qali Stadium, Ta' Qali (A)	Malta	3–1	Vukojević, Badelj, Lovren	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro/seas on=2012/matches/round=15171/match=2002272/index.html)
6 September 2011	Maksimir Stadium, Zagreb (H)	Israel	3–1	Modrić, Eduardo (2)	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro/seas on=2012/matches/round=15171/match=2002248/index.html)
7 October 2011	Karaiskakis Stadium, Piraeus (A)	Greece	0–2		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro/seas on=2012/matches/round=15171/match=2002252/index.html)
11 October 2011	Kantrida Stadium, Rijeka (H)	Latvia	2–0	Eduardo, Mandžukić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro/seas on=2012/matches/round=15171/match=2002249/index.html)

UEFA Euro 2012 qualifying play-offs

11 November 2011	Türk Telekom Arena, Istanbul (A)	 Turkey	3–0	Olić, Mandžukić, Ćorluka	UEFA.com (htt p://www.uefa.co m/uefaeuro/seas on=2012/matches/round=2000113/match=2008824/index.html)
15 November 2011	Maksimir Stadium, Zagreb (H)	 Turkey	0–0		

Croatia U21

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2013 UEFA European Under-21 Football Championship qualification – Group stage					
3 June 2011	Hrvatski vitezovi, Dugopolje (H)	 Georgia	0–1		UEFA.com (http://www.uef a.com/under21/matches/s eason=2013/round=20001 92/match=2006877/index. html)
5 September 2011	Stade Tourbillon, Sion (A)	 Switzerland	0–4		UEFA.com (http://www.uef a.com/under21/season=2 013/matches/round=2000 192/match=2006874/inde x.html)
6 October 2011	Stadion Gradski vrt, Osijek (H)	 Spain	0–2		UEFA.com (http://www.uef a.com/under21/season=2 013/matches/round=2000 192/match=2006881/inde x.html)
10 October 2011	Tamme Stadium, Tartu (A)	 Estonia	1–0	Vukušić	UEFA.com (http://www.uef a.com/under21/season=2 013/matches/round=2000 192/match=2006888/inde x.html)
14 November 2011	Stadion Aldo Drosina, Pula (H)	 Estonia	4–0	Čop, Vukušić (2) Ademi	UEFA.com (http://www.uef a.com/under21/season=2 013/matches/round=2000 192/match=2006878/inde x.html)

Croatia U20

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2011 FIFA U-20 World Cup					

31 July 2011	<u>Estadio Centenario, Armenia</u>	 <u>Saudi Arabia</u>	0–2		FIFA.com (https://web.archive.org/web/201105013533/http://www.fifa.com/u20worldcup/matches/round=255641/match=300145876/index.html)
3 August 2011	<u>Estadio Centenario, Armenia</u>	 <u>Nigeria</u>	2–5	<u>Lendrić, Kramarić</u>	FIFA.com (https://web.archive.org/web/2011122052438/http://www.fifa.com/u20worldcup/matches/round=255641/match=300145864/index.html)
6 August 2011	<u>Estadio Centenario, Armenia</u>	 <u>Guatemala</u>	0–1		FIFA.com (https://web.archive.org/web/20110917094824/http://www.fifa.com/u20worldcup/matches/round=255641/match=300145880/index.html)

Croatia U19

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2012 UEFA European Under-19 Football Championship qualifying round					
10 November 2011	<u>De Bataven, Gendt (A)</u>	 <u>Finland</u>	4–2	Livaja (2), Rebić, Miškić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under19/season=2012/matches/round=2000213/match=2004956/index.html)
12 November 2011	<u>VIOD, Doetinchem (A)</u>	 <u>Moldova</u>	4–0	Jelavić (3), Čolak	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under19/season=2012/matches/round=2000213/match=2004980/index.html)
15 November 2011	<u>De Bataven, Gendt (A)</u>	 <u>Netherlands</u>	0–0		

Croatia U17

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2012 UEFA European Under-17 Football Championship qualifying round					
25 October 2011	<u>Stadion Valbruna, Rovinj (H)</u>	 <u>Azerbaijan</u>	1–2	Pjaca	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2012/matches/round=2000208/match=2004870/index.html)
27 October 2011	<u>Stadion Veli Jože, Poreč (H)</u>	 <u>Ukraine</u>	1–0	Pašalić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2012/matches/round=2000208/match=2004896/index.html)

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League tables

Prva HNL

Pos	Team	Pl	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification or relegation
1	<u>Dinamo Zagreb (C)</u>	30	23	6	1	73	11	+62	75	Qualification to Champions League second qualifying round
2	<u>Hajduk Split</u>	30	16	6	8	50	24	+26	54	Qualification to Europa League second qualifying round ^[a]
3	<u>Slaven Belupo</u>	30	14	10	6	41	27	+14	52	
4	<u>RNK Split</u>	30	14	8	8	43	32	+11	50	
5	<u>Cibalia</u>	30	13	6	11	35	35	0	45	
6	<u>NK Zagreb</u>	30	13	6	11	36	42	-6	45	
7	<u>Lokomotiva</u>	30	12	8	10	33	33	0	44	
8	<u>Osijek</u>	30	11	10	9	45	38	+7	43	Qualification to Europa League first qualifying round ^[a]
9	<u>Istra 1961</u>	30	11	9	10	35	33	+2	42	
10	<u>Zadar</u>	30	11	7	12	29	44	-15	40	
11	<u>Inter Zaprešić</u>	30	11	5	14	33	33	0	38	
12	<u>Rijeka</u>	30	9	11	10	29	29	0	38	
13	<u>Lučko (R)</u>	30	6	13	11	29	36	-7	31	
14	<u>Šibenik (R)</u>	30	6	9	15	27	40	-13	27	
15	<u>Karlovac^[b] (R)</u>	30	6	7	17	25	53	-28	24	Relegation to Croatian Second Football League
16	<u>Varaždin^[c] (D, R)</u>	24	2	3	19	16	52	-36	8	

Source: Sportnet.hr (<https://sportnet.hr/statistika/205/ljestvice/>)

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

For deciding champions, qualification to UEFA Europa League and relegation: 1st points; 2nd head-to-head points; 3rd head-to-head goal difference; 4th head-to-head away goals scored

(C) Champions; **(D)** Disqualified; **(R)** Relegated

Notes:

- Since 2011–12 Croatian Cup winners Dinamo Zagreb qualified for the 2012–13 UEFA Champions League, so cup runners-up Osijek qualified for the 2012–13 UEFA Europa League first qualifying round. Moreover, Slaven Belupo were moved up a round as the cup winner spot was not used.
- Karlovac were deducted 1 point after they failed to appear on the match against Rijeka
- Varaždin were deducted 1 point after they failed to play the match against Rijeka due to suspension
- After Varaždin failed to play two matches due to suspension, according to the competition rulebook they were considered to have withdrawn from the competition and since they have played more than a half of matches in the second part of the season, those matches were considered valid and all further matches were awarded as 3–0 forfeit wins to their opponents. Also according to the rulebook, since Varaždin left the

competition after the 24th round, the number of matches they have played will stay at 24 in the league table.^{[1][2]}

Drug HNL

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Promotion or relegation
1	Dugopolje (C)	28	17	6	5	50	27	+23	57	Promotion to Croatian First Football League declined
2	Pomorac	28	18	2	8	63	30	+33	56	
3	Mosor	28	15	7	6	36	16	+20	52	
4	Vinogradar	28	15	5	8	47	32	+15	50	
5	Imotski	28	11	9	8	26	21	+5	42	
6	Rudeš	28	11	8	9	42	33	+9	41	
7	Gorica	28	10	10	8	27	24	+3	40	
8	Hrvatski Dragovoljac	28	10	10	8	36	37	-1	40	
9	Radnik Sesvete	28	10	9	9	34	31	+3	39	
10	Junak	28	10	9	9	29	27	+2	39	
11	Solin	28	10	5	13	35	45	-10	35	
12	Marsonia 1909 (R)	28	8	6	14	25	50	-25	30	
13	Međimurje (R)	28	5	7	16	31	60	-29	22	Relegation to Croatian Third Football League
14	HAŠK	28	6	3	19	33	52	-19	21	
15	Croatia Sesvete ^[a] (R)	28	4	4	20	23	52	-29	15	Relegation to Croatian Third Football League

Source: Druga-HNL.hr (http://www.druga-hnl.com/upl/novosti/novosti_586_592.pdf), Sportnet.hr (<http://www.sportnet.hr/Tablica.aspx?ID=722>) (in Croatian)

Rules for classification: 1st points; 2nd goal difference; 3rd goals scored

For deciding champion, promotion and relegation: 1st points; 2nd head-to-head points; 3rd head-to-head goal difference; 4th head-to-head away goals scored

(C) Champions; (R) Relegated

Notes:

a. Croatia Sesvete were deducted 1 point

Croatian clubs in Europe

Summary

Club	Competition	Starting round	Final round	Matches played
Dinamo Zagreb	UEFA Champions League	2nd qualifying round	Group stage	12
Hajduk Split	UEFA Europa League	3rd qualifying round	3rd qualifying round	2
RNK Split	UEFA Europa League	2nd qualifying round	3rd qualifying round	4
Varaždin	UEFA Europa League	1st qualifying round	3rd qualifying round	6

Dinamo Zagreb

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score ^[3]	Dinamo scorer(s)	Report
2011–12 Champions League – Second qualifying round					
13 July 2011	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb (H)	 Neftchi Baku	3–0	Badelj, Krstanović (2)	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2012/matches/round=2000260/match=2007492/index.html)
19 July 2011	Tofiq Bahramov Stadium, Baku (A)	 Neftchi Baku	0–0		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2012/matches/round=2000260/match=2007509/index.html)
2011–12 Champions League – Third qualifying round					
27 July 2011	Sonera Stadium, Helsinki (A)	 HJK Helsinki	2–1	Rafinha (o.g.), Sammir	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2012/matches/round=2000261/match=2007521/index.html)
3 August 2011	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb (H)	 HJK Helsinki	1–0	Ibáñez	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2012/matches/round=2000261/match=2007536/index.html)
2011–12 Champions League – Play-off round					
17 August 2011	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb (H)	 Malmö FF	4–1	Sammir (2), Rukavina, Bećiraj	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2012/matches/round=2000262/match=2007551/index.html)
23 August 2011	Swedbank Stadion, Malmö (A)	 Malmö FF	0–2		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2012/matches/round=2000262/match=2007561/index.html)
2011–12 Champions League – Group stage					
14 September 2011	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb (H)	 Real Madrid	0–1		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2012/matches/round=2000263/match=2007583/index.html)

27 September 2011	Stade de Gerland, Lyon (A)	 Lyon	0–2		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2012/matches/round=2000263/match=2007591/index.html)
18 October 2011	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb (H)	 Ajax	0–2		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2012/matches/round=2000263/match=2007608/index.html)
2 November 2011	Amsterdam Arena, Amsterdam (A)	 Ajax	0–4		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2012/matches/round=2000263/match=2007632/index.html)
22 November 2011	Santiago Bernabéu Stadium, Madrid (A)	 Real Madrid	2–6	Bećiraj, Tomečák	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2012/matches/round=2000263/match=2007639/postmatch/report/index.html)
7 December 2011	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb (H)	 Lyon	1–7	Kovačić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2012/matches/round=2000263/match=2007663/postmatch/report/index.html)

Hajduk Split

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Hajduk scorer(s)	Report
2011–12 Europa League – Third qualifying round					
28 July 2011	Britannia Stadium, Stoke (A)	 Stoke City	0–1		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2012/matches/round=2000270/match=2007157/index.html)
4 August 2011	Poljud, Split (H)	 Stoke City	0–1		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2012/matches/round=2000270/match=2007192/index.html)

RNK Split

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	RNK Split scorer(s)	Report
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2011–12 Europa League – Second qualifying round

14 July 2011	Sports Park, Domžale (A)	 Domžale	2–1	Čop, Vitaić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2012/matches/round=2000269/match=2007072/index.html)
21 July 2011	Stadion Hrvatski vitezovi, Dugopolje (H)	 Domžale	3–1	Čop, Vidić, Milović	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2012/matches/round=2000269/match=2007112/index.html)

2011–12 Europa League – Third qualifying round

28 July 2011	Stadion Hrvatski vitezovi, Dugopolje (H)	 Fulham	0–0		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2012/matches/round=2000270/match=2007166/index.html)
4 August 2011	Craven Cottage, London (A)	 Fulham	0–2		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2012/matches/round=2000270/match=2007201/index.html)

Varaždin

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Varaždin scorer(s)	Report
2011–12 Europa League – First qualifying round					
30 June 2011	Stadion Varteks, Varaždin (H)	 Lusitanos	5–1	Šafarić (2), Glavica, Glavina, Vugrinec	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2012/matches/round=2000268/match=2007006/index.html)
7 July 2011	Estadi Comunal d'Aixovall, Aixovall (A)	 Lusitanos	1–0	Brlečić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2012/matches/round=2000268/match=2007031/index.html)
2011–12 Europa League – Second qualifying round					
14 July 2011	The Small Arena, Tiraspol (A)	 Iskra-Stal	1–1	Tkalčić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2012/matches/round=2000269/match=2007059/index.html)
21 July 2011	Stadion Varteks, Varaždin (H)	 Iskra-Stal	3–1	Vugrinec (2), Glavica	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2012/matches/round=2000269/match=2007099/index.html)

2011–12 Europa League – Third qualifying round

28 July 2011	<u>Stadionul Dinamo, Bucharest (A)</u>	 <u>Dinamo Bucureşti</u>	2–2	<u>Sačer, Vugrinec</u>	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/seas...)
4 August 2011	<u>Stadion Varteks, Varaždin (H)</u>	 <u>Dinamo Bucureşti</u>	1–2	<u>Golubar</u>	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/seas...)

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2012–13 in Croatian football

Football in Croatia

Season	2012–13
Men's football	
Prva HNL	Dinamo Zagreb
Druga HNL	Hrvatski Dragovoljac
Treća HNL	Segesta
Croatian Cup	Hajduk Split



2012–13 in Croatian football

First Division champions
Dinamo Zagreb
Second Division champions
Hrvatski Dragovoljac
Third Division champions
Segesta (Center)
Croatian Cup winners
Hajduk Split
Teams in Europe
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Croatia national team
2014 FIFA World Cup qualification

The following article presents a summary of the **2012–13 football season in Croatia**, which is the 22nd season of competitive football in the country.

National teams

Croatia

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
Friendly matches					
15 August 2012	Stadion Poljud, Split (H)	 Switzerland	2–4	Eduardo (2)	HNS-CFF.hr (http://www.hns-cff.hr/?ln=en&w=statistike&d=utakmica&p1=-1&id=175782)
6 February 2013	Craven Cottage, London (N)	 South Korea	4–0	Mandžukić, Srna, Jelavić, Petrić	HNS-CFF.hr (http://www.hns-cff.hr/info-centar/aktualnosti/pobjeda-hrvatske-protiv-juzne-koreje)
10 June 2013	Stade de Genève, Geneva (N)	 Portugal	0–1		HNS-CFF.hr (http://www.hns-cff.hr/info-centar/aktualnosti/portugalcima-zasluzena-pobjeda-u-zenevi)
14 August 2013	Rheinpark Stadion, Vaduz (A)	 Liechtenstein			
2014 FIFA World Cup qualification - Group stage					
7 September 2012	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb (H)	 Macedonia	1–0	Jelavić	FIFA.com (https://web.archive.org/web/20121020061703/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/preliminaries/europe/matches/round=258374/match=300182200/report.html)
11 September 2012	King Baudouin Stadium, Brussels (A)	 Belgium	1–1	Perišić	FIFA.com (https://web.archive.org/web/20120915163931/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/preliminaries/europe/matches/round=258374/match=300182201/report.html)
12 October 2012	Philip II Arena, Skopje (A)	 Macedonia	2–1	Ćorluka, Rakitić	FIFA.com (https://web.archive.org/web/20121014192727/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/preliminaries/europe/matches/round=2583)

					74/match=300182210/index.html
16 October 2012	<u>Stadion Gradske vrt, Osijek (H)</u>	 <u>Wales</u>	2–0	<u>Mandžukić, Eduardo</u>	FIFA.com (https://web.archive.org/web/2012101208/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/preliminaries/europe/matches/round=258374/match=300182207/index.html)
22 March 2013	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb (H)</u>	 <u>Serbia</u>	2–0	<u>Mandžukić, Olić</u>	FIFA.com (https://web.archive.org/web/20130323010118/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/preliminaries/europe/matches/round=258374/match=300182209/index.html)
26 March 2013	<u>Liberty Stadium, Swansea (A)</u>	 <u>Wales</u>	2–1	<u>Lovren, Eduardo</u>	FIFA.com (https://web.archive.org/web/20130326023441/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/preliminaries/europe/matches/round=258374/match=300182188/index.html)
7 June 2013	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb (H)</u>	 <u>Scotland</u>	0–1		FIFA.com (https://web.archive.org/web/20130609235025/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/preliminaries/europe/matches/round=258374/match=300182186/index.html)

Croatia U21

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
Friendly matches					
29 May 2013	<u>Igralište iza Vage, Metković (H)</u>	 <u>Montenegro</u>	0–0(6–7)		
2 June 2013	<u>Estádio Municipal de Rio Maior, Rio Maior (A)</u>	 <u>Portugal</u>	0–2		
2013 UEFA European Under-21 Football Championship qualification - Group stage					
15 August 2012	<u>Mikheil Meskhi Stadium, Tbilisi (A)</u>	 <u>Georgia</u>	1–1	<u>Kramarić</u>	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under21/seasong=2013/matches/rou)

					nd=2000192/match=206887/index.html
10 September 2012	Estadio José Rico Pérez, Alicante (A)	 Spain	0–6		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2013/matches/round=2000192/match=206871/index.html)

Croatia U20

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
Friendly matches					
24 March 2013	Stadion Varteks, Varaždin (H)	 Sweden	3–0	Rebić, Šitum, Livaja	HNS-CFF.hr (http://www.hns-cff.hr/info-centar/novosti/odlican-nastup-mlade-reprezentacije)
24 March 2013	Ajdovščina Football Stadium, Ajdovščina (A)	 Slovenia	4–1	Datković, Čulina (2), Begonja	
18 June 2013	WOW Topkapi, Antalya (N)	 Paraguay	1–2	Rebić	
2013 FIFA U-20 World Cup					
23 June 2013	Atatürk Stadium, Bursa	 Uruguay	1–0	Rebić	FIFA.com (https://web.archive.org/web/20130629054004/http://www.fifa.com/u20worldcup/matches/round=259235/match=300232844/report.html)
26 June 2013	Atatürk Stadium, Bursa	 Uzbekistan	1–1	Livaja	FIFA.com (https://web.archive.org/web/20130702061557/http://www.fifa.com/u20worldcup/matches/round=259235/match=300232846/report.html)
29 June 2013	Atatürk Stadium, Bursa	 New Zealand	2–1	Perica, Rebić	FIFA.com (https://web.archive.org/web/20130702140105/http://www.fifa.com/u20worldcup/matches/round=259235/match=300232812/report.html)
3 July 2013	Atatürk Stadium, Bursa	 Chile	0–2		FIFA.com (https://web.archive.org/web/20130707022248/http://www.fifa.com/u20worldcup/matches/round=259233/match=300232849/report.html)

Croatia U19

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2013 UEFA European Under-19 Football Championship qualifying round					
26 October 2012	Stadion Lučko, Zagreb (H)	 Georgia	2–0	Kiš, Ivančić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under19/season=2013/matches/round=2000318/match=2009281/index.html)
28 October 2012	Sportski centar Rudeš, Zagreb (H)	 Iceland	2–2	Traustason (OG), Ivančić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under19/season=2013/matches/round=2000318/match=2009305/index.html)
31 October 2012	Stadion Sv. Josip Radnik, Sesvete (H)	 Azerbaijan	7–1	Kiš (5), Ivančić, Brlek	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under19/season=2013/matches/round=2000318/match=2009329/index.html)
2013 UEFA European Under-19 Football Championship elite round					
5 June 2013	Gdynski Osrodek Sportu i Rekre, Gdynia (N)	 Greece	1–1	Kiš	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under19/season=2013/matches/round=2000319/match=2011228/index.html)
7 June 2013	Stadion Miejski im. Kazimierza Deyny, Starogard Gdańsk (N)	 Poland	2–0	Ivančić, Alvir	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under19/season=2013/matches/round=2000319/match=2011242/index.html)
10 June 2013	Stadion Miejski im. Kazimierza Deyny, Starogard Gdańsk (N)	 Spain	1–1	Brlek	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under19/season=2013/matches/round=2000319/match=2011255/index.html)

Croatia U17

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
Friendly matches					
29 August 2012	Sportzentrum Schwaz, Schwaz (N)	 Germany	3–1	Mamić (2), Roguljić	
31 August 2012	Zillertal Arena, Zell am Ziller (N)	 Austria	1–1	Mamić	

2 September 2012	Sportzentrum Schwaz, Schwaz (N)	Slovakia	3–1	Roguljić, Prce, Štrkalj	
26 February 2013	Stadion Veli Jože, Poreč (H)	Republic of Ireland	2–1	Roguljić (2)	
28 February 2013	Stadion Umag, Umag (H)	Republic of Ireland	3–0	Dabar, Lulić, Brodić	

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14 October 2012	Gradski stadion, Sinj (H)	Israel	4–2	Bašić (2), Brodić, Roguljić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2013/matches/round=2000313/match=2009206/index.html)
16 October 2012	Stadion Hrvatski vitezovi, Dugopolje (H)	Kazakhstan	2–0	Mamić, Bašić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2013/matches/round=2000313/match=2009232/index.html)
19 October 2012	Stadion Gospin dolac, Imotski (H)	Turkey	4–3	Murić, Fiolić, Roguljić, Krešić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2013/matches/round=2000313/match=2009257/index.html)

2013 UEFA European Under-17 Football Championship elite round

21 March 2013	Gradski stadion, Sinj (H)	Spain	3–2	Mamić, Bašić, Brodić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2013/matches/round=2000314/match=2011179/index.html)
23 March 2013	Stadion Hrvatski vitezovi, Dugopolje (H)	France	1–0	Coulibaly (o.g.)	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2013/matches/round=2000314/match=2011193/index.html)
26 March 2013	Gradski stadion, Sinj (H)	Belgium	1–1	Ćaleta-Car	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2013/matches/round=2000314/match=2011207/index.html)

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5 May 2013	<u>Štadión pod Zoborom, Nitra</u>	 <u>Italy</u>	0–0		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2013/matches/round=2000309/match=2011632/index.html)
8 May 2013	<u>Štadión FC ViOn, Zlaté Moravce</u>	 <u>Russia</u>	0–0		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2013/matches/round=2000309/match=2011635/index.html)
11 May 2013	<u>Štadión FC ViOn, Zlaté Moravce</u>	 <u>Ukraine</u>	1–2	<u>Halilović, Murić</u>	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2013/matches/round=2000309/match=2011640/index.html)

League tables

Prva HNL

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification or relegation
1	<u>Dinamo Zagreb (C)</u>	33	24	5	4	68	20	+48	77	Qualification to Champions League second qualifying round
2	<u>Lokomotiva</u>	33	16	9	8	54	38	+16	57	Qualification to Europa League second qualifying round ^[a]
3	<u>Rijeka</u>	33	15	8	10	46	42	+4	53	
4	<u>Hajduk Split</u>	33	14	10	9	45	31	+14	52	
5	<u>RNK Split</u>	33	15	7	11	49	37	+12	52	
6	<u>Istra 1961</u>	33	11	11	11	35	32	+3	44	Relegation to Croatian Second Football League
7	<u>Osijek</u>	33	9	12	12	25	33	-8	39	
8	<u>Slaven Belupo</u>	33	10	9	14	35	50	-15	39	
9	<u>Zadar</u>	33	9	9	15	39	61	-22	36	
10	<u>Inter Zaprešić (R)</u>	33	8	11	14	36	41	-5	35	
11	<u>Cibalia (R)</u>	33	9	5	19	29	44	-15	32	
12	<u>NK Zagreb (R)</u>	33	7	6	20	28	60	-32	27	

Source: Sportnet.hr (<https://sportnet.hr/statistika/245/ljestvice/>)

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

For deciding champions, qualification to UEFA Europa League and relegation: 1st points; 2nd head-to-head points; 3rd head-to-head goal difference; 4th head-to-head away goals scored

(C) Champions; (R) Relegated

Notes:

a. Hajduk Split qualify for 2013–14 Europa League Second qualifying round as winners of 2012–13 Croatian Cup.

Drug HNL

Pos	Team	Plid	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Promotion or relegation
1	Hrvatski Dragovoljac (C, P)	30	16	5	9	39	25	+14	53	Promotion to Croatian First Football League
2	Solin	30	14	9	7	43	39	+4	51	
3	Rudeš ^[a]	30	14	8	8	47	30	+17	48	
4	Šibenik ^[b] (R)	30	13	10	7	42	31	+11	48	Relegation to Croatian Third Football League ^[c]
5	Vinogradar (R)	30	14	6	10	43	39	+4	48	Relegation to County Football League ^[d]
6	Zelina	30	13	7	10	46	30	+16	46	
7	Pomorac	30	13	7	10	50	38	+12	46	
8	Dugopolje	30	14	4	12	39	42	-3	46	
9	Lučko	30	12	9	9	31	28	+3	45	
10	Gorica	30	10	10	10	40	35	+5	40	
11	Radnik Sesvete	30	12	4	14	42	43	-1	40	
12	Mosor (R)	30	9	11	10	31	40	-9	38	
13	Junak (R)	30	10	6	14	34	43	-9	36	
14	Imotski (R)	30	9	4	17	26	41	-15	31	Relegation to Croatian Third Football League
15	Primorac 1929 (R)	30	6	10	14	25	43	-18	28	
16	HAŠK (R)	30	3	6	21	24	55	-31	15	

Source: Druga-HNL.hr (<http://www.druga-hnl.com/tablica.php>), Sportnet.hr (<http://www.hrsport.net/statistika/255/ljestvice/>) (in Croatian)

Rules for classification: 1st points; 2nd goal difference; 3rd goals scored

For deciding champion, promotion and relegation: 1st points; 2nd head-to-head points; 3rd head-to-head goal difference; 4th head-to-head away goals scored

(C) Champions; (P) Promoted; (R) Relegated

Notes:

- Rudeš were deducted 2 points after fielding an ineligible player in the penultimate round match against Gorica.
- Šibenik were deducted 1 point after they fielded an ineligible player, 15-year-old Duje Čaleta-Car, in the first round match against Radnik Sesvete. According to the competition rulebook, only players over age of 16 can play in a senior match.
- Šibenik were denied a license for competing in Druga HNL for the following season and were demoted to the third level.

d. Vinogradar withdrew from competing in Druga HNL for the following season and were demoted to the fifth level.

Croatian clubs in Europe

Summary

Club	Competition	Starting round	Final round	Matches played
Dinamo Zagreb	UEFA Champions League	Second qualifying round		12
Hajduk Split	UEFA Europa League	Second qualifying round	Third qualifying round	4
Slaven Belupo	UEFA Europa League	Second qualifying round	Third qualifying round	4
Osijek	UEFA Europa League	First qualifying round	Second qualifying round	4

Dinamo Zagreb

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score ^[1]	Dinamo scorer(s)	Report
2012–13 Champions League - Second qualifying round					
18 July 2012	Ludogorets Arena, Razgrad (A)	 Ludogorets Razgrad	1–1	Rukavina	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2013/matches/round=2000344/match=2009416/index.html)
25 July 2012	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb (H)	 Ludogorets Razgrad	3–2	Rukavina (2), Vida	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2013/matches/round=2000344/match=2009433/index.html)
2012–13 Champions League - Third qualifying round					
1 August 2012	Sheriff Stadium, Tiraspol (A)	 Sheriff Tiraspol	1–0	Bećiraj	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2013/matches/round=2000345/match=2009443/index.html)
8 August 2012	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb (H)	 Sheriff Tiraspol	4–0	Vida, Bećiraj, Čop, Ibáñez	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2013/matches/round=2000345/match=2009458/index.html)
2012–13 Champions League - Play-off round					
22 August 2012	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb (H)	 Maribor	2–1	Čop, Badelj	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2013/matches/round=2000346/match=2009460/index.html)

[3/matches/round=2000346/match=2009472/index.html](http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2013/matches/round=2000346/match=2009472/index.html)

28 August 2012	Ljudski vrt, Maribor (A)	 Maribor	1–0	Tonel	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2013/matches/round=2000346/match=2009482/index.html)
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2012–13 Champions League - Group stage

18 September 2012	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb (H)	 Porto	0–2		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2013/matches/round=2000347/match=2009496/index.html)
3 October 2012	NSK Olimpiyskiy, Kyiv (A)	 Dynamo Kyiv	0–2		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2013/matches/round=2000347/match=2009504/index.html)
24 October 2012	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb (H)	 Paris Saint-Germain	0–2		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2013/matches/round=2000347/match=2009521/index.html)
6 November 2012	Parc des Princes, Paris (A)	 Paris Saint-Germain	0–4		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2013/matches/round=2000347/match=2009545/index.html)
21 November 2012	Estádio do Dragão, Porto (A)	 Porto	0–3		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2013/matches/round=2000347/match=2009552/index.html)
4 December 2012	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb (H)	 Dynamo Kyiv	1–1	Ivan Krstanović	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2013/matches/round=2000347/match=2009576/index.html)

Hajduk Split

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Hajduk scorer(s)	Report
2012–13 Europa League - Second qualifying round					

19 July 2012	<u>Poljud,</u> <u>Split (H)</u>	 <u>Skonto</u> <u>Riga</u>	2–0	<u>Vukušić,</u> <u>Trebotić</u>	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2013/matches/round=2000353/match=2009693/index.html)
26 July 2012	<u>Skonto</u> <u>Stadium,</u> <u>Riga (A)</u>	 <u>Skonto</u> <u>Riga</u>	0–1		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2013/matches/round=2000353/match=2009733/index.html)

2012–13 Europa League - Third qualifying round

2 August 2012	<u>Poljud,</u> <u>Split (H)</u>	 <u>Internazionale</u>	0–3		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2013/matches/round=2000354/match=2009793/index.html)
9 August 2012	<u>San Siro,</u> <u>Milan (A)</u>	 <u>Internazionale</u>	2–0	<u>Vukušić,</u> <u>Vuković</u>	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2013/matches/round=2000354/match=2009822/index.html)

Slaven Belupo

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Slaven scorer(s)	Report
2012–13 Europa League - Second qualifying round					
19 July 2012	<u>Gradski</u> <u>stadion,</u> <u>Koprivnica</u> (H)	 <u>Portadown</u>	6–0	<u>Breen</u> (o.g.), <u>Busić</u> (2), <u>Rak</u> (3)	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2013/matches/round=2000353/match=2009707/index.html)
26 July 2012	<u>Shamrock</u> <u>Park,</u> <u>Portadown</u> (A)	 <u>Portadown</u>	4–2	<u>Bubnjić,</u> <u>Brlek,</u> <u>Šaban</u> (2)	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2013/matches/round=2000353/match=2009747/index.html)

2012–13 Europa League - Third qualifying round

2 August 2012	<u>San Mamés</u> <u>Stadium,</u> <u>Bilbao</u> (A)	 <u>Athletic</u> <u>Bilbao</u>	1–3	<u>Delić</u>	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2013/matches/round=2000354/match=2009786/index.html)
9 August 2012	<u>Gradski</u> <u>stadion,</u> <u>Koprivnica</u> (H)	 <u>Athletic</u> <u>Bilbao</u>	2–1	<u>Maras,</u> <u>Gregurina</u>	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2013/matches/round=2000354/match=2009815/index.html)

Osijek

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Osijek scorer(s)	Report
2012–13 Europa League - First qualifying round					
5 July 2012	Estadi Comunal, Andorra la Vella (A)	 FC Santa Coloma	1–0	Miličević	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2013/matches/round=200352/match=2009629/index.html)
12 July 2012	Stadion Gradski vrt, Osijek (H)	 FC Santa Coloma	3–1	Kvržić, Perošević, Jugović	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2013/matches/round=200352/match=2009668/index.html)
2012–13 Europa League - Second qualifying round					
19 July 2012	Stadion Gradski vrt, Osijek (H)	 Kalmar	1–3	Miličević	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2013/matches/round=200353/match=2009711/index.html)
26 July 2012	Guldfågeln Arena, Kalmar (A)	 Kalmar	0–3		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2013/matches/round=200353/match=2009751/index.html)

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2013–14 in Croatian football

Football in Croatia

Season	2013–14
Men's football	
Prva HNL	Dinamo Zagreb
Druga HNL	NK Zagreb
Croatian Cup	Rijeka
Supercup	Dinamo Zagreb
	

The following article presents a summary of the **2013–14 football season in Croatia**, which was the 23rd season of competitive football in the country.

National teams

Croatia

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2014 FIFA World Cup qualification - Group stage					
22 March 2013	Maksimir, Zagreb (H)	 Serbia	2–0	Mandžukić, Olić	FIFA.com (https://web.archive.org/web/20140504093828/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/round=258374/match=300182209/index.html#nosticky)
26 March 2013	Liberty Stadium, Swansea (A)	 Wales	2–1	Lovren, Eduardo	FIFA.com (https://web.archive.org/web/20140504075858/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/round=258374/match=300182188/index.html#nosticky)
7 June 2013	Maksimir, Zagreb (H)	 Scotland	0–1		FIFA.com (https://web.archive.org/web/20140504093410/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/round=258374/match=300182186/index.html#nosticky)
6 September 2013	Red Star Stadium, Belgrade (A)	 Serbia	1–1	Mandžukić	FIFA.com (https://web.archive.org/web/20140504093818/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/round=258374/match=300182196/index.html#nosticky)
11 October 2013	Maksimir, Zagreb (H)	 Belgium	1–2	Kranjčar	FIFA.com (https://web.archive.org/web/20140504093359/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/round=258374/match=300182183/index.html#nosticky)
15 October 2013	Hampden Park, Glasgow (A)	 Scotland	0–2		FIFA.com (https://web.archive.org/web/20140429122244/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/round=258374/match=300182185/index.html#nosticky)

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2014 FIFA World Cup qualification - Playoff

15 November 2013	<u>Laugardalsvöllur,</u> <u>Reykjavík (A)</u>	 <u>Iceland</u>	0–0		FIFA.com (https://web.archive.org/web/20140428042021/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/round=258394/match=300261019/index.html#nosticky)
19 November 2013	<u>Maksimir, Zagreb</u> (H)	 <u>Iceland</u>	2–0	<u>Mandžukić,</u> <u>Srna</u>	FIFA.com (https://web.archive.org/web/20140425230700/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/round=258394/match=300261016/index.html#nosticky)

2014 FIFA World Cup - Group stage

12 June 2014	<u>Arena</u> <u>Corinthians, São</u> <u>Paulo (A)</u>	 <u>Brazil</u>	1–3	<u>Marcelo</u> (o.g.)	FIFA.com (https://web.archive.org/web/20140605221454/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/round=255931/match=300186456/index.html#nosticky)
18 June 2014	<u>Arena Amazônia,</u> <u>Manaus (A)</u>	 <u>Cameroon</u>	4–0	<u>Mandžukić</u> (2), Olić, Perišić	FIFA.com (https://web.archive.org/web/20140606205508/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/round=255931/match=300186453/index.html#nosticky)
23 June 2014	<u>Arena</u> <u>Pernambuco,</u> <u>Recife (H)</u>	 <u>Mexico</u>	1–3	<u>Perišić</u>	FIFA.com (https://web.archive.org/web/20140607180420/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/round=255931/match=300186452/index.html#nosticky)

Croatia U21

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2015 UEFA European Under-21 Football Championship qualification - Group stage					

13 August 2013	Rheinpark Stadion, Vaduz (A)	Liechtenstein	5–0	Brozović (2), Petković, Mišić, Zimmermann (o.g.)	
9 September 2013	Arena Lviv, Lviv (A)	Ukraine	2–0	Rebić, Brozović	
10 October 2013	Stadion Kranjčevićeva, Zagreb (H)	Liechtenstein	4–0	Šitum (2), Brozović, Oršić	
14 October 2013	Cornaredo Stadium, Lugano (A)	Switzerland	2–0	Brozović (2)	
14 November 2013	Stadion Aldo Drosina, Pula (H)	Switzerland	0–2		
19 November 2013	Stadion Aldo Drosina, Pula (H)	Latvia	3–1	Jedvaj, Brozović, Perica	
28 May 2014	Stadion Kranjčevićeva, Zagreb (H)	Ukraine	1–1	Rebić	

Croatia U19

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2014 UEFA European Under-19 Football Championship qualifying round					
17 October 2013	Městský stadion, Ostrava (H)	Gibraltar	7–0	Kolar (3), Jedvaj, Pašalić, Mujan, Biljan	
19 October 2013	Stadion v Městských sadech, Opava (H)	Cyprus	2–2	Mujan, Kolar	
22 October 2013	Stadion v Městských sadech, Opava (A)	Czech Republic	0–3		

Croatia U17

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2014 UEFA European Under-17 Football Championship qualifying round					
8 October 2013	SRC Slavija, Sarajevo (H)	Montenegro	1–0	Mrkonjić	
10 October 2013	Asim Ferhatović Hase Stadium, Sarajevo (H)	Bosnia and Herzegovina	0–2		
13 October 2013	Asim Ferhatović Hase Stadium, Sarajevo (A)	Portugal	0–1		

League tables

Prva HNL

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification or relegation
1	Dinamo Zagreb (C)	36	26	6	4	83	26	+57	84	Qualification to Champions League second qualifying round
2	Rijeka	36	21	10	5	72	35	+37	73	Qualification to Europa League second qualifying round
3	Hajduk Split	36	17	11	8	58	44	+14	62	
4	RNK Split	36	14	10	12	41	41	0	52	Qualification to Europa League first qualifying round
5	Lokomotiva	36	15	7	14	57	59	-2	52	
6	Istra 1961	36	12	8	16	45	56	-11	44	
7	Zadar	36	10	5	21	35	67	-32	35	
8	Osijek	36	8	9	19	38	62	-24	33	
9	Slaven Belupo (O)	36	7	11	18	46	65	-19	32	Qualification to relegation play-off
10	Hrvatski Dragovoljac (R)	36	7	9	20	41	61	-20	30	Relegation to Croatian Second Football League

Source: Sportnet.hr (<https://sportnet.hr/statistika/290/ljestvice/>)

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

For deciding champions, qualification to UEFA Europa League and relegation: 1st points; 2nd head-to-head points; 3rd head-to-head goal difference; 4th head-to-head away goals scored

(C) Champions; (O) Play-off winners; (R) Relegated

Druga HNL

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification or relegation
1	NK Zagreb (C, P)	33	20	7	6	59	26	+33	67	Promotion to Croatian First Football League
2	Cibalia	33	18	5	10	41	39	+2	59	Qualification to promotion play-off
3	Inter Zaprešić	33	16	5	12	47	32	+15	53	
4	Rudeš	33	14	5	14	45	36	+9	47	
5	Sesvete	33	12	11	10	43	40	+3	47	
6	Segesta	33	13	7	13	40	39	+1	46	
7	Gorica	33	13	6	14	32	33	-1	45	
8	Pomorac	33	10	14	9	24	24	0	44	
9	Lučko	33	10	11	12	34	36	-2	41	
10	Dugopolje	33	10	8	15	37	41	-4	38	
11	Solin (R)	33	7	13	13	26	47	-21	34	
12	Zelina (R)	33	4	10	19	22	57	-35	22	Relegation to Croatian Third Football League

Rules for classification: 1st points; 2nd goal difference; 3rd goals scored

For deciding champion, promotion and relegation: 1st points; 2nd head-to-head points; 3rd head-to-head goal difference; 4th head-to-head away goals scored.

(C) Champions; **(P)** Promoted; **(R)** Relegated

Croatian clubs in Europe

Summary

Club	Competition	Starting round	Final round	Matches played
Dinamo Zagreb	UEFA Champions League	2nd qualifying round	Europa League Group Stage	12
Hajduk Split	UEFA Europa League	2nd qualifying round	3rd qualifying round	4
Lokomotiva	UEFA Europa League	2nd qualifying round	2nd qualifying round	2
Rijeka	UEFA Europa League	2nd qualifying round	Europa League Group Stage	12

Dinamo Zagreb

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Dinamo scorer(s)	Report
2013–14 Champions League - Second qualifying round					
16 July 2013	Stade Municipal, Differdange (A)	 Fola Esch	5–0	Soudani (2), Čop, Ademi, Fernandes	
23 July 2013	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb (H)	 Fola Esch	1–0	Kramarić	
2013–14 Champions League - Third qualifying round					
30 July 2013	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb (H)	 Sheriff Tiraspol	1–0	Rukavina	
7 August 2013	Sheriff Stadium, Tiraspol (A)	 Sheriff Tiraspol	3–0	Fernandes, Soudani, Čop	
2013–14 Champions League - Play-off round					
21 August 2013	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb (H)	 Austria Wien	0–2		
27 August 2013	Generali Arena (A)	 Austria Wien	3–2	Brozović, Fernandes, Bećiraj	
2013–14 Europa League - Group stage					

19 September 2012	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb (H)	 Chornomorets Odesa	1–2	Fernandes	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/seas...)
3 October 2012	Vasil Levski National Stadium, Sofia (A)	 Ludogorets Razgrad	0–3		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/seas...)
24 October 2012	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb (H)	 PSV	0–0		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/seas...)
7 November 2012	Philips Stadion, Eindhoven (A)	 PSV	0–2		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/seas...)
28 November 2012	Chornomorets Stadium, Odesa (A)	 Chornomorets Odesa	1–2	Bećiraj	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/seas...)
12 December 2012	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb (H)	 Ludogorets Razgrad	1–2	Čop	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/seas...)

Hajduk Split

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Hajduk scorer(s)	Report
2013–14 Europa League - Second qualifying round					
18 July 2013	Stadion Poljud, Split (H)	 Turnovo	2–1	Bencun, Maloča	
25 July 2013	Philip II Arena, Skopje (A)	 Turnovo	1–1	Caktaš	

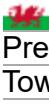
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1 August 2013	<u>Stadion Poljud, Split (H)</u>	 <u>Dila Gori</u>	0–1		
8 August 2013	<u>Mikheil Meskhi Stadium, Tbilisi (A)</u>	 <u>Dila Gori</u>	0–1		

Lokomotiva

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Lokomotiva scorer(s)	Report
2013–14 Europa League - Second qualifying round					
18 July 2013	<u>Traktar Stadium, Minsk (A)</u>	 <u>Dinamo Minsk</u>	2–1	<u>Šitum, Mišić</u>	
25 July 2013	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb (H)</u>	 <u>Dinamo Minsk</u>	2–3	<u>Mišić, Šitum</u>	

Rijeka

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Rijeka scorer(s)	Report
2013–14 Europa League - Second qualifying round					
18 July 2013	<u>Stadion Kantrida, Rijeka (H)</u>	 <u>Prestatyn Town</u>	5–0	<u>Benko (3), Jugović, Zlomislić</u>	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2014/matches/round=2000466/match=2012293/index.html)
25 July 2013	<u>Belle Vue, Rhyl (A)</u>	 <u>Prestatyn Town</u>	3–0	<u>Močinić, Boras, Mujanović</u>	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2014/matches/round=2000466/match=2012333/index.html)
2013–14 Europa League - Third qualifying round					
1 August 2013	<u>Stadion Kantrida, Rijeka (H)</u>	 <u>Žilina</u>	2–1	<u>Sharbini, Kvržić</u>	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2014/matches/round=2000467/match=2012377/index.html)
8 August 2013	<u>Štadión pod Dubňom, Žilina (A)</u>	 <u>Žilina</u>	1–1	<u>Pokrivač</u>	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2014/matches/round=2000467/match=2012406/index.html)
2013–14 Europa League - Play-off round					

22 August 2013	Stadion Kantrida, Rijeka (H)	 VfB Stuttgart	2–1	Benko, Kvržić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2014/matches/round=2000468/match=2012430/index.html)
8 August 2013	Mercedes- Benz Arena, Stuttgart (A)	 VfB Stuttgart	2–2	Benko, Mujanović	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2014/matches/round=2000468/match=2012461/index.html)

2013–14 Europa League - Group stage

19 September 2014	Estádio D. Afonso Henriques, Guimarães (A)	 Vitória de Guimarães	0–4		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2014/matches/round=2000469/match=2012493/index.html)
3 October 2014	Stadion Kantrida, Rijeka (H)	 Real Betis	1–1	Leon Benko	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2014/matches/round=2000469/match=2012516/index.html)
24 October 2014	Stade de Gerland, Lyon (A)	 Lyon	0–1		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2014/matches/round=2000469/match=2012540/index.html)
7 November 2014	Stadion Kantrida, Rijeka (H)	 Lyon	1–1	Andrej Kramarić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2014/matches/round=2000469/match=2012564/index.html)
28 November 2014	Stadion Kantrida, Rijeka (H)	 Vitória de Guimarães	0–0		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2014/matches/round=2000469/match=2012589/index.html)
12 December 2014	Benito Villamarín, Seville (A)	 Real Betis	0–0		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2014/matches/round=2000469/match=2012612/index.html)

References

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Football in Croatia

Season	2014–15
Men's football	
<u>Prva HNL</u>	Dinamo Zagreb
<u>Druga HNL</u>	Inter Zaprešić
<u>Treća HNL</u>	Dinamo Zagreb II (West) Šibenik (South) Slavija Pleternica (East)
<u>Croatian Cup</u>	Dinamo Zagreb
<u>Croatian Supercup</u>	Rijeka
	

The following article presents a summary of the **2014–15 football season in Croatia**, which is the 24th season of competitive football in the country.

National teams

Croatia

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
UEFA Euro 2016 qualifying - Group stage					
9 September 2014	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</u>	 <u>Malta</u>	2–0	<u>Modrić, Kramarić</u>	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro/season=2016/matches/round=2000446/match=2013838/index.html)
10 October 2014	<u>Vasil Levski National Stadium, Sofia</u>	 <u>Bulgaria</u>	1–0	<u>Bodurov (o.g.)</u>	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro/season=2016/matches/round=2000446/match=2013855/index.html)
13 October 2014	<u>Stadion Gradski vrt, Osijek</u>	 <u>Azerbaijan</u>	6–0	<u>Kramarić, Perišić (2), Brozović, Modrić, Sadygov (o.g.)</u>	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro/season=2016/matches/round=2000446/match=2013880/index.html)
16 November 2014	<u>San Siro, Milan</u>	 <u>Italy</u>	1–1	<u>Perišić</u>	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro/season=2016/matches/round=2000446/match=2013916/index.html)
28 March 2015	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</u>	 <u>Norway</u>	5–1	<u>Brozović, Perišić, Olić, Schildenfeld, Pranjić</u>	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro/season=2016/matches/round=2000446/match=2013946/index.html)

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12 June 2015	<u>Stadion Poljud, Split</u>	 Italy	1–1	Mandžukić	UEFA.com
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Friendly fixtures

4 September 2014	<u>Stadion Aldo Drosina, Pula</u>	 Cyprus	2–0	Mandžukić (2)	HNS-CFF.hr
12 November 2014	<u>Boleyn Ground, London</u>	 Argentina	1–2	Sharbini	HNS-CFF.hr
7 June 2015	<u>Stadion Varteks, Varaždin</u>	 Gibraltar	4–0	Sharbini, Kovačić, Mandžukić, Kramarić	

Croatia U21

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2015 UEFA European Under-21 Championship qualification - Group stage					
3 September 2014	<u>Zemgales Olympic Centre, Jelgava</u>	 Latvia	3–1	Bagarić, Rebić, Župarić	UEFA.com

2015 UEFA European Under-21 Championship qualification - Play-offs

10 October 2014	<u>Molineux Stadium, Wolverhampton</u>	 England	1–2	Livaja	UEFA.com
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14 October 2014	<u>Stadion HNK Cibalia, Vinkovci</u>	England	1–2	<u>Livaja</u>	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2015/matches/round=2000413/match=2015236/index.html)
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Friendly fixtures

13 August 2014	<u>Gradski stadion, Sinj</u>	Montenegro	0–0		HNS-CFF.hr (http://hns-cff.hr/en/matches/242734/croatia-montenegro-00/)
13 November 2014	<u>Stadion Šubićevac, Šibenik</u>	Norway	3–0	<u>Pašalić, Ćaleta-Car, Šimunović</u>	HNS-CFF.hr (http://hns-cff.hr/en/matches/241165/croatia-norway-30/)
26 March 2015	<u>Stadion Sv. Josip Radnik, Sesvete</u>	Montenegro	3–1	<u>Perić, Mišić, Krovinović</u>	HNS-CFF.hr (http://hns-cff.hr/en/matches/270439/croatia-montenegro-31/)
30 March 2015	<u>Peristeri Stadium, Athens</u>	Greece	2–0	<u>Rog, Pašalić</u>	HNS-CFF.hr (http://hns-cff.hr/en/matches/270501/greece-croatia-02/)

Croatia U19

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2015 UEFA European Under-19 Championship qualification - Qualifying round					
7 October 2014	<u>Gradski stadion, Sinj</u>	Estonia	1–0	<u>Roguljić</u>	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under19/season=2015/matches/round=2000513/match=20135)

9 October 2014	<u>Stadion Hrvatski vitezovi, Dugopolje</u>	 Iceland	4–1	Ćaleta-Car, Šunjić, Benković, Džalto	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under19/seaso...atch=2013545/index.html)
12 October 2014	<u>Stadion Šubićevac, Šibenik</u>	 Turkey	0–0		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under19/seaso...atch=2013570/index.html)

2015 UEFA European Under-19 Championship qualification - Elite round

26 March 2015	<u>Lindabrunn Stadium, Enzesfeld-Lindabrunn</u>	 Italy	2–2	Roguljić (2)	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under19/seaso...atch=2015849/index.html)
28 March 2015	<u>Stadion Wiener Neustadt, Wiener Neustadt</u>	 Austria	0–2		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under19/seaso...atch=2015864/index.html)
31 March 2015	<u>Lindabrunn Stadium, Enzesfeld-Lindabrunn</u>	 Scotland	1–1	Bašić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under19/seaso...atch=2015878/index.html)

Friendly fixtures

2 August 2014		 Azerbaijan	0–1		HNS-CFF.hr (http://hns-cff.hr/en/matches/259222/azerbajdzan-hrvatska-10/)
5 August 2014		 Albania	0–1		HNS-CFF.hr (http://hns-cff.hr/en/matches/259223/albanija-hrvatska-10/)
13 August 2014	Campo Comunale di Manzano, Manzano	 Italy	2–1	Brodic, Roguljic	HNS-CFF.hr (http://hns-cff.hr/en/matches/242735/italija-hrvatska-12/)
10 September 2014	ŠRC Stanko Vlainić - Dida, Slavonski Brod	 Bosnia and Herzegovina	1–1	Maloku	HNS-CFF.hr (http://hns-cff.hr/en/matches/242736/hrvatska-bih/)
12 September 2014	Stadion Goal, Orašje	 Bosnia and Herzegovina	1–1	Klarić	HNS-CFF.hr (http://hns-cff.hr/en/matches/242737/bih-hrvatska/)
24 February 2015	Sportski centar NS Srbije, Stara Pazova	 Serbia	2–4	Sunjic, Lulic	HNS-CFF.hr (http://hns-cff.hr/en/matches/270444/serbia-croatia-42/)
26 February 2015	Sportski centar NS Srbije, Stara Pazova	 Serbia	1–2	Sunjic	HNS-CFF.hr (http://hns-cff.hr/en/matches/270445/serbia-croatia-21/)
26 May 2015	Aspire Dome, Doha	 New Zealand	4–1	Matic (2), Mudražija, Džalto	HNS-CFF.hr (http://hns-cff.hr/matches/271010/hrvatska-novizeland-41/)

Croatia U17

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
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2015 UEFA European Under-17 Championship qualification - Qualifying round

21 October 2014	Grosics Gyula Stadion, <u>Tatabánya</u>	 Kazakhstan	8–1	Moro, Lovren (2), Brekalo (2), Sosa, Crnički (2)	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2015/matches/round=2000513/match=2013364/index.html)
23 October 2014	Grosics Gyula Stadion, <u>Tatabánya</u>	 Israel	0–0		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2015/matches/round=2000513/match=2013390/index.html)
26 October 2014	Global Football Park, <u>Telki</u>	 Hungary	2–1	Lovren, Pasarićek	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2015/matches/round=2000513/match=2013416/index.html)

2015 UEFA European Under-17 Championship qualification - Elite round

17 March 2015	Bakcell Arena, <u>Baku</u>	 Azerbaijan	4–0	Majić (2), Erlić, Blečić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2015/matches/round=2000514/match=2015793/index.html)
19 March 2015	Ismet Qaibov Stadium, <u>Baku</u>	 Serbia	3–0	Moro, Brekalo, Blečić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2015/matches/round=2000514/match=2015808/index.html)
22 March 2015	Baku FC Stadium, <u>Baku</u>	 Portugal	1–0	Moro	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under17/seaso

2015 UEFA European Under-17 Championship - Group stage

6 May 2015	Beroe Stadium, Stara Zagora	 Bulgaria	2–0	Babić, Blečić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under17/seaso n=2015/matches/round=2000510/match=2016416/index.html)
9 May 2015	Arena Sozopol, Sozopol	 Austria	1–0	Lovren	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under17/seaso n=2015/matches/round=2000510/match=2016421/index.html)
12 May 2015	Hadzhi Dimitar Stadium, Sliven	 Spain	0–0		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under17/seaso n=2015/matches/round=2000510/match=2016425/index.html)

2015 UEFA European Under-17 Championship - Knockout stage

15 May 2015	Lazur Stadium, Burgas	 Belgium	1–1 (3–5 p)	Majić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under17/seaso n=2015/matches/round=2000665/match=2016630/index.html)
19 May 2015	Arena Sozopol, Sozopol	 Italy	1–0	Moro	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under17/seaso n=2015/matches/round=2000667/match=20164)

Friendly fixtures

16 September 2014	Dinamovo igralište br. 3, Zagreb	 Armenia	4–0	Soldo, Brekalo (2), Majić	HNS-CFF.hr (http://hns-cff.hr/en/matches/242738/croatia-armenia/)
18 September 2014	Stadion Lučko, Zagreb	 Armenia	4–1	Markota, Olujić, Kotlar, Brekalo	HNS-CFF.hr (http://hns-cff.hr/en/matches/242739/croatia-armenia/)
24 February 2015	Dinamovo igralište br. 3, Zagreb	 Republic of Ireland	4–3	Markota, Brekalo, Moro, Blečić	HNS-CFF.hr (http://hns-cff.hr/en/matches/270442/croatia-republic-of-ireland-43/)
26 February 2015	Dinamovo igralište br. 3, Zagreb	 Republic of Ireland	2–1	Brekalo, Blečić	HNS-CFF.hr (http://hns-cff.hr/en/matches/270443/croatia-republic-of-ireland-21/)

League tables

Prva HNL

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification or relegation
1	Dinamo Zagreb (C)	36	26	10	0	85	21	+64	88	Qualification to Champions League second qualifying round
2	Rijeka	36	22	9	5	76	29	+47	75	Qualification to Europa League second qualifying round
3	Hajduk Split ^[a]	36	15	8	13	59	56	+3	50	Qualification to Europa League first qualifying round
4	Lokomotiva	36	13	7	16	59	68	-9	46	
5	NK Zagreb	36	13	7	16	45	54	-9	46	
6	Slaven Belupo	36	11	9	16	38	49	-11	42	
7	RNK Split	36	9	14	13	42	49	-7	41	
8	Osijek	36	10	6	20	42	59	-17	36	
9	Istra 1961	36	7	14	15	36	59	-23	35	Qualification to relegation play-off

10	Zadar (R)	36	8	8	20	37	75	-38	32	Relegation to Croatian Second Football League
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Source: Sportnet.hr (<https://sportnet.hr/statistika/326/ljestvice/>)

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

For deciding champions, qualification to UEFA Europa League and relegation: 1st points; 2nd head-to-head points; 3rd head-to-head goal difference; 4th head-to-head away goals scored

(C) Champions; (R) Relegated

Notes:

- a. Hajduk Split were deducted 3 points for not showing up for the match against Dinamo Zagreb in the 16th round.

Druga HNL

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification or relegation
1	Inter Zaprešić (C, P)	30	17	7	6	48	25	+23	58	Promotion to Croatian First Football League
2	Sesvete	30	15	8	7	53	30	+23	53	Qualification to promotion play-off
3	Gorica	30	13	12	5	46	26	+20	51	
4	Rudeš	30	10	12	8	36	28	+8	42	
5	Imotski	30	9	11	10	31	38	-7	38	
6	Cibalia	30	10	8	12	36	44	-8	38	
7	Dugopolje	30	7	13	10	27	32	-5	34	
8	Segesta	30	9	7	14	31	42	-11	34	
9	Lučko	30	8	9	13	24	35	-11	33	
10	Hrvatski Dragovoljac	30	8	9	13	30	42	-12	33	
11	Bistra (R)	30	5	12	13	18	38	-20	27	Relegation to Croatian Third Football League ^[a]
12	Pomorac (D, R)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Withdraw from the league

Source: Druga-HNL.com (<http://www.druga-hnl.com/tablica.php>), Sportnet.hr (<http://www.hrsport.net/statistika/331/ljestvice/>) (in Croatian)

Rules for classification: 1st points; 2nd goal difference; 3rd goals scored

For deciding champion, promotion and relegation: 1st points; 2nd head-to-head points; 3rd head-to-head goal difference; 4th head-to-head away goals scored.

(C) Champions; (D) Disqualified; (P) Promoted; (R) Relegated

Notes:

a. Hrvatski Dragovoljac were kept in the division despite getting relegated.

Croatian clubs in Europe

Summary

Club	Competition	Starting round	Final round	Matches played
Dinamo Zagreb	Champions League	2nd qualifying round	Europa League - Group stage	12
Rijeka	Europa League	2nd qualifying round	Group stage	12
Hajduk Split	Europa League	2nd qualifying round	Play-off round	6
RNK Split	Europa League	1st qualifying round	Play-off round	8

Dinamo Zagreb

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Dinamo Zagreb scorer(s)	Report
2014–15 Champions League - Second qualifying round					
15 July 2014	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</u>	 Žalgiris Vilnius	2–0	Soudani, Antolić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000545/match=2014146/index.html)
22 July 2014	<u>LFF Stadium, Vilnius</u>	 Žalgiris Vilnius	2–0	Soudani, Šimunić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000545/match=2014163/index.html)

2014–15 Champions League - Third qualifying round

30 July 2014	<u>Nordjyske Arena, Aalborg</u>	 AaB	1–0	Brozović	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000546/match=20)
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6 August 2014	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</u>	 AaB	0–2	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000546/match=2014185/index.html)
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2014–15 Europa League - Play-off round

21 August 2014	<u>Ilie Oană Stadium, Ploiești</u>	 Petrolul Ploiești	3–1	<u>Čop</u> (2), <u>Machado</u>	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000586/match=2015126/index.html)
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28 August 2014	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</u>	 Petrolul Ploiești	2–1	<u>Čop</u> , <u>Antolić</u>	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000586/match=2015157/index.html)
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2014–15 Europa League - Group stage

18 September 2014	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</u>	 Astra Giurgiu	5–1	<u>Soudani</u> (3), <u>Henríquez</u> , <u>Ćorić</u>	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000587/match=2014438/index.html)
2 October 2014	<u>Celtic Park, Glasgow</u>	 Celtic	0–1		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000587/match=2014439/index.html)

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23 October 2014	Red Bull Arena, Wals-Siezenheim	 Red Bull Salzburg	2–4	Ademi, Henríquez	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000587/match=2014486/index.html)
6 November 2014	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb	 Red Bull Salzburg	1–5	Henríquez	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000587/match=2014510/index.html)
27 November 2014	Stadionul Marin Anastasovici, Giurgiu	 Astra Giurgiu	0–1		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000587/match=2014534/index.html)
11 December 2014	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb	 Celtic	4–3	Pjaca (3), Brozović	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000587/match=2014558/index.html)

Rijeka

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Rijeka scorer(s)	Report
2014–15 Europa League - Second qualifying round					
17 July 2014	Stadion Kantrida, Rijeka	 Ferencváros	1–0	Krstanović	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2014/matches/round=2000580/match=201441/index.html)

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24 July 2014	Ferenc Puskás Stadium, Budapest	 Ferencváros	2–1	Krstanović, Samardžić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000584/match=2014772/index.html)
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2014–15 Europa League - Third qualifying round

31 July 2014	Tórsvøllur, Tórshavn	 Víkingur	5–1	Lešković, Kvržić (2), Jahović, Kramarić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000585/match=2014970/index.html)
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7 August 2014	Stadion Kantrida, Rijeka	 Víkingur	4–0	Jahović (3), Jacobsen (o.g.)	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000585/match=2014999/index.html)
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2014–15 Europa League - Play-off round

21 August 2014	Stadion Kantrida, Rijeka	 Sheriff Tiraspol	1–0	Leovac	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000586/match=2015145/index.html)
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28 August 2014	Sheriff Stadium, Tiraspol	 Sheriff Tiraspol	3–0	Ligger (o.g.), Kramarić, Moisés	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000586/match=2015146/index.html)
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2014–15 Europa League - Group stage

18 September 2014	<u>Stade Maurice Dufrasne, Liège</u>	 Standard Liège	0–2		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000587/match=2014443/index.html)
2 October 2014	<u>Stadion Kantrida, Rijeka</u>	 Sevilla	2–2	Kramarić, Kvržić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000587/match=2014468/index.html)
23 October 2014	<u>Stadion Kantrida, Rijeka</u>	 Feyenoord	3–1	Kramarić (3)	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000587/match=2014491/index.html)
6 November 2014	<u>De Kuip, Rotterdam</u>	 Feyenoord	0–2		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000587/match=2014515/index.html)
27 November 2014	<u>Stadion Kantrida, Rijeka</u>	 Standard Liège	2–0	Moisés, Kramarić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000586/match=2015176/index.html)

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11 December 2014	Ramón Sánchez Pizjuán Stadium, Seville	 Sevilla	0–1	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000587/match=2014564/index.html)
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Hajduk Split

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Hajduk Split scorer(s)	Report
2014–15 Europa League - Second qualifying round					
17 July 2014	Oriel Park, Dundalk	 Dundalk	2–0	Caktaš, Vlašić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000584/match=2014750/index.html)
24 July 2014	Stadion Poljud, Split	 Dundalk	1–2	Kouassi	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000584/match=2014790/index.html)
2014–15 Europa League - Third qualifying round					
31 July 2014	Shakhter Stadium, Karagandy	 Shakhter Karagandy	2–4	Gotal, Caktaš	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000585/match=2014800/index.html)

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7 August 2014	<u>Stadion Poljud, Split</u>	 <u>Shakhter Karagandy</u>	3–0	<u>Sušić, Maglica, Gotal</u>	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000585/match=2015004/index.html)
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2014–15 Europa League - Play-off round

20 August 2014	<u>Olympic Stadium, Kyiv</u>	 <u>Dnipro Dnipropetrovsk</u>	1–2	<u>Sušić</u>	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000586/match=2015123/index.html)
28 August 2014	<u>Stadion Poljud, Split</u>	 <u>Dnipro Dnipropetrovsk</u>	0–0		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000586/match=2015154/index.html)

RNK Split

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	RNK Split scorer(s)	Report
<u>2014–15 Europa League - First qualifying round</u>					
3 July 2014	<u>Stadion Park Mladeži, Split</u>	 <u>Mika</u>	2–0	<u>Glumac, Vojnović</u>	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000583/match=2014649/index.html)

10 July 2014	Mika Stadium, Yerevan	 Mika	1–1	Bilić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000583/match=2014688/index.html)
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2014–15 Europa League - Second qualifying round

17 July 2014	Stadion Park Mladeži, Split	 Hapoel Be'er Sheva	2–1	Dujmović, Bilić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000584/match=2014719/index.html)
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24 July 2014	GSZ Stadium, Larnaca	 Hapoel Be'er Sheva	0–0		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000584/match=2014759/index.html)
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2014–15 Europa League - Third qualifying round

31 July 2014	Stadion Park Mladeži, Split	 Chornomorets Odesa	2–0	Rog, Belle	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000585/match=2014948/index.html)
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7 August 2014	Chornomorets Stadium, Odesa	 Chornomorets Odesa	0–0		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000585/match=2014949/index.html)
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2014–15 Europa League - Play-off round

21 August 2014	<u>Stadion Hrvatski vitezovi, Dugopolje</u>	 <u>Torino</u>	0–0		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000586/match=2015130/index.html)
28 August 2014	<u>Stadio Olimpico di Torino, Turin</u>	 <u>Torino</u>	0–1		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000586/match=2015161/index.html)

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2015–16 in Croatian football

Football in Croatia

Season	2015–16
Men's football	
Prva HNL	Dinamo Zagreb
Druga HNL	Cibalia
Treća HNL	Novigrad (West) Solin (South) Međimurje (East)
Croatian Cup	Dinamo Zagreb
	

The following article presents a summary of the **2015–16 football season in Croatia**, which will be the 25th season of competitive football in the country.

National teams

Croatia

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
UEFA Euro 2016 qualifying - Group stage					
3 September 2015	Tofiq Bahramov Stadium, Baku	 Azerbaijan	0–0		UEFA.com (http://uefa.com/uefaeuro/qualifiers/season=2016/matches/group=2000446/match=2013976/index.html)
6 September 2015	Ullevaal Stadion, Oslo	 Norway	0–2		UEFA.com (http://uefa.com/uefaeuro/qualifiers/season=2016/matches/group=2000446/match=2014003/index.html)
10 October 2015	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb	 Bulgaria	3–0	Perišić, Rakitić, Kalinić	UEFA.com (http://uefa.com/uefaeuro/qualifiers/season=2016/matches/group=2000446/match=2014047/index.html)
13 October 2015	Ta' Qali National Stadium, Ta' Qali	 Malta	1–0	Perišić	UEFA.com (http://uefa.com/uefaeuro/qualifiers/season=2016/matches/group=2000446/match=2014047/index.html)
Friendly fixtures					
17 November 2015	Olimp-2, Rostov on Don	 Russia	3–1	Kalinić, Brozović, Mandžukić	HNS-CFF.hr (http://hns-cff.hr/en/matches/302492/russia-croatia-13/)
23 March 2016	Stadion Gradski vrt, Osijek	 Israel	2–0	Perišić, Brozović	HNS-CFF.hr (http://hns-cff.hr/en/matches/303879/croatia-israel-2-0/)

26 March 2016	<u>Groupama Arena, Budapest</u>	 Hungary	1–1	Mandžukić	HNS-CFF.hr (http://hns-cff.hr/en/matches/303824/hungary-croatia-1-1/)
27 May 2016	<u>Gradski stadion, Koprivnica</u>	 Moldova	1–0	Kramarić	
4 June 2016	<u>Stadion Rujevica, Rijeka</u>	 San Marino	10–0	Pjaca, Mandžukić (3), Srna, Perišić, Rakitić, Kalinić (3)	

Croatia U21

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2017 UEFA European Under-21 Championship qualification - Group stage					
3 September 2015	<u>Gradski stadion, Koprivnica</u>	 Georgia	1–0	Milić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2017/matches/round=200649/match=2016250/index.html)
7 September 2015	<u>Tamme Stadium, Tartu</u>	 Estonia	4–0	Milić, Pašalić (2), Radošević	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2017/matches/round=200649/match=2016261/index.html)
7 October 2015	<u>San Marino Stadium, Serravalle</u>	 San Marino	3–0	Marić (2), Pašalić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2017/matches/round=200649/match=2016266/index.html)
11 November 2015	<u>Stadion Šubićevac, Šibenik</u>	 San Marino	4–0	Halilović, Milić, Perić, Pjaca	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2017/matches/round=200649/match=2016267/index.html)
17 November 2015	<u>Stadion Rujevica, Rijeka</u>	 Spain	2–3	Pašalić, Radošević	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2017/matches/round=200649/match=2016254/index.html)
24 March 2016	<u>Estadio El Plantío, Burgos</u>	 Spain	3–0	Ćaleta-Car, Perica (2)	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2017/matches/round=200649/match=2016250/index.html)

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28 March 2016	<u>Stadion ŠRC Zaprešić, Zaprešić</u>	 Estonia	2–1	Pavičić , Perica	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2017/matches/round=200649/match=2016251/index.html)
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Friendly fixtures

12 October 2015	<u>Stadion ŠRC Zaprešić, Zaprešić</u>	 Russia	3–4	Radošević (2) , Dangubić	HNS-CFF.hr (http://hns-cff.hr/matches/302481/hrvatska-rusija-34/)
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Croatia U19

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2016 UEFA European Under-19 Championship qualification - Qualifying round					
18 November 2015	<u>Stadion Veruda, Pula</u>	 Montenegro	3–1	Matić , Božić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under19/season=2016/matches/round=200601/match=2015961/index.html)
20 November 2015	<u>Stadion Veli Jože, Poreč</u>	 Kazakhstan	1–0	Brekalo	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under19/season=2016/matches/round=200601/match=2015987/index.html)
23 November 2015	<u>Stadion Veruda, Pula</u>	 Hungary	1–1	Knežević	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under19/season=2016/matches/round=200601/match=2016013/index.html)

2016 UEFA European Under-19 Championship qualification - Elite round

23 March 2016	<u>Stadion Kantrida, Rijeka</u>	 Bulgaria	1–0	Brekalo	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under19/season=2016/matches/round=200602/match=2019184/index.html)
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25 March 2016	Stadion Kantrida, Rijeka	Scotland	3–0	Brodic, Turcin, Brekalo	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under19/season=2016/matches/round=2000602/match=2019198/index.html)
28 March 2016	Stadion Rujevica, Rijeka	Belgium	4–0	Benkovic, Brodic, Lovren, Knezevic	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under19/season=2016/matches/round=2000602/match=2019211/index.html)

Croatia U17

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2015 FIFA U-17 World Cup - Group stage					
17 October 2015	Estadio Nacional Julio Martínez Prádanos, Santiago	Chile	1–1	Moro	FIFA.com (https://web.archive.org/web/20151022144009/http://www.fifa.com/u17worldcup/matches/round=271783/match=300298364/report.html)
20 October 2015	Estadio Sausalito, Viña del Mar	United States	2–2	Majic, Ivanusec	FIFA.com (https://web.archive.org/web/20160303062354/http://www.fifa.com/u17worldcup/matches/round=271783/match=300298362/report.html)
23 October 2015	Estadio Municipal Francisco Sánchez Rumoroso, Coquimbo	Nigeria	2–1	Brekalo, Majic	FIFA.com (https://web.archive.org/web/20151027223603/http://www.fifa.com/u17worldcup/matches/round=271783/match=300298361/report.html)
2015 FIFA U-17 World Cup - Knockout stage					
29 October 2015	Estadio Municipal de Concepcion, Concepcion	Germany	2–0	Moro, Lovren	FIFA.com (https://web.archive.org/web/20151102024714/http://www.fifa.com/u17worldcup/matches/round=271783/match=300298360/report.html)

2015–16 U17 European Championship

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
25 March 2016	Stadion Kantrida, Rijeka	Scotland	3–0	Brodic, Turcin, Brekalo	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under19/season=2016/matches/round=2000602/match=2019198/index.html)

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1 November 2015	<u>Estadio Municipal Nelson Oyarzún Arenas, Chillán</u>	Mali	0–1		FIFA.com (https://web.archive.org/web/20160305123231/http://www.fifa.com/u17worldcup/matches/round=271779/match=300298380/report.html)
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2016 UEFA European Under-17 Championship qualification - Qualifying round

26 October 2015	<u>Sportpark Eschen-Mauren, Eschen</u>	Gibraltar	4–1	Javorčić (2), Knežević (2)	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2016/matches/round=200596/match=2015893/index.html)
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28 October 2015	<u>Sportplatz Rheinau, Balzers</u>	Liechtenstein	2–0	Vujčić, Čuže	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2016/matches/round=200596/match=2015919/index.html)
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31 October 2015	<u>Sportplatz Rheinau, Balzers</u>	Czech Republic	2–2	Špikić, Kulenović	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2016/matches/round=200596/match=2015945/index.html)
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2016 UEFA European Under-17 Championship qualification - Elite round

16 March 2016	<u>Stadion Valbruna, Rovinj</u>	Wales	0–2		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2016/matches/round=200597/match=2018980/index.html)
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18 March 2016	<u>Stadion Valbruna, Rovinj</u>	Sweden	1–2	Javorčić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2016/matches/round=200597/match=2018994/index.html)
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21 March 2016	Stadion Aldo Drosina, Pula	Portugal	2–4	Špikić, Javorčić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2016/matches/round=200597/match=2019007/index.html)
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Croatia Women's

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
UEFA Women's Euro 2017 qualifying - Group stage					
17 September 2015	Kazım Karabekir Stadium, Erzurum	Turkey	4–1	Landeka, Joščak, Šundov, Šalek	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/womenseuro/season=2017/matches/round=2000628/match=2016547/index.html)
22 September 2015	Stadion Kranjčevićeva, Zagreb	Germany	0–1		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/womenseuro/season=2017/matches/round=2000628/match=2016551/index.html)
25 October 2015	Stadion Gradski vrt, Osijek	Hungary	1–1	Joščak	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/womenseuro/season=2017/matches/round=2000628/match=2016556/index.html)
30 November 2015	Stadion Rujevica, Rijeka	Turkey	3–0	Šundov, Joščak, Andrić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/womenseuro/season=2017/matches/round=2000628/match=2016557/index.html)
8 April 2016	Gyirmóti Stadion, Győr	Hungary	0–2		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/womenseuro/season=2017/matches/round=2000628/match=2016546/index.html)
12 April 2016	Stadion an der Bremer Brücke, Osnabrück	Germany	0–2		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/womenseuro/season=2017/matches/round=2000628/match=2016547/index.html)

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League tables

Croatian First Football League

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification or relegation
1	<u>Dinamo Zagreb (C)</u>	36	26	7	3	67	19	+48	85	Qualification for the <u>Champions League second qualifying round</u> ^[a]
2	<u>Rijeka</u>	36	21	14	1	56	20	+36	77	Qualification for the <u>Europa League third qualifying round</u>
3	<u>Hajduk Split</u>	36	17	10	9	46	28	+18	61	Qualification for the <u>Europa League second qualifying round</u>
4	<u>Lokomotiva</u>	36	16	4	16	56	53	+3	52	Qualification for the <u>Europa League first qualifying round</u>
5	<u>Inter Zaprešić</u>	36	11	14	11	39	48	-9	47	
6	<u>RNK Split</u>	36	10	16	10	28	29	-1	46	
7	<u>Slaven Belupo</u>	36	10	12	14	41	42	-1	42	
8	<u>Osijek</u>	36	7	13	16	27	49	-22	34	
9	<u>Istra 1961 (O)</u>	36	4	12	20	23	58	-35	24	Qualification for the <u>relegation play-off</u>
10	<u>NK Zagreb (R)</u>	36	3	8	25	27	64	-37	17	Relegation to Croatian Second Football League

Source: PrvaHNL.hr (<https://web.archive.org/web/20160522204201/http://prvahnl.hr/statistika/ljestvica/>), Soccerway (<https://int.soccerway.com/national/croatia/1-hnl/20152016/regular-season/r31632/>)

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; **(O)** Play-off winners; **(R)** Relegated

Notes:

a. Dinamo Zagreb qualified for the Europa League third qualifying round by winning the 2015–16 Croatian Football Cup. However, since they already qualified for European competition based on their league position, the spot awarded to the cup winners was passed down the league.

Croatian Second Football League

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification or relegation
1	<u>Cibalia (C, P)</u>	33	20	10	3	54	20	+34	70	Promotion to the <u>Croatian First Football League</u>
2	<u>Šibenik</u>	33	20	9	4	54	21	+33	69	Qualification to the promotion play-off
3	<u>Sesvete</u>	33	15	7	11	56	40	+16	52	
4	<u>Gorica</u>	33	13	8	12	40	40	0	47	
5	<u>Rudeš</u>	33	11	10	12	47	44	+3	43	
6	<u>Dinamo Zagreb II</u>	33	11	10	12	34	37	-3	43	Reserve teams are ineligible for promotion to the <u>Croatian First Football League</u>
7	<u>Dugopolje</u>	33	11	7	15	38	41	-3	40	
8	<u>Lučko</u>	33	11	7	15	40	47	-7	40	
9	<u>Imotski</u>	33	11	7	15	40	50	-10	40	
10	<u>Hrvatski Dragovoljac</u>	33	11	7	15	29	39	-10	40	
11	<u>Segesta (R)</u>	33	10	8	15	44	54	-10	38	
12	<u>Zadar (R)</u>	33	5	8	20	30	73	-43	23	Relegation to the <u>Croatian Third Football League</u>

Source: [Druga-HNL.com](http://www.druga-hnl.com/tablica.php) (<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 away goals scored

(C) Champions; (P) Promoted; (R) Relegated

Croatian clubs in Europe

Summary

Club	Competition	Starting round	Final round	Matches played
<u>Dinamo Zagreb</u>	<u>Champions League</u>	<u>2nd qualifying round</u>	<u>Group stage</u>	12
<u>Rijeka</u>	<u>Europa League</u>	<u>2nd qualifying round</u>		2
<u>Hajduk Split</u>	<u>Europa League</u>	<u>1st qualifying round</u>	<u>Play-off round</u>	8
<u>Lokomotiva</u>	<u>Europa League</u>	<u>1st qualifying round</u>	<u>2nd qualifying round</u>	4
<u>Osijek</u>	<u>Women's Champions League</u>	<u>Qualifying round</u>		3
<u>Dinamo Zagreb U19</u>	<u>UEFA Youth League</u>	<u>Group stage</u>	<u>Round of 16</u>	7

Dinamo Zagreb

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Dinamo Zagreb scorer(s)	Report
2015–16 Champions League - Second qualifying round					
15 July 2015	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</u>	 <u>Fola Esch</u>	1–1	<u>Henríquez</u>	UEFA.com (hhttp://www.uefac.com/uefacampionsleague/season=2016/matches/round=2000631/match=2015595/index.html)
22 July 2015	<u>Stade Émile Mayrisch, Esch-sur-Alzette</u>	 <u>Fola Esch</u>	3–0	<u>Pjaca (2), Rog</u>	UEFA.com (hhttp://www.uefac.com/uefac)

2015–16 Champions League - Third qualifying round

28 July 2015	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb	 Molde	1–1	Henríquez	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefa/championsleague/season=2016/matches/round=2000632/match=2015622/index.html)
4 August 2015	Aker Stadion, Molde	 Molde	3–3	Pjaca , Ademi , Rog	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefa/championsleague/season=2016/matches/round=2000632/match=2015637/index.html)

2015–16 Champions League - Play-off round

19 August 2015	Elbasan Arena, Elbasan	 Skënderbeu Korçë	2–1	Soudani , Pivarić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefa/championsleague/season=2016/matches/round=2000633/match=2015646/index.html)
25 August 2015	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb	 Skënderbeu Korçë	4–1	Soudani (2), Taravel , Hodžić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefa/championsleague/season=2016/matches/round=2000633/match=2015661/index.html)

2015–16 Champions League - Group stage

16 September 2015	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb	 Arsenal	2–1	Pivarić , Fernandes	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefa/championsleague/season=2016/matches/round=2000634/match=2015675/index.html)
29 September 2015	Allianz Arena, Munich	 Bayern Munich	0–5		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefa/championsleague/season=2016/matches/round=2000635/match=2015686/index.html)

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0634/match=2015683/index.html](http://www.uefa.com/uefacampionsleague/season=2016/matches/round=200634/match=2015683/index.html)

20 October 2015	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb	Olympiacos	0–1		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefacampionsleague/season=2016/matches/round=200634/match=2015700/index.html)
4 November 2015	Karaïskakis Stadium, Piraeus	Olympiacos	1–2	Hodžić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefacampionsleague/season=2016/matches/round=200634/match=2015724/index.html)
24 November 2015	Emirates Stadium, London	Arsenal	0–3		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefacampionsleague/season=2016/matches/round=200634/match=2015731/index.html)
9 December 2015	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb	Bayern Munich	0–2		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefacampionsleague/season=2016/matches/round=200634/match=2015755/index.html)

Rijeka

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Rijeka scorer(s)	Report
2015–16 Europa League - Second qualifying round					
16 July 2015	Stadion Kantrida, Rijeka	Aberdeen	0–3		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2016/matches/round=2000655/index.html)
23 July 2015	Pittodrie Stadium, Aberdeen	Aberdeen	2–2	Tomasov, Kvržić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2016/matches/index.html)

Hajduk Split

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Hajduk Split scorer(s)	Report
2015–16 Europa League - First qualifying round					
2 July 2015	Rakvere linnastaadion, <u>Rakvere</u>	 Sillamäe Kalev	1–1	Caktaš	UEFA.com (h tp://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2016/matches/round=2000654/match=2017091/index.html)
9 July 2015	Stadion Hrvatski vitezovi, <u>Dugopolje</u>	 Sillamäe Kalev	6–2	Balić, Caktaš, Ohandza (2), Vlašić, Maglica	UEFA.com (h tp://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2016/matches/round=2000654/match=2017142/index.html)
2015–16 Europa League - Second qualifying round					
16 July 2015	Bonifika Stadium, <u>Koper</u>	 Koper	2–3	Milović, Nižić	UEFA.com (h tp://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2016/matches/round=2000655/match=2016763/index.html)
23 July 2015	Stadion Poljud, <u>Split</u>	 Koper	4–1	Kiš, Jefferson, Caktaš, Maglica	UEFA.com (h tp://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2016/matches/round=2000655/match=2016796/index.html)
2015–16 Europa League - Third qualifying round					
30 July 2015	Stadion Poljud, <u>Split</u>	 Strømsgodset	2–0	Balić, Kiš	UEFA.com (h tp://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2016/matches/round=2000656/match=2016830/index.html)
6 August 2015	Marienlyst Stadion, <u>Drammen</u>	 Strømsgodset	2–0	Caktaš, Ohandza	UEFA.com (h tp://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2016/matches/round=2000656/match=2016831/index.html)

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2015–16 Europa League - Play-off round

20 August 2014	Stadion u Nisy, Liberec	Slovan Liberec	0–1	UEFA.com (h ttp://www.uefa.com/uefae uropaleague/ season=201 6/matches/ro und=200065 7/match=201 8037/index.htm l)
27 August 2014	Stadion Poljud, Split	Slovan Liberec	0–1	UEFA.com (h ttp://www.uefa.com/uefae uropaleague/ season=201 6/matches/ro und=200065 7/match=201 8059/index.htm l)

Lokomotiva

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Lokomotiva scorer(s)	Report
2015–16 Europa League - First qualifying round					
2 July 2015	Nantporth, Bangor	Airbus UK Broughton	3–1	Šovšić, Marić, Kolar	UEFA.com (h ttp://www.uefa.com/uefae uropaleague/ season=201 6/matches/ro und=200065 4/match=201 7115/index.htm l)
9 July 2015	Stadion Kranjčevićeva, Zagreb	Airbus UK Broughton	2–2	Fiolić, Šovšić	UEFA.com (h ttp://www.uefa.com/uefae uropaleague/ season=201 6/matches/ro und=200065 4/match=201 6734/index.htm l)
2015–16 Europa League - Second qualifying round					
16 July 2015	Stadion Kranjčevićeva, Zagreb	PAOK	2–1	Kolar, Andrijašević	UEFA.com (h ttp://www.uefa.com/uefae uropaleague/ season=201 6/matches/ro und=200065 5/match=201 6738/index.htm l)

23 July 2015	Toumba Stadium, Thessaloniki	 PAOK	0–6		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2016/matches/round=2000655/match=2016771/index.html)
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ŽNK Osijek

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	ŽNK Osijek scorer(s)	Report
<u>2015–16 UEFA Women's Champions League - Qualifying round</u>					
11 August 2015	<u>Stadion Gradski vrt, Osijek</u>	 Noroc Nimoreni	4–0	Šalek, Lojna (2), Andrić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/womenschampionsleague/season=2016/matches/round=2000669/match=2017242/index.html)
13 August 2015	<u>Stadion Gradski vrt, Osijek</u>	 Benfica	0–3		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/womenschampionsleague/season=2016/matches/round=2000669/match=2017258/index.html)
16 August 2015	<u>Stadion Gradski vrt, Osijek</u>	 Spartak Subotica	0–3		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/womenschampionsleague/season=2016/matches/round=2000669/match=2017273/index.html)

Dinamo Zagreb U19

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Dinamo Zagreb U19 scorer(s)	Report
<u>2015–16 UEFA Youth League - Group stage</u>					
16 September 2015	<u>Stadion Hitrec-Kacian, Zagreb</u>	 Arsenal	0–2		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/2018296--dinamo-zagreb-vs-arsenal/?referrer=%2Fuefayouthleague%2Fseason%3D2016%2Fmatches%2Fround%3D)

[2000700%2Fmatch%3D2018296%2Findex](#)

[UEFA.com \(https://www.uefa.com/uefa-youthleague/match/2018312--bayer-n-vs-dinamo-zagreb/?referrer=%2Fuefa-youthleague%2Fseason%3D2016%2Fmatches%2Fround%3D2000700%2Fmatch%3D2018312%2Findex\)](https://www.uefa.com/uefa-youthleague/match/2018312--bayer-n-vs-dinamo-zagreb/?referrer=%2Fuefa-youthleague%2Fseason%3D2016%2Fmatches%2Fround%3D2000700%2Fmatch%3D2018312%2Findex)

29 September 2015

Grünwalder Stadion, Munich

 Bayern Munich

2–1

Božić, Brekalo

Stadion Hitrec-Kacian, Zagreb

 Olympiacos

2–2

Čabralja, Olmo

20 October 2015

[UEFA.com \(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2015%E2%80%9316_in_Croatian_football?action=edit\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2015%E2%80%9316_in_Croatian_football?action=edit)

4 November 2015

Renti Training Centre, Piraeus

 Olympiacos

3–1

Božić, Gojak (2)

[UEFA.com \(https://www.uefa.com/uefa-youthleague/match/2018345--olympiacos-vs-dinamo-zagreb/?referrer=%2Fuefayouthleague%2Fseason%3D2016%2Fmatches%2Fround%3D2000700%2Fmatch%3D2018345%2Findex\)](https://www.uefa.com/uefa-youthleague/match/2018345--olympiacos-vs-dinamo-zagreb/?referrer=%2Fuefayouthleague%2Fseason%3D2016%2Fmatches%2Fround%3D2000700%2Fmatch%3D2018345%2Findex)

24 November 2015

Meadow Park, Borehamwood

 Arsenal

2–1

Brekalo, Gojak

[UEFA.com \(https://www.uefa.com/uefa-youthleague/match/2018360--arsenal-vs-dinamo-zagreb/?referrer=%2Fuefayouthleague%2Fseason%3D2016%2Fmatches%2Fround%3D2000700%2Fmatch%3D2018360%2Findex\)](https://www.uefa.com/uefa-youthleague/match/2018360--arsenal-vs-dinamo-zagreb/?referrer=%2Fuefayouthleague%2Fseason%3D2016%2Fmatches%2Fround%3D2000700%2Fmatch%3D2018360%2Findex)

9 December 2015

Stadion Hitrec-Kacian, Zagreb

 Bayern Munich

0–1

[UEFA.com \(https://www.uefa.com/uefa-youthleague/match/2018312--bayer-n-vs-dinamo-zagreb/?referrer=%2Fuefayouthleague%2Fseason%3D2016%2Fmatches%2Fround%3D2000700%2Fmatch%3D2018312%2Findex\)](https://www.uefa.com/uefa-youthleague/match/2018312--bayer-n-vs-dinamo-zagreb/?referrer=%2Fuefayouthleague%2Fseason%3D2016%2Fmatches%2Fround%3D2000700%2Fmatch%3D2018312%2Findex)

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2015–16 UEFA Youth League - Round of 16

23 February 2016	<u>Constant Vanden Stock Stadium, Anderlecht</u>	 <u>Anderlecht</u>	0–3 (Awarded)	<u>Gojak, Brekalo</u>	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefa/youthleague/season=2016/matches/round=2000700/match=2019563/index.html)
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Match originally finished 2–0 in favour of Dinamo Zagreb, but was awarded by UEFA as 3–0 win for Anderlecht due to Dinamo Zagreb fielding suspended player Matija Fantić.

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2016–17 in Croatian football

Football in Croatia

Season	2016–17
Men's football	
Prva HNL	Rijeka
Druga HNL	Rudeš
Treća HNL	Vinogradar (West) Hajduk Split II (South) Međimurje (East)
Croatian Cup	Rijeka

The following article presents a summary of the **2016–17 football season in Croatia**, which will be the 26th season of competitive football in the country.

National teams

Croatia

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
UEFA Euro 2016 - Group stage					
12 June 2016	<u>Parc des Princes, Paris</u>	 Turkey	1–0	Modrić	UEFA.com
17 June 2016	<u>Stade Geoffroy-Guichard, Saint-Étienne</u>	 Czech Republic	2–2	Perišić, Rakitić	UEFA.com
21 June 2016	<u>Nouveau Stade de Bordeaux, Bordeaux</u>	 Spain	2–1	Kalinić, Perišić	UEFA.com
UEFA Euro 2016 - Knockout stage					
25 June 2016	<u>Stade Bollaert-Delelis, Lens</u>	 Portugal	0–1 (a.e.t.)		UEFA.com
2018 FIFA World Cup qualification - Group stage					
5 September 2016	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</u>	 Turkey	1–1	Rakitić	UEFA.com
6 October 2016	<u>Loro Borici Stadium, Shkodër</u>	 Kosovo	6–0	Mandžukić (3), Mitrović, Perišić, Kalinić	UEFA.com

9 October 2016	Tampere Stadium, Tampere	 Finland	1–0	Mandžukić	UEFA.com (http://www.efa.com/worlcup/season=2018/matches/round=200717/match=2017859/index.html)
12 November 2016	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb	 Iceland	2–0	Brozović (2)	UEFA.com (http://www.efa.com/worlcup/season=2018/matches/round=200717/match=2017847/index.html)
24 March 2017	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb	 Ukraine	1–0	Kalinić	UEFA.com (http://www.efa.com/worlcup/season=2018/matches/round=200717/match=2017848/index.html)
11 June 2017	Laugardalsvöllur, Reykjavík	 Iceland	0–1		UEFA.com (http://www.efa.com/worlcup/season=2018/matches/round=200717/match=2017851/index.html)

Friendly fixtures

15 November 2016	Windsor Park, Belfast	 Northern Ireland	3–0	Mandžukić, Čop, Kramarić	HNS-CFF.hr (http://hns-cff.hr/en/news/15449/efficient-croatia-victorious-in-belfast/)
11 January 2017	Nanning, Guangxi	 Chile	1–1 (1–4 p)	Andrijašević	HNS-CFF.hr (http://hns-cff.hr/en/news/15700/chile-tops-croatia-in-the-penalty-shootout-it-could-have-ended-differently/)
14 January 2017	Nanning, Guangxi	 China	1–1 (3–4 p)	Ivanušec	HNS-CFF.hr (http://hns-cff.hr/en/news/15716/china-wins-third-place-in-another-croatia-shootout/)
28 March 2017	A. Le Coq Arena, Tallinn	 Estonia	0–3		HNS-CFF.hr (http://hns-cff.hr/)

[f.hr/en/news/16037/estonia-defeats-croatia-in-tallinn-friendly/](http://www.hns-cff.hr/en/news/16037/estonia-defeats-croatia-in-tallinn-friendly/)

27 May 2017	L.A. Memorial Coliseum, Los Angeles	 Mexico	2–1	Čop, Tudor	HNS-CFF.hr (http://hns-cff.hr/en/news/16353/persistent-croatia-overcomes-mexico-cop-and-tudor-se cure-victory/)
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Croatia U21

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2017 UEFA European Under-21 Championship qualification - Group stage					
1 September 2016	Gradski stadion, Koprivnica	 Sweden	1–1	Perica	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2017/matches/round=200649/match=2016257/index.html)
6 September 2016	David Abashidze Stadium, Zestaponi	 Georgia	2–2	Perica (2)	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2017/matches/round=200649/match=2016260/index.html)
10 October 2016	Vångavallen, Trelleborg	 Sweden	2–4	Perica, Benković	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2017/matches/round=200649/match=2016247/index.html)

Croatia U19

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2016 UEFA European Under-19 Championship - Group stage					
12 July 2016	Donaustadion, Ulm	 Netherlands	1–3	Brekalo	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under19/season=2016/matches/round=200598/match=2019791/index.html)
15 July 2016	Städtisches Waldstadion, Aalen	 France	0–2		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under19/season=2016/matches/round=200598/match=2019792/index.html)

[efa.com/under19/season=2016/matches/round=2000598/match=2019795/index.html](http://www.efa.com/under19/season=2016/matches/round=2000598/match=2019795/index.html)

18 July 2016	<u>Voith-Arena, Heidenheim</u>	 England	1–2	Moro	UEFA.com (http://www.efa.com/under19/season=2016/matches/round=2000598/match=2019799/index.html)
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2017 UEFA European Under-19 Championship qualification - Qualifying round

9 November 2016	FAM Training Camp, Podgorica	 Cyprus	4–0	Lovren, Soldo, Majić, Majer	UEFA.com (http://www.efa.com/under19/season=2017/matches/round=2000775/match=2019119/index.html)
11 November 2016	FAM Training Camp, Podgorica	 Faroe Islands	5–0	Soldo, Brekalo, Kulenović, Gjira, Moro	UEFA.com (http://www.efa.com/under19/season=2017/matches/round=2000775/match=2019145/index.html)
14 November 2016	Stadion pod Malim brdom, Petrovac	 Montenegro	2–1	Špikić, Halilović	UEFA.com (http://www.efa.com/under19/season=2017/matches/round=2000775/match=2019171/index.html)

2017 UEFA European Under-19 Championship qualification - Elite round

23 March 2017	<u>Estádio da Mata Real, Paços de Ferreira</u>	 Portugal	1–2	Ivanušec	UEFA.com (http://www.efa.com/under19/season=2017/matches/round=2000776/match=2021301/index.html)
25 March 2017	<u>Estádio dos Arcos, Vila do Conde</u>	 Poland	2–0	Kalaica, Brekalo	UEFA.com (http://www.efa.com/under19/season=2017/matches/round=2000776/match=2021315/index.html)
28 March 2017	<u>Estádio Dr. Machado de Matos, Felgueiras</u>	 Turkey	0–0		UEFA.com (http://www.efa.com/under19/season=2017/matches/round=2000776/match=2021316/index.html)

Croatia U17

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2017 UEFA European Under-17 Championship - Group stage					
3 May 2017	<u>Stadion Rujevica, Rijeka</u>	Italy	0–1		UEFA.com (h tp://www.uef a.com/under 17/season=2 017/matche s/round=200 0710/match= 2022585/ind ex.html)
6 May 2017	<u>Stadion Rujevica, Rijeka</u>	Turkey	1–4	Marin	UEFA.com (h tp://www.uef a.com/under 17/season=2 017/matche s/round=200 0710/match= 2022593/ind ex.html)
9 May 2017	<u>Stadion Rujevica, Rijeka</u>	Spain	1–1	Čolina	UEFA.com (h tp://www.uef a.com/under 17/season=2 017/matche s/round=200 0710/match= 2022601/ind ex.html)

Croatia Women's

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
UEFA Women's Euro 2017 qualifying - Group stage					
20 September 2016	<u>Arena Khimki, Khimki</u>	Russia	0–5		UEFA.com (h tp://www.uef a.com/wome nseuro/seas on=2017/mat ches/round= 2000628/mat ch=2016544/ index.html)

League tables

Croatian First Football League

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification or relegation
1	<u>Rijeka (C)</u>	36	27	7	2	71	23	+48	88	Qualification to Champions League second qualifying round

2	Dinamo Zagreb	36	27	5	4	68	24	+44	86	Qualification to Europa League third qualifying round ^[a]
3	Hajduk Split	36	20	9	7	70	31	+39	69	Qualification to Europa League second qualifying round
4	Osijek	36	20	6	10	52	37	+15	66	Qualification to Europa League first qualifying round
5	Lokomotiva	36	12	8	16	41	38	+3	44	
6	Istra 1961	36	10	9	17	33	49	-16	39	
7	Slaven Belupo	36	9	11	16	36	45	-9	38	
8	Inter Zaprešić	36	5	13	18	26	57	-31	28	
9	Cibalia (O)	36	4	9	23	26	79	-53	21	Qualification to Relegation play-offs
10	RNK Split (R)	36	3	9	24	12	52	-40	18	Relegation to Croatian Third Football League ^[1]

Source: Prva HNL (<https://web.archive.org/web/20170531153032/http://prvahnl.hr/statistika/ljestvica/>) (in Croatian), Soccerway (<https://int.soccerway.com/national/croatia/1-hnl/20162017/regular-season/r35882>)

Rules for classification: 1) Points; 2) Head-to-head points; 3) Head-to-head goal difference; 4) Head-to-head goals scored (away goals if 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).^[2]

(C) Champions; (O) Play-off winners; (R) Relegated

Notes:

- a. Since winners of 2016–17 Croatian Football Cup, Rijeka, qualified for Champions League, the spot awarded to the cup winner (Europa League third qualifying round) was passed to the runners-up and all other spots were adjusted accordingly.

Croatian Second Football League

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification or relegation
1	Rudeš (C, P)	33	17	9	7	43	27	+16	60	Promotion to the Croatian First Football League
2	Gorica	33	15	12	6	53	31	+22	57	Qualification to the promotion play-off
3	Solin	33	16	7	10	40	36	+4	55	
4	Sesvete	33	15	7	11	53	36	+17	52	
5	Dinamo Zagreb II	33	12	11	10	39	32	+7	47	Reserve teams are ineligible for promotion to the Croatian First Football League
6	Dugopolje	33	12	10	11	36	32	+4	46	
7	Šibenik	33	12	9	12	32	33	-1	45	
8	Novigrad	33	11	9	13	28	35	-7	42	
9	Lučko	33	9	11	13	34	48	-14	38	
10	Hrvatski Dragovoljac	33	9	9	15	30	39	-9	36	
11	Imotski (R)	33	8	7	18	36	58	-22	31	
12	NK Zagreb (R)	33	6	11	16	34	50	-16	29	Relegation to the Croatian Third Football League

Croatian clubs in Europe

Summary

Club	Competition	Starting round	Final round	Matches played
Dinamo Zagreb	Champions League	2nd qualifying round	Group stage	12
Rijeka	Europa League	3rd qualifying round		2
Hajduk Split	Europa League	2nd qualifying round	Play-off round	6
Lokomotiva	Europa League	1st qualifying round	Play-off round	8
Osijek	Women's Champions League	Qualifying round		3
Dinamo Zagreb U19	UEFA Youth League	Group stage		6

Dinamo Zagreb

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Dinamo Zagreb scorer(s)	Report
2016–17 Champions League - Second qualifying round					
12 July 2016	Philip II Arena, Skopje	 Vardar	2–1	Mijušković (o.g.), Rog	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefa/championsleague/season=2017/matches/round=200780/match=2020154/index.html)
20 July 2016	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb	 Vardar	3–2	Pjaca (2), Machado	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefa/championsleague/season=2017/matches/round=200780/match=2020171/index.html)
2016–17 Champions League - Third qualifying round					
26 July 2016	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb	 Dinamo Tbilisi	2–0	Soudani, Čorić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefa/championsleague/season=2017/matches/round=200781/match=2020338/index.html)
2 August 2016	Boris Paichadze Dinamo Arena, Tbilisi	 Dinamo Tbilisi	1–0	Rog	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefa/championsleague/season=2017/matches/round=200781/match=2020338/index.html)

2016–17 Champions League - Play-off round

16 August 2016	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</u>	 Red Bull Salzburg	1–1	Rog	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefa/championsleague/season=2017/matches/round=200782/match=2019266/index.html)
24 August 2016	<u>Red Bull Arena, Wals-Siezenheim</u>	 Red Bull Salzburg	2–1 (a.e.t.)	Fernandes, Soudani	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefa/championsleague/season=2017/matches/round=200782/match=2019281/index.html)

2016–17 Champions League - Group stage

14 September 2016	<u>Parc Olympique Lyonnais, Décines-Charpieu</u>	 Lyon	0–3		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefa/championsleague/season=2017/matches/round=200783/match=2019296/index.html)
27 September 2016	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</u>	 Juventus	0–4		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefa/championsleague/season=2017/matches/round=200783/match=2019320/index.html)
18 October 2016	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</u>	 Sevilla	0–1		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefa/championsleague/season=2017/matches/round=200783/match=2019320/index.html)
2 November 2016	<u>Ramón Sánchez Pizjuán Stadium, Seville</u>	 Sevilla	0–4		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefa/championsleague/season=2017/matches/round=200783/match=2019344/index.html)

22 November 2016	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</u>	 Lyon	0–1	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuroleague/season=2017/matches/round=200783/match=2019352/index.html)
7 December 2016	<u>Juventus Stadium, Turin</u>	 Juventus	0–2	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuroleague/season=2017/matches/round=200783/match=2019377/index.html)

Rijeka

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Rijeka scorer(s)	Report
2016–17 Europa League - Third qualifying round					
28 July 2016	<u>Başakşehir Fatih Terim Stadium, İstanbul</u>	 İstanbul Başakşehir	0–0		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuroleague/season=2017/matches/round=2000790/match=2020385/index.html)
4 August 2016	<u>Stadion Rujevica, Rijeka</u>	 İstanbul Başakşehir	2–2	Bezjak (2)	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuroleague/season=2017/matches/round=2000790/match=2020414/index.html)

Hajduk Split

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Hajduk Split scorer(s)	Report
2016–17 Europa League - Second qualifying round					
14 July 2016	<u>Stadionul Emil Alexandrescu, Iași</u>	 CSMS Iași	2–2	Ohandza, Said	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuroleague/season=2017/matches/round=2000789/match=2020096/index.html)
21 July 2016	<u>Stadion Poljud, Split</u>	 CSMS Iași	2–1	Tudor, Ohandza	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuroleague/season=2017/matches/round=2000789/match=2020097/index.html)

2016–17 Europa League - Third qualifying round

28 July 2016	CSC Nika Stadium, Oleksandriia	 FC Oleksandriya	3–0	Ćosić, Erceg, Ohandza	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuroleague/season=2017/matches/round=2000790/match=2020383/index.html)
4 August 2016	Stadion Poljud, Split	 FC Oleksandriya	3–1	Nižić, Sušić (2)	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuroleague/season=2017/matches/round=2000790/match=2020412/index.html)

2016–17 Europa League - Play-off round

18 August 2016	Netanya Stadium, Netanya	 Maccabi Tel Aviv	1–2	Said	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuroleague/season=2017/matches/round=2000791/match=2020456/index.html)
25 August 2016	Stadion Poljud, Split	 Maccabi Tel Aviv	2–1 (3–4 p)	Ćosić (2)	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuroleague/season=2017/matches/round=2000791/match=2020478/index.html)

Lokomotiva

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Lokomotiva scorer(s)	Report
<u>2016–17 Europa League - First qualifying round</u>					
30 June 2016	Estadi Comunal, Andorra la Vella	 UE Santa Coloma	3–1	Marić (2), Prenga	UEFA.com (http://www.efa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2017/matches/round=2000788/match=2019992/index.html)

7 July 2016	<u>Stadion Kranjčevićeva, Zagreb</u>	 <u>UE Santa Coloma</u>	4–1	Ćorić, Prenga, Marić, Perić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefa/europaleague/season=2017/matches/round=2000788/match=200044/index.html)
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2016–17 Europa League - Second qualifying round

14 July 2016	<u>Rovaniemen keskuskenttä, Rovaniemi</u>	 <u>RoPS</u>	1–1	Jammeh (o.g.)	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefa/europaleague/season=2017/matches/round=2000789/match=200080/index.html)
21 July 2016	<u>Stadion Kranjčevićeva, Zagreb</u>	 <u>RoPS</u>	3–0	Fiolić, Marić (2)	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefa/europaleague/season=2017/matches/round=2000789/match=20120/index.html)

2016–17 Europa League - Third qualifying round

28 July 2016	<u>Stadion Kranjčevićeva, Zagreb</u>	 <u>Vorskla Poltava</u>	0–0		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefa/europaleague/season=2017/matches/round=2000790/match=20367/index.html)
4 August 2016	<u>Oleksiy Butovskiy Vorskla Stadium, Poltava</u>	 <u>Vorskla Poltava</u>	3–2	Bočkaj, Fiolić, Perić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefa/europaleague/season=2017/matches/round=2000790/match=20396/index.html)

2016–17 Europa League - Play-off round

18 August 2016	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</u>	 <u>Genk</u>	2–2	Marić, Fiolić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefa/europaleague/season=2017/matches/round=2000791/match=20439/index.html)
25 August 2016	<u>Cristal Arena, Genk</u>	 <u>Genk</u>	0–2		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefa/europaleague/season=2017/matches/round=2000792/match=20440/index.html)

ŽNK Osijek

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	ŽNK Osijek scorer(s)	Report
<u>2016–17 UEFA Women's Champions League - Qualifying round</u>					
23 August 2016	<u>Stadion Gradski vrt, Osijek</u>	 ŽFK Dragon 2014	14–1	Trpeska (o.g.), Culek, Joščak (4), Šalek (5), Bojčić, Andrić (2)	<u>UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/womenschampionsleague/season=2017/matches/round=2000808/match=2020187/index.html)</u>
25 August 2016	<u>Stadion Gradski vrt, Osijek</u>	 FC Minsk	0–5		<u>UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/womenschampionsleague/season=2017/matches/round=2000808/match=2020205/index.html)</u>
28 August 2016	<u>Stadion Gradski vrt, Osijek</u>	 Standard Liège	1–1	Kunštek	<u>UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/womenschampionsleague/season=2017/matches/round=2000808/match=2020222/index.html)</u>

Dinamo Zagreb U19

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Dinamo Zagreb U19 scorer(s)	Report
<u>2016–17 UEFA Youth League - Group stage</u>					
14 September 2016	<u>Groupama Academy Stadium, Décines</u>	 Lyon	0–2		<u>UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/2020508--lyon-vs-dinamo-zagreb/?referrer=%2fuefayouthleague%2fseason%3d2017%2fmatches%2fround%3d200082%2fmatch%</u>

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27 September 2016	Stadion Hitrec-Kacian, <u>Zagreb</u>	 Juventus	2–1	Božić (2)	
18 October 2016	Stadion Hitrec-Kacian, <u>Zagreb</u>	 Sevilla	2–4	Božić (2)	UEFA.com (h https://www.ue fa.com/uefay outhleague/ match/20205 40--dinamo-z agreb-vs-sev illa/?referrer er=%2Fuefayo uthleague%2 Fseason%3 D2017%2Fm atches%2Fro und%3D200 0822%2Fmat ch%3D2020 540%2Finde x)
2 November 2016	Felipe Del Valle, <u>La Rinconada</u>	 Sevilla	1–1	Božić	UEFA.com (h https://www.ue fa.com/uefay outhleague/ match/20205 56--sevilla-vs -dinamo-zagr eb/?referrer er=%2Fuefayo uthleague%2 Fseason%3 D2017%2Fm atches%2Fro und%3D200 0822%2Fmat ch%3D2020 556%2Finde x)
22 November 2016	Stadion Hitrec-Kacian, <u>Zagreb</u>	 Lyon	1–2	Špikić	UEFA.com (h https://www.ue fa.com/uefay outhleague/ match/20205 72--dinamo-z agreb-vs-lyo n/?referrer er=%2Fuefayo uthleague%2 Fseason%3 D2017%2Fm atches%2Fro und%3D200

7 December 2016	Juventus Stadium, Turin	 Juventus	1–0	Đurić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/2020589--juventus-vs-dinamo-zagreb/?referrer=%2Fuefa-youthleague%2Fseason%3D2017%2Fmatches%2Fround%3D2000822%2Fmatch%3D2020589%2Findex)

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Football in Croatia

Season	2017–18
Men's football	
Prva HNL	Dinamo Zagreb
Druga HNL	Gorica
Treća HNL	Osijek II (North) Vinogradar (West) Croatia Zmijavci (South)
Croatian Cup	Dinamo Zagreb

The following article presents a summary of the **2017–18 football season in Croatia**, which will be the 27th season of competitive football in the country.

National teams

Croatia

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2018 FIFA World Cup qualification - Group stage					
3 September 2017	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb	 Kosovo	1–0	Vida	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/worldcup/season=2018/matches/round=200717/match=2019962/index.html)
5 September 2017	New Eskişehir Stadium, Eskişehir	 Turkey	0–1		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/worldcup/season=2018/matches/round=200717/match=2017863/index.html)
6 October 2017	Stadion Rujevica, Rijeka	 Finland	1–1	Mandžukić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/worldcup/season=2018/matches/round=200717/match=2017850/index.html)
9 October 2017	Olympic Stadium, Kyiv	 Ukraine	2–0	Kramarić (2)	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/worldcup/season=2018/matches/round=200717/match=2017855/index.html)
2018 FIFA World Cup qualification - Second Round					
9 November 2017	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb	 Greece	4–1	Modrić , Kalinić , Perišić , Kramarić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/worldcup/season=2018/matches/round=200718/match=2023296/index.html)
12 November 2017	Karaiskakis Stadium, Piraeus	 Greece	0–0		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/worldcup/season=2018/matches/round=200718/match=2023300/index.html)

Friendly fixtures

23 March 2018	<u>Hard Rock Stadium, Miami</u>	 Peru	0–2		
27 March 2018	<u>AT&T Stadium, Arlington</u>	 Mexico	1–0	Rakitić	
3 June 2018	<u>Anfield, Liverpool</u>	 Brazil	0–2		
8 June 2018	<u>Stadion Gradski vrt, Osijek</u>	 Senegal	2–1	Perišić, Kramarić	

Croatia U21

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2019 UEFA European Under-21 Championship qualification - Group stage					
31 August 2017	<u>Zimbru Stadium, Chișinău</u>	 Moldova	3–0	Ćorić, Brekalo (2)	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2019/matches/round=200803/match=2022289/index.html)
5 October 2017	<u>Stadion Varteks, Varaždin</u>	 Belarus	2–1	Šimić, Benković	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2019/matches/round=200803/match=2022275/index.html)
9 October 2017	<u>Stadion Varteks, Varaždin</u>	 Czech Republic	5–1	Karačić, Vlašić (2), Brekalo, Moro	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2019/matches/round=200803/match=2022283/index.html)
8 November 2017	<u>Stadion Radnik, Velika Gorica</u>	 San Marino	5–0	Jakoliš (3), Bočkaj, Brekalo	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2019/matches/round=200803/match=2022276/index.html)
13 November 2017	<u>Toumba Stadium, Thessaloniki</u>	 Greece	1–1	Brekalo	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2019/matches/round=200803/match=2022288/index.html)
23 March 2018	<u>Městský stadion, Karviná</u>	 Czech Republic	1–2	Ćaleta-Car	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2019/matches/round=200803/match=2022290/index.html)

27 March 2018	Stadion Radnik, <u>Velika Gorica</u>	 Moldova	4–0	Vlašić (2), Jakoliš, Karačić	UEFA.com (h tp://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2019/matches/round=200803/match=2022274/index.html)

Friendly fixtures

4 September 2017	Stadion Hartberg, <u>Hartberg</u>	 Austria	1–1	Ćorić	HNS-CFF.hr (http://hns-cff.hr/en/matches/9403085/austria-croatia-1-1/)

Croatia U19

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2018 UEFA European Under-19 Championship qualification - Qualifying round					
8 November 2017	Stadion Valbruna, <u>Rovinj</u>	 San Marino	3–0	Kulenović (2), Nejašmić	UEFA.com (h tp://www.uefa.com/under19/season=2018/matches/round=200840/match=2021415/index.html)
11 November 2017	Stadion Valbruna, <u>Rovinj</u>	 Latvia	0–0		UEFA.com (h tp://www.uefa.com/under19/season=2018/matches/round=200840/match=2021441/index.html)
14 November 2017	Stadion Kunfin, <u>Rovinj</u>	 Denmark	2–5	Javorčić, Špikić	UEFA.com (h tp://www.uefa.com/under19/season=2018/matches/round=200840/match=2021467/index.html)

Croatia U17

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2018 UEFA European Under-17 Championship qualification - Qualifying round					
19 October 2017	Selman Stërmasi Stadium, <u>Tirana</u>	 Albania	1–0	Krizmanić	UEFA.com (h tp://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2018/matches/round=200835/match=2022274/index.html)

22 October 2017	Elbasan Arena, Elbasan	Liechtenstein	6–0	Marin (2), Šarić, Krizmanić, Vušković, Brnić	UEFA.com (h tp://www.uefa.com/under 17/season=2018/matches/round=200835/match=2021366/index.html)
25 October 2017	Elbasan Arena, Elbasan	Spain	1–1	Vušković	UEFA.com (h tp://www.uefa.com/under 17/season=2018/matches/round=200835/match=2021391/index.html)

2018 UEFA European Under-17 Championship qualification - Elite round

9 March 2018	Stadion Aldo Drosina, Pula	Sweden	0–0		UEFA.com (h tp://www.uefa.com/under 17/season=2018/matches/round=200836/match=2023608/index.html)
12 March 2018	Stadion Kantrida, Rijeka	Cyprus	1–1	Marin	UEFA.com (h tp://www.uefa.com/under 17/season=2018/matches/round=200836/match=2023624/index.html)
15 March 2018	Stadion Kantrida, Rijeka	Belgium	1–2	Vušković	UEFA.com (h tp://www.uefa.com/under 17/season=2018/matches/round=200836/match=2023639/index.html)

Croatia Women's

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2019 FIFA Women's World Cup qualification - Group stage					
15 September 2017	Arena Lviv, Lviv	Ukraine	1–1	Rudelic	UEFA.com (h tp://www.uefa.com/womensworldcup/season=2019/matches/round=2000871/match=2022764/index.html)

19 September 2017	Stadion Varteks, Varaždin	Sweden	0–2		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/womensworldcup/season=2019/matches/round=2000871/match=2022769/index.html)
19 October 2017	Ménfői úti Stadion, Győr	Hungary	2–2	Žigić, Dujmenović	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/womensworldcup/season=2019/matches/round=2000871/match=2022765/index.html)
24 October 2017	Stadion ŠRC Zaprešić, Zaprešić	Denmark	0–4		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/womensworldcup/season=2019/matches/round=2000871/match=2022772/index.html)
5 April 2018	Stadion Stanovi, Zadar	Ukraine	0–3		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/womensworldcup/season=2019/matches/round=2000871/match=2022774/index.html)
9 April 2018	Stadion Stanovi, Zadar	Hungary	1–3	Žigić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/womensworldcup/season=2019/matches/round=2000871/match=2022775/index.html)
7 June 2018	Gamla Ullevi, Gothenburg	Sweden	0–4		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/womensworldcup/season=2019/matches/round=2000871/match=2022759/index.html)

Croatia Women's U19

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2018 UEFA Women's Under-19 Championship qualification - Qualifying round					

17 October 2017	Thermenstadion, <u>Bad Waltersdorf</u>	 Austria	0–4		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/womensunder19s/eason=2018/matches/round=2000862/match=2021008/index.html)
20 October 2017	Thermenstadion, <u>Bad Waltersdorf</u>	 Belgium	0–7		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/womensunder19s/eason=2018/matches/round=2000862/match=2021031/index.html)
23 October 2017	Thermenstadion, <u>Bad Waltersdorf</u>	 North Macedonia	1–0	Spajić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/womensunder19s/eason=2018/matches/round=2000862/match=2021056/index.html)

Croatia Women's U17

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2018 UEFA Women's Under-17 Championship qualification - Qualifying round					
16 October 2017	<u>Uddevalla Arena, Ljungskile</u>	 Russia	0–2		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/womensunder17s/eason=2018/matches/round=2000856/match=2020936/index.html)
19 October 2017	<u>Uddevalla Arena, Ljungskile</u>	 Sweden	0–11		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/womensunder17s/eason=2018/matches/round=2000856/match=2020959/index.html)
22 October 2017	<u>Uddevalla Arena, Ljungskile</u>	 Israel	1–2	Lucić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/womensunder17s/eason=2018/matches/round=2000856/match=2020981/index.html)

League tables

Croatian First Football League

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification or relegation
1	Dinamo Zagreb (C)	36	22	7	7	68	34	+34	73	Qualification for the Champions League second qualifying round
2	Rijeka	36	22	4	10	75	32	+43	70	Qualification for the Europa League third qualifying round ^[a]
3	Hajduk Split	36	19	9	8	70	38	+32	66	Qualification for the Europa League second qualifying round ^[a]
4	Osijek	36	14	14	8	53	38	+15	56	Qualification for the Europa League first qualifying round ^[a]
5	Lokomotiva	36	14	9	13	47	48	-1	51	
6	Slaven Belupo	36	11	10	15	35	45	-10	43	
7	Inter Zaprešić	36	11	10	15	43	64	-21	43	
8	Rudeš	36	10	10	16	41	62	-21	40	
9	Istra 1961 (O)	36	6	9	21	28	60	-32	27	Qualification for the Relegation play-offs
10	Cibalia (R)	36	6	8	22	36	75	-39	26	Relegation to Croatian Second Football League

Source: PrvaHNL.hr (<https://web.archive.org/web/20180531164840/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; (O) Play-off winners; (R) Relegated

Notes:

- a. Since the winners of the 2017–18 Croatian Football Cup, Dinamo Zagreb, qualified for European competition based on league position, the spot awarded to the cup winners (Europa League third qualifying round) was passed to the runners-up, the spot awarded to the runners-up was passed to the third-placed team, and the spot awarded to the third-placed team was passed to the fourth-placed team.

Croatian Second Football League

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification or relegation ^[a]
1	Gorica (C, P)	33	18	8	7	44	29	+15	62	Promotion to the Croatian First Football League
2	Varaždin	33	18	7	8	50	32	+18	61 ^[b]	Qualification to the promotion play-off
3	Dinamo Zagreb II	33	18	7	8	43	25	+18	61 ^[b]	Reserve teams are ineligible for promotion to the Croatian First Football League
4	Sesvete	33	16	6	11	46	38	+8	54	
5	Hajduk Split II	33	15	5	13	44	32	+12	50	Reserve teams are ineligible for promotion to the Croatian First Football League
6	Dugopolje	33	13	7	13	34	37	-3	46	
7	Šibenik	33	11	9	13	39	43	-4	42	
8	Kustošija	33	11	7	15	34	39	-5	40	
9	Solin	33	9	7	17	31	48	-17	34 ^[c]	
10	Lučko	33	8	10	15	27	40	-13	34 ^[c]	
11	Hrvatski Dragovoljac	33	8	10	15	37	48	-11	34 ^[c]	Qualification to the relegation play-off
12	Novigrad (R)	33	8	7	18	32	50	-18	31	Relegation to the Croatian Third Football League

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 away goals scored

(C) Champions; (P) Promoted; (R) Relegated

Notes:

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

b. Head-to-head points: Varaždin 6, Dinamo 0

Croatian clubs in Europe

Summary

Club	Competition	Starting round	Final round	Matches played
<u>Rijeka</u>	<u>Champions League</u>	<u>2nd qualifying round</u>	<u>Play-off round</u>	6
	<u>Europa League</u>		<u>Group stage</u>	6
<u>Dinamo Zagreb</u>	<u>Europa League</u>	<u>3rd qualifying round</u>	<u>Play-off round</u>	4
<u>Hajduk Split</u>	<u>Europa League</u>	<u>2nd qualifying round</u>	<u>Play-off round</u>	6
<u>Osijek</u>	<u>Europa League</u>	<u>1st qualifying round</u>	<u>Play-off round</u>	8
<u>Osijek</u>	<u>Women's Champions League</u>		<u>Qualifying round</u>	3
<u>Lokomotiva U19</u>	<u>UEFA Youth League</u>	<u>First round</u>	<u>Second round</u>	4

Rijeka

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Rijeka scorer(s)	Report
2017–18 Champions League - Second qualifying round					
11 July 2017	<u>Stadion Rujevica, Rijeka</u>	 <u>The New Saints</u>	2–0	Mišić, Matei	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2018/matches/round=200878/match=2021513/index.html)
18 July 2017	<u>Park Hall, Oswestry</u>	 <u>The New Saints</u>	5–1	Matei, Gavranović (2), Gorgon, Ristovski	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2018/matches/round=200878/match=2021530/index.html)
2017–18 Champions League - Third qualifying round					
26 July 2017	<u>Red Bull Arena, Wals-Siezenheim</u>	 <u>Red Bull Salzburg</u>	1–1	Gavranović	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2018/matches/round=200879/match=2021544/index.html)
2 August 2017	<u>Stadion Rujevica, Rijeka</u>	 <u>Red Bull Salzburg</u>	0–0		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2018/matches/round=200879/match=2021544/index.html)

2017–18 Champions League - Play-off round

16 August 2017	Karaïskakis Stadium, Piraeus	Olympiacos	1–2	Héber	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefacampionsleague/season=2018/matches/round=200880/match=2021569/index.html)
22 August 2017	Stadion Rujevica, Rijeka	Olympiacos	0–1		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefacampionsleague/season=2018/matches/round=200880/match=2021584/index.html)

2017–18 UEFA Europa League group stage

14 September 2017	Stadion Rujevica, Rijeka	AEK Athens	1–2	Elez	UEFA.com (http://www.uefaeuroleague/season=2018/matches/round=2000890/match=2022021/index.html)
28 September 2017	San Siro, Milan	Milan	2–3	Acosty, Elez	UEFA.com (http://www.uefaeuroleague/season=2018/matches/round=2000890/match=2022045/index.html)
19 October 2017	Ernst-Happel-Stadion, Vienna	Austria Wien	3–1	Gavranović (2), Kvržić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefaeuroleague/season=2018/matches/round=2000890/match=2022069/index.html)
2 November 2017	Stadion Rujevica, Rijeka	Austria Wien	1–4	Pavičić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefaeuroleague/season=2018/matches/round=2000890/match=2022093/index.html)
23 November 2017	Olympic Stadium, Athens	AEK Athens	2–2	Gorgon (2)	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuroleague/season=2018/matches/round=2000890/match=2022107/index.html)

[a.com/uefaeuroleague/season=2018/matches/round=2000890/match=2022117/index.html](http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuroleague/season=2018/matches/round=2000890/match=2022117/index.html)

7 December 2017	Stadion Rujevica, Rijeka	 Milan	2–0	Puljić, Gavranović	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuroleague/season=2018/matches/round=2000890/match=2022141/index.html)
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Dinamo Zagreb

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Dinamo Zagreb scorer(s)	Report
2017–18 Europa League - Third qualifying round					
27 July 2017	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb	 Odd	2–1	Hodžić, Fernandes	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuroleague/season=2018/matches/round=2000888/match=2021901/index.html)
3 August 2017	Skagerak Arena, Skien	 Odd	0–0		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuroleague/season=2018/matches/round=2000888/match=2021930/index.html)
2017–18 Europa League - Play-off round					
17 August 2017	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb	 Skënderbeu Korçë	1–1	Henríquez	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuroleague/season=2018/matches/round=2000889/match=2021966/index.html)
24 August 2017	Elbasan Arena, Elbasan	 Skënderbeu Korçë	0–0		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuroleague/season=2018/matches/round=2000889/match=2021997/index.html)

Hajduk Split

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Hajduk Split scorer(s)	Report
2017–18 Europa League - Second qualifying round					
13 July 2017	Stadion Hrvatski vitezovi, Dugopolje	 Levski Sofia	1–0	Futács	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuroleague/season=2018/matches/round=200088/7/match=2021827/index.html)
20 July 2017	Georgi Asparuhov Stadium, Sofia	 Levski Sofia	2–1	Ohandza, Erceg	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuroleague/season=2018/matches/round=200088/7/match=2021867/index.html)
2017–18 Europa League - Third qualifying round					
27 July 2017	Brøndby Stadium, Brøndby	 Brøndby	0–0		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuroleague/season=2018/matches/round=200088/8/match=2021910/index.html)
3 August 2017	Stadion Poljud, Split	 Brøndby	2–0	Erceg (2)	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuroleague/season=2018/matches/round=200088/8/match=2021939/index.html)
2017–18 Europa League - Play-off round					
17 August 2017	Goodison Park, Liverpool	 Everton	0–2		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuroleague/season=2018/matches/round=200088/9/match=2021960/index.html)
24 August 2017	Stadion Poljud, Split	 Everton	1–1	Radošević	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuroleague/season=2018/matches/round=200088/9/match=2021902/index.html)

Osijek

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Osijek scorer(s)	Report
2017–18 Europa League - First qualifying round					
29 June 2017	Estadi Comunal, Andorra la Vella	 UE Santa Coloma	2–0	Mioč, Lukić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuroleague/season=2018/matches/round=200086/match=2021733/index.html)
6 July 2017	Stadion Gradski vrt, Osijek	 UE Santa Coloma	4–0	Ejupi, Barišić, Bočkaj (2)	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuroleague/season=2018/matches/round=200086/match=2021784/index.html)
2017–18 Europa League - Second qualifying round					
13 July 2017	Stadion Gradski vrt, Osijek	 Luzern	2–0	Ejupi, Grezda	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuroleague/season=2018/matches/round=200087/match=2021846/index.html)
20 July 2017	Swissporarena, Lucerne	 Luzern	1–2	Ejupi	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuroleague/season=2018/matches/round=200087/match=2021886/index.html)
2017–18 Europa League - Third qualifying round					
27 July 2017	Philips Stadion, Eindhoven	 PSV Eindhoven	1–0	Barišić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuroleague/season=2018/matches/round=200088/match=2021894/index.html)
3 August 2017	Stadion Gradski vrt, Osijek	 PSV Eindhoven	1–0	Bočkaj	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuroleague/season=2018/matches/round=200088/match=2021911/index.html)

2017–18 Europa League - Play-off round

17 August 2017	<u>Stadion Gradski vrt, Osijek</u>	 Austria Wien	1–2	Ejupi	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuroleague/season=2018/matches/round=2000889/match=2021953/index.html)
24 August 2017	<u>NV Arena, Sankt Pölten</u>	 Austria Wien	1–0	Boban	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuroleague/season=2018/matches/round=2000889/match=2021984/index.html)

ŽNK Osijek

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	ŽNK Osijek scorer(s)	Report
2017–18 UEFA Women's Champions League - Qualifying round					
22 August 2017	<u>Stadion Gradski vrt, Osijek</u>	 ŽFK Istatov	7–0	Balić (3), Nevrkla, Andrić, Jakovac, Lojna	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/womenschampionsleague/season=2018/matches/round=2000907/match=2022879/index.html)
25 August 2017	<u>Stadion Gradski vrt, Osijek</u>	 KÍ Klaksvík	4–0	Andrić, Bojčić, Nevrkla, Jakovac	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/womenschampionsleague/season=2018/matches/round=2000907/match=2022897/index.html)
28 August 2017	<u>Stadion Gradski vrt, Osijek</u>	 Stjarnan	0–1		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/womenschampionsleague/season=2018/matches/round=2000907/match=2022914/index.html)

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Lokomotiva U19 scorer(s)	Report
2017–18 UEFA Youth League Domestic Champions Path - First round					
26 September 2017	<u>Stadionul Dinamo, Bucharest</u>	 <u>Dinamo Bucureşti</u>	2–0	<u>Kastrati, Dunić</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/2023147--dinamo-1948-vs-lokomotiva-zagreb/?referrer=%2fuefayouthleague%2fseason%3d2018%2fmatches%2fround%3d200092%2fmatch%3d2023147%2findex)
18 October 2017	<u>Stadion Lučko, Zagreb</u>	 <u>Dinamo Bucureşti</u>	2–2	<u>Krajinović, Vranjković</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/2023163--lokomotiva-zagreb-vs-dinamo-1948/?referrer=%2fuefayouthleague%2fseason%3d2018%2fmatches%2fround%3d200092%2fmatch%3d2023163%2findex)
2017–18 UEFA Youth League Domestic Champions Path - Second round					
31 October 2017	<u>Stadion Lučko, Zagreb</u>	 <u>Željezničar</u>	1–1	<u>Vranjković</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/2023177--lokomotiva-zagreb-vs-zeljeznicar/?referrer=%2fuefayouthleague%2fseason%3d2018%2fmatches%2fround%3d200092%2fmatch%3d2023177%2findex)
22 November 2017	<u>Stadion Grbavica, Sarajevo</u>	 <u>Željezničar</u>	0–0		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/2023185--zeljeznicar-vs-lokomotiva-zagreb/?referrer=%2fuefayouthleague%2fseason%3d2018%2fmatches%2fround%3d200092%2fmatch%3d2023185%2findex)

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Football in Croatia

Season	2018–19
Men's football	
Prva HNL	Dinamo Zagreb
Druga HNL	Varaždin
Treća HNL	Cibalia (North) Vinogradar (West) Junak (South)
Croatian Cup	Rijeka
	

The following article presents a summary of the **2018–19 football season in Croatia**, which will be the 28th season of competitive football in the country.

National teams

Croatia

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2018 FIFA World Cup - Group stage					
16 June 2018	Kaliningrad Stadium, Kaliningrad	 Nigeria	2–0	Etebo (o.g.), Modrić	FIFA.com (https://web.archive.org/web/20180612212731/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/match/300331523/#match-summary)
21 June 2018	Nizhny Novgorod Stadium, Nizhny Novgorod	 Argentina	3–0	Rebić, Modrić, Rakitić	FIFA.com (https://web.archive.org/web/20180612140549/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/match/300331513/#match-summary)
26 June 2018	Rostov Arena, Rostov-on-Don	 Iceland	2–1	Badelj, Perišić	FIFA.com (https://web.archive.org/web/20180612145333/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/match/300331510/#match-summary)
2018 FIFA World Cup - Knockout stage					
1 July 2018	Nizhny Novgorod Stadium, Nizhny Novgorod	 Denmark	1–1 (3–2 p)	Mandžukić	FIFA.com (https://web.archive.org/web/20180627010007/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/match/300331498/#match-summary)
7 July 2018	Fisht Olympic Stadium, Sochi	 Russia	2–2 (4–3 p)	Kramarić, Vida	FIFA.com (https://web.archive.org/web/20180702175734/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/match/300331)

					FIFA.com (https://web.archive.org/web/2018070820145/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/match/300331522/#match-summary)
11 July 2018	Luzhniki Stadium, Moscow	 England	2–1 (a.e.t.)	Perišić, Mandžukić	
15 July 2018	Luzhniki Stadium, Moscow	 France	2–4	Perišić, Mandžukić	FIFA.com (https://web.archive.org/web/20180712024254/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/match/300331552/#match-summary)

2018–19 UEFA Nations League A - Group stage

11 September 2018	Estadio Manuel Martínez Valero, Elche	 Spain	0–6		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefa/nationsleague/season=2019/matches/group=2000959/match=2024040/index.html)
12 October 2018	Stadion Rujevica, Rijeka	 England	0–0		UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefa/nationsleague/season=2019/matches/group=2000959/match=2024041/index.html)
15 November 2018	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb	 Spain	3–2	Kramarić, Jedvaj (2)	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefa/nationsleague/season=2019/matches/group=2000959/match=2024039/index.html)
18 November 2018	Wembley Stadium, London	 England	1–2	Kramarić	UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefa/nationsleague/season=2019/matches/group=2000959/match=2024037/index.html)

UEFA Euro 2020 qualifying - Group stage

21 March 2019	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb	Azerbaijan	2–1	Barišić, Kramarić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/european-qualified/season=2020/matches/round=2001086/match=2026019/index.html)
24 March 2019	Groupama Arena, Budapest	Hungary	1–2	Rebić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/european-qualified/season=2020/matches/round=2001086/match=2026043/index.html)
8 June 2019	Stadion Gradski vrt, Osijek	Wales	2–1	Lawrence (o.g.), Perišić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/european-qualified/season=2020/matches/round=2001086/match=2026072/index.html)

Friendly fixtures

6 September 2018	Estádio do Algarve, Loulé	Portugal	1–1	Perišić	
15 October 2018	Stadion Rujevica, Rijeka	Jordan	2–1	Vida, Mitrović	
11 June 2019	Stadion Varteks, Varaždin	Tunisia	1–2	Petković	

Croatia U21

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2019 UEFA European Under-21 Championship qualification - Group stage					
10 September 2018	Neman Stadium, Grodno	Belarus	4–0	Jakoliš, Šunjić, Halilović, Brekalo	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2019/matches/round=2000803/match=2022290/index.html)
12 October 2018	Stadion Aldo Drosina, Pula	Greece	2–0	Pasalidis (o.g.), Brekalo	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2019/matches/round=2000803/match=2022273/index.html)
15 October 2018	San Marino Stadium, Serravalle	San Marino	4–0	Halilović, Vlašić, Uremović, Bosančić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2019/matches/round=2000803/match=2022291/index.html)

Friendly fixtures

15 November 2018	Stade Pierre Brisson, Beauvais	France	2–2	Halilović, Uremović	
25 March 2019	Stadio Benito Stirpe, Frosinone	Italy	2–2	Halilović, Kalaica	
12 June 2019	Stadion Aldo Drosina, Pula	Denmark	1–0	Bašić	

Croatia U19

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2019 UEFA European Under-19 Championship qualification - Qualifying round					
14 November 2018	SK Hanácká Slavia Kroměříž, Kroměříž	North Macedonia	1–1	Šutalo	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under19/season=2019/matches/round=200953/match=2023808/index.html)
17 November 2018	Letná Stadion, Zlín	Luxembourg	2–1	Marin, Palaversa	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under19/season=2019/matches/round=200953/match=2023834/index.html)
20 November 2018	Letná Stadion, Zlín	Czech Republic	2–2	Šego, Palaversa	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under19/season=2019/matches/round=200953/match=2023859/index.html)
2019 UEFA European Under-19 Championship qualification - Elite round					
20 March 2019	Gradski stadion, Sinj	Germany	1–2	Blagaić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under19/season=2019/matches/round=200954/match=2026293/index.html)
23 March 2019	Stadion Hrvatski vitezovi, Dugopolje	Hungary	2–0	Šutalo, Marin	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under19/season=2019/matches/round=200954/match=2026308/index.html)

26 March 2019	Gradski stadion, Sinj	Norway	2–3	Šutalo, Palaversa	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under19/season=2019/matches/round=200954/match=2026322/index.html)
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Croatia U17

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2019 UEFA European Under-17 Championship qualification - Qualifying round					
27 October 2018	Gradski stadion, Sinj	Armenia	3–0	Vasilj, Biuk, Groznić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2019/matches/round=200948/match=2023732/index.html)
30 October 2018	Stadion Hrvatski vitezovi, Dugopolje	Andorra	3–0	Vasilj (2), Sučić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2019/matches/round=200948/match=2023758/index.html)
2 November 2018	Gradski stadion, Sinj	Italy	0–3		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2019/matches/round=200948/match=2023783/index.html)
2019 UEFA European Under-17 Championship qualification - Elite round					
21 March 2019	Silkeborg Stadium, Silkeborg	Denmark	3–2	Jurčec, Groznić, Gvardiol	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2019/matches/round=200949/match=2026246/index.html)
24 March 2019	Silkeborg Stadium, Silkeborg	England	0–0		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2019/matches/round=200949/match=2026261/index.html)
27 March 2019	Vorup Stadion, Randers	Switzerland	1–1	Branšteter	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2019/matches/round=200949/match=2026262/index.html)

Croatia Women's

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2019 FIFA Women's World Cup qualification - Group stage					
30 August 2018	Viborg Stadium, Viborg	 Denmark	1–1	Lojna	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womensworldcup/season=2019/matches/round=2000871/match=2022762/index.html)

Croatia Women's U19

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2019 UEFA Women's Under-19 Championship qualification - Qualifying round					
1 October 2018	Stadion NK Podravina, Ludbreg	 Slovakia	0–6		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womenunder19/season=2019/matches/round=2000941/match=2023534/index.html)
4 October 2018	SRC Trate, Nedelišće	 England	0–8		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womenunder19/season=2019/matches/round=2000941/match=2023557/index.html)
7 October 2018	Stadion NK Podravina, Ludbreg	 Malta	0–0		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womenunder19/season=2019/matches/round=2000941/match=2023582/index.html)

Croatia Women's U17

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2019 UEFA Women's Under-17 Championship qualification - Qualifying round					

19 October 2018	Stadion Veli Jože, Poreč	Russia	0–1		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womensunder17sseason=2019/matches/round=2000935/match=2023470/index.html)
22 October 2018	Stadion Valbruna, Rovinj	Norway	0–4		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womensunder17sseason=2019/matches/round=2000935/match=2023491/index.html)
25 October 2018	Stadion Veli Jože, Poreč	Israel	1–0	Petarić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womensunder17sseason=2019/matches/round=2000935/match=2023514/index.html)

League tables

Croatian First Football League

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification or relegation
1	Dinamo Zagreb (C)	36	29	5	2	74	20	+54	92	Qualification to Champions League second qualifying round
2	Rijeka	36	19	10	7	70	36	+34	67	Qualification to Europa League third qualifying round ^[a]
3	Osijek	36	18	8	10	61	36	+25	62 ^[b]	Qualification to Europa League second qualifying round
4	Hajduk Split	36	17	11	8	59	39	+20	62 ^[b]	Qualification to Europa League first qualifying round
5	Gorica	36	17	8	11	57	46	+11	59	
6	Lokomotiva	36	13	10	13	51	43	+8	49	
7	Slaven Belupo	36	7	16	13	41	53	-12	37	
8	Inter Zaprešić	36	9	4	23	40	84	-44	31	
9	Istra 1961 (O)	36	6	7	23	31	73	-42	25	Qualification to Relegation play-offs
10	Rudeš (R)	36	3	5	28	26	80	-54	14	Relegation to Croatian Second Football League

Source: PrvaHNL.hr (<https://web.archive.org/web/20190611184553/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; (O) Play-off winners; (R) Relegated

Notes:

a. Rijeka qualified for the Europa League third qualifying round by winning the 2018–19 Croatian Football Cup. As a result, the spot awarded to the runners-up (Europa League second qualifying round) was passed to the third-placed team, and the spot awarded to the third-placed team (Europa League first qualifying round) was passed to the fourth-placed team.

b. Head-to-head points: Osijek 7 pts, Hajduk Split 4 pts.

Croatian Second Football League

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification or relegation ^[a]
1	Varaždin (C, P)	26	16	3	7	40	30	+10	51	Promotion to the Croatian First Football League
2	Šibenik	26	13	7	6	38	25	+13	46	Qualification to the promotion play-off
3	Osijek II	26	13	5	8	37	26	+11	44	Reserve teams are ineligible for promotion to the Croatian First Football League
4	Hajduk Split II	26	12	7	7	36	29	+7	43	
5	Dugopolje	26	13	4	9	29	26	+3	43	
6	Sesvete	26	11	7	8	38	26	+12	40	
7	Dinamo Zagreb II	26	10	7	9	31	26	+5	37	
8	Zadar (R)	26	9	7	10	36	40	-4	34	
9	BSK Bijelo Brdo	26	6	10	10	31	37	-6	28	
10	Solin	26	5	13	8	24	31	-7	28	
11	Kustošija	26	7	7	12	20	28	-8	28	
12	Hrvatski Dragovoljac	26	7	6	13	23	29	-6	27	
13	Međimurje	26	6	7	13	26	42	-16	25	
14	Lučko (R)	26	6	6	14	16	31	-15	24	Relegation to the Croatian Third Football League

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; (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	Play-off round	6
	Europa League	Group stage	Round of 16	10
Rijeka	Europa League	3rd qualifying round		2
Hajduk Split	Europa League	2nd qualifying round	3rd qualifying round	4
Osijek	Europa League	1st qualifying round	2nd qualifying round	4
Osijek	Women's Champions League	Qualifying round		3
Dinamo Zagreb U19	UEFA Youth League	First round	Quarter-finals	7

Dinamo Zagreb

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Dinamo Zagreb scorer(s)	Report
2018–19 Champions League - Second qualifying round					
24 July 2018	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb	Flag of Israel Hapoel Be'er Sheva	5–0	Hajrović, Oršić, Ademi (2), Hodžić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/seasont=2019/match)

31 July 2018	<u>Turner Stadium, Be'er Sheva</u>	 <u>Hapoel Be'er Sheva</u>	2–2	<u>Budimir, Hajrović</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2019/matches/round=2000977/matchh=2024641/index.html)
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2018–19 Champions League - Third qualifying round

7 August 2018	<u>Astana Arena, Astana</u>	 <u>Astana</u>	2–0	<u>Budimir, Olmo</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2019/matches/round=2000978/matchh=2025311/index.html)
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14 August 2018	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</u>	 <u>Astana</u>	1–0	<u>Gavranović</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2019/matches/round=2000978/matchh=2025321/index.html)
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2018–19 Champions League - Play-off round

22 August 2018	<u>Stade de Suisse, Bern</u>	 <u>Young Boys</u>	1–1	<u>Oršić</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2019/matches/round=2000979/matchh=2025297/index.html)
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28 August 2018	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</u>	 <u>Young Boys</u>	1–2	<u>Hajrović</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2019/matches/round=2000979/matchh=2025303/index.html)
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2018–19 UEFA Europa League - Group stage

20 September 2018	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</u>	 <u>Fenerbahçe</u>	4–1	<u>Šunjić, Hajrović (2), Olmo</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2019/matches/round=200990/matchh=2025300/index.html)
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4 October 2018	<u>Constant Vanden Stock Stadium, Anderlecht</u>	<u>Anderlecht</u>	2–0	<u>Hajrović, Gojak</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2019/matches/round=2000990/match=2025192/index.html)
25 October 2018	<u>Štadión Antona Malatinského, Trnava</u>	<u>Spartak Trnava</u>	2–1	<u>Gavranović, Oršić</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2019/matches/round=2000990/match=2025216/index.html)
8 November 2018	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</u>	<u>Spartak Trnava</u>	3–1	<u>Gojak, Kadlec (o.g.), Oršić</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2019/matches/round=2000990/match=2025228/index.html)
29 November 2018	<u>Şükrü Saracoğlu Stadium, İstanbul</u>	<u>Fenerbahçe</u>	0–0		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2019/matches/round=2000990/match=2025264/index.html)
13 December 2018	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</u>	<u>Anderlecht</u>	0–0		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2019/matches/round=2000990/match=2025276/index.html)

2018–19 UEFA Europa League - Round of 32

14 February 2019	<u>Doosan Arena, Plzeň</u>	<u>Viktoria Plzeň</u>	1–2	<u>Olmo</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2019/matches/round=2000991/match=2026869/index.html)
21 February 2019	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</u>	<u>Viktoria Plzeň</u>	3–0	<u>Oršić, Dilaver, Petković</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2019/matches/round=2000991/match=2026870/index.html)

2018–19 UEFA Europa League - Round of 16

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Rijeka scorer(s)	Report
2018–19 UEFA Europa League - Round of 16					
7 March 2019	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb	 Benfica	1–0	Petković	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2019/matches/round=200992/match=2026903/index.html)
14 March 2019	Estádio da Luz, Lisbon	 Benfica	0–3 (a.e.t.)		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2019/matches/round=200992/match=2026911/index.html)

Rijeka

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Rijeka scorer(s)	Report
2018–19 Europa League - Third qualifying round					
9 August 2018	Sarpsborg Stadion, Sarpsborg	 Sarpsborg 08	1–1	Gorgon	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2019/matches/round=200098/match=2025330/index.html)
16 August 2018	Stadion Rujevica, Rijeka	 Sarpsborg 08	0–1		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2019/matches/round=200098/match=2025366/index.html)

Hajduk Split

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Hajduk Split scorer(s)	Report
2018–19 Europa League - Second qualifying round					
26 July 2018	Stadion Poljud, Split	 Slavia Sofia	1–0	Said	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2019/matches/round=200097/match=2026885/index.html)

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2 August 2018	Vasil Levski National Stadium, Sofia	 Slavia Sofia	3–2	Jurić, Caktaš (2)	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuroleague/season=2019/matches/round=2000987/match=2024879/index.html)
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2018–19 Europa League - Third qualifying round

9 August 2018	Stadion Poljud, Split	 Steaua Bucureşti	0–0		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuroleague/season=2019/matches/round=2000988/match=2025338/index.html)
16 August 2018	Arena Națională, Bucharest	 Steaua Bucureşti	1–2	Said	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuroleague/season=2019/matches/round=2000988/match=2025374/index.html)

Osijek

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Osijek scorer(s)	Report
2018–19 Europa League - First qualifying round					
12 July 2017	Zimbru Stadium, Chișinău	 Petrocub Hîncești	1–1	Marić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuroleague/season=2019/matches/round=2000986/match=2024676/index.html)
19 July 2017	Stadion Gradski vrt, Osijek	 Petrocub Hîncești	2–1	Mudražija, Barišić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuroleague/season=2019/matches/round=2000986/match=2024723/index.html)

2018–19 Europa League - Second qualifying round

26 July 2018	Stadion Gradski vrt, Osijek	 Rangers	0–1		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuroleague/season=2019/matches/round=2000985/index.html)
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2 August 2018	Ibrox Stadium, Glasgow	 Rangers	1–1	Goldson (o.g.)	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuroleague/season=2019/matches/round=2000987/match=2024865/index.html)
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ŽNK Osijek

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	ŽNK Osijek scorer(s)	Report
2018–19 UEFA Women's Champions League - Qualifying round					
7 August 2018	Stadion Gradski vrt, Osijek	 Dragon 2014	13–0	Andrić (3), Joščak (2), Bulut, Balić (3), Lojna, Balog (2), Maltašić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womenschampionsleague/season=2019/matches/round=2001001/match=2024436/index.html)
10 August 2018	Stadion Gradski vrt, Osijek	 Sporting CP	0–3		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womenschampionsleague/season=2019/matches/round=2001001/match=2024438/index.html)
13 August 2018	Stadion Gradski vrt, Osijek	 Avaldsnes	2–2	Joščak, Šalek	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womenschampionsleague/season=2019/matches/round=2001001/match=2024439/index.html)

Dinamo Zagreb U19

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Dinamo Zagreb U19 scorer(s)	Report
2018–19 UEFA Youth League Domestic Champions Path - First round					
2 October 2018	Stadionul Viitorul, Ovidiu	 Viitorul Constanța	1–0	Ćuže	UEFA.com (https://www.uefayouthleague.com/match/20255)

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23 October 2018	Stadion Hitrec-Kacian, <u>Zagreb</u>	 <u>Viitorul Constanța</u>	2–0	<u>Leca</u> (o.g.), <u>Ćuže</u>	UEFA.com (h ttps://www.ue fa.com/uefay outhleague/ match/20256 14--dinamo-z agreb-vs-vi orul/?referrer =%2Fuefayo uthleague%2 Fseason%3 D2019%2Fm atches%2Fro und%3D200 1050%2Fmat ch%3D2025 614%2Finde x)
7 November 2018	<u>Astana Arena, Astana</u>	 <u>Astana</u>	1–1	<u>Šipoš</u>	UEFA.com (h ttps://www.ue fa.com/uefay outhleague/ match/20256 22--astana-v s-dinamo-za greb/?referrer =%2Fuefay outhleague% 2Fseason%3 D2019%2Fm atches%2Fro und%3D200 1051%2Fmat ch%3D2025 622%2Finde x)
27 November 2018	Stadion Hitrec-Kacian, <u>Zagreb</u>	 <u>Astana</u>	3–1	<u>Šipoš</u> , <u>Franjić</u> , <u>Kapitanović</u>	UEFA.com (h ttps://www.ue fa.com/uefay outhleague/ match/20256 30--dinamo-z agreb-vs-ast ana/?referrer =%2Fuefayo uthleague%2 Fseason%3 D2019%2Fm atches%2Fro und%3D200 1051%2Fmat ch%3D2025 630%2Finde x)

2018–19 UEFA Youth League - Play-offs

19 February 2019	Stadion Hitrec-Kacian, Zagreb	 Lokomotiv Moscow	1–1 (5–4 p)	Šipoš	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/2026862--dinamo-zagreb-vs-lokomotiv-moskva/?referrer=%2fuefayouthleague%2fseason%3d2019%2fmatch%3d200105%2fmatch%3d2026862%2findex)
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2018–19 UEFA Youth League - Round of 16

12 March 2019	Stadion Hitrec-Kacian, Zagreb	 Liverpool	1–1 (4–3 p)	Šipoš	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/2027172--dinamo-zagreb-vs-liverpool/?referrer=%2fuefayouthleague%2fseason%3d2019%2fmatches%2fround%3d200105%2fmatch%3d2027153%2fmatch%3d2027172%2findex)
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2018–19 UEFA Youth League - Quarter-finals

3 April 2019	Cobham Training Centre, Cobham	 Chelsea	1–1 (2–4 p)	Marin	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/2027196--chelsea-vs-dinamo-zagreb/?referrer=%2fuefayouthleague%2fseason%3d2019%2fmatches%2fround%3d200105%2fmatch%3d2027154%2fmatch%3d2027196%2findex)
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2019–20 in Croatian football

Football in Croatia

Season	2019–20
Men's football	
Prva HNL	Dinamo Zagreb
Druga HNL	Šibenik ^[1]
Treća HNL	Mladost Ždralovi (North) Junak Sinj (South) Opatija (West) Marsonia (East) Vinogradar (Center)
Croatian Cup	Rijeka
	

The following article presents a summary of the **2019–20 football season in Croatia**, which was the 29th season of competitive football in the country.

National teams

Croatia

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
UEFA Euro 2020 qualifying - Group stage					
6 September 2019	Anton Malatinský Stadium, Trnava	 Slovakia	4–0	Vlašić , Perišić , Petković , Lovren	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/season=2020/matches/round=2001086/match=2026180/index.html)
9 September 2019	Olympic Stadium, Baku	 Azerbaijan	1–1	Modrić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/season=2020/matches/round=2001086/match=2026199/index.html)
10 October 2019	Stadion Poljud, Split	 Hungary	3–0	Modrić , Petković (2)	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/season=2020/matches/round=2001086/match=2026219/index.html)
13 October 2019	Cardiff City Stadium, Cardiff	 Wales	1–1	Vlašić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/season=2020/matches/round=2001086/match=2026122/index.html)
16 November 2019	Stadion Rujevica, Rijeka	 Slovakia	3–1	Vlašić , Petković , Perišić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/)

Friendly fixtures

19 November 2019	Stadion Aldo Drosina, Pula	 Georgia	2–1	Kashia (o.g.), Perišić	UEFA.com
26 March 2020	Education City Stadium, Al Rayyan	 Switzerland	Cancelled		UEFA.com
30 March 2020	Education City Stadium, Al Rayyan	 Portugal	Cancelled		UEFA.com
1 June 2020	Stadion Gradski vrt, Osijek	 Turkey	Cancelled		
8 June 2020	Allianz Riviera, Nice	 France	Cancelled		

Croatia U21

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2019 UEFA European Under-21 Championship - Group stage					
18 June 2019	San Marino Stadium, Serravalle	 Romania	1–4	Vlašić	UEFA.com

21 June 2019	<u>San Marino Stadium, Serravalle</u>	 France	0–1		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2019/matches/round=2000799/match=2025988/index.html)
24 June 2019	<u>San Marino Stadium, Serravalle</u>	 England	3–3	Brekalo (2), Vlašić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2019/matches/round=2000799/match=2025989/index.html)

2021 UEFA European Under-21 Championship qualification - Group stage

10 September 2019	<u>Stadion Šubićevac, Šibenik</u>	 Scotland	1–2	Kulenović	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2021/matches/round=2001101/match=2026532/index.html)
14 October 2019	<u>San Marino Stadium, Serravalle</u>	 San Marino	7–0	Kulenović (3), Ivanušec (2), Bistrović, Soldo	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2021/matches/round=2001101/match=2026531/index.html)
14 November 2019	<u>LFF Stadium, Vilnius</u>	 Lithuania	3–1	Ivanušec, Posavec, Bistrović	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2021/matches/round=2001101/match=2026633/index.html)
18 November 2019	<u>Stadion Radnik, Velika Gorica</u>	 Czech Republic	1–2	Ivanušec	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2021/)

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27 March 2020	<u>Tynecastle Park, Edinburgh</u>	 Scotland	<i>Postponed</i>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2021/matches/round=200110/1/match=2026632/index.html)
31 March 2020	<u>Stadion Aldo Drosina, Pula</u>	 Lithuania	<i>Postponed</i>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2021/matches/round=200110/1/match=2026629/index.html)

Friendly fixtures

5 September 2019	<u>Stadion Velika Gorica, Velika Gorica</u>	 United Arab Emirates	3–0	Majer, Ivanušec, Bistrović	
11 October 2019	<u>ZTE Arena, Zalaegerszeg</u>	 Hungary	4–1	Kulenović, Đurasek, Posavec, Szalai (o.g.)	

Croatia U19

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2020 UEFA European Under-19 Championship qualification - Qualifying round					
9 October 2019	<u>Ménfői úti Stadion, Győr</u>	 Kazakhstan	3–0	Brnić (2), Čuić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under19/season=2020/matches/round=2001066/match=2026433/index.html)
12 October 2019	<u>ETO Park, Győr</u>	 Hungary	2–0	Šarić, Vušković	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under19/season=2020/matches/round=2001066/match=2026459/index.html)

15 October 2019	ETO Park, Győr	 Georgia	0–2	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under19/season=2020/matches/round=2001066/match=2026485/index.html)
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2020 UEFA European Under-19 Championship qualification - Elite round

25 March 2020	Stadion Lučko, Zagreb	 Turkey	<i>Postponed</i>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under19/season=2020/matches/round=2001067/match=2028941/index.html)
28 March 2020	Stadion Radnik, Velika Gorica	 Portugal	<i>Postponed</i>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under19/season=2020/matches/round=2001067/match=2028954/index.html)
31 March 2020	Stadion ŠRC Sesvete, Zagreb	 Slovakia	<i>Postponed</i>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under19/season=2020/matches/round=2001067/match=2028969/index.html)

Croatia U17

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2020 UEFA European Under-17 Championship qualification - Qualifying round					
22 October 2019	Oriam, Edinburgh	 Iceland	3–2	Barišić, Ćubelić, Petrović	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2020/matches/round=2001060/match=2026344/index.html)

25 October 2019	<u>Oriam, Edinburgh</u>	 <u>Armenia</u>	4–0	<u>Duvnjak, Barišić (2), Bilić</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2020/matches/round=2001060/match=2026370/index.html)
28 October 2019	<u>Forthbank Stadium, Stirling</u>	 <u>Scotland</u>	2–1	<u>Kanižaj, Šaranić</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2020/matches/round=2001060/match=2026395/index.html)

2020 UEFA European Under-17 Championship qualification - Elite round

25 March 2020	<u>Shefayim National Team Complex, Shefayim</u>	 <u>Switzerland</u>	<i>Cancelled</i>		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2020/matches/round=2001061/match=2028809/index.html)
28 March 2020	<u>Netanya Stadium, Netanya</u>	 <u>Israel</u>	<i>Cancelled</i>		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2020/matches/round=2001061/match=2028825/index.html)
31 March 2020	<u>Shefayim National Team Complex, Shefayim</u>	 <u>Spain</u>	<i>Cancelled</i>		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2020/matches/round=2001061/match=2028840/index.html)

Croatia Women's

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
UEFA Women's Euro 2021 qualifying - Group stage					

29 August 2019	<u>Savivaldybė Stadium, Šiauliai</u>	 Lithuania	2–1	<u>Dujmenović, Šundov</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womenseuro/season=2021/matches/round=201107/match=2027350/index.html)
3 September 2019	<u>Den Dreef, Leuven</u>	 Belgium	1–6	<u>Lojna</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womenseuro/season=2021/matches/round=201107/match=2027352/index.html)
8 October 2019	<u>Stockhorn Arena, Thun</u>	 Switzerland	0–2		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womenseuro/season=2021/matches/round=201107/match=2027355/index.html)
8 November 2019	<u>Stadion ŠRC Zaprešić, Zaprešić</u>	 Belgium	1–4	<u>Lubina</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womenseuro/season=2021/matches/round=201107/match=2027357/index.html)
10 April 2020	<u>Stadion Šubićevac, Šibenik</u>	 Lithuania	<i>Postponed</i>		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womenseuro/season=2021/matches/round=201107/match=2027360/index.html)
14 April 2020	<u>Stadion Šubićevac, Šibenik</u>	 Romania	<i>Postponed</i>		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womenseuro/season=2021/matches/round=201107/match=2027361/index.html)

2020 Cyprus Women's Cup

5 March 2020	GSZ Stadium, <u>Larnaca</u>	 Mexico	1–1	Lojna	
8 March 2020	AEK Arena, Larnaca	 Finland	3–2	Rudelić, Lojna, Landeka	

Croatia Women's U19

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2020 UEFA Women's Under-19 Championship qualification - Qualifying round					
2 October 2019	2. Stadion MOSiR Sieradz, <u>Sieradz</u>	 Poland	0–2		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womensunder19/season=2020/matches/round=2001123/match=2025908/index.html)
5 October 2019	2. Stadion MOSiR Sieradz, <u>Sieradz</u>	 Scotland	0–0		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womensunder19/season=2020/matches/round=2001123/match=2025931/index.html)
8 October 2019	1. Stadion Miejski al. Unii Lubelskiej 2, <u>Łódź</u>	 Bulgaria	0–0		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womensunder19/season=2020/matches/round=2001123/match=2025956/index.html)
2020 UEFA Women's Under-19 Championship qualification - Elite round					
8 April 2020		 Finland	Cancelled		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womensunder19/season=2020/matches/round=2001124/match=202862)

11 April 2020	 Russia	<i>Cancelled</i>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womensunder19/season=2020/matches/round=2001124/match=2028639/index.html)
14 April 2020	 Austria	<i>Cancelled</i>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womensunder19/season=2020/matches/round=2001124/match=2028653/index.html)

Croatia Women's U17

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
<u>2020 UEFA Women's Under-17 Championship qualification - Qualifying round</u>					
21 October 2019	Bosnia and Herzegovina FA Training Centre, Zenica	 England	0–2		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womensunder17/season=2020/matches/round=2001117/match=2025835/index.html)
24 October 2019	Bosnia and Herzegovina FA Training Centre, Zenica	 Belgium	0–1		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womensunder17/season=2020/matches/round=2001117/match=2025858/index.html)
27 October 2019	Bosnia and Herzegovina FA Training Centre, Zenica	 Bosnia and Herzegovina	1–0	Novak	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womensunder17/season=2020/matches/round=2001117/match=2025858/index.html)

2020 UEFA Women's Under-17 Championship qualification - Elite round

14 March 2020	Sportpark Parkzicht, Uden	 Germany	Cancelled	UEFA.com
17 March 2020	Sportpark Parkzicht, Uden	 Netherlands	Cancelled	UEFA.com
20 March 2020	De Wieën, Venray	 Scotland	Cancelled	UEFA.com

League tables

Croatian First Football League

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification or relegation
1	Dinamo Zagreb (C)	36	25	5	6	62	20	+42	80	Qualification for Champions League second qualifying round
2	Lokomotiva	36	19	8	9	57	38	+19	65	Qualification for Europa League third qualifying round
3	Rijeka	36	19	7	10	58	42	+16	64	Qualification for Europa League second qualifying round
4	Osijek	36	17	11	8	47	29	+18	62	
5	Hajduk Split	36	18	6	12	60	41	+19	60	
6	Gorica	36	12	13	11	44	48	-4	49	
7	Slaven Belupo	36	10	9	17	34	51	-17	39	
8	Varaždin	36	9	9	18	29	50	-21	36	

9	Istra 1961 (O)	36	5	10	21	27	59	-32	25	Qualification for Relegation play-offs
10	Inter Zaprešić (R)	36	3	8	25	32	72	-40	17	Relegation to Croatian Second Football League

Source: PrvaHNL.hr (<https://web.archive.org/web/20200803140926/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).^[2]

(C) Champions; (O) Play-off winners; (R) Relegated

Croatian Second Football League

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification or relegation ^[a]
1	Šibenik	19	13	2	4	26	15	+11	41	Promotion to the Croatian First Football League
2	Croatia Zmijavci	19	10	3	6	28	17	+11	33	
3	Orijent 1919	19	9	6	4	26	23	+3	33	Qualification to the promotion play-off
4	Sesvete	19	8	5	6	28	22	+6	29	
5	Rudeš	19	8	5	6	25	20	+5	29	
6	Hajduk Split II	19	7	6	6	29	23	+6	27	
7	Osijek II	19	7	5	7	26	19	+7	26	
8	Dinamo Zagreb II	19	7	5	7	20	21	-1	26	
9	Hrvatski Dragovoljac	19	7	5	7	21	26	-5	26	
10	Dugopolje	19	7	4	8	30	31	-1	25	
11	Međimurje	19	6	5	8	26	26	0	23	
12	Dubrava	19	6	5	8	21	24	-3	23	
13	Kustošija	19	6	5	8	19	27	-8	23	
14	BSK Bijelo Brdo	19	6	4	9	18	23	-5	22	Qualification to the relegation play-offs
15	Solin	19	5	4	10	22	27	-5	19	Relegation to the Croatian Third Football League
16	Cibalia	19	2	7	10	13	34	-21	13	

Updated to match(es) played on 8 March 2020. 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).^[3]

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	Group stage	12
Rijeka	Europa League	3rd qualifying round	Play-off round	4
Osijek	Europa League		2nd qualifying round	2
Hajduk Split	Europa League		1st qualifying round	2
ŽNK Split	Women's Champions League		Qualifying round	3
Dinamo Zagreb U19	UEFA Youth League	Group stage	Quarter-finals	9

Dinamo Zagreb

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Dinamo Zagreb scorer(s)	Report
2019–20 Champions League - Second qualifying round					
23 July 2019	Mikheil Meskhi Stadium, Tbilisi	 Saburtalo Tbilisi	2–0	Oršić, Petković	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/seas...020/matches/round=2001137/match=2026971/index.html)
30 July 2019	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb	 Saburtalo Tbilisi	3–0	Oršić, Petković, Olmo	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/seas...020/matches/round=2001137/match=2026984/index.html)

2019–20 Champions League - Third qualifying round

6 August 2019	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb	 Ferencváros	1–1	Olmo	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/seas...020/matches/round=2001138/match=2026991/index.html)
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13 August 2019	<u>Groupama Arena, Budapest</u>	 <u>Ferencváros</u>	4–0	<u>Ademi</u> , <u>Petković</u> , <u>Olmo</u> , <u>Gojak</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/seas...0/matches/round=2001138/match=2027005/index.html)
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2019–20 Champions League - Play-off round

21 August 2019	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</u>	 <u>Rosenborg</u>	2–0	<u>Petković</u> , <u>Oršić</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/seas...0/matches/round=2001139/match=2027012/index.html)
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27 August 2019	<u>Lerkendal Stadion, Trondheim</u>	 <u>Rosenborg</u>	1–1	<u>Gojak</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/seas...0/matches/round=2001139/match=2027018/index.html)
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2019–20 Champions League - Group stage

18 September 2019	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</u>	 <u>Atalanta</u>	4–0	<u>Leovac</u> , <u>Oršić</u> (3)	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/seas...0/matches/round=2001140/match=2027029/index.html)
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1 October 2019	<u>City of Manchester Stadium, Manchester</u>	 <u>Manchester City</u>	0–2		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/seas...0/matches/round=2001140/match=2027029/index.html)
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22 October 2019	<u>Metalist Stadium, Kharkiv</u>	<u>Shakhtar Donetsk</u>	2–2	<u>Olmo, Oršić</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/seas...0/round=2001140/match=2027069/index.html)
6 November 2019	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</u>	<u>Shakhtar Donetsk</u>	3–3	<u>Petković, Ivanušec, Ademi</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/seas...0/round=2001140/match=2027077/index.html)
26 November 2019	<u>San Siro, Milan</u>	<u>Atalanta</u>	0–2		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/seas...0/round=2001140/match=2027101/index.html)
11 December 2019	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</u>	<u>Manchester City</u>	1–4	<u>Olmo</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/seas...0/round=2001140/match=2027109/index.html)

Rijeka

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Rijeka scorer(s)	Report
2019–20 Europa League - Third qualifying round					
8 August 2019	<u>Stadion Rujevica, Rijeka</u>	<u>Aberdeen</u>	2–0	<u>Čolak, Murić</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/seas...on=2020/match=2027053/index.html)

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15 August
2019

Pittodrie Stadium,
Aberdeen



Aberdeen

2–0

Lončar, Čolak

2019–20 Europa League - Play-off round

22 August
2019

Ghelamco Arena,
Ghent



KAA Gent

1–2

Halilović

UEFA.com
(<https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropeanleague/season=2020/matches/round=2001149/match=2028109/index.html>)

29 August
2019

Stadion Rujevica,
Rijeka



KAA Gent

1–1

Puljić

UEFA.com
(<https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropeanleague/season=2020/matches/round=2001149/match=2028130/index.html>)

Osijek

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Osijek scorer(s)	Report
2019–20 Europa League - Second qualifying round					
25 July 2019	Balgarska Armia Stadium, Sofia	CSKA Sofia	0–1		<p>UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropeanleague/season=2020/matches/round=2001147/match=2027645/index.html)</p>

1 August 2019	<u>Stadion Gradski vrt, Osijek</u>	CSKA Sofia	1–0 (3– 4 p)	Majstorović	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropeanleague/season=2020/matches/round=2001147/match=2027691/index.html)
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Hajduk Split

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Hajduk Split scorer(s)	Report
2019–20 Europa League - First qualifying round					
9 July 2019	<u>Centenary Stadium, Ta' Qali</u>	Gżira United	2–0	Gyurcsó, Dolček	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropeanleague/season=2020/matches/round=2001146/match=2027539/index.html)
18 July 2019	<u>Stadion Poljud, Split</u>	Gżira United	1–3	Jradi	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropeanleague/season=2020/matches/round=2001146/match=2027586/index.html)

ŽNK Split

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	ŽNK Split scorer(s)	Report
2019–20 UEFA Women's Champions League - Qualifying round					
7 August 2019	<u>FC Metalist Training Ground, Vysokyi</u>	Zhytlobud-1 Kharkiv	2–3	Lubina, Pedić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womenschampionsleague/season=2020/matches/round=2001125/match=2027724/index.html)

10 August 2019	FC Metalist Training Ground, Vysokyi	 FC Minsk	1–2	Dujmović	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womenschampionsleague/season=2020/matches/round=2001125/matchh=2027743/index.html)
13 August 2019	FC Metalist Training Ground, Vysokyi	 Bettembourg	7–2	Pedić (2), Dujmović (3), O'Neill, Valušek	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womenschampionsleague/season=2020/matches/round=2001125/matchh=2027764/index.html)

Dinamo Zagreb U19

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Dinamo Zagreb U19 scorer(s)	Report
2019–20 UEFA Youth League - Group stage					
18 September 2019	Stadion Hitrec-Kacian, Zagreb	 Atalanta	1–0	Karrica	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/2028250/)
1 October 2019	Academy Stadium, Manchester	 Manchester City	2–2	Šipoš (2)	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/2028266/)
22 October 2019	FC Metalist Training Ground, Vysokyi	 Shakhtar Donetsk	1–1	Janković	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/2028282/)
6 November 2019	Stadion Hitrec-Kacian, Zagreb	 Shakhtar Donetsk	1–1	Krizmanić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/2028298/)
26 November 2019	Centro Sportivo Bortolotti, Bergamo	 Atalanta	0–2		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/2028300/)

11 December 2019	Stadion Hitrec-Kacian, Zagreb	 Manchester City	1–0	Marin	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/2028330/)
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2019–20 UEFA Youth League - Play-offs

12 February 2020	Valeriy Lobanovskyi Dynamo Stadium, Kyiv	 Dynamo Kyiv	0–0 (4– 3 p)		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/2029136/)
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2019–20 UEFA Youth League - Round of 16

4 March 2020	FC Bayern Campus, Munich	 Bayern Munich	2–2 (6– 5 p)	Krizmanić, Karrica	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/2029955/)
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2019–20 UEFA Youth League - Quarter-finals

18 August 2020	Colovray Stadium, Nyon	 Benfica	1–3	Karrica	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/2030135/)
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2020–21 in Croatian football

Football in Croatia

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



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

30 March 2021	<u>Stadion Rujevica, Rijeka</u>	Malta	3–0	Perišić, Modrić, Brekalo	UEFA.com
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Friendly fixtures

7 October 2020	<u>Kybunpark, St. Gallen</u>	Switzerland	2–1	Brekalo, Pašalić	UEFA.com
11 November 2020	<u>Vodafone Park, Istanbul</u>	Turkey	3–3	Budimir, Pašalić, Brekalo	UEFA.com
1 June 2021	<u>Gradski stadion, Velika Gorica</u>	Armenia	1–1	Perišić	UEFA.com
6 June 2021	<u>King Baudouin Stadium, Brussels</u>	Belgium	0–1		UEFA.com

Croatia U21

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

8 October 2020	<u>Stadion Kranjčevićeva, Zagreb</u>	 <u>San Marino</u>	10–0	Kulenović, Majer, Špikić, Ivanušec (3), Nejašmić (2), Vizinger, Gvardiol	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under21/match/2026703/)
13 October 2020	<u>Pampeloponniako Stadium, Patras</u>	 <u>Greece</u>	1–0	Majer	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under21/match/2026705/)
12 November 2020	<u>Tynecastle, Edinburgh</u>	 <u>Scotland</u>	2–2	Moro, Bistrović	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	Špikić, Musa (2), Šverko, Šutalo, Moro (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	Ivanušec, Moro, Vizinger	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under21/match/2030688/)
31 March 2021	<u>Bonifika Stadium, Koper</u>	 <u>England</u>	1–2	Bradarić	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.)	Ivanušec	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under21/match/2031977/)
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Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2021 UEFA European Under-19 Championship qualification - Qualifying round					
24 March 2021	Stadion Branko Čavlović-Čavlek, Karlovac	 Kazakhstan	Cancelled		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under19/match/2028982/)
27 March 2021	Stadion Branko Čavlović-Čavlek, Karlovac	 Latvia	Cancelled		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under19/match/2029008/)
30 March 2021	Stadion Branko Čavlović-Čavlek, Karlovac	 Georgia	Cancelled		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under19/match/2029034/)

Croatia U17

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

Croatia Women's

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

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

Croatia Women's U19

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

Croatia Women's U17

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2021 UEFA Women's Under-17 Championship qualification - Qualifying round					
9 February 2021		 <u>Serbia</u>	<i>Cancelled</i>		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womensunder17/match/2028675/)
12 February 2021		 <u>Poland</u>	<i>Cancelled</i>		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womensunder17/match/2028696/)
15 February 2021		 <u>Montenegro</u>	<i>Cancelled</i>		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womensunder17/match/2028700/)

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	Dissolved at the end of the season
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	
16	Solin	34	10	8	16	45	56	-11	38	
17	Junak Sinj (R)	34	7	13	14	46	58	-12	34	Relegation to the Croatian Third Football League
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) (<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]

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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
<u>Dinamo Zagreb</u>	<u>Champions League</u>	<u>2nd qualifying round</u>	<u>3rd qualifying round</u>	2
	<u>Europa League</u>	<u>Play-off round</u>	<u>Quarter-finals</u>	13
<u>Lokomotiva</u>	<u>Champions League</u>	<u>2nd qualifying round</u>		1
	<u>Europa League</u>	<u>3rd qualifying round</u>		1
<u>Rijeka</u>	<u>Europa League</u>	<u>3rd qualifying round</u>	<u>Group stage</u>	8
<u>Osijek</u>	<u>Europa League</u>	<u>2nd qualifying round</u>		1
<u>Hajduk Split</u>	<u>Europa League</u>	<u>2nd qualifying round</u>	<u>3rd qualifying round</u>	2
<u>ŽNK Split</u>	<u>Women's Champions League</u>	<u>1st qualifying round</u>		1
<u>Dinamo Zagreb U19</u>	<u>UEFA Youth League</u>	<u>First round</u>		0

Dinamo Zagreb

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

29 October 2020	VEB Arena, Moscow	 CSKA Moscow	0–0		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/match/2029737/)
5 November 2020	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb	 Wolfsberger AC	1–0	Atiemwen	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/match/2029762/)
26 November 2020	Wörthersee Stadion, Klagenfurt	 Wolfsberger AC	3–0	Majer, Petković, Ivanušec	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/match/2029798/)
3 December 2020	De Kuip, Rotterdam	 Feyenoord	2–0	Petković, Majer	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/match/2029809/)
10 December 2020	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb	 CSKA Moscow	3–1	Gvardiol, Oršić, Kastrati	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/match/2029845/)

2020–21 Europa League - Round of 32

18 February 2021	Krasnodar Stadium, Krasnodar	 Krasnodar	3–2	Petković (2), Atiemwen	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/match/2029858/)
25 February 2021	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb	 Krasnodar	1–0	Oršić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/match/2029874/)

2020–21 Europa League - Round of 16

11 March 2021	Tottenham Hotspur Stadium, London	 Tottenham Hotspur	0–2		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/match/2029885/)
18 March 2021	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb	 Tottenham Hotspur	3–0 (a.e.t.)	Oršić (3)	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/match/2029893/)

2020–21 Europa League - Quarter-finals

8 April 2021	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</u>	 <u>Villarreal</u>	0–1		UEFA.com
15 April 2021	<u>Estadio de la Cerámica, Villarreal</u>	 <u>Villarreal</u>	1–2	<u>Oršić</u>	UEFA.com

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
2020–21 Europa League - Third qualifying round					
24 September 2020	<u>Stadion, Malmö</u>	 <u>Malmö</u>	0–5		UEFA.com

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>Kолос Kovalivka</u>	2–0 (a.e.t.)	<u>Escoval, Andrijašević</u>	UEFA.com
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
2020–21 Europa League - Group stage					
22 October 2020	<u>Stadion Rujevica, Rijeka</u>	 <u>Real Sociedad</u>	0–1		UEFA.com

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 Górnika 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	Cancelled		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/ayouthleague/match/2031228-dinamo-zagreb-vs-rosenborg/)

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Football in Croatia

Season	2021–22
Men's football	
Prva HNL	Dinamo Zagreb
Druga HNL	Varaždin
Treća HNL	Polet Sveti Martin na Muri (North) Jadran Luka Ploče (South) Crikvenica (West) Vukovar 1991 (East) Zagorec Krapina (Center)
Croatian Cup	Hajduk Split
Women's football	
Prva HNLŽ	Split
Druga HNLŽ	Hajduk Split (Group A) Koprivnica (Group B)
Croatian Cup	Split

The following article presents a summary of the **2021–22 football season in Croatia**, which is the 31st season of competitive football in the country.

National teams

Croatia

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
UEFA Euro 2020 – Group stage					
13 June 2021	Wembley Stadium, London	England	0–1		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro-2020/match/2024451/)
18 June 2021	Hampden Park, Glasgow	Czech Republic	1–1	Perišić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro-2020/match/2024462/)
22 June 2021	Hampden Park, Glasgow	Scotland	3–1	Vlašić, Modrić, Perišić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro-2020/match/2024472/)
UEFA Euro 2020 - Knockout stage					
28 June 2021	Parken Stadium, Copenhagen	Spain	3–5 (a.e.t.)	Pedri (o.g.), Oršić, Pašalić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro-2020/match/2024482/)
2022 FIFA World Cup qualification – Group stage					
1 September 2021	Luzhniki Stadium, Moscow	Russia	0–0		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/match/2030840/)
4 September 2021	Tehelné pole, Bratislava	Slovakia	1–0	Brozović	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/match/2030862/)
7 September 2021	Stadion Poljud, Split	Slovenia	3–0	Livaja, Pašalić, Vlašić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/match/2030889/)
8 October 2021	AEK Arena – Georgios Karapatakis, Larnaca	Cyprus	3–0	Perišić, Gvardiol, Livaja	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/match/2030911/)

11 October 2021	<u>Stadion Gradski vrt, Osijek</u>	<u>Slovakia</u>	2–2	<u>Kramarić, Modrić</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/match/2030939/)
11 November 2021	<u>National Stadium, Ta' Qali</u>	<u>Malta</u>	7–1	<u>Perišić, Ćaleta-Car, Pašalić, Modrić, Majer (2), Kramarić</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/match/2030971/)
14 November 2021	<u>Stadion Poljud, Split</u>	<u>Russia</u>	1–0	<u>Kudryashov (o.g.)</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/match/2030992/)

2022–23 UEFA Nations League – Group stage

3 June 2022	<u>Stadion Gradski vrt, Osijek</u>	<u>Austria</u>	0–3		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefanationsleague/match/2034426/)
6 June 2022	<u>Stadion Poljud, Split</u>	<u>France</u>	1–1	<u>Kramarić</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefanationsleague/match/2034449/)
10 June 2022	<u>Parken Stadium, Copenhagen</u>	<u>Denmark</u>	1–0	<u>Pašalić</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefanationsleague/match/2034480/)
13 June 2022	<u>Stade de France, Saint-Denis</u>	<u>France</u>	1–0	<u>Modrić</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefanationsleague/match/2034504/)

Friendly fixtures

26 March 2022	<u>Education City Stadium, Al Rayyan</u>	<u>Slovenia</u>	1–1	<u>Kramarić</u>	
29 March 2022	<u>Education City Stadium, Al Rayyan</u>	<u>Bulgaria</u>	2–1	<u>Modrić, Kramarić</u>	

Croatia U21

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2023 UEFA European Under-21 Championship qualification - Group stage					
1 September 2021	<u>Stadion Radnik, Velika Gorica</u>	<u>Azerbaijan</u>	2–0	<u>Sučić, Šimić</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/)

6 September 2021	Raatti Stadium, Oulu	Finland	2–0	Sučić, Ljubičić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under21/match/2031943/)
7 October 2021	Stadion Varteks, Varaždin	Norway	3–2	Šimić, Sučić, Vušković	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under21/match/2031937/)
12 October 2021	Kapital Bank Arena, Sumqayıt	Azerbaijan	5–1	Šimić (3), Soldo, Šutalo	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under21/match/2031944/)
11 November 2021	Stadion Aldo Drosina, Pula	Estonia	2–0	Šimić, Pršir	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under21/match/2031940/)
16 November 2021	Keine Sorgen Arena, Ried im Innkreis	Austria	3–1	Kačavenda, Franjić, Sučić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under21/match/2031941/)
25 March 2022	Stadion Varteks, Varaždin	Austria	0–0		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under21/match/2031936/)
29 March 2022	Stadion Varteks, Varaždin	Finland	2–3	Šutalo, Fruk	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under21/match/2031938/)
3 June 2022	Marienlyst Stadion, Drammen	Norway	2–3	Sučić, Šimić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under21/match/2031942/)
8 June 2022	Pärnu Rannastaadion, Pärnu	Estonia	4–0	Vidović, Vušković, Marin, Fruk	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under21/match/2031945/)

Croatia U19

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2022 UEFA European Under-19 Championship qualification - Qualifying round					
10 November 2021	Stadion Branko Čavlović-Čavlek, Karlovac	Gibraltar	7–0	Frigan (3), Špeljak, Stojković, Lisica, Ivanović	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under19/match/2031136/)

13 November 2021	Stadion Branko Čavlović-Čavlek, Karlovac	Armenia	2–0	Špeljak, Frigan	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under19/match/2031162/)
16 November 2021	Stadion Branko Čavlović-Čavlek, Karlovac	Scotland	1–1	Ivanović	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under19/match/2031188/)
2022 UEFA European Under-19 Championship qualification - Elite round					
23 March 2022	Stadion Branko Čavlović-Čavlek, Karlovac	Iceland	2–1	Stojković, Cvijanović	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under19/match/2034008/)
26 March 2022	Stadion Branko Čavlović-Čavlek, Karlovac	Romania	1–2	Špeljak	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under19/match/2034022/)
29 March 2022	Stadion Branko Čavlović-Čavlek, Karlovac	Georgia	0–1		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under19/match/2034036/)

Croatia U17

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2022 UEFA European Under-17 Championship qualification - Qualifying round					
21 October 2021	Sports Center of FA of Serbia, Stara Pazova	Bulgaria	0–1		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under17/match/2031057/)
24 October 2021	Sports Center of FA of Serbia, Stara Pazova	Liechtenstein	3–0	Ivković, Weissenhofer (o.g.), Koščević	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under17/match/2031083/)
27 October 2021	Sports Center of FA of Serbia, Stara Pazova	Serbia	0–1		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under17/match/2031108/)

Croatia Women's

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2023 FIFA Women's World Cup qualification - Group stage					
17 September 2021	Stadionul Mogoșoaia, Mogoșoaia	Romania	0–2		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womensworldc/)

					up/match/2032446/
21 September 2021	Stadion Branko Čavlović-Čavlek, Karlovac	 Italy	0–5		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womenworldcup/match/2032448/)
22 October 2021	Stadio Teofilo Patini, Castel di Sangro	 Italy	0–3		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womenworldcup/match/2032450/)
26 October 2021	Letzigrund, Zürich	 Switzerland	0–5		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womenworldcup/match/2032453/)
26 November 2021	Stadion Aldo Drosina, Pula	 Lithuania	0–0		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womenworldcup/match/2032456/)
30 November 2021	Stadion Aldo Drosina, Pula	 Moldova	4–0	Marković, Landeka, Lubina, Jelenčić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womenworldcup/match/2032457/)
8 April 2022	Zimbru Stadium, Chișinău	 Moldova	1–0	Ljuština	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womenworldcup/match/2032460/)
12 April 2022	Stadion Radnik, Velika Gorica	 Romania	0–1		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womenworldcup/match/2032464/)

Croatia Women's U19

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2022 UEFA Women's Under-19 Championship qualification - Round 1					
19 October 2021	Stadion Aldo Drosina, Pula	 Liechtenstein	2–0	Matanić, Krznarić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womenunder19/match/2032103/)
22 October 2021	Stadion Aldo Drosina, Pula	 Latvia	3–1	Šabašov, Domazet, Blažević	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womenunder19/match/2032104/)

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(<https://www.uefa.com/womenunder19/match/2032155/>)

2022 UEFA Women's Under-19 Championship qualification - Round 2

25 October 2021	Stadion Aldo Drosina, Pula	 Kosovo	1–0	Avdili (o.g.)	 UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womenunder19/match/2034317/)
6 April 2022	Borås Arena, Borås	 Denmark	0–2		 UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womenunder19/match/2034344/)
9 April 2022	Borås Arena, Borås	 Sweden	0–4		 UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womenunder19/match/2034370/)
12 April 2022	Bravida Arena, Gothenburg	 Poland	0–6		 UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womenunder19/match/2034370/)

Croatia Women's U17

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2022 UEFA Women's Under-17 Championship qualification - Round 1					
23 September 2021	Stadion Lučko, Zagreb	 Armenia	5–0	Mikulica, Živković, Čorak, Kovačević, Višnjić	 UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womenunder17/match/2032029/)
26 September 2021	Stadion Lučko, Zagreb	 Kazakhstan	7–0	Mikulica, Kovačević (2), Damjanović, Vračević, Šaban, Vlastelica	 UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womenunder17/match/2032052/)
29 September 2021	Stadion Lučko, Zagreb	 Lithuania	2–0	Živković, Kovačević	 UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womenunder17/match/2032074/)
2022 UEFA Women's Under-17 Championship qualification - Round 2					
24 March 2022	Stadion RKS Garbarnia, Kraków	 Poland	0–5		 UEFA.com (http://www.efa.com/womenunder17/match/2034258)

27 March 2022	Stadion Miejski, <u>Niepołomice</u>	 France	0–5	UEFA.com (http://www.efa.com/wo/mensunder17/match/2034282)
30 March 2022	Stadion RKS Garbarnia, <u>Kraków</u>	 England	0–8	UEFA.com (http://www.efa.com/wo/mensunder17/match/2034305)

League tables

Croatian First Football League

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification or relegation
1	Dinamo Zagreb (C)	36	24	7	5	68	22	+46	79	Qualification to Champions League second qualifying round
2	Hajduk Split	36	21	9	6	64	31	+33	72	Qualification to Europa Conference League third qualifying round ^[a]
3	Osijek	36	19	12	5	49	29	+20	69	Qualification to Europa Conference League second qualifying round
4	Rijeka	36	20	5	11	71	51	+20	65	
5	Lokomotiva	36	12	13	11	55	50	+5	49	
6	Gorica	36	12	9	15	43	50	-7	45	
7	Slaven Belupo	36	9	9	18	35	54	-19	36	
8	Šibenik	36	9	5	22	46	75	-29	32	
9	Istra 1961	36	7	10	19	42	67	-25	31	
10	Hrvatski Dragovoljac (R)	36	4	7	25	31	75	-44	19	Relegation to First Football League

Source: PrvaHNL.hr (<https://web.archive.org/web/20220609102328/http://prvahnhr/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

Notes:

a. The cup winner, Hajduk Split, will enter the third qualifying round of the Europa Conference League.

Croatian Second Football League

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification or relegation ^[a]
1	Varaždin (C, P)	30	19	6	5	56	29	+27	63	Promotion to the HNL
2	Rudeš	30	17	5	8	56	27	+29	56	
3	Inter Zaprešić (X)	30	13	9	8	34	29	+5	48	Dissolved after the season ^[b]
4	Jarun	30	11	11	8	46	38	+8	44	
5	Kustošija	30	11	9	10	39	35	+4	42	
6	Cibalia	30	11	8	11	44	42	+2	41	
7	Dinamo Zagreb II (X)	30	11	8	11	37	44	-7	41	Dissolved after the season ^[b]
8	Solin	30	11	7	12	41	41	0	40	
9	Orijent 1919	30	12	4	14	44	49	-5	40	
10	Dugopolje	30	11	7	12	40	46	-6	40	
11	Dubrava	30	11	6	13	39	39	0	39	
12	BSK Bijelo Brdo	30	11	6	13	30	41	-11	39	
13	Croatia Zmijavci (R)	30	11	5	14	32	43	-11	38	
14	Sesvete (R)	30	9	7	14	37	41	-4	34	
15	Osijek II (R)	30	9	7	14	25	36	-11	34	
16	Opatija (R)	30	6	7	17	27	47	-20	25	Relegation to the 2. NL

Updated to match(es) played on 28 May 2022. Source: [Druga-HNL.com \(https://hns-cff.hr/natjecanja/druga-hnl/\)](https://hns-cff.hr/natjecanja/druga-hnl/)

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(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; (P) Promoted; (R) Relegated; (X) Dissolved

Notes:

a. Dinamo Zagreb II and Osijek II were ineligible for promotion.

b. Due to change in regulation, reserve teams of top level clubs (Dinamo Zagreb II and Osijek II) were not allowed to participate in second level from the following season. Later Dinamo II was dissolved.

Croatian clubs in Europe

Summary

Club	Competition	Starting round	Final round	Matches played
Dinamo Zagreb	Champions League	1st qualifying round	Play-off round	8
	Europa League	Group stage	Knockout round play-offs	8
Osijek	Conference League	2nd qualifying round	3rd qualifying round	4
Rijeka	Conference League	2nd qualifying round	Play-off round	6
Hajduk Split	Conference League	2nd qualifying round		2
ŽNK Osijek	Women's Champions League	1st qualifying round	2nd qualifying round	4
Hajduk Split U19	UEFA Youth League	First round	Play-offs	5

Dinamo Zagreb

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Dinamo Zagreb scorer(s)	Report
2021–22 Champions League - First qualifying round					
7 July 2021	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb	 Valur	3–2	Ademi (2), Majer	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/match/2032563/)
13 July 2021	Hlíðarendi, Reykjavík	 Valur	2–0	Ivanušec, Oršić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/match/2032579/)
2021–22 Champions League - Second qualifying round					
20 July 2021	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb	 Omonia	2–0	Majer, Jakić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/match/2032582/)
27 July 2021	GSP Stadium, Strovolos	 Omonia	1–0	Menalo	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/match/2032594/)
2021–22 Champions League - Third qualifying round					
4 August 2021	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb	 Legia Warsaw	1–1	Petković	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/match/2032608/)
10 August 2021	Stadion Wojska Polskiego, Warsaw	 Legia Warsaw	1–0	Franjić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/match/2032618/)
2021–22 Champions League - Play-off round					
17 August 2021	Sheriff Stadium, Tiraspol	 Sheriff Tiraspol	0–3		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/match/2032631/)
25 August 2021	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb	 Sheriff Tiraspol	0–0		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/match/2032637/)
2021–22 UEFA Europa League - Group stage					
16 September 2021	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb	 West Ham United	0–2		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/)

30 September 2021	Luminus Arena, Genk	 Genk	3–0	Ivanušec , Petković (2)	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/match/2033188/)
21 October 2021	Allianz Stadion, Vienna	 Rapid Wien	1–2	Oršić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/match/2033204/)
4 November 2021	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb	 Rapid Wien	3–1	Petković , Andrić , Šutalo	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/match/2033233/)
25 November 2021	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb	 Genk	1–1	Menalo	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/match/2033236/)
9 December 2021	London Stadium, London	 West Ham United	1–0	Oršić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/match/2033265/)

2021–22 UEFA Europa League - Knockout round play-offs

17 February 2022	Ramón Sánchez Pizjuán Stadium, Seville	 Sevilla	1–3	Oršić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/match/2033362/)
24 February 2022	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb	 Sevilla	1–0	Oršić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/match/2033370/)

Osijek

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Osijek scorer(s)	Report
2021–22 Conference League - Second qualifying round					
22 July 2021	Stadion Miejski, Szczecin	 Pogoń Szczecin	0–0		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaconferenceleague/match/2032843/)

29 July 2021	<u>Stadion Gradski vrt, Osijek</u>	 <u>Pogoń Szczecin</u>	1–0	<u>Kleinheisler</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaconferenceleague/match/2032897/)
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2021–22 Conference League - Third qualifying round

5 August 2021	<u>Vasil Levski National Stadium, Sofia</u>	 <u>CSKA Sofia</u>	2–4	<u>Mattheij (o.g.), Topčagić</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaconferenceleague/match/2033057/)
12 August 2021	<u>Stadion Gradski vrt, Osijek</u>	 <u>CSKA Sofia</u>	1–1	<u>Škorić</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaconferenceleague/match/2033088/)

Rijeka

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Rijeka scorer(s)	Report
<u>2021–22 Conference League - Second qualifying round</u>					
22 July 2021	<u>Centenary Stadium, Ta'Qali</u>	 <u>Gżira United</u>	2–0	<u>Bušnja, Ampem</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaconferenceleague/match/2032826/)
29 July 2021	<u>Stadion Rujevica, Rijeka</u>	 <u>Gżira United</u>	1–0	<u>Drmić</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaconferenceleague/match/2032880/)
<u>2021–22 Conference League - Third qualifying round</u>					
5 August 2021	<u>Easter Road, Edinburgh</u>	 <u>Hibernian</u>	1–1	<u>Ampem</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaconferenceleague/match/2033048/)
12 August 2021	<u>Stadion Rujevica, Rijeka</u>	 <u>Hibernian</u>	4–1	<u>Pavičić, Issah, McGinn (o.g.), Bušnja</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaconferenceleague/match/2033079/)
<u>2021–22 Conference League - Play-off round</u>					

19 August 2021	Toumba Stadium, Thessaloniki	 PAOK	1–1	Lepinjica	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/match/2033133/)
26 August 2021	Stadion Rujevica, Rijeka	 PAOK	0–2		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/match/2033155/)

Hajduk Split

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Hajduk Split scorer(s)	Report
2021–22 Conference League - Second qualifying round					
22 July 2021	Stadion Poljud, Split	 Tobol	2–0	Ljubičić (2)	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/match/2032854/)
29 July 2021	Kostanay Central Stadium, Kostanay	 Tobol	1–4 (a.e.t.)	Sahiti	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/match/2032908/)

ŽNK Osijek

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	ŽNK Osijek scorer(s)	Report
2021–22 UEFA Women's Champions League - First qualifying round					
18 August 2021	Stadion Gradski vrt, Osijek	 Breznica Pljevlja	5–0	Nevrkla, Lubina, Joščak, Kovačević, Balić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womenschampionsleague/match/2032913/)
21 August 2021	Stadion Gradski vrt, Osijek	 Anderlecht	1–0	Lojna	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womenschampionsleague/match/2032951/)
2021–22 UEFA Women's Champions League - Second qualifying round					
1 September 2021	Stadion Gradski vrt, Osijek	 Breiðablik	1–1	Medić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womenschampionsleague/match/2032952/)

9 September 2021	Kópavogsvöllur, Kópavogur	 Breiðablik	0–3	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/wo/menschampsleague/match/2033468/)
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Hajduk Split U19

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Hajduk Split U19 scorer(s)	Report
2021–22 UEFA Youth League Domestic Champions Path - First round					
30 September 2021	Petar Miloševski Training Centre, Skopje	 Shkëndija	2–0	Čuić (2)	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/2033677/)
20 October 2021	Stadion Poljud, Split	 Shkëndija	3–1	Antunović, Čuić, Brkljača	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/2033693/)
2021–22 UEFA Youth League Domestic Champions Path - Second round					
3 November 2021	Stadion Poljud, Split	 Minsk	3–0	Hrgović, Čuić (2)	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/2033706/)
24 November 2021	FC Minsk Stadium, Minsk	 Minsk	1–1	Čuić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/2033714/)
2021–22 UEFA Youth League - Play-offs					
9 February 2022	Stadion Poljud, Split	 Atlético Madrid	0–0 (2–3 p)		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/2034407/)

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2022–23 in Croatian football

Football in Croatia

Season	2022–23
Men's football	
HNL	Dinamo Zagreb
Prva HNL	Rudeš
Druga HNL	Sesvete
Croatian Cup	Hajduk Split
Women's football	
Prva HNLŽ	Osijek
Drugा HNLŽ	Gorica (Group A) Međimurje-Čakovec (Group B)
Croatian Cup	Split

The following article presents a summary of the **2022–23 football season in Croatia**, which is the 32nd season of competitive football in the country.

National teams

Croatia

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2022–23 UEFA Nations League – Group stage					
22 September 2022	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb	 Denmark	2–1	Sosa, Majer	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefanationsleague/match/2034523/)
25 September 2022	Ernst-Happel-Stadion, Vienna	 Austria	3–1	Modrić, Livaja, Lovren	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefanationsleague/match/2034552/)
Friendly fixtures					
16 November 2022	Prince Faisal bin Fahd Stadium, Riyadh	 Saudi Arabia	1–0	Kramarić	
2022 FIFA World Cup – Group stage					
23 November 2022	Al Bayt Stadium, Al Khor	 Morocco	0–0		FIFA.com (https://www.fifa.com/fifaplus/en/match-centre/match/17/255711/285063/400235481)
27 November 2022	Khalifa International Stadium, Al Rayyan	 Canada	4–1	Kramarić (2), Livaja, Majer	FIFA.com (https://www.fifa.com/fifaplus/en/match-centre/match/17/255711/285063/400235482)
1 December 2022	Ahmad bin Ali Stadium, Al Rayyan	 Belgium	0–0		FIFA.com (https://www.fifa.com/fifaplus/en/match-centre/match/17/255711/285063/400235478)
2022 FIFA World Cup – Knockout stage					
5 December 2022	Al Janoub Stadium, Al Wakrah	 Japan	1–1 (a.e.t.) 3–1 (p)	Perišić	FIFA.com (https://www.fifa.com/fifaplus/en/match-centre/match/17/255711/285063/400235479)

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<https://www.fifa.com/fifaplus/en/match-centre/match/17/25571/1/285074/400128141>)

9 December 2022	<u>Education City Stadium, Al Rayyan</u>	 Brazil	1–1 (a.e.t.) 4–2 (p)	Petković	
13 December 2022	<u>Lusail Iconic Stadium, Lusail</u>	 Argentina	0–3		
17 December 2022	<u>Khalifa International Stadium, Al Rayyan</u>	 Morocco	2–1	Gvardiol, Oršić	

UEFA Euro 2024 qualifying – Group stage

25 March 2023	<u>Stadion Poljud, Split</u>	 Wales	1–1	Kramarić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/match/2036297/)
28 March 2023	<u>Bursa Metropolitan Stadium, Bursa</u>	 Turkey	2–0	Kovačić (2)	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/match/2036319/)

2023 UEFA Nations League Finals

14 June 2023	<u>De Kuip, Rotterdam</u>	 Netherlands	4–2 (a.e.t.)	Kramarić, Pašalić, Petković, Modrić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefanationsleague/match/2035581/)
18 June 2023	<u>De Kuip, Rotterdam</u>	 Spain	0–0 (a.e.t.) 4–5 (p)		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefanationsleague/match/2035584/)

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2023 UEFA European Under-21 Championship qualification – Play-offs					
23 September 2022	Stadion Aldo Drosina, Pula	 Denmark	2–1	Vidović, Beljo	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under21/match/2035166/)
27 September 2022	Vejle Stadium, Vejle	 Denmark	1–2 5–4 (p)	Matanović	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under21/match/2035167/)
Friendly fixtures					
17 November 2022	Stadion Aldo Drosina, Pula	 Poland	3–1	Biuk (2), Ljubičić	hns-cff.hr (https://hns-cff.hr/news/24842/hrvatska-u-21-preokretom-svladala-poljsku/)
21 November 2022	Stadion Aldo Drosina, Pula	 Austria	1–1	Jureškin	hns-cff.hr (https://hns-cff.hr/news/24861/hrvatska-u-21-reprezentacija-remizirala-s-austrijom/)
23 March 2023	Stadion Varteks, Varaždin	 Israel	0–0		hns-cff.hr (https://hns-cff.hr/matches/73203837/hrvatska-izrael-0-0/)
28 March 2023	Craven Cottage, London	 England	2–1	Baturina, Beljo	

Croatia U19

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2023 UEFA European Under-19 Championship qualification - Qualifying round					
16 November 2022	ŠRC Rudeš, Zagreb	 Faroe Islands	6–0	Rukavina, Brajković (3), Johannessen (o.g.), Brkljača	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under19/match/2034142/)
19 November 2022	ŠRC Rudeš, Zagreb	 Finland	1–2	Prpić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under19/match/2034168/)
22 November 2022	ŠRC Rudeš, Zagreb	 Israel	3–0	Zvonarek (2), Brajković	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under19/match/2034194/)

2023 UEFA European Under-19 Championship qualification - Elite round

22 March 2023	Sports Center CF Fão, Fão	 Czech Republic	1–3	Matić	UEFA.com
25 March 2023	Estádio do FC Vizela, Vizela	 Sweden	1–1	Antunović	UEFA.com
28 March 2023	Estádio Cidade de Barcelos, Barcelos	 Portugal	0–3		UEFA.com

Croatia U17

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2023 UEFA European Under-17 Championship qualification - Qualifying round					
20 October 2022	Stadion Veli Jože, Poreč	 Wales	0–2		UEFA.com
23 October 2022	Stadion Veli Jože, Poreč	 Albania	1–0	Živković	UEFA.com
26 October 2022	Stadion Veli Jože, Poreč	 Sweden	2–2	Vušković, Rimac	UEFA.com
2023 UEFA European Under-17 Championship qualification - Elite round					
22 March 2023	Sarpsborg Stadion, Sarpsborg	 Norway	0–0		UEFA.com
25 March 2023	Fredrikstad Stadion, Fredrikstad	 Belgium	1–0	Kujundžić	UEFA.com
28 March 2023	Fredrikstad Stadion, Fredrikstad	 Slovenia	2–1	Zebić, Rimac	UEFA.com

2023 UEFA European Under-17 Championship - Group stage

18 May 2023	Városi Sportpálya, <u>Balmazújváros</u>	England	0–1		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under17/match/203782/)
21 May 2023	Nagyerdei Stadion, <u>Debrecen</u>	Switzerland	1–2	Levak	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under17/match/203783/)
24 May 2023	Városi Sportpálya, <u>Balmazújváros</u>	Netherlands	1–1	Puljić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under17/match/203784/)

Croatia Women's

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2023 FIFA Women's World Cup qualification - Group stage					
2 September 2022	Stadion Branko Čavlović-Čavlek, Karlovac	Switzerland	0–2		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womensworldcup/match/2032469/)
6 September 2022	LFF Stadium, Vilnius	Lithuania	1–0	Lažeta	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womensworldcup/match/2032472/)

2023 Cyprus Women's Cup

16 February 2023	GSZ Stadium, Larnaca	Finland	1–4	Nevrkla	
19 February 2023	AEK Arena, Larnaca	Romania	2–0	Nevrkla, Rudelić	
22 February 2023	AEK Arena, Larnaca	Hungary	1–0	Rudelić	

Friendly fixtures

10 November 2022	Dalga Arena, Baku	Azerbaijan	0–0		hns-cff.hr (https://hns-cff.hr/news/24812/hrvatska-remizirala-s-azerbajdzanom/)
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13 November 2022	<u>Dalga Arena, Baku</u>	 <u>Azerbaijan</u>	2–1	<u>Pranješ, Kunštek</u>	hns-cff.hr (https://hns-cff.hr/news/24817/hrvatska-u-bakuu-bolja-od-azerbajdzana/)
7 April 2023	<u>Georgios Kamaras Stadium, Athens</u>	 <u>Greece</u>	1–1	<u>Rudelić</u>	hns-cff.hr (https://hns-cff.hr/news/25362/hrvatska-remizirala-s-grckom/)
10 April 2023	<u>Georgios Kamaras Stadium, Athens</u>	 <u>Greece</u>	1–2	<u>Gegollaj</u>	hns-cff.hr (https://hns-cff.hr/news/25368/hrvatska-tjesno-porazena-od-grcke/)

Croatia Women's U19

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2023 UEFA Women's Under-19 Championship qualification - Round 1					
4 October 2022	<u>Stadion Aldo Drosina, Pula</u>	 <u>Cyprus</u>	1–0	<u>Ivandić</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/wo/mensunder19/match/2034883/)
7 October 2022	<u>Stadion Aldo Drosina, Pula</u>	 <u>Montenegro</u>	5–0	<u>Blažević, Živković, Ilijkić, Mikulica, Šaban</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/wo/mensunder19/match/2034906/)
10 October 2022	<u>Stadion Aldo Drosina, Pula</u>	 <u>Azerbaijan</u>	1–0	<u>Mikulica</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/wo/mensunder19/match/2034929/)
2023 UEFA Women's Under-19 Championship qualification - Round 2					
5 April 2023	<u>Jessheim Stadium, Jessheim</u>	 <u>Norway</u>	1–2	<u>Vračević</u>	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/wo/mensunder19/match/2037132/)
8 April 2023	<u>Jessheim Stadium, Jessheim</u>	 <u>Germany</u>	0–10		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/wo/mensunder19/match/2037156/)

11 April 2023	Gjemselund, Kongsvinger	 Republic of Ireland	1–4	Ilijkić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/wo/mensunder19/match/2037179/)
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Croatia Women's U17

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
2023 UEFA Women's Under-17 Championship qualification - Round 1					
9 November 2022	Albena 1 Stadium, Albena	 Bulgaria	5–0	Veseli, Vračević, Petković, Lovrić, Vunić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/wo/mensunder17/match/2034821/)
12 November 2022	Albena 1 Stadium, Albena	 Faroe Islands	1–0	Lovrić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/wo/mensunder17/match/2034843/)
2023 UEFA Women's Under-17 Championship qualification - Round 2					
12 March 2023	Gradski stadion, Sinj	 England	0–4		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/wo/mensunder17/match/2036764/)
15 March 2023	Gradski stadion, Hrvace	 Norway	0–2		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/wo/mensunder17/match/2036786/)
18 March 2023	Gradski stadion, Sinj	 Belgium	2–2	Petković, Gavrić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/wo/mensunder17/match/2036807/)

League tables

Croatian Football League

Pos	Team	Pl	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification or relegation
1	Dinamo Zagreb (C)	36	24	9	3	81	28	+53	81	Qualification for the Champions League second qualifying round
2	Hajduk Split	36	21	8	7	65	41	+24	71	Qualification to Europa Conference League third qualifying round ^[a]
3	Osijek	36	13	11	12	46	41	+5	50	Qualification to Europa Conference League second qualifying round
4	Rijeka	36	14	7	15	44	44	0	49	
5	Istra 1961	36	11	13	12	36	38	-2	46	

6	<u>Varaždin</u>	36	12	10	14	41	51	-10	46
7	<u>Lokomotiva</u>	36	11	10	15	45	50	-5	43
8	<u>Slaven Belupo</u>	36	10	13	13	27	46	-19	43
9	<u>Gorica</u>	36	7	11	18	36	50	-14	32
10	<u>Šibenik (R)</u>	36	5	12	19	24	56	-32	27

Relegation to First Football League

Source: SuperSport HNL (<https://web.archive.org/web/20230602104846/https://hnsl.hr/supersport-hnl/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

Notes:

- a. Hajduk qualified for the Europa Conference League third qualifying round by winning the 2022–23 Croatian Football Cup.

First Football League

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification or relegation
1	<u>Rudeš (C, P)</u>	33	19	7	7	56	26	+30	64	Promotion to the <u>Croatian Football League</u>
2	<u>Vukovar 1991</u>	33	17	12	4	57	25	+32	63	
3	<u>Cibalia</u>	33	13	15	5	37	26	+11	54	
4	<u>BSK Bijelo Brdo</u>	33	12	8	13	41	37	+4	44	
5	<u>Jarun</u>	33	13	5	15	43	57	-14	44	
6	<u>Orijent</u>	33	10	13	10	45	45	0	43	
7	<u>Croatia Zmijavci</u>	33	12	7	14	37	44	-7	43	
8	<u>Solin</u>	33	12	7	14	47	55	-8	43	
9	<u>Dubrava</u>	33	11	9	13	38	39	-1	42	
10	<u>Dugopolje</u>	33	9	14	10	30	35	-5	41	
11	<u>Kustošija (R)</u>	33	9	7	17	35	50	-15	34	Relegation play-off
12	<u>Hrvatski Dragovoljac (R)</u>	33	4	10	19	31	58	-27	22	Relegation to the <u>Second Football League</u>

Updated to match(es) played on 5 June 2023. Source: Prva NL (<https://hns-cff.hr/natjecanja/prva-nl/>)

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; **(P)** Promoted; **(R)** Relegated

Second Football League

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification or relegation
1	Sesvete (C, P)	30	19	8	3	64	24	+40	65	Promotion to the First Football League
2	Zrinski Jurjevac (P)	30	19	6	5	45	22	+23	63	
3	Jadran Luka Ploče	30	17	9	4	54	23	+31	60	
4	Mladost Ždralovi	30	14	8	8	48	26	+22	50	
5	Bjelovar	30	12	10	8	46	31	+15	46	
6	Dugo Selo	30	12	9	9	50	43	+7	45	
7	Opatija	30	12	9	9	48	42	+6	45	
8	Hrvace	30	10	8	12	48	49	-1	38	
9	Belišće	30	10	7	13	39	47	-8	37	
10	Jadran Poreč	30	9	9	12	51	61	-10	36	
11	Marsonia 1909	30	11	3	16	40	52	-12	36	
12	Grobničan	30	10	5	15	42	44	-2	35	
13	Trnje	30	9	7	14	43	55	-12	34	
14	Zagorec Krapina (R)	30	9	7	14	36	53	-17	34	
15	Osijek II (R)	30	7	4	19	32	64	-32	25	Relegation to the Third Football League
16	Međimurje (R)	30	4	3	23	22	72	-50	15	

Updated to match(es) played on 5 June 2023. Source: Druga-NL.com (<https://hns-cff.hr/natjecanja/druga-nl/>)

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).^[3]**(C)** Champions; **(P)** Promoted; **(R)** Relegated

Croatian clubs in Europe

Summary

Club	Competition	Starting round	Final round	Matches played
Dinamo Zagreb	Champions League	2nd qualifying round	Group stage	12
Hajduk Split	Conference League	3rd qualifying round	Play-off round	4
Osijek	Conference League	2nd qualifying round		2
Rijeka	Conference League	2nd qualifying round		2
ŽNK Split	Women's Champions League	1st qualifying round		2
Dinamo Zagreb U19	Youth League	Group stage		6
Hajduk Split U19	Youth League	First round	Final	9

Dinamo Zagreb

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Dinamo Zagreb scorer(s)	Report

2022–23 Champions League - Second qualifying round

19 July 2022	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</u>	 Shkupi	2–2	Ademi, Petković	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/match/2035037/)
26 July 2022	<u>Toše Proeski Arena, Skopje</u>	 Shkupi	1–0	Ademi	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/match/2035049/)

2022–23 Champions League - Third qualifying round

2 August 2022	<u>Huvepharma Arena, Razgrad</u>	 Ludogorets Razgrad	2–1	Perić, Padt (o.g.)	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/match/2035376/)
9 August 2022	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</u>	 Ludogorets Razgrad	4–2	Drmić, Oršić (2), Petković	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/match/2035386/)

2022–23 Champions League - Play-off round

16 August 2022	<u>Aspmyra Stadion, Bodø</u>	 Bodø/Glimt	0–1		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/match/2035481/)
24 August 2022	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</u>	 Bodø/Glimt	4–1 (a.e.t.)	Oršić, Petković, Drmić, Bočkaj	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/match/2035487/)

2022–23 UEFA Champions League - Group stage

6 September 2022	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</u>	 Chelsea	1–0	Oršić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/match/2035649/)
14 September 2022	<u>San Siro, Milan</u>	  Milan	1–3	Oršić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/match/2035650/)

match/2035
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5 October 2022	<u>Red Bull Arena, Wals-Siezenheim</u>	 Red Bull Salzburg	0–1		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/match/2035681/)
11 October 2022	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</u>	 Red Bull Salzburg	1–1	Ljubičić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/match/2035697/)
25 October 2022	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</u>	 Milan	0–4		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/match/2035714/)
2 November 2022	<u>Stamford Bridge, London</u>	 Chelsea	1–2	Petković	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/match/2035729/)

Hajduk Split

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Hajduk Split scorer(s)	Report
2022–23 Conference League - Third qualifying round					
4 August 2022	<u>Stadion Poljud, Split</u>	 Vitória de Guimarães	3–1	Sahiti, Melnjak, Krovinović	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaconferenceleague/match/2035406/)
10 August 2022	<u>Estádio D. Afonso Henriques, Guimarães</u>	 Vitória de Guimarães	0–1		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaconferenceleague/match/2035437/)
2022–23 Conference League - Play-off round					
18 August 2022	<u>Estadi Ciutat de València, Valencia</u>	 Villarreal	2–4	Biuk, Fossati	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaconferenceleague/match/203524/)

25 August 2022	Stadion Poljud, Split	Villarreal	0–2		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaconferenceleague/match/2035546/)
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Osijek

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Osijek scorer(s)	Report
2022–23 Conference League - Second qualifying round					
21 July 2022	Astana Arena, Nur-Sultan	Kyzylzhar	2–1	Topčagić, Kleinheisler	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropconferenceleague/match/2035084/)
28 July 2022	Stadion Gradski vrt, Osijek	Kyzylzhar	0–2		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropconferenceleague/match/2035137/)

Rijeka

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Rijeka scorer(s)	Report
2022–23 Conference League - Second qualifying round					
21 July 2022	Stadion Rujevica, Rijeka	Djurgårdens IF	1–2	Vučkić	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropconferenceleague/match/2035107/)
28 July 2022	Tele2 Arena, Stockholm	Djurgårdens IF	0–2		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropconferenceleague/match/2035160/)

ŽNK Split

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	ŽNK Split scorer(s)	Report
2022–23 UEFA Women's Champions League - First qualifying round					
18 August 2022	Stadion Varteks, Varaždin	BIIK Kazygurt	1–5	Kapetanović	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/womenschampionsleague/match/2035546/)

onsleague/match/2035178/

21 August 2022	Stadion Varteks, Varaždin	 Lanchkhuti	2–0	Hadžić, Mikulica	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/2035251/)
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Dinamo Zagreb U19

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Dinamo Zagreb U19 scorer(s)	Report
2022–23 UEFA Youth League - Group stage					
6 September 2022	Stadion Kranjčevićeva, Zagreb	 Chelsea	4–2	Gubijan, Rukavina, Krdžalić, Topic	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/2035793/)
14 September 2022	Vismara Sports Centre, Milan	 Milan	0–3		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/2035809/)
5 October 2022	Untersberg-Arena, Grödig	 Red Bull Salzburg	0–2		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/2035825/)
11 October 2022	Stadion Kranjčevićeva, Zagreb	 Red Bull Salzburg	2–1	Katinić, Topic	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/2035841/)
25 October 2022	Stadion Kranjčevićeva, Zagreb	 Milan	1–2	Šakota	UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/2035858/)
2 November 2022	Cobham Training Centre, Surrey	 Chelsea	0–4		UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/2035873/)

Hajduk Split U19

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Hajduk Split U19 scorer(s)	Report
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2022–23 UEFA Youth League Domestic Champions Path - First round

12 September 2022	<u>Stadion Poljud, Split</u>	 Gabala	3–0	Vrcić, Čalušić, Nazor	UEFA.com
4 October 2022	<u>Gabala City Stadium, Qabala</u>	 Gabala	2–1	Vušković, Vrcić	UEFA.com

2022–23 UEFA Youth League Domestic Champions Path - Second round

26 October 2022	<u>Loni Papučiu Stadium, Fier</u>	 Apolonia	3–0	Vrcić, Antunović, Brajković	UEFA.com
4 November 2022	<u>Stadion Poljud, Split</u>	 Apolonia	3–1	Vrcić, Nazor, Pukštas	UEFA.com

2022–23 UEFA Youth League knockout phase - Play-offs

8 February 2023	<u>Stadion Poljud, Split</u>	 Shakhtar Donetsk	1–0	Vušković	UEFA.com
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2022–23 UEFA Youth League knockout phase - Round of 16

28 February 2023	<u>Stadion Poljud, Split</u>	 Manchester City	2–1	Brajković, Antunović	UEFA.com
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2022–23 UEFA Youth League knockout phase - Quarter-finals

15 March 2023	<u>Westfalenstadion, Dortmund</u>	 Borussia Dortmund	1–1 (a.e.t.) 9–8 (p)	Antunović	UEFA.com
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2022–23 UEFA Youth League knockout phase - Semi-finals

21 April 2023	<u>Stade de Genève, Geneva</u>	 Milan	3–1	Vrcić, Pukštas, Hrgović	UEFA.com
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2022–23 UEFA Youth League knockout phase - Final

24 April 2023

Stade de Genève, Geneva



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Croatia national football team



The **Croatia national football team** (Croatian: *Hrvatska nogometna reprezentacija*) represents Croatia in international football matches. It is governed by the Croatian Football Federation (HNS), the governing body for football in Croatia. It is a member of UEFA in Europe and FIFA in global competitions. The team's colours reference two national symbols: the Croatian checkerboard and the country's tricolour. They are colloquially referred to as the *Vatreni* (Blazers) and *Kockasti* (Checkered Ones).

Since 1994, the *Vatreni* have qualified for every major tournament with the exception of Euro 2000 and the 2010 World Cup. At the FIFA World Cup, Croatia has finished second once (2018) and third on two occasions (1998, 2022), securing three World Cup medals. Davor Šuker won the Golden Shoe and the Silver Ball in 1998, while Luka Modrić won the Golden Ball in 2018 and the Bronze Ball in 2022. The team has reached the quarter-finals of the UEFA European Championship twice (1996, 2008) and finished second in the UEFA Nations League in 2023. In June 2023, Croatia recorded its highest-ever Elo Ratings of 2,012 points.

Upon its admission into FIFA in 1994 ranked 125th, they ascended to third place with their debut 1998 World Cup campaign. This marked the fastest, most volatile ascension in FIFA ranking history, making them the youngest team to ever occupy the Top 10 of the World Ranking. It is the second-smallest country by population (after Uruguay) and land mass (after the Netherlands) to reach a World Cup final. At the World Cup, Croatia hold records for most penalty shoot-out played (4) and won (4) and most penalties saved in a shoot-out (3), among other team records. They were named FIFA Best Mover of the Year twice (1994, 1998), equalling joint records with France and Colombia.

History

Official formation

The early history of Croatian football was delineated by a variety of unofficial sides as Croatia was not an independent entity until the late 20th century.^{[3][4]} Hugo Kinert first managed an unofficial side that played some international matches in 1918–19.^[5] In 1940, Jozo Jakopić led an unofficial national side representing the Yugoslav Banovina of Croatia in four friendly matches against Switzerland and Hungary.^[6] Following the 1941 Axis invasion of Yugoslavia, Germany and Italy took control of Croatia, forming the Independent State of Croatia and installing Rudolf Hitrec as an unofficial manager for two years.^[7] The side played 15 friendly matches from its re-activation in FIFA in 1941 until the end of World War II.^{[8][9]} In 1945, Croatia returned to Yugoslavia as the People's Republic of Croatia with sides active until 1956.^{[8][6]} State authorities organised the Yugoslav Football Tournament in September 1945 to commemorate the end of World War II, where Croatia finished third behind the Yugoslav People's Army and Serbia.^[10] Croatia's only game as a constituent republic was a 5–2 win against Indonesia in 1956.^[5] During the nation's pre-independence, Croat footballers played for Yugoslavia at the 1956 Summer Olympics,^[11] the FIFA World Cup,^[12] and the UEFA European Championship until 1990.^{[13][14]}

Croatia had made its unofficial international debut during modern times against the United States on 17 October 1990, winning 2–1, where they introduced the modern checkered jersey.^{[15][16]} Caretaker manager Dražan Jerković, led the *de facto* national side before their formal re-admission into FIFA on 3 July 1992,^[17] winning two more friendly games against Romania in December 1990 and Slovenia in June 1991.^{[18][19]} Stanko Poklepović took over management of the team and led them on an exhibition tour against Australia, before he was succeeded by Vlatko Marković in April 1993.^[20] Croatia gained admission into UEFA in June

Croatia	
	Nickname(s)
	Vatreni (Blazers) Kockasti (Checkered Ones)
Association	Croatian Football Federation (HNS)
Confederation	UEFA (Europe)
Head coach	Zlatko Dalić
Captain	Luka Modrić
Most caps	Luka Modrić (172)
Top scorer	Davor Šuker (45)
FIFA code	CRO
	First colours
	Second colours
FIFA ranking	
Current	10 — (15 February 2024) ^[1]
Highest	2 (July 2018)
Lowest	125 (March 1994)
First international	
	Croatia 4–0 Switzerland
(Zagreb, Yugoslavia; 2 April 1940) as FIFA member	
	Slovakia 1–1 Croatia
(Bratislava, Slovakia; 8 September 1941)	

1993, three months after qualification for the 1994 World Cup started, missing their window to enter the competition.^[21] After winning a match against Ukraine in June 1993, Marković was succeeded by Miroslav Blažević in March 1994.^[22]

as modern Croatia

Croatia 2–1 United States
(Zagreb, Yugoslavia; 17 October 1990)

as FIFA member
Australia 1–0 Croatia
(Melbourne, Australia; 5 July 1992)

Biggest win

Croatia 10–0 San Marino
(Rijeka, Croatia; 4 June 2016)

Biggest defeat

Spain 6–0 Croatia
(Elche, Spain; 11 September 2018)

World Cup

Appearances 6 (first in 1998)

Best result Runners-up (2018)

European Championship

Appearances 7 (first in 1996)

Best result Quarter-finals
(1996, 2008)

Nations League Finals

Appearances 1 (first in 2023)

Best result Runners-up (2023)

Medal record [show]

Men's football

FIFA World Cup

	2018 Russia	Team
	1998 France	Team
	2022 Qatar	Team

UEFA Nations League

	2023 Netherlands	Team
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Squad at 1998 World Cup
Coach: Miroslav Blažević

Blažević period (1994–1999)

After its secession from Yugoslavia, the newly formed Croatia entered the FIFA World Rankings in 125th place in March 1994.^{[23][24]} Blažević launched Croatia's qualifying campaign for Euro 1996 with a 2–0 win over Estonia on 4 September 1994 and a 1–0 away loss to Ukraine on 1 June 1995, their first competitive win and loss.^[6] After finishing first in qualifying, the team halved their spot in the World Ranking, ascending to rank 62, winning FIFA's 1994 Best Mover of the Year in December 1994.^{[25][26]} In the group stage of Euro 1996, Goran Vlaović scored the team's first goal at a tournament, a late strike to win 1–0 against Turkey.^[27] Croatia then beat reigning champions Denmark 3–0,^[28] later losing to Portugal by the same scoreline.^[29] The team advanced to the knockout stage and were beaten in the quarter-finals 1–2 by Germany.^[30] Croatia's qualifying campaign from 1998 to 1999 for Euro 2000 was unsuccessful as they finished third in their group behind FR Yugoslavia and the Republic of Ireland.^[31] Both fixtures against FR Yugoslavia ended in draws which prevented Croatia from qualifying by one point.^[32]

Croatia began their qualification campaign for the 1998 World Cup with an aggregate victory against Ukraine in the two-legged playoff. In the group stage, Croatia beat both Jamaica and Japan, later losing to Argentina to advance with them to the knockout stage. A 1–0 victory over Romania moved the Croatians to the quarter-finals against Germany.^[33] Croatia beat the Germans 3–0 with goals from Robert Jarni, Goran Vlaović and Davor Šuker, all after Christian Wörns had been sent off.^[34] They advanced to their first semi-finals against the hosts France. After a goalless first-half, Croatia led after Aljoša Asanović pushed past Zinedine Zidane to cross a ball downfield to Šuker who scored after a one-on-one with goalkeeper Fabien Barthez.^[35] France's defender Lilian Thuram equalized quickly after, and scored another goal later in the game to beat Croatia 2–1. In the third place playoff, Croatia prevailed against the Netherlands 2–1 to secure bronze and claim their first World Cup medal.^[21] Šuker won the Golden Shoe for scoring the most goals in the World Cup: six goals in seven games.^[36] The Croatians' performance during the late-1990s propelled them to rank third place in the FIFA World Ranking in January 1999.^{[24][13]} The team of the 1990s was dubbed the "golden generation"^[a] for their contributions to Croatia's ascension in international football.^{[37][38]}

Jozić, Barić and Kranjčar period (2000–2006)

Croatia started their qualifying campaign for the 2002 World Cup with draws against Belgium and Scotland prompting Blažević's resignation as head coach in October 2000.^[39] His successor, Mirko Jozić, pushed the team through the rest of qualifiers undefeated. In the group stage, Croatia narrowly lost to Mexico before beating Italy 2–1 and sustaining a 1–0 loss to Ecuador.^{[40][41]} The team was eliminated by one point,^[42] leading to the resignation of Jozić and succession of Otto Barić in July 2002, their first manager born outside of Southeastern Europe.^{[43][44]} During Barić's tenure, most of the remaining players from the "golden generation" squad were gradually replaced by younger players over the course of qualifying for Euro 2004. Croatia qualified in a playoff victory against Slovenia, winning 2–1 on aggregate after Dado Pršo's decisive late goal in the second leg.^[45] The team was eliminated at the group stage after drawing 0–0 with Switzerland and 2–2 with France, and losing 2–4 to England.^{[46][47]} Barić departed after his two-year contract expired in June 2004.^[48]

Prior to launching the team's qualification for the 2006 World Cup, Zlatko Kranjčar succeeded Barić in July 2004.^[49] Croatia qualified undefeated, topping the group ahead of Sweden and Bulgaria.^{[50][51]} Kranjčar selected his son, Niko, for the national squad, leading local media outlets to accuse him of nepotism.^[52] In the group stage, Croatia lost their opening game to

Brazil and drew 0–0 with Japan after Darijo Srna missed a first-half penalty.^{[53][54]} A 2–2 draw with Australia in which three players were sent off confirmed Croatia's elimination.^[55] The game included a mistake by referee Graham Poll who gave three yellow cards^[b] to Croatian defender Josip Šimunić, mistaking him for an Australian player due to his Australian accent.^[56]



Fans during Euro 2004 in Portugal

Bilić period (2006–2012)



Croatia vs. Brazil at the 2006 World Cup

In July 2006, prior to Euro 2008, Kranjčar was replaced with Slaven Bilić, who introduced newer, younger players to the squad and finished qualifying undefeated.^{[57][58]} His first game was a 2–0 victory against reigning world champions Italy during an international friendly.^{[59][60]} Croatia lost once to Macedonia and beat England twice, who as a result failed to qualify for the first time since 1984.^{[61][62]} Eduardo da Silva, the team's top goalscorer during qualifying, sustained an injury while playing for his club, Arsenal, leading to a shake-up in the finals squad with less experienced players.^{[63][64]} Croatia finished group stage undefeated with a 1–0 win over co-hosts Austria, 2–1 win over Germany, and 1–0 win over Poland.^[65] The team collected the maximum group stage points possible (9) for the first time in their Euros history.^{[66][67][68]} Niko Kovač and Dario Šimić held captaincy during the group and knockout stages, respectively.^{[69][70]} Croatia pushed Turkey to a penalty shoot-out in the

quarter-finals in which the Turkish side prevailed in an upset win^[71] where Luka Modrić, Mladen Petrić and Ivan Rakitić all missed their penalties.^[72] Croatia set multiple Euro records: fewest goals conceded (2), fewest games lost (0),^[c] and earliest goal scored.^{[73][74][75]}

Bilić renewed his contract in April 2008,^[76] before the qualifying campaign for the 2010 World Cup. Croatia won 3–0 against Kazakhstan, before taking a 4–1 loss to England at Stadion Maksimir, their first home loss in 14 years.^{[77][78][79]} The team drew 0–0 with Ukraine and beat Andorra twice, drawing again with Ukraine and beating Belarus twice. In the final stretch of the qualifiers, England delivered Croatia's then-heaviest loss, a 5–1 scoreline, at Wembley Stadium.^[80] The team had a number of players' injuries during qualifying and were ultimately eliminated, on points, as Ukraine defeated both England and Andorra to advance in the group.^[81]

Croatia was a candidate to co-host Euro 2012 with Hungary which would have resulted in automatic qualification for both countries; UEFA ultimately selected Poland and Ukraine.^[82] The Croatians began their qualifying campaign for Euro 2012 with a 3–0 win over Latvia, a goalless draw with Greece, and a 2–1 win against Israel. In the qualifying playoff against Turkey, the team won 3–0 on aggregate.^[83] They were grouped with the Republic of Ireland, Italy and defending champions Spain, opening with a 3–1 victory over the Irish.^[84] Croatia drew the match with Italy 1–1 in an Adriatic Derby that was marred by disruptive fans and controversial refereeing from English official Howard Webb.^[85] The side was knocked out by Spain in a 0–1 loss, which, along with 1–1 rematch with Italy, had Croatia eliminated.^[85] Bilić announced his resignation plans before Euro 2012 and, upon his departure, *Jutarnji list* credited him with a "strong revival" of the national side during his six-years.^{[86][87]} During Bilić's tenure, from 2007 to 2012, the Croatians continuously ranked among the top ten teams in the world on the FIFA Ranking.^[88]

Štimac, Kovač and Čačić period (2012–2017)



Croatia vs. Brazil at 2014 World Cup

Succeeding Bilić, former player Igor Štimac was appointed manager while Davor Šuker assumed the presidency of the Croatian Football Federation in 2012 after the death of Vlatko Marković.^{[89][90]} A year in, Štimac was replaced by former captain Niko Kovač.^[91] Kovač led the team to a 2–0 aggregate victory over Iceland in the qualifying playoffs for the 2014 World Cup with both goals coming in the home leg in Zagreb.^[92] In the group stage, Croatia opened their campaign with a 3–1 loss to Brazil. The match garnered media attention for controversial refereeing from



Croatia vs. Portugal at Euro 2016

Yuichi Nishimura which was scrutinized for a number of decisions.^{[93][94]} In their second match, Croatia won 4–0 against Cameroon then lost 3–1 to Mexico, finishing third in the group and not advancing to the knockout stage.^{[95][96][97]}

During the qualifying campaign of Euro 2016, Croatia drew with Azerbaijan and lost to Norway,^[98] leading to Kovac's replacement with Ante Čačić.^{[99][100]} The team broke their record for most goals scored in a match with a friendly 10–0 win over San Marino in June 2016.^[101] They topped the group stage of that year's Euros, advancing with defending champions Spain.^{[102][103]} Croatia prevailed over Turkey 1–0 with a long-range volley goal from Luka Modrić,^[104] before drawing 2–2 draw against the Czech Republic.^[105] In the latter match, Croatia took the lead with goals from Ivan Perišić and Ivan Rakitić, while opposing Czech striker Milan Škoda and a last-minute penalty from Tomáš Necid drew the match.^[106] There was severe crowd trouble^[106] and on-field flares in the game's last minutes with a steward injured by a stray firework.^[107] Croatia then overtook Spain 2–1, confirming the Spaniards' first defeat at a Euro finals match since 2004.^{[108][109]} The Croatians were tipped as one of the tournament favourites^{[110][111]} as they entered the knockout stage with Portugal.^[112] The Portuguese prevailed 1–0 with Ricardo Quaresma's winning goal in the 117th minute after Perišić hit the post with a header in the previous attack.^[113] It was an "abysmal...turgid affair" between the two sides, according to BBC Sport.^[114] Following the campaign, Darijo Srna announced his retirement and the succession of Modrić as team captain in August 2016.^{[115][116]}

Dalić period (since 2017)



The 2017–18 squad posing with Vladimir Putin and Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović after the 2018 World Cup Final against France.



The team arrival in Zagreb after their 2018 World Cup campaign

Croatia qualified for the 2018 World Cup undefeated for their first five matches.^[117] Two defeats to Iceland and Turkey, as well as a draw against Finland, led to a public outcry that ousted manager Čačić.^[118] He was replaced by Zlatko Dalić, who formally qualified the team with a 2–0 win against Ukraine,^[119] and a 4–1 win with Greece, on aggregate, during a playoff round in the first leg in Zagreb.^{[120][121]} The 2017–18 squad was known as Croatia's second "golden generation",^{[122][123]} referencing their 1998 counterparts, during the side's World Cup campaign.^{[124][125][126]} They topped their group, with a 2–0 victory over Nigeria,^{[127][128]} 3–0 win over Argentina,^{[129][130][131]} and a 2–1 win with Iceland – their best-ever group stage performance.^{[132][133]}

During the knockout stage, they beat Denmark in a penalty shoot-out for the first time^{[134][135]} after goalkeeper Danijel Subašić saved three penalties, equalling the record for most penalties saved in a shoot-out.^[136] In the quarter-finals, Croatia drew 2–2 with hosts Russia, becoming the first team since 1990 to win two consecutive penalty shoot-outs.^{[137][138][139]} Playing England in the semi-finals, Croatia equalized to force their third consecutive extra time, matching the



Squad at 2018 World Cup
Coach: Zlatko Dalić

tournament record.^{[140][141]} Mario Mandžukić and Perišić scored as Croatia won 2–1 making them the second-smallest country by population (after Uruguay) and land mass (after the Netherlands) to reach a World Cup Final.^{[142][143]} In the 2018 World Cup Final they lost to France 4–2, finishing second-place and securing the silver medal.^[144] The match was controversial^[d] for its refereeing.^{[146][147]} Luka Modrić became the first Croatian to win the Golden Ball.^[148] The team was welcomed by an estimated half a million people^[e] at their homecoming in Zagreb.^[151] In August Croatia was ranked 4th in FIFA rankings and held that position until 4th of April 2019.^[152]

The first game Croatia played after the World Cup was a 1–1 draw against Portugal in a friendly match.^[153] It is the first time that Croatia managed to draw (and even score) against Portugal.

The team entered the Nations League's inaugural 2018–19 edition in League A, along with England and Spain in January 2018.^{[154][155]} Croatia lost 6–0 away to Spain in their first game, the side's record loss in a match.^[156] Croatia drew 0–0 home with England,^[157] played behind closed doors due to UEFA sanctions.^[158] The team then overtook Spain 3–2 with a goal in stoppage time, followed by a 2–1 away defeat to England.^[159] Croatia were set to be relegated to League B until a tournament rule change retained them in League A, grouping them with Portugal, France and Sweden in the 2020–21 tournament.^{[160][161][162]} Croatia lost to France and Portugal, but a single victory against Sweden was sufficient to avoid relegation to League B.^{[163][164][165]}

The team topped their group for the qualifying campaign of Euro 2020,^{[166][167][168]} with a loss to Hungary, and draws against Azerbaijan and Wales.^{[169][170]} The 2020 finals were delayed into 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic in Europe.^[171] Overall, winning only two out of eight games in 2020, Croatia achieved their worst-ever aggregate win-rate.^{[172][173]} Croatia finished second in their Euros group,^[174] with a 1–0 loss to England, a 1–1 tie with the Czech Republic and a 3–1 win over Scotland. They

advanced to the round of 16, where they lost to Spain 5–3 after extra time.^[175] The loss to Spain led to heightened criticism against Dalić and the team by the Croatian public,^{[176][177]} a faction of whom called for resignations.^{[178][179]} Dalić refreshed the team roster by introducing younger debutants for the remainder of World Cup qualifying in 2021.^{[180][181]}

Croatia qualified for the 2022 World Cup with one loss, two draws and seven wins.^{[182][183][184][185]} The team advanced from group stage after a 0–0 draw with Morocco, a 4–1 win with Canada, and finished ahead of Belgium by a single point after drawing 0–0.^{[186][187]} They won against Japan in a penalty shootout in the round of 16 where Dominik Livaković saved three of four Japanese penalties, equalling a record held by Ricardo and Danijel Subašić.^{[188][189]} Croatia similarly beat Brazil during the quarter-finals in an upset victory on penalties, having come from behind to draw 1–1 in the final minutes of extra time.^{[190][191]} In the semi-final match, Croatia sustained their heaviest World Cup defeat, 3–0 against Argentina.^[192] They prevailed 2–1 over Morocco in the third place playoff, securing their second bronze medal.^[193]

The team topped their group in the 2023 Nations League, knocking out reigning champions France by winning 1–0 on a penalty – their first-ever win against the French.^{[194][195]} Croatia beat the Netherlands 4–2 in the semi-finals, advancing to their first Nations League final, against Spain.^{[196][197]} After drawing the Spanish 0–0 in extra time, the team lost the penalty shootout 4–5, finishing the tournament in second place.^[198]

Croatia finished second in Euro 2024 qualifying, advancing in a "group of death" draw with Italy, Spain, and Albania, due to commence summer 2024.^{[199][200]}



Squad at 2022 World Cup
Coach: Zlatko Dalić

Image

Kits

Croatia's modern-day team jersey was created in 1990 by Miroslav Šutej who also designed the nation's flag, coat of arms and first currency. The red-and-white motif is based on the Croatian checkerboard (*šahovnica*).^{[201][202][203]} The typical kit color-way features red-and-white checkered shirts, white shorts and blue socks to match the Croatian tricolor (*Trobojnjica*).^[201] There have been variations made by the kit manufacturers since the original release; the jersey design has remained consistent throughout the years and has served as a blueprint for other Croatian national sports teams and entities.^[16]

Away kits used by the team have for a period been all-blue, incorporating the red-and-white checkers as a trim. Croatia has moved to using darker away kits such as the dark navy-and-black checkered design that featured prominently in the 2018 World Cup campaign. The *Vatreni* have been required to use their darker away kits even when playing at home because their opponents have red-and-white jerseys that clash with the checkers of Croatia.



The team's image references the national colors of Croatia. Pictured: Šime Vrsaljko, 2018.

Kit supplier	Period
Uhl sport	1990–1991
Lotto	1992–1994
Kappa	1994
Lotto	1994–2000
Nike	2000–present

Supporters

The team has developed an extensive fan base since its unofficial formation in 1990.^[204] Following their debut run at the 1998 World Cup, there was a rise in domestic and global attention for the side. Political scientist Alex J. Bellamy observed in 2003 that the national team became a symbol of statehood in Croatia after their independence through the cultural export of Croatian football.^[205] The government's influence on team affairs eased substantially after the death of President Franjo Tuđman in 1999. All matches are followed and televised throughout the country, particularly during major tournaments.^[206] In November 2022, the Ministry of Science and Education issued guidance to let school children watch matches during the school day as long



Croatia supporters at Euro 2012, featuring the national checkerboard

coursework is made up later.^[207] Following the 2018 World Cup, the Croatian Cabinet attended ministerial meetings in team jerseys,^[208] and during the 2022 World Cup, Prime Minister Andrej Plenković delivered a hurried speech "[lasting] only 37 seconds" at the Euro-Mediterranean Summit to catch the quarter-finals.^[209]

A part of the team's support consists of fans of Dinamo Zagreb and Hajduk Split, the two largest clubs in Croatia's top domestic football league, the Hrvatska nogometna liga (HNL).^[210] Both sets of fans—Bad Blue Boys from Zagreb and Torcida from Split—have been associated with hooliganism due to their ultra-style support,^{[211][212]} though violence between them does not occur at international matches. Other ultras groups are Armada Rijeka,

Kohorta Osijek, Ultras Vinkovci, Tornado Zadar, Funcuti Šibenik and Demoni Pula. Support for the team also comes from Croats of Bosnia and Herzegovina, particularly from fans of Zrinjski Mostar and Široki Brijeg.^[213] There are also Croatian communities in Australia, North America and South America that follow the team.^{[214][215]} The team's fanbase is known for their use of pyrotechnics, fireworks, and flares at matches and while celebrating. During the qualifiers of Euro 2016, Croatian fans disrupted matches against Italy and the Czech Republic by throwing flares from the stadium onto the field.^{[216][217]}

Among supporters, it is customary to include an inscription of their city of origin onto the Croatian flag to indicate where they are from. Fans also coordinate their vocal support and orchestrate chants during matches. One section may shout "U boj, u boj" ("To battle, to battle") with another responding "Za narod svoj" ("For our people"). When the team wins, supporters might chant "Bježite ljudi, bježite iz grada" ("Run away people, run away from the city") which is a song praising the presence of Croatian fans.^[218] The Croatian Football Federation endorses an official fan club for the team, known as Uvijek Vjerni ("Always Faithful").^[219] In addition to chants, the team receives support from various local musicians, who release songs dedicated to them. Former manager Slaven Bilić and his rock band released a single, "Vatreno ludilo" (*Fiery Madness*), which reached the top position on Croatian music charts during Euro 2008.^{[220][221]}

Fans' behaviour, hooliganism, and ultra-style rioting during matches has led to sanctions both domestically and internationally. The football federation, Croatian government, and players have made efforts to prevent unwanted incidents in order to avoid damage to the perception of the team and Croatian people.^[222] This has included banning their own fans from certain games.^[223] The behaviour of fans has led to penalties and fines for the national team imposed by FIFA and UEFA.^{[224][225]} Certain disruptive behaviour is centered on ethno-nationalist racism and fascism stemming from the dissolution of Yugoslavia.^[7] The Croatian Football Federation has been fined £14,920 for fans' racist taunts against English striker Emile Heskey in 2010,^[226] €80,000 for a fan throwing a banana at Italian striker Mario Balotelli in 2012,^[227] €100,000 for inadvertently hosting a match against Italy with a faint swastika etched into the pitch in 2016,^[228] \$53,000 for a crowd of fans' anti-Serb taunts against Canadian keeper Milan Borjan in 2022,^[229] and €70,000 for a crowd of fans chanting antiziganist slurs at Romanian referee István Kovács in 2023.^[230] The team has been fined for similar incidents and received additional sanctions such as having to play matches without fans, including the October 2018 Nations League game against England.^{[231][232]} There have also been multiple acts of protest against the national team, in response to allegations of corruption within the Croatian Football Federation, and other fan disturbances.^[233]



Smoke from supporters' pyrotechnics in Ban Jelačić Square, 2018

Charity

To advance the team's charitable efforts manager Slaven Bilić established the Vatreno Srce (Fiery Heart) Foundation in 2010.^[234] The primary cause of the foundation is helping children.^[235] As of 2012, the foundation made fifty donations of 1,200,000 HRK to various children's organizations.^[236] In December 2012, the foundation made 500,000 HRK on an auction of Niko Kranjčar's shirt and Lionel Messi's shirt that was signed by all FC Barcelona players. The auction was organized in the Esplanade Zagreb Hotel and attended by President of Croatia Ivo Josipović.^[236] In November 2018, the players gathered in The Westin Hotel in Zagreb to answer fans' phonecalls, the proceeds of which were donated to the Vatreno Srce Foundation. In 2018, the foundation financed Children's Hospital Zagreb and Korak u Život (A Step Into Life), a charity that helps young children raised in orphanages make the transition into higher education.^{[234][237]} In November 2019, more than 500,000 HRK was collected in another call

event that were then directed to Children's Hospital Kantrida.^[238] In March 2020, the players collectively donated 4,200,000 HRK for fighting the COVID-19 pandemic and for repair of damage caused by the 2020 Zagreb earthquake.^[239] Members of national team also visit and help children with special needs and their education institutions.^[240]

Stadiums

Since their first match in 1990, the national team has played at thirteen stadiums around the country. The majority of Croatia's home matches take place at Stadion Maksimir in Zagreb, the country's largest football stadium, which is also the home-ground of local football club Dinamo Zagreb.^[241] It was one of two venues for Euro 1976, hosted by Yugoslavia, alongside Red Star Stadium in Belgrade. The Croatian Football Federation previously agreed on extensive plans with the government to renovate the stadium and increase its forty-thousand seating capacity, the proposal was eventually rejected by Mayor of Zagreb Milan Bandić in 2008 due to construction costs.^{[241][242][243]}

Some home matches are occasionally played at other, smaller venues around the country. Stadion Poljud in Split has hosted some qualifying fixtures since 1995, the first being a 1–1 draw with Italy. In the period between 1995 and 2011, Croatia never won a competitive match at Poljud, which the local media dubbed *Poljudsko prokletstvo* ("the Poljud curse").^[244] Qualifying fixtures have also been played at Stadion Kantrida in Rijeka along with Stadion Gradski Vrt in Osijek and Stadion Varteks in Varaždin.^[245]

Stadium	City / town	Pld	W	D	L	Win %	Last match hosted	Map of the host cities
Stadion Maksimir	Zagreb	68	47	15	6	69.1	2022	
Stadion Poljud	Split	18	4	9	5	22.2	2023	
Stadion Gradski vrt	Osijek	14	10	3	1	71.4	2022	
Stadion Kantrida	Rijeka	11	10	1	0	90.9	2011	
Stadion Rujevica	Rijeka	8	6	2	0	75.0	2023	
Stadion Varteks	Varaždin	8	5	2	1	62.5	2019	
Stadion A. Drosina	Pula	5	4	0	1	80.0	2019	
Stadion Koprivnica	Koprivnica	1	1	0	0	100.0	2016	
Stadion Cibalia	Vinkovci	1	1	0	0	100.0	2009	
Stadion Kranjčevićeva	Zagreb	1	1	0	0	100.0	1996	
Stadion Šubićevac	Šibenik	1	0	1	0	0.0	2003	
Stadion Radnik	Velika Gorica	1	0	1	0	0.0	2021	
Opus Arena	Osijek	1	0	0	1	0.0	2023	
Total		138	89	34	15	64.5%	2023	

Last updated: Croatia vs. Turkey, 12 October 2023

Statistics include only official matches recognized by HNS^[246]

Results and fixtures

The following is a list of match results in the last 12 months, as well as any future matches that have been scheduled.

2023

UEFA Euro 2024 qualifying	25 March 20:45 CET	Croatia 🎏 1–1 Wales Kramarić 28' Report (htt ps://www.u efa.com/eu ropean-qua lifiers/matc h/203629 7/)	Split, Croatia Stadium: Stadion Poljud Attendance: 33,474 Referee: João Pinheiro (Portugal) Assistant referees: Bruno Jesus (Portugal) Luciano Maia (Portugal) Fourth official: Vitor Ferreira (Portugal)	[show]
UEFA Euro 2024 qualifying	28 March 20:45 CEST (21:45 TRT)	Turkey 🇹🇷 0–2 Croatia Report (htt ps://www.u efa.com/eu ropean-qua lifiers/matc h/203631 9/)	Bursa, Turkey Stadium: Bursa Metropolitan Stadium Attendance: 37,750 Referee: Andreas Ekberg (Sweden) Assistant referees: Fredrik Klyver (Sweden) Niklas Nyberg (Sweden) Fourth official: Granit Maqedonci (Sweden)	[show]
2022–23 UEFA Nations League SF	14 June 20:45 CEST	Netherlands 🇳🇱 2–4 (a.e.t.) Croatia Malen 34' Report (htt Lang 90+6' ps://www.u efas.com/uef anationslea gue/match/ 2035581)	Rotterdam, Netherlands Stadium: De Kuip Attendance: 39,359 Referee: István Kovács (Romania) Assistant referees: Vasile Florin Marinescu (Romania) Ovidiu Artene (Romania) Fourth official: Halil Umut Meler (Turkey) Man of the Match: Luka Modrić (Croatia)	[show]
2022–23 UEFA Nations League F	18 June 20:45 CEST	Croatia 🎏 0–0 (a.e.t.) Spain (4–5 p) Report (htt ps://www.u efa.com/uef anationslea gue/match/ 2035584/)	Rotterdam, Netherlands Stadium: De Kuip Attendance: 41,110 Referee: Felix Zwayer (Germany) Assistant referees: Stefan Lupp (Germany) Marco Achmüller (Germany) Fourth official: Ivan Kružliak (Slovakia) Man of the Match: Marcelo Brozović (Croatia)	[show]
		Penalties		
		Vlašić Brozović Modrić Majer Perišić Petković	Joselu Rodri Merino Asensio Laporte Carvaljal	
UEFA Euro 2024 qualifying	8 September 20:45 CEST	Croatia 🎏 5–0 Latvia Petković 3', 44' Report (htt Ivanušec 13' ps://www.u Kramarić 68' efa.com/eu Pašalić 78' ropean-qua lifiers/matc h/203638 8/)	Rijeka, Croatia Stadium: Stadion Rujevica Attendance: 8,152 Referee: Philip Farrugia (Malta) Assistant referees: Alan Camilleri (Malta) Luke Portelli (Malta) Fourth official: Trustin Farrugia Cann (Malta)	[show]
UEFA Euro 2024 qualifying	11 September 18:00 CEST (20:00 AMT)	Armenia 🇦🇲 0–1 Croatia Report (htt ps://www.u efa.com/eu ropean-qua lifiers/matc h/2036411)	Yerevan, Armenia Stadium: Vazgen Sargsyan Republican Stadium Attendance: 14,233 Referee: Clément Turpin (France) Assistant referees: Nicolas Danos (France)	[show]

UEFA Euro 2024 qualifying	12 October 20:45 CEST	Croatia 0–1 Turkey	Report (htt ps://www.u efa.com/eu ropean-qua lifiers/matc h/203643 4/)	Osijek, Croatia Stadium: Opus Arena Attendance: 12,812 Referee: Anthony Taylor (England) Assistant referees: Gary Beswick (England) Adam Nunn (England) Fourth official: Michael Salisbury (England)	[show]
UEFA Euro 2024 qualifying	15 October 20:45 CEST (19:45 BST)	Wales 2–1 Croatia	Wilson 47', 60' Report (htt ps://www.u efa.com/eu ropean-qua lifiers/matc h/203645 8/)	Pašalić 75'	Cardiff, Wales Stadium: Cardiff City Stadium Attendance: 31,240 Referee: Davide Massa (Italy) Assistant referees: Filippo Meli (Italy) Stefano Alassio (Italy) Fourth official: Matteo Marcenaro (Italy)
UEFA Euro 2024 qualifying	18 November 18:00 CET (19:00 EET)	Latvia 0–2 Croatia	Report (htt ps://www.u efa.com/eu ropean-qua lifiers/matc h/203648 0/)	Majer 7' Kramarić 16'	Riga, Latvia Stadium: Skonto Stadium Attendance: 6,747 Referee: Urs Schnyder (Switzerland) Assistant referees: Marco Zürcher (Switzerland) Benjamin Zürcher (Switzerland) Fourth official: Sven Wolfensberger (Switzerland)
UEFA Euro 2024 qualifying	21 November 20:45 CET	Croatia 1–0 Armenia	Budimir 43' Report (htt ps://www.u efa.com/eu ropean-qua lifiers/matc h/203650 3/)	Report (htt ps://www.u efa.com/eu ropean-qua lifiers/matc h/203650 3/)	Zagreb, Croatia Stadium: Stadion Maksimir Attendance: 20,398 Referee: Ivan Kružliak (Slovakia) Assistant referees: Branislav Hanckov (Slovakia) Jan Pozor (Slovakia) Fourth official: Martin Dohal (Slovakia)

2024

2024 Winsunited Cup	22 March	Tunisia v Croatia		Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates Stadium: Mohammed bin Zayed Stadium	[show]
2024 Winsunited Cup	25–26 March	Croatia v Egypt / New Zealand		Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates Stadium: Mohammed bin Zayed Stadium	[show]
Friendly	3 June	Croatia v North Macedonia		Rijeka, Croatia Stadium: Stadion Rujevica	[show]
Friendly	8 June	Portugal v Croatia		Oeiras, Portugal Stadium: Estádio Nacional	[show]
UEFA Euro 2024 Group B	15 June 18:00 CEST	Spain v Croatia	Report (htt ps://www.u efa.com/uef aeuro/matc h/203616 3/)	Berlin, Germany Stadium: Olympiastadion	[show]
UEFA Euro 2024 Group B	19 June 15:00 CEST	Croatia v Albania	Report (htt ps://www.u efa.com/uef aeuro/matc h/203617 6/)	Hamburg, Germany Stadium: Volksparkstadion	[show]
UEFA Euro 2024 Group B	24 June 21:00 CEST	Croatia v Italy	Report (htt ps://www.u	Leipzig, Germany Stadium: Red Bull Arena	[show]

2024–25 UEFA Nations League A	5 September	Portugal  v  Croatia	Portugal	[show]
	20:45 CEST (19:45 WET)		Report (http://www.efa.com/uef/nationsleague/match/2040045/)	
2024–25 UEFA Nations League A	8 September	Croatia  v  Poland	Croatia	[show]
	20:45 CEST		Report (http://www.efa.com/uef/nationsleague/match/2040073/)	
2024–25 UEFA Nations League A	12 October	Croatia  v  Scotland	Croatia	[show]
	18:00 CEST		Report (http://www.efa.com/uef/nationsleague/match/2040113/)	
2024–25 UEFA Nations League A	15 October	Poland  v  Croatia	Poland	[show]
	20:45 CEST		Report (http://www.efa.com/uef/nationsleague/match/2040141/)	
2024–25 UEFA Nations League A	15 November	Scotland  v  Croatia	Glasgow, Scotland	[show]
	20:45 CET (19:45 GMT)		Report (http://www.efa.com/uef/nationsleague/match/2040158/)	Stadium: Hampden Park
2024–25 UEFA Nations League A	18 November	Croatia  v  Portugal	Croatia	[show]

Coaching staff

Position	Name ^[247]
Head coach	 Zlatko Dalić
	 Ivica Olić
Assistant coaches	 Vedran Čorluka
	 Mario Mandžukić
Goalkeeping coaches	 Marjan Mrmić
	 Danijel Subašić
Fitness coach	 Luka Milanović
	 Marin Dadić
Analyst	 Dražen Ladić
Video analyst	 Marc Rochon
Scouts	 Nikola Jerkan
	 Ognjen Vukojević
	 Nenad Krošnjar
	 Nderim Redžaj
Physiotherapists	 Goran Beloglavec
	 Miroslav Jamnić
	 Neven Golubar
Doctors	 Saša Janković
	 Eduard Rod
	 Tomislav Vlahović
Technical director	 Stipe Pletikosa
Team manager	 Iva Olivari
Security officer	 Miroslav Marković
Media officer	 Tomislav Pacak
Chef	 Tomica Đukić
Kit men	 Mladen Pilčić
	 Goran Vincek
	 Dennis Lukanić



Manager Zlatko Dalić, 2018

Coaching history

The following table provides a summary of the complete record of each Croatia manager's results in the [FIFA World Cup](#) and the [UEFA European Championship](#).

Manager	Period	Pld	W	D	L	Win %
Jozo Jakopić	1940–1941	4	2	1	1	50.00
Rudolf Hitrec	1941	1	0	0	1	0.00
Bogdan Cuvaj	1941–1943	13	6	3	4	46.15
Bernard Hügl	1943–1945	1	1	0	0	100.00
Bogdan Cuvaj	1956	1	1	0	0	100.00
Total		20	10	4	6	50%

Manager	Period	Pld	W	D	L	Win %	Tournament
Dražan Jerković	1990–1991	3	3	0	0	100.00	
Stanko Poklepović	1992	4	1	1	2	25.00	
Vlatko Marković	1993–1994	1	1	0	0	100.00	
Miroslav Blažević	1994–2000	72	33	24	15	45.83	1996 European Championship – Quarter-finals 1998 World Cup – Third place 2000 European Championship – Failed to qualify
Tomislav Ivić (c) ^{fl}	1994	1	1	0	0	100.00	
Mirko Jozic	2000–2002	18	9	6	3	50.00	2002 World Cup – Group stage
Otto Barić	2002–2004	24	11	8	5	45.83	2004 European Championship – Group stage
Zlatko Kranjčar	2004–2006	25	11	8	6	44.00	2006 World Cup – Group stage
Slaven Bilić	2006–2012	65	42	15	8	64.62	2008 European Championship – Quarter-finals 2010 World Cup – Failed to qualify 2012 European Championship – Group stage
Igor Štimac	2012–2013	15	8	2	5	53.33	
Niko Kovač	2013–2015	19	10	5	4	52.63	2014 World Cup – Group stage
Ante Čačić	2015–2017	25	15	6	4	60.00	2016 European Championship – Round of 16
Zlatko Dalić	2017–present	80	40	20	20	50.00	2018 World Cup – Runners-up 2020 European Championship – Round of 16 2022 World Cup – Third place 2024 European Championship – Qualified
Total		352	185	95	72	52.56%	13 out of 15

Last updated: Croatia vs. Armenia, 21 November 2023. Source: Croatian Football Federation

Players

Current squad

The following was the squad for the [UEFA Euro 2024](#) qualifying match against [Armenia](#) on 21 November 2023.

No.	Pos.	Player	Date of birth (age)	Caps	Goals	Club
1	GK	Dominik Livaković	9 January 1995	51	0	Fenerbahçe
12	GK	Nediljko Labrović	10 October 1999	0	0	Rijeka
23	GK	Ivica Ivušić	1 February 1995	5	0	Pafos
2	DF	Josip Stanišić	2 April 2000	16	0	Bayer Leverkusen
3	DF	Marin Pongračić	11 September 1997	5	0	Lecce
4	DF	Joško Gvardiol	23 January 2002	27	2	Manchester City
5	DF	Martin Erlić	24 January 1998	7	0	Sassuolo
6	DF	Josip Šutalo	28 February 2000	13	0	Ajax
19	DF	Borna Sosa	21 January 1998	18	1	Ajax
21	DF	Domagoj Vida (<i>vice-captain</i>)	29 April 1989	103	4	AEK Athens
22	DF	Josip Juranović	16 August 1995	34	0	Union Berlin
7	MF	Lovro Majer	17 January 1998	27	5	VfL Wolfsburg
8	MF	Martin Baturina	16 February 2003	2	0	Dinamo Zagreb
10	MF	Luka Modrić (<i>captain</i>)	9 September 1985	172	24	Real Madrid
11	MF	Marcelo Brozović	16 November 1992	93	7	Al Nassr
14	MF	Luka Sučić	8 September 2002	5	0	Red Bull Salzburg
15	MF	Mario Pašalić	9 February 1995	60	10	Atalanta
16	MF	Nikola Moro	12 March 1998	1	0	Bologna
18	MF	Luka Ivanušec	26 November 1998	18	2	Feyenoord
9	FW	Andrej Kramarić	19 June 1991	89	27	1899 Hoffenheim
13	FW	Marco Pašalić	14 September 2000	2	0	Rijeka
17	FW	Ante Budimir	22 July 1991	19	2	Osasuna
20	FW	Dion Drena Beljo	1 March 2002	2	0	FC Augsburg

Recent call-ups

The following players have been called up to the squad in the last 12 months.

Pos.	Player	Date of birth (age)	Caps	Goals	Club	Latest call-up
GK	<u>Dominik Kotarski</u>	10 February 2000	0	0	 PAOK	v.  Latvia, 18 November 2023 PRE
GK	<u>Ivo Grbić</u>	18 January 1996	2	0	 Sheffield United	2023 UEFA Nations League Finals PRE
DF	<u>Borna Barišić</u>	10 November 1992	35	1	 Rangers	v.  Latvia, 18 November 2023 PRE
DF	<u>Dario Melnjak</u> INJ	31 October 1992	8	0	 Hajduk Split	v.  Latvia, 18 November 2023 PRE
DF	<u>Duje Ćaleta-Car</u>	17 September 1996	23	1	 Lyon	v.  Turkey, 12 October 2023 PRE
DF	<u>Jakov Medić</u>	7 September 1998	0	0	 Ajax	v.  Latvia, 8 September 2023 PRE
DF	<u>Filip Uremović</u>	11 February 1997	6	0	 Hajduk Split	2023 UEFA Nations League Finals PRE
MF	<u>Mateo Kovačić</u> INJ	6 May 1994	97	5	 Manchester City	v.  Latvia, 18 November 2023 WD
MF	<u>Nikola Vlašić</u> INJ	4 October 1997	53	7	 Torino	v.  Latvia, 18 November 2023 WD
MF	<u>Kristijan Jakić</u>	14 May 1997	5	0	 FC Augsburg	v.  Wales, 25 March 2023 PRE
FW	<u>Marko Pjaca</u> INJ	6 May 1995	24	1	 Rijeka	v.  Armenia, 18 November 2023 WD
FW	<u>Bruno Petković</u> INJ	16 September 1994	34	10	 Dinamo Zagreb	v.  Latvia, 18 November 2023 WD
FW	<u>Josip Brekalo</u>	23 June 1998	35	4	 Hajduk Split	v.  Latvia, 18 November 2023 PRE
FW	<u>Petar Musa</u>	4 March 1998	6	0	 FC Dallas	v.  Latvia, 18 November 2023 PRE
FW	<u>Franjo Ivanović</u> U21	1 October 2003	0	0	 Rijeka	v.  Latvia, 18 November 2023 PRE
FW	<u>Marko Livaja</u> RET	26 August 1993	21	4	 Hajduk Split	v.  Turkey, 12 October 2023 WD
FW	<u>Matija Frigan</u> U21	11 February 2003	0	0	 Westerlo	v.  Turkey, 12 October 2023 PRE
FW	<u>Ivan Perišić</u> INJ	2 February 1989	129	33	 Hajduk Split	v.  Armenia, 11 September 2023
FW	<u>Mislav Oršić</u> INJ	29 December 1992	27	2	 Trabzonspor	2023 UEFA Nations League Finals PRE
FW	<u>Dario Špikić</u>	22 March 1999	0	0	 Dinamo Zagreb	v.  Wales, 25 March 2023 PRE
■ INJ = Injured or ill. ■ WD = Withdrawn. ■ SUS = Suspended from participating. ■ RET = Retired after latest call-up. ■ U21 = Joined the Croatia U21 team instead. ■ PRE = Preliminary squad.						

Individual records

As of 21 November 2023^[249]

Statistics below are sourced from the Croatian Football Federation, players in **bold** are still active with Croatia.

Most capped players

Rank	Player	Caps	Goals	Career
1	<u>Luka Modrić</u>	172	24	2006–present
2	Darijo Srna	134	22	2002–2016
3	<u>Ivan Perišić</u>	129	33	2011–present
4	Stipe Pletikosa	114	0	1999–2014
5	Ivan Rakitić	106	15	2007–2019
6	<u>Josip Šimunić</u>	105	3	2001–2013
7	Ivica Olić	104	20	2002–2015
8	Vedran Čorluka	103	4	2006–2018
	<u>Domagoj Vida</u>	103	4	2010–present
10	Dario Šimić	100	3	1996–2008



Luka Modrić is Croatia's most capped player, 2018

Surpassing Robert Jarni's previous record of 81 appearances,^{[250][251]} Dario Šimić was the first player to reach 100 appearances, doing so before his retirement in 2008.^[252] Darijo Srna, Josip Šimunić and Stipe Pletikosa collectively reached their 100th cap in February 2013.^[253] Srna was the most capped player from 2016 to 2021, with 134 appearances.^[254] He was surpassed by Luka Modrić in 2021.^[255]

The youngest player to play for Croatia is Alen Halilović (aged 16 years, 11 months and 23 days),^[256] while the oldest is Luka Modrić (38 years, 2 months and 12 days).^[257]

Top goalscorers

Rank	Player	Goals	Caps	Ratio	Career
1	<u>Davor Šuker</u>	45	69	0.65	1991–2002
2	<u>Mario Mandžukić</u>	33	89	0.37	2007–2018
	<u>Ivan Perišić</u>		129	0.26	2011–present
4	Eduardo da Silva	29	64	0.45	2004–2014
5	<u>Andrej Kramarić</u>	27	89	0.3	2014–present
6	<u>Luka Modrić</u>	24	172	0.14	2006–present
7	Darijo Srna	22	134	0.16	2002–2016
8	Ivica Olić	20	104	0.19	2002–2015
9	Niko Kranjčar	16	81	0.2	2004–2013
10	Nikola Kalinić	15	42	0.36	2008–2018
	Goran Vlaović		51	0.29	1992–2002
	Ivan Rakitić		106	0.14	2007–2019



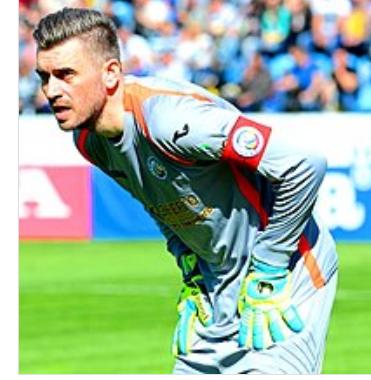
Davor Šuker, Croatia's top goalscorer, 2008

Davor Šuker is Croatia's highest goalscorer with a record 45 international goals from 1991 to 2002.^[32]

The team's youngest goalscorer is Luka Ivanušec (aged 18 years, 1 month and 19 days).^[258]

Most clean sheets

Rank	Player	Clean sheets	Caps	Ratio	Career
1	<u>Stipe Pletikosa</u>	54	114	0.47	1999–2014
2	<u>Dražen Ladić</u>	26	59	0.44	1990–2000
3	<u>Danijel Subašić</u>	24	44	0.55	2009–2018
4	<u>Dominik Livaković</u>	17	51	0.33	2017–present
5	<u>Tomislav Butina</u>	15	28	0.54	2001–2006
6	<u>Vedran Runje</u>	9	22	0.41	2006–2011
7	<u>Tonči Gabrić</u>	5	9	0.56	1990–1997
	<u>Marjan Mrmić</u>		13	0.38	1995–1999
9	<u>Lovre Kalinić</u>	4	19	0.21	2014–present
10	<u>Ivan Vargić</u>	3	3	1	2014–2016
	<u>Joey Didulica</u>		4	0.75	2004–2006
	<u>Ivica Ivušić</u>		5	0.6	2021–present



Stipe Pletikosa, Croatia's record holder in most clean sheets, 2014

Competitive record

- Champions
- Runners-up
- Third place
- Fourth place

Tournament played fully or partially on home soil

FIFA World Cup

FIFA World Cup record									
Year	Round	Position	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Squad
 1930	Part of  Kingdom of Yugoslavia								
 1934									
 1938									
 1950									
 1954									
 1958									
 1962									
 1966									
 1970									
 1974									
 1978									
 1982									
 1986									
 1990									
 1994	Did not enter								
 1998	Third place	3rd	7	5	0	2	11	5	Squad
  2002	Group stage	23rd	3	1	0	2	2	3	Squad
 2006	Group stage	22nd	3	0	2	1	2	3	Squad
 2010	Did not qualify								
 2014	Group stage	19th	3	1	0	2	6	6	Squad
 2018	Runners-up	2nd	7	4	2	1	14	9	Squad
 2022	Third place	3rd	7	2	4	1	8	7	Squad
 2026	To be determined								
 2030 ^[9]									
 2034									
Total	Runners-up	6/22	30	13	8	9	43	33	—

Qualification record									
Pos	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA			
2nd ^{OFF}	10	5	4	1	20	13			
1st	8	5	3	0	15	2			
1st	10	7	3	0	21	5			
3rd	10	6	2	2	19	13			
2nd ^{OFF}	12	6	3	3	14	9			
2nd ^{OFF}	12	7	3	2	19	5			
1st	10	7	2	1	21	4			
To be determined									
6/7	72	43	20	9	129	51			

Draws include knockout matches decided via penalty shoot-out; correct as of 17 December 2022 after the match against  Morocco.

Matches		[hide]
First match	 Croatia 3–1 Jamaica  (Lens, France; 14 June 1998)	
Biggest win	 Croatia 4–0 Cameroon  (Manaus, Brazil; 18 June 2014)	
Biggest defeat	 Argentina 3–0 Croatia  (Lusail, Qatar; 13 December 2022)	

UEFA European Championship

UEFA European Championship record										Qualification record							
Year	Round	Position	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Squad	Pos	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	
1960																	
1964																	
1968																	
1972																	
1976										Part of  Yugoslavia							
1980																	
1984																	
1988																	
1992																	
1996	Quarter-finals	7th	4	2	0	2	5	5	Squad	1st	10	7	2	1	22	5	
2000	<i>Did not qualify</i>										3rd	8	4	3	1	13	9
2004	Group stage	13th	3	0	2	1	4	6	Squad	2nd ^{OFF}	10	6	2	2	14	5	
2008	Quarter-finals	5th	4	3	1	0	5	2	Squad	1st	12	9	2	1	28	8	
2012	Group stage	10th	3	1	1	1	4	3	Squad	2nd ^{OFF}	12	8	2	2	21	7	
2016	Round of 16	9th	4	2	1	1	5	4	Squad	2nd	10	6	3	1	20	5	
2020	Round of 16	13th	4	1	1	2	7	8	Squad	1st	8	5	2	1	17	7	
2024	<i>Qualified</i>										2nd	8	5	1	2	13	4
2028	<i>To be determined</i>										<i>To be determined</i>						
2032	<i>To be determined</i>																
Total	Quarter-finals	7/17	22	9	6	7	30	28	—	7/8	78	50	17	11	148	50	

Draws include knockout matches decided on penalty kicks; correct as of 21 November 2023 after the match against Armenia.

Matches [hide]

First match	Croatia 1–0 Turkey (Nottingham, England; 11 June 1996)
Biggest win	Croatia 3–0 Denmark (Sheffield, England; 16 June 1996)
Biggest defeat	Portugal 3–0 Croatia (Nottingham, England; 19 June 1996)

UEFA Nations League

UEFA Nations League											
Season	LG	GP	Pos	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	P/R	RK
2018–19	A	4	3rd	4	1	1	2	4	10	=	9th
2020–21	A	3	3rd	6	1	0	5	9	16	=	12th
2022–23	A	1	1st	6	4	1	1	8	6	=	2nd
2024–25	A	1	To be determined								
Total			16	6	2	8	21	32	2nd		

Finals record											
Year	Round	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Squad			
2019											
2021											
2023	Runners-up	2	1	1	0	4	2	Squad			
2025	To be determined										
Total	1/3	2	1	1	0	4	2	—			

Draws include knockout matches decided on penalty kicks; correct as of 18 June 2023 after the match against Spain.

Matches											
First match	Spain 6–0 Croatia (Elche, Spain; 11 September 2018)										
Biggest win	Austria 1–3 Croatia (Vienna, Austria; 25 September 2022)										
Biggest defeat	Netherlands 2–4 Croatia (Rotterdam, Netherlands; 14 June 2023)										
	Spain 6–0 Croatia (Elche, Spain; 11 September 2018)										

Other

Year				Round	Position	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
1996 King Hassan II International Cup Tournament				Champions	1st	2	0	2	0	3	3
● 1997 Kirin Cup Soccer				Runners-up	2nd	2	0	1	1	4	5
1999 Korea Cup				Champions	1st	3	1	2	0	5	4
2006 Lunar New Year Cup				Third place	3rd	2	1	0	1	4	2
2017 China Cup				Fourth place	4th	2	0	2	0	2	2
2024 Winsunited Cup				TBD	TBD	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total				2 Title	6/6	11	2	7	2	18	16

Draws include knockout matches decided on penalty kicks; correct as of 14 January 2017 after the match against China.

Head-to-head record

Key

More wins than losses

- As many wins as losses
 Fewer wins than losses

Correct as of 21 November 2023, after the match against  Armenia.

Pre-independence								
Opponent	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Win %
 Bulgaria	1	1	0	0	6	0	+6	100.00
 Germany	3	0	0	3	2	12	-10	0.00
 Hungary	3	0	2	1	2	3	-1	0.00
 Indonesia	1	1	0	0	5	2	+3	100.00
 Italy	1	0	0	1	0	4	-4	0.00
 Romania	1	0	1	0	2	2	+0	0.00
 Slovakia	7	6	1	0	25	9	+16	85.71
 Switzerland	3	2	0	1	5	1	+4	66.67
Total: 8 teams played	20	10	4	6	47	33	+14	50.00

Post-independence^[246]

Opponent	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Win %
Andorra	6	6	0	0	24	0	+24	100.00
Argentina	6	2	1	3	7	8	-1	33.33
Armenia	3	2	1	0	3	1	+2	66.67
Australia	6	2	2	2	11	6	+5	33.33
Austria	7	6	0	1	12	6	+6	85.71
Azerbaijan	4	2	2	0	9	2	+7	50.00
Belarus	2	2	0	0	4	1	+3	100.00
Belgium	9	3	3	3	9	6	+3	33.33
Bosnia and Herzegovina	4	4	0	0	14	6	+8	100.00
Brazil	5	0	2	3	3	8	-5	0.00
Bulgaria	8	5	2	1	12	6	+6	62.50
Cameroon	1	1	0	0	4	0	+4	100.00
Canada	1	1	0	0	4	1	+3	100.00
Chile	1	0	1	0	1	1	+0	0.00
China	1	0	1	0	1	1	+0	0.00
Cyprus	3	3	0	0	6	0	+6	100.00
Czech Republic	4	1	3	0	8	6	+2	25.00
Denmark	8	4	2	2	11	8	+3	50.00
Ecuador	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0.00
Egypt	1	0	1	0	2	2	+0	0.00
England	11	3	2	6	13	22	-9	27.27
Estonia	9	6	2	1	16	5	+11	66.67
Finland	2	1	1	0	2	1	+1	50.00
France	10	1	3	6	10	20	-10	10.00
Georgia	3	2	0	1	4	3	+1	66.67
Germany	5	2	1	2	8	6	+2	40.00
Gibraltar	1	1	0	0	4	0	+4	100.00
Greece	8	2	4	2	10	9	+1	25.00
Hong Kong	1	1	0	0	4	0	+4	100.00
Hungary	9	4	4	1	17	7	+10	44.44
Iceland	7	5	1	1	13	3	+10	71.43
Iran	2	1	1	0	4	2	+2	50.00
Israel	9	8	1	0	22	8	+14	88.89
Italy	8	3	5	0	10	6	+4	37.50
Jamaica	1	1	0	0	3	1	+2	100.00
Japan	4	1	2	1	5	5	+0	25.00
Jordan	1	1	0	0	2	1	+1	100.00
Kazakhstan	2	2	0	0	5	1	+4	100.00
Kosovo	2	2	0	0	7	0	+7	100.00
Latvia	6	6	0	0	17	1	+16	100.00
Liechtenstein	2	2	0	0	8	2	+6	100.00
Lithuania	2	1	1	0	2	0	+2	50.00

Post-independence^[246]

Opponent	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Win %
Flag of Macedonia	8	5	2	1	12	9	+3	62.50
Flag of Mali	1	1	0	0	2	1	+1	100.00
Flag of Malta	10	9	1	0	29	5	+24	90.00
Flag of Mexico	6	4	0	2	9	6	+3	66.67
Flag of Moldova	2	2	0	0	2	0	+2	100.00
Flag of Morocco	3	1	2	0	4	3	+1	33.33
Flag of Netherlands	3	2	0	1	6	6	+0	66.67
Flag of Nigeria	1	1	0	0	2	0	+2	100.00
Flag of Northern Ireland	1	1	0	0	3	0	+3	100.00
Flag of Norway	5	3	1	1	10	6	+4	60.00
Flag of Peru	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0.00
Flag of Poland	5	3	1	1	7	3	+4	60.00
Flag of Portugal	7	0	1	6	4	15	-11	0.00
Flag of Qatar	1	1	0	0	3	2	+1	100.00
Flag of Republic of Ireland	7	2	3	2	8	8	+0	28.57
Flag of Romania	3	3	0	0	4	1	+3	100.00
Flag of Russia	6	2	4	0	6	3	+3	33.33
Flag of San Marino	3	3	0	0	18	0	+18	100.00
Flag of Saudi Arabia	1	1	0	0	1	0	+1	100.00
Flag of Scotland	6	1	3	2	5	6	-1	16.67
Flag of Senegal	1	1	0	0	2	1	+1	100.00
Flag of Serbia	4	1	3	0	5	3	+2	25.00
Flag of Slovakia	10	5	3	2	18	11	+7	50.00
Flag of Slovenia	12	7	4	1	20	10	+10	58.33
Flag of South Korea	7	3	2	2	11	7	+4	42.86
Flag of Spain	10	3	2	5	12	20	-8	30.00
Flag of Sweden	6	4	0	2	8	7	+1	66.67
Flag of Switzerland	4	1	2	1	6	7	-1	25.00
Flag of Tunisia	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0.00
Flag of Turkey	12	4	6	2	15	10	+5	33.33
Flag of Ukraine	9	5	3	1	15	5	+10	55.56
Flag of Wales	8	4	3	1	12	7	+5	50.00
Total: 74 teams played	350	183	95	72	591	339	+252	52.29
Croatia total: 74 teams played	370	193	99	78	638	372	+266	52.16

FIFA ranking history

The following is a chart of yearly averages of Croatia's FIFA World Ranking.^[260] Upon admission to FIFA in 1994, Croatia entered the World Ranking at 125th.^[260] Their debut World Cup campaign, during 1998, propelled Croatia to third place after the tournament, marking the fastest, most volatile ascension in FIFA ranking history.^[261] It hit a then-record Elo rating of 2,006 points in July 1998 and maintained third place until February 1999.^{[262][263]} The national team recorded its highest Elo rating in

June 2023 with 2,012 points.^[264] With an average Elo rating of 1,877 points, Croatia maintains the sixth-highest average rating in the world.^[265] They are one of three teams—along with [Colombia](#) and [France](#)—to be named [FIFA Best Mover of the Year](#) more than once, winning the award in 1994 and 1998.^{[266][267]}

Honours

Major

- [**FIFA World Cup**](#)
 - 2 Runners-up: [2018](#)
 - 3 Third place: [1998](#), [2022](#)
- [**UEFA Nations League**](#)
 - 2 Runners-up: [2023](#)

Minor

- [**Hassan II Trophy**](#)
 - 1 Champions: [1996](#)
- [**Kirin Cup Soccer**](#)
 - 2 Runners-up: [1997](#)
- [**Korea Cup**](#)
 - 1 Champions: [1999](#)
- [**Lunar New Year Cup**](#)
 - 3 Third place: [2006](#)

See also

- [Croatia national football B team](#)
- [Croatia national under-23 football team](#)
- [Croatia national under-21 football team](#)
- [Croatia national under-20 football team](#)
- [Croatia national under-19 football team](#)
- [Croatia national under-18 football team](#)
- [Croatia national under-17 football team](#)
- [Croatia national under-16 football team](#)
- [Croatia national under-15 football team](#)
- [Croatia women's national football team](#)
- [Croatia women's national under-19 football team](#)
- [Croatia women's national under-17 football team](#)
- [Croatia women's national under-15 football team](#)



Notes

- a. A portion of this squad (Jarni, [Štimac](#), [Boban](#), [Prosinečki](#) and [Šuker](#)) previously won the [1987 FIFA World Youth Championship](#) with the [Yugoslavia under-20 team](#).^[35]
- b. The rules of Association football state that on receiving a second yellow card in a single match a player must be given a red card and be removed for the rest of the match per the [Laws of the Game](#).
- c. Under the rules of Association football and the official European Championship tournament regulations, a loss inflicted via a penalty shootout does not count as a defeat but rather a tie which needed a final process to determine the team which advances per the [Laws of the Game](#).
- d. A [free kick](#) was awarded to France for a possible [dive](#) by [Antoine Griezmann](#) as well as penalty later in the game awarded by the [video assistant referee](#) (VAR) for a handball by Ivan Perišić.^[145]

- e. The mass gathering amounted to over 10% of the nation's population.^[149] With 550,000 Croatians present, the event constituted the second-largest gathering in modern Croatia.^[150]
- f. In September 1994, national team manager Miroslav Blažević, who was also coaching Croatia Zagreb at the time, was dismissed in a 1994–95 UEFA Cup Winners' Cup match against Auxerre. Blažević was suspended by UEFA for one game and Ivić was appointed as his replacement for the qualifying match against Italy in November 1994 for UEFA Euro 1996.
- g. Additional matches are scheduled to be played in Argentina, Paraguay, and Uruguay in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the first World Cup, however they are not considered to be official hosts of the tournament.^[259]
- h. The team changed the name to North Macedonia national team in 2019, following the Prespa Agreement. However, Croatia have yet to play a game against them under the new name.
- i. Includes the records against the no longer active FR Yugoslavia national team, whose successor is considered by UEFA and FIFA to be Serbia national team.

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Croatia

Coordinates: 45°10'N 15°30'E 

Croatia (/kroʊˈeɪʃə/ [ⓘ], *kroh-AY-shə*; Croatian: *Hrvatska*, pronounced [x̌řv̌atška:]), officially the **Republic of Croatia** (Croatian: *Republika Hrvatska* ([ⓘ] listen [ⓘ])),^[d] is a country located at the crossroads of Central and Southeast Europe. Its coast lies entirely on the Adriatic Sea. It borders Slovenia to the northwest, Hungary to the northeast, Serbia to the east, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro to the southeast, and shares a maritime border with Italy to the west. Its capital and largest city, Zagreb, forms one of the country's primary subdivisions, with twenty counties. Other major urban centers include Split, Rijeka and Osijek. The country spans 56,594 square kilometres (21,851 square miles), and has a population of nearly 3.9 million.

The Croats arrived in modern-day Croatia in the late 6th century, then part of Roman Illyria. By the 7th century, they had organized the territory into two duchies. Croatia was first internationally recognized as independent on 7 June 879 during the reign of Duke Branimir. Tomislav became the first king by 925, elevating Croatia to the status of a kingdom. During the succession crisis after the Trpimirović dynasty ended, Croatia entered a personal union with Hungary in 1102. In 1527, faced with Ottoman conquest, the Croatian Parliament elected Ferdinand I of Austria to the Croatian throne. In October 1918, the State of Slovenes, Croats, and Serbs, independent from Austria-Hungary, was proclaimed in Zagreb, and in December 1918, it merged into the Kingdom of Yugoslavia. Following the Axis invasion of Yugoslavia in April 1941, most of Croatia was incorporated into a Nazi-installed puppet state, the Independent State of Croatia. A resistance movement led to the creation of the Socialist Republic of Croatia, which after the war became a founding member and constituent of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. On 25 June 1991, Croatia declared independence, and the War of Independence was successfully fought over the next four years.

Croatia is a republic and a parliamentary liberal democracy. It is a member of the European Union, the Eurozone, the Schengen Area, NATO, the United Nations, the Council of Europe, the OSCE, the World Trade Organization, a founding member of the Union for the Mediterranean, and is currently in the process of joining the OECD. An active participant in United Nations peacekeeping, Croatia contributed troops to the International Security Assistance Force and was elected to fill a non-permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council in the 2008–2009 term for the first time.

Croatia is a developed country with an advanced high-income economy and ranks 40th in the Human Development Index.^[12] Service, industrial sectors, and agriculture dominate the economy. Tourism is a significant source of revenue for the country with nearly 20 million tourist arrivals

Republic of Croatia

Republika

Hrvatska (Croatian)^[a]



Flag

Coat of arms

Anthem: "Lijepa naša domovino"
("Our Beautiful Homeland")

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- Show map of Europe
- Show all

Location of Croatia (dark green)
– in Europe (green & dark grey)
– in the European Union (green)

Capital	Zagreb
and largest city	45°48'47"N 15°58'39"E

Official languages Croatian^[b]

Writing system Latin^[c]

Ethnic groups	91.6% Croats 3.2% Serbs 5.2% others
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Religion (2021)	87.4% Christianity
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as of 2019.^{[13][14][15]} Since 2000s, the Croatian government has heavily invested in infrastructure, especially transport routes and facilities along the Pan-European corridors. Croatia has also positioned itself as a regional energy leader in the early 2020s and is contributing to the diversification of Europe's energy supply via its floating liquefied natural gas import terminal off Krk island, LNG Hrvatska.^[16] Croatia provides social security, universal health care, and tuition-free primary and secondary education while supporting culture through public institutions and corporate investments in media and publishing.

79.0%
Catholicism
3.3%
Orthodoxy
5.1% other
Christian
6.4% no religion
2.3% other
3.9%
undecided ^[4]

Etymology

Croatia's non-native name derives from Medieval Latin *Croātia*, itself a derivation of North-West Slavic **Xərwate*, by liquid metathesis from Common Slavic period **Xorvat*, from proposed Proto-Slavic **Xərvátъ* which possibly comes from the 3rd-century Scytho-Sarmatian form attested in the Tanais Tablets as *Xopoáθos* (*Khorooáthos*, alternate forms comprise *Khoróatos* and *Khorooúathos*).^[17] The origin of the ethnonym is uncertain, but most probably is from Proto-Ossetian / Alanian **xurvaet-* or **xurvāt-*, in the meaning of "one who guards" ("guardian, protector").^[18]

The oldest preserved record of the Croatian ethnonym's native variation **xərvatъ* is of the variable stem, attested in the Baška tablet in style *zvънъмъръ кралъ хръвватъскъ* ("Zvonimir, Croatian king"),^[19] while the Latin variation *Croatorum* is archaeologically confirmed on a church inscription found in Bijaći near Trogir dated to the end of the 8th or early 9th century.^[20] The presumably oldest stone inscription with fully preserved ethnonym is the 9th-century Branimir inscription found near Benkovac, where Duke Branimir is styled *Dux Cruatorum*, likely dated between 879 and 892, during his rule.^[21] The Latin term *Chroatorum* is attributed to a charter of Duke Trpimir I of Croatia, dated to 852 in a 1568 copy of a lost original, but it is not certain if the original was indeed older than the Branimir inscription.^{[22][23]}

History

Prehistory

The area known as Croatia today was inhabited throughout the prehistoric period. Neanderthal fossils dating to the middle Palaeolithic period were unearthed in northern Croatia, best presented at the Krapina site.^[24] Remnants of Neolithic and Chalcolithic cultures were found in all regions.^[25] The largest proportion of sites is in the valleys of northern Croatia. The most significant are Baden, Starčevo, and Vučedol cultures.^{[26][27]} Iron Age hosted the early Illyrian Hallstatt culture and the Celtic La Tène culture.^[28]

Antiquity

Demonym(s)	Croatian
Government	Unitary parliamentary republic
• President	Zoran Milanović
• Prime Minister	Andrej Plenković
Legislature	Sabor
Establishment history	
• Duchy	7th century
• Kingdom	925
• Croatia in personal union with Hungary	1102
• Joined Habsburg Monarchy	1 January 1527
• Secession from Austria-Hungary	29 October 1918
• Creation of Yugoslavia	4 December 1918
• Declaration of independence	25 June 1991 ^[5]
• Admitted to the United Nations	22 May 1992
• Erdut Agreement	12 November 1995
• Joined NATO	1 April 2009
• Joined the European Union	1 July 2013
Area	
• Total	56,594 km ² (21,851 sq mi) (124th)
• Water (%)	1.09
Population	
• 2022 estimate	▼ 3,855,641 ^[6] (128th)
• 2021 census	▼ 3,871,833 ^[7] (128th)
• Density	68.4/km ² (177.2/sq mi) (152nd)
GDP (PPP)	2023 estimate

The region of modern day Croatia was settled by Illyrians and Liburnians, while the first Greek colonies were established on the islands of Hvar,^[29] Korčula, and Vis.^[30] In 9 AD, the territory of today's Croatia became part of the Roman Empire. Emperor Diocletian was native to the region. He had a large palace built in Split, to which he retired after abdicating in AD 305.^[31]

Middle Ages

During the 5th century, the last de jure Western Roman Emperor Julius Nepos ruled a small realm from the palace after fleeing Italy in 475.^[32] The period ends with Avar and Croat invasions in the late 6th and first half of the 7th century and the destruction of almost all Roman towns. Roman survivors retreated to more favourable sites on the coast, islands, and mountains. The city of Dubrovnik was founded by such survivors from Epidaurum.^[33]

The ethnogenesis of Croats is uncertain. The most accepted theory, the Slavic theory, proposes migration of White Croats from White Croatia during the Migration Period. Conversely, the Iranian theory proposes Iranian origin, based on Tanais Tablets containing Ancient Greek inscriptions of given names *Xopoúathos*, *Xopoáthos*, and *Xopóáthos* (Khorouáthos, Khoróáthos, and Khoróáthos) and their interpretation as anthroponyms of Croatian people.^[34]

According to the work *De Administrando Imperio* written by 10th-century Byzantine Emperor Constantine VII, Croats arrived in the Roman province of Dalmatia in the first half of the 7th century after they defeated the Avars.^{[35][36][37]}

However, that claim is disputed: competing hypotheses date the event between the late 6th-early 7th (mainstream) or the late 8th-early 9th (fringe) centuries,^{[38][39]} but recent archaeological data has established that the migration and settlement of the Slavs/Croats was in the late 6th and early 7th century.^{[40][41][42]} Eventually, a dukedom was formed, Duchy of Croatia, ruled by Borna, as attested by chronicles of Einhard starting in 818. The record represents the first document of Croatian realms, vassal states of Francia at the time.^[43]

Its neighbor to the North was Principality of Lower Pannonia, at the time ruled by duke Ljudevit who ruled the territories between the Drava and Sava rivers, centred from his fort at Sisak. This population and territory throughout history was tightly related and connected to Croats and Croatia.^[44]

• Total	\$164.672 billion ^[8] (82nd)
• Per capita	▲ \$42,873 ^[8] (45th)
GDP (nominal)	2023 estimate
• Total	▲ \$80.185 billion ^[8] (79th)
• Per capita	▲ \$20,877 ^[8] (51st)
Gini (2020)	▼ 28.3 ^[9] low
HDI (2021)	▲ 0.858 ^[10] very high · 40th
Currency	Euro (€) (EUR)
Time zone	UTC+1 (CET)
• Summer (DST)	UTC+2 (CEST)
Date format	dd. mm. yyyy. (CE)
Driving side	right
Calling code	+385
ISO 3166 code	HR
Internet TLD	.hr and .eu



Kingdom of Croatia c. 925, during the reign of King Tomislav



Left: The Vučedol dove, a sculpture from 2800–2500 BC.

Right: Croatian Apoxyomenos, Ancient Greek statue, 2nd or 1st century BC.

Christianisation of Croats began in the 7th century at the time of archon Porga of Croatia, initially probably encompassed only the elite and related people,^[45] but mostly finished by the 9th century.^{[46][47]} The Frankish overlordship ended during the reign of Mislav,^[48] or his successor Trpimir I.^[49] The native Croatian royal



Coronation of King Tomislav by Oton Iveković

dynasty was founded by duke Trpimir I in the mid 9th century, who defeated the Byzantine and Bulgarian forces.^[50] The first native Croatian ruler recognised by the Pope was duke Branimir, who received papal recognition from Pope John VIII on 7 June 879.^[21] Tomislav was the first king of Croatia, noted as such in a letter of Pope John X in 925. Tomislav defeated Hungarian and Bulgarian invasions.^[51] The medieval Croatian kingdom reached its peak in the 11th century during the reigns of Petar Krešimir IV (1058–1074) and Dmitar Zvonimir (1075–1089).^[52] When Stjepan II died in 1091, ending the Trpimirović dynasty, Dmitar Zvonimir's brother-in-law Ladislaus I of Hungary claimed the Croatian crown. This led to a war and personal union with Hungary in 1102 under Coloman.^[53]

Personal union with Hungary (1102) and Habsburg Monarchy (1527)



Ban Josip Jelačić at the opening of the first modern Croatian Parliament (Sabor), June 5, 1848. The Croatian tricolour flag can be seen in the background.

For the next four centuries, the Kingdom of Croatia was ruled by the Sabor (parliament) and a Ban (viceroy) appointed by the king.^[54] This period saw the rise of influential nobility such as the Frankopan and Šubić families to prominence, and ultimately numerous Bans from the two families.^[55] An increasing threat of Ottoman conquest and a struggle against the Republic of Venice for control of coastal areas ensued. The Venetians controlled most of Dalmatia by 1428, except the city-state of Dubrovnik, which became independent. Ottoman conquests led to the 1493 Battle of Krbava field and the 1526 Battle of Mohács, both ending in decisive Ottoman victories. King Louis II died at Mohács, and in 1527, the Croatian Parliament met in Cetin and chose Ferdinand I of the House of Habsburg as the new ruler of Croatia, under the condition that he protects Croatia against the Ottoman Empire while respecting its political rights.^{[54][56]}

Following the decisive Ottoman victories, Croatia was split into civilian and military territories in 1538. The military territories became known as the Croatian Military Frontier and were under direct Habsburg control. Ottoman advances in Croatia continued until the 1593 Battle of Sisak, the first decisive Ottoman defeat, when borders stabilised.^[56] During the Great Turkish War (1683–1699), Slavonia was regained, but western Bosnia, which had been part of Croatia before the Ottoman conquest, remained outside Croatian control.^[56] The present-day border between the two countries is a remnant of this outcome. Dalmatia, the southern part of the border, was similarly defined by the Fifth and the Seventh Ottoman–Venetian Wars.^[57]

The Ottoman wars drove demographic changes. During the 16th century, Croats from western and northern Bosnia, Lika, Krbava, the area between the rivers of Una and Kupa, and especially from western Slavonia, migrated towards Austria. Present-day Burgenland Croats are direct descendants of these settlers.^{[58][59]} To replace the fleeing population, the Habsburgs encouraged Bosnians to provide military service in the Military Frontier.



The Kingdom of Croatia-Slavonia was an autonomous kingdom within Austria-Hungary created in 1868 following the Croatian–Hungarian Settlement.

The Croatian Parliament supported King Charles III's Pragmatic Sanction and signed their own Pragmatic Sanction in 1712.^[60] Subsequently, the emperor pledged to respect all privileges and political rights of the Kingdom of Croatia, and Queen Maria Theresa made significant contributions to Croatian affairs, such as introducing compulsory education.

Between 1797 and 1809, the First French Empire increasingly occupied the eastern Adriatic coastline and its hinterland, ending the Venetian and the Ragusan republics, establishing the Illyrian Provinces.^[56] In response, the Royal Navy blockaded the Adriatic Sea, leading to the Battle of Vis in 1811.^[61] The Illyrian provinces were captured by the Austrians in 1813 and absorbed by the Austrian Empire following the Congress of Vienna in 1815. This led to the formation of the Kingdom of Dalmatia and the restoration of the Croatian Littoral to the Kingdom of Croatia under one crown.^[62] The 1830s and 1840s featured romantic nationalism that inspired the Croatian National Revival, a political and cultural campaign advocating the unity of South Slavs within the empire. Its primary focus was establishing a standard language as a counterweight to Hungarian while promoting Croatian literature and culture.^[63] During the Hungarian Revolution of 1848, Croatia sided with Austria. Ban Josip Jelačić helped defeat the Hungarians in 1849 and ushered in a Germanisation policy.^[64]

By the 1860s, the failure of the policy became apparent, leading to the Austro-Hungarian Compromise of 1867. The creation of a personal union between the Austrian Empire and the Kingdom of Hungary followed. The treaty left Croatia's status to Hungary, which was resolved by the Croatian–Hungarian Settlement of 1868 when the kingdoms of Croatia and Slavonia were united.^[65] The Kingdom of Dalmatia remained under de facto Austrian control, while Rijeka retained the status of *corpus separatum* introduced in 1779.^[53]

After Austria-Hungary occupied Bosnia and Herzegovina following the 1878 Treaty of Berlin, the Military Frontier was abolished. The Croatian and Slavonian sectors of the Frontier returned to Croatia in 1881,^[56] under provisions of the Croatian–Hungarian Settlement.^{[66][67]} Renewed efforts to reform Austria-Hungary, entailing federalisation with Croatia as a federal unit, were stopped by World War I.^[68]

First Yugoslavia (1918–1941)

On 29 October 1918 the Croatian Parliament (*Sabor*) declared independence and decided to join the newly formed State of Slovenes, Croats, and Serbs,^[54] which in turn entered into union with the Kingdom of Serbia on 4 December 1918 to form the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes.^[69] The Croatian Parliament never ratified the union with Serbia and Montenegro.^[54] The 1921 constitution defining the country as a unitary state and abolition of Croatian Parliament and historical administrative divisions effectively ended Croatian autonomy.

The new constitution was opposed by the most widely supported national political party—the Croatian Peasant Party (HSS) led by Stjepan Radić.^[70]

The political situation deteriorated further as Radić was assassinated in the National Assembly in 1928, culminating in King Alexander I's establishment of the 6 January Dictatorship in 1929.^[71] The dictatorship formally ended in 1931 when the king imposed a more unitary constitution.^[72] The HSS, now led by Vladko Maček, continued to advocate federalisation, resulting in the Cvetković–Maček Agreement of August 1939 and the autonomous Banovina of Croatia. The Yugoslav government retained control of defence, internal security, foreign affairs, trade, and transport while other matters were left to the Croatian Sabor and a crown-appointed Ban.^[73]



Mass protests in Zagreb against the unification of the State of Slovenes, Croats and Serbs with the Kingdom of Serbia in 1918.



Stjepan Radić, leader of the Croatian Peasant Party who advocated federal organisation of the Yugoslavia at the assembly in Dubrovnik, 1928. His death at the end of the same year as a result of an assassination in the National Assembly by NRS member, Serbian nationalist politician Puniša Račić, leads the country to a serious political crisis.

World War II and Independent State of Croatia



Fascist leaders of Nazi Germany and its puppet state Independent State of Croatia, Adolf Hitler and Ante Pavelić, meeting in Berghof outside Berchtesgaden, Germany, 1941

In April 1941, Yugoslavia was occupied by Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy. Following the invasion, a German-Italian installed puppet state named the Independent State of Croatia (NDH) was established. Most of Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the region of Syrmia were incorporated into this state. Parts of Dalmatia were annexed by Italy, Hungary annexed the northern Croatian regions of Baranja and Međimurje.^[74] The NDH regime was led by Ante Pavelić and ultranationalist Ustaše, a fringe movement in pre-war Croatia.^[75] With German and Italian military and political support,^[76] the regime introduced racial laws and launched a genocide campaign against Serbs, Jews, and Roma.^[77] Many were imprisoned in concentration camps; the largest was the Jasenovac complex.^[78] Anti-fascist Croats were targeted by the regime as well.^[79] Several concentration camps (most notably the Rab, Gonars and Molat camps) were established in Italian-occupied territories, mostly for Slovenes and Croats.^[78] At the same time, the Yugoslav Royalist and Serbian nationalist Chetniks pursued a genocidal campaign against Croats and Muslims,^{[77][80]} aided by Italy.^[81] Nazi German forces committed crimes and reprisals against civilians in retaliation for Partisan actions, such as in the villages of Kamešnica and Lipa in 1944.^{[82][83]}

A resistance movement emerged. On 22 June 1941,^[84] the 1st Sisak Partisan Detachment was formed near Sisak, the first military unit formed by a resistance movement in occupied Europe.^[85] That sparked the beginning of the Yugoslav Partisan movement, a communist, multi-ethnic anti-fascist resistance group led by Josip Broz Tito.^[86] In ethnic terms, Croats were the second-largest contributors to the Partisan movement after Serbs.^[87] In per capita terms, Croats contributed proportionately to their population within Yugoslavia.^[88] By May 1944 (according to Tito), Croats made up 30% of the Partisan's ethnic composition, despite making up 22% of the population.^[87] The movement grew fast, and at the Tehran Conference in December 1943, the Partisans gained recognition from the Allies.^[89]

With Allied support in logistics, equipment, training and airpower, and with the assistance of Soviet troops taking part in the 1944 Belgrade Offensive, the Partisans gained control of Yugoslavia and the border regions of Italy and Austria by May 1945. Members of the NDH armed forces and other Axis troops, as well as civilians, were in retreat towards Austria. Following their surrender, many were killed in the Yugoslav death march of Nazi collaborators.^[90] In the following years, ethnic Germans faced persecution in Yugoslavia, and many were interned.^[91]

The political aspirations of the Partisan movement were reflected in the State Anti-fascist Council for the National Liberation of Croatia, which developed in 1943 as the bearer of Croatian statehood and later transformed into the Parliament in 1945, and AVNOJ—its counterpart at the Yugoslav level.^{[92][93]}

Based on the studies on wartime and post-war casualties by demographer Vladimir Žerjavić and statistician Bogoljub Kočović, a total of 295,000 people from the territory (not including territories ceded from Italy after the war) died, which amounted to 7.3% of the population,^[94] among whom were 125–137,000 Serbs, 118–124,000 Croats, 16–17,000 Jews, and 15,000 Roma.^{[95][96]} In addition, from areas joined to Croatia after the war, a total



People of Zagreb celebrating liberation on 12 May 1945 by Croatian Partisans



Cardinal Alojzije Stepinac with the Croatian communist leader Vladimir Bakarić at the celebration of May Day, shortly before Stepinac was arrested and convicted by the communists, he became a symbol of resistance to the communist regime in Yugoslavia.

of 32,000 people died, among whom 16,000 were Italians and 15,000 were Croats.^[97] Approximately 200,000 Croats from the entirety of Yugoslavia (including Croatia) and abroad were killed in total throughout the war and its immediate aftermath, approximately 5.4% of the population.^{[98][99]}

Second Yugoslavia (1945–1991)



Josip Broz Tito led Yugoslavia from 1944 to 1980; Pictured: Tito with the US president Richard Nixon in the White House, 1971

After World War II, Croatia became a single-party socialist federal unit of the SFR Yugoslavia, ruled by the Communists, but having a degree of autonomy within the federation. In 1967, Croatian authors and linguists published a Declaration on the Status and Name of the Croatian Standard Language demanding equal treatment for their language.^[100]

The declaration contributed to a national movement seeking greater civil rights and redistribution of the Yugoslav economy, culminating in the Croatian Spring of 1971, which was suppressed by Yugoslav leadership.^[101] Still, the 1974 Yugoslav Constitution gave increased autonomy to federal units, basically fulfilling a goal of the Croatian Spring and providing a legal basis for independence of the federative constituents.^[102]

Following Tito's death in 1980, the political situation in Yugoslavia deteriorated. National tension was fanned by the 1986 SANU Memorandum and the 1989 coups in Vojvodina, Kosovo, and Montenegro.^{[103][104]} In January 1990, the Communist Party fragmented along national lines, with the Croatian faction demanding a looser federation.^[105] In the same year, the first multi-party elections were held in Croatia, while Franjo Tuđman's win exacerbated nationalist tensions.^[106] Some of the Serbs in Croatia left Sabor and declared autonomy of the unrecognised Republic of Serbian Krajina, intent on achieving independence from Croatia.^{[107][108]}

Croatian War of Independence

As tensions rose, Croatia declared independence on 25 June 1991. However, the full implementation of the declaration only came into effect after a three-month moratorium on the decision on 8 October 1991.^{[109][110]} In the meantime, tensions escalated into overt war when the Serbian-controlled Yugoslav People's Army (JNA) and various Serb paramilitary groups attacked Croatia.^[111]

By the end of 1991, a high-intensity conflict fought along a wide front reduced Croatia's control to about two-thirds of its territory.^{[112][113]} Serb paramilitary groups then began a campaign of killing, terror, and expulsion of the Croats in the rebel territories, killing thousands^[114] of Croat civilians and expelling or displacing as many as 400,000 Croats and other non-Serbs from their homes.^[115] Serbs living in Croatian towns, especially those near the front lines, were subjected to various forms of discrimination.^[116] Croatian Serbs in Eastern and Western Slavonia and parts of the Krajina were forced to flee or were expelled by Croatian forces, though on a restricted scale and in lesser numbers.^[117] The Croatian Government publicly deplored these practices and sought to stop them, indicating that they were not a part of the Government's policy.^[118]

On 15 January 1992, Croatia gained diplomatic recognition by the European Economic Community, followed by the United Nations.^{[119][120]} The war effectively ended in August 1995 with a decisive victory by Croatia;^[121] the event is commemorated each year on 5 August as Victory and Homeland Thanksgiving Day and the Day of Croatian Defenders.^[122] Following the Croatian victory, about 200,000 Serbs from the self-proclaimed Republic of Serbian Krajina fled the region^[123] and hundreds of mainly elderly Serb civilians were killed in the aftermath of the military operation.^[124] Their lands were subsequently settled by Croat refugees from Bosnia and

Herzegovina.^[125] The remaining occupied areas were restored to Croatia following the Erdut Agreement of November 1995, concluding with the UNTAES mission in January 1998.^[126] Most sources number the war deaths at around 20,000.^{[127][128][129]}



National Memorial Cemetery of The Victims of Homeland War in Vukovar, the central place of holding the National Remembrance Day, public holiday on November 18, for all the victims of the war in Croatia and the Vukovar massacre, one of the symbolic and crucial events in the Croatian War of Independence 1991.

Independent Croatia (1991–present)

After the end of the war, Croatia faced the challenges of post-war reconstruction, the return of refugees, establishing democracy, protecting human rights, and general social and economic development.

The 2000s period is characterized by democratization, economic growth, structural and social reforms, and problems such as unemployment, corruption, and the inefficiency of public administration.^[130] In November 2000 and March 2001, the Parliament amended the Constitution, first adopted on 22 December 1990, changing its bicameral structure back into its historic unicameral form and reducing presidential powers.^{[131][132]}

Croatia joined the Partnership for Peace on 25 May 2000^[133] and became a member of the World Trade Organization on 30 November 2000.^[134] On 29 October 2001, Croatia signed a Stabilisation and Association Agreement with the European Union,^[135] submitted a formal application for the EU membership in 2003,^[136] was given the status of a candidate country in 2004,^[137] and began accession negotiations in 2005.^[138] Although the Croatian economy had enjoyed a significant boom in the early 2000s, the financial crisis in 2008 forced the government to cut spending, thus provoking a public outcry.^[139]

Croatia served on the United Nations Security Council in the 2008–2009 term for the first time, assuming the non-permanent seat in December 2008.^[140] On 1 April 2009, Croatia joined NATO.^[141]

A wave of anti-government protests in 2011 reflected a general dissatisfaction with the current political and economic situation. The protests brought together diverse political persuasions in response to recent government corruption scandals and called for early elections. On 28 October 2011 MPs voted to dissolve Parliament and the protests gradually subsided. President Ivo Josipović agreed to a dissolution of Sabor on Monday, 31 October and scheduled new elections for Sunday 4 December 2011.^{[142][143][144]}



Croatia became the 28th EU member country on 1 July 2013.

On 30 June 2011, Croatia successfully completed EU accession negotiations.^[145] The country signed the Accession Treaty on 9 December 2011 and held a referendum on 22 January 2012, where Croatian citizens voted in favor of an EU membership.^{[146][147]} Croatia joined the European Union on 1 July 2013.

Croatia was affected by the 2015 European migrant crisis when Hungary's closure of borders with Serbia pushed over 700,000 refugees and migrants to pass through Croatia on their way to other EU countries.^[148]

On 25 January 2022, the OECD Council decided to open accession negotiations with Croatia. Throughout the accession process, Croatia is to implement numerous reforms that will advance all spheres of activity – from public services and the justice system to education, transport, finance, health, and trade. In line with the OECD Accession Roadmap from June 2022, Croatia will undergo technical reviews by 25 OECD committees and is so far progressing at a faster pace than expected. Full membership is expected in 2025 and is the last big foreign policy goal Croatia still has to achieve.^{[149][150][151][152]}

On 19 October 2016, Andrej Plenković began serving as the current Croatian Prime Minister.^[153] The most recent presidential elections, held on 5 January 2020, elected Zoran Milanović as president.^[154]

On 1 January 2023 Croatia adopted the euro as its official currency, replacing the kuna, and became the 20th Eurozone member. On the same day, Croatia became the 27th member of the border-free Schengen Area, thus marking its full EU integration.^[155]

Geography



Satellite image of Croatia

Croatia is situated in Central and Southeast Europe, on the coast of the Adriatic Sea. Hungary is to the northeast, Serbia to the east, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro to the southeast and Slovenia to the northwest. It lies mostly between latitudes 42° and 47° N and longitudes 13° and 20° E.^[156] Part of the territory in the extreme south surrounding Dubrovnik is a practical exclave connected to the rest of the mainland by territorial waters, but separated on land by a short coastline strip belonging to Bosnia and Herzegovina around Neum. The Pelješac Bridge connects the exclave with mainland Croatia.

The territory covers 56,594 square kilometres (21,851 square miles), consisting of 56,414 square kilometres (21,782 square miles) of land and 128 square kilometres (49 square miles) of water. It is the world's 127th largest country.^[157] Elevation ranges from the mountains of the Dinaric Alps with the highest point of the Dinara peak at 1,831 metres (6,007 feet) near the border with Bosnia and Herzegovina in the south^[157] to the shore of the Adriatic Sea which makes up its entire southwest border.

Insular Croatia consists of over a thousand islands and islets varying in size, 48 of which permanently inhabited. The largest islands are Cres and Krk,^[157] each of them having an area of around 405 square kilometres (156 square miles).

The hilly northern parts of Hrvatsko Zagorje and the flat plains of Slavonia in the east which is part of the Pannonian Basin are traversed by major rivers such as Danube, Drava, Kupa, and the Sava. The Danube, Europe's second longest river, runs through the city of Vukovar in the extreme east and forms part of the border with Vojvodina. The central and southern regions near the Adriatic coastline and islands consist of low mountains and forested highlands. Natural resources found in quantities significant enough for production include oil, coal, bauxite, low-grade iron ore, calcium, gypsum, natural asphalt, silica, mica, clays, salt, and hydropower.^[157] Karst topography makes up about half of Croatia and is especially prominent in the Dinaric Alps.^[158] Croatia hosts deep caves, 49 of which are deeper than 250 m (820.21 ft), 14 deeper than 500 m (1,640.42 ft) and three deeper than 1,000 m (3,280.84 ft). Croatia's most famous lakes are the Plitvice lakes, a system of 16 lakes with waterfalls connecting them over dolomite and limestone cascades. The lakes are renowned for their distinctive colours, ranging from turquoise to mint green, grey or blue.^[159]



Telašćica Nature Park is one of 444 protected areas.

Climate

Most of Croatia has a moderately warm and rainy continental climate as defined by the Köppen climate classification. Mean monthly temperature ranges between -3°C (27°F) in January and 18°C (64°F) in July. The coldest parts of the country are Lika and Gorski Kotar featuring a snowy, forested climate at elevations above 1,200 metres (3,900 feet). The warmest areas are at the Adriatic coast and especially in its immediate hinterland characterised by Mediterranean climate, as the sea moderates temperature highs. Consequently, temperature peaks are more pronounced in continental areas.



Bora is a dry, cold wind which blows from the mainland out to sea, whose gusts can reach hurricane strength, particularly in the channel below Velebit. On the picture Bora in the town of Senj.

The lowest temperature of -35.5°C (-31.9°F) was recorded on 3 February 1919 in Čakovec,^[160] and the highest temperature of 42.8°C (109.0°F) was recorded on 4 August 1981 in Ploče.^[161]

Mean annual precipitation ranges between 600 millimetres (24 inches) and 3,500 millimetres (140 inches) depending on geographic region and climate type. The least precipitation is recorded in the outer islands (Biševo, Lastovo, Svetac, Vis) and the eastern parts of Slavonia. However, in the latter case, rain occurs mostly during the growing season. The maximum precipitation levels are observed in the Dinaric Alps, in the Gorski Kotar peaks of Risnjak and Snježnik.^[160]

Prevailing winds in the interior are light to moderate northeast or southwest, and in the coastal area, prevailing winds are determined by local features. Higher wind velocities are more often recorded in cooler months along the coast, generally as the cool northeasterly bura or less frequently as the warm southerly jugo. The sunniest parts are the outer islands, Hvar and Korčula, where more than 2700 hours of sunshine are recorded per year, followed by the middle and southern Adriatic Sea area in general, and northern Adriatic coast, all with more than 2000 hours of sunshine per year.^[162]

Biodiversity

Croatia can be subdivided into ecoregions based on climate and geomorphology. The country is one of the richest in Europe in terms of biodiversity.^{[163][164]} Croatia has four types of biogeographical regions—the Mediterranean along the coast and in its immediate hinterland, Alpine in most of Lika and Gorski Kotar, Pannonian along Drava and Danube, and Continental in the remaining areas. The most significant are karst habitats which include submerged karst, such as Zrmanja and Krka canyons and tufa barriers, as well as underground habitats. The country contains three ecoregions: Dinaric Mountains mixed forests, Pannonian mixed forests, and Illyrian deciduous forests.^[165]



Risnjak National Park

The karst geology harbours approximately 7,000 caves and pits, some of which are the habitat of the only known aquatic cave vertebrate—the olm. Forests are significantly present, as they cover 2,490,000 hectares (6,200,000 acres) representing 44% of Croatian land area. Other habitat types include wetlands, grasslands, bogs, fens, scrub habitats, coastal and marine habitats.^[166]

In terms of phytogeography, Croatia is a part of the Boreal Kingdom and is a part of Illyrian and Central European provinces of the Circumboreal Region and the Adriatic province of the Mediterranean Region. The World Wide Fund for Nature divides Croatia between three ecoregions—Pannonian mixed forests, Dinaric Mountains mixed forests and Illyrian deciduous forests.^[167]



Skywalk in Biokovo Nature Park

Croatia hosts 37,000 known plant and animal species, but their actual number is estimated to be between 50,000 and 100,000.^[166] More than a thousand species are endemic, especially in Velebit and Biokovo mountains, Adriatic islands and karst rivers. Legislation protects 1,131 species.^[166] The most serious threat is habitat loss and degradation. A further problem is presented by invasive alien species, especially Caulerpa taxifolia algae. Croatia had a 2018 Forest Landscape Integrity Index mean score of 4.92/10, ranking it 113th of 172 countries.^[168]

Invasive algae are regularly monitored and removed to protect benthic habitat. Indigenous cultivated plant strains and domesticated animal breeds are numerous. They include five breeds of horses, five of cattle, eight of sheep, two of pigs, and one poultry. Indigenous breeds include nine that are endangered or critically endangered.^[166] Croatia has 444 protected areas, encompassing 9% of the country. Those include eight national parks, two strict reserves, and ten nature parks. The most famous protected area and the oldest national park in Croatia is Plitvice Lakes National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Velebit Nature Park is a part of the UNESCO Man and the Biosphere Programme. The strict and special reserves, as well as the national and nature parks, are managed and protected by the central government, while other protected areas are managed by counties. In 2005, the National Ecological Network was set up, as the first step in the preparation of the EU accession and joining of the Natura 2000 network.^[166]

Governance

The Republic of Croatia is a unitary, constitutional state using a parliamentary system. Government powers in Croatia are legislative, executive, and judiciary powers.^[169] The president of the republic (Croatian: *Predsjednik Republike*) is the head of state, directly elected to a five-year term and is limited by the Constitution to two terms. In addition to serving as commander in chief of the armed forces, the president has the procedural duty of appointing the prime minister with the parliament and has some influence on foreign policy.^[169]

The Government is headed by the prime minister, who has four deputy prime ministers and 16 ministers in charge of particular sectors.^[170] As the executive branch, it is responsible for proposing legislation and a budget, enforcing the laws, and guiding foreign and internal policies. The Government is seated at Banski dvori in Zagreb.^[169]



Croatian Parliament (Sabor)



Banski dvori, seat of the Government of Croatia

Law and judicial system

A unicameral parliament (*Sabor*) holds legislative power. The number of Sabor members can vary from 100 to 160. They are elected by popular vote to serve four-year terms. Legislative sessions take place from 15 January to 15 July, and from 15 September to 15 December annually.^[171] The two largest political parties in Croatia are the Croatian Democratic Union and the Social Democratic Party of Croatia.^[172]

Croatia has a civil law legal system in which law arises primarily from written statutes, with judges serving as implementers and not creators of law. Its development was largely influenced by German and Austrian legal systems. Croatian law is divided into two principal areas—private and public law. Before EU accession negotiations were completed, Croatian legislation had been fully harmonised with the Community acquis.^[173]

The main national courts are the Constitutional Court, which oversees violations of the Constitution, and the Supreme Court, which is the highest court of appeal. Administrative, Commercial, County, Misdemeanor, and Municipal courts handle cases in their respective domains.^[174] Cases falling within judicial jurisdiction are in the first instance decided by a single professional judge, while appeals are deliberated in mixed tribunals of professional judges. Lay magistrates also participate in trials.^[175] The State's Attorney Office is the judicial body constituted of public prosecutors empowered to instigate prosecution of perpetrators of offences.^[176]

Law enforcement agencies are organised under the authority of the Ministry of the Interior which consist primarily of the national police force. Croatia's security service is the Security and Intelligence Agency (SOA).^{[177][178]}

Foreign relations

Croatia has established diplomatic relations with 194 countries.^[179] supporting 57 embassies, 30 consulates and eight permanent diplomatic missions. 56 foreign embassies and 67 consulates operate in the country in addition to offices of international organisations such as the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), International Organization for Migration (IOM), Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), World Bank, World Health Organization (WHO), International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), and UNICEF.^[180]

As of 2019, the Croatian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration employed 1,381 personnel and expended 765.295 million kunas (€101.17 million).^[181] Stated aims of Croatian foreign policy include enhancing relations with neighbouring countries, developing international co-operation and promotion of the Croatian economy and Croatia itself.^[182]

Croatia is a member of the European Union. As of 2021, Croatia had unsolved border issues with Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia, and Slovenia.^[183] Croatia is a member of NATO.^{[184][185]} On 1 January 2023, Croatia simultaneously joined both the Schengen Area and the Eurozone,^[186] having previously joined the ERM II on 10 July 2020.



President Zoran Milanović on NATO summit on 11 July 2023, Vilnius, Lithuania. The accession of Croatia to NATO took place in 2009.

Croatian diaspora

The Croatian diaspora consists of communities of ethnic Croats and Croatian citizens living outside Croatia. Croatia maintains intensive contacts with Croatian communities abroad (e.g., administrative and financial support of cultural, sports activities, and economic initiatives). Croatia actively maintain foreign relations to strengthen and guarantee the rights of the Croatian minority in various host countries.^{[187][188][189]}

Military

The Croatian Armed Forces (CAF) consist of the Air Force, Army, and Navy branches in addition to the Education and Training Command and Support Command. The CAF is headed by the General Staff, which reports to the defence minister, who in turn reports to the president. According to the constitution, the president is the commander-in-chief of the armed forces. In case of immediate threat during wartime, he issues orders directly to the General Staff.^[190]

Following the 1991–95 war, defence spending and CAF size began a constant decline. As of 2019, military spending was an estimated 1.68% of the country's GDP, 67th globally.^[191] In 2005 the budget fell below the NATO-required 2% of GDP, down from the record high of 11.1% in 1994.^[192] Traditionally relying on conscripts, the CAF went through a period of reforms focused on downsizing, restructuring and professionalisation in the years before accession to NATO in April 2009. According to a presidential decree issued in 2006, the CAF employed around 18,100 active duty military personnel, 3,000 civilians and 2,000 voluntary conscripts between 18 and 30 years old in peacetime.^[190]

Compulsory conscription was abolished in January 2008.^[157] Until 2008 military service was obligatory for men at age 18 and conscripts served six-month tours of duty, reduced in 2001 from the earlier scheme of nine months. Conscientious objectors could instead opt for eight months of civilian service.^[193]

As of May 2019, the Croatian military had 72 members stationed in foreign countries as part of United Nations-led international peacekeeping forces.^[194] As of 2019, 323 troops served the NATO-led ISAF force in Afghanistan. Another 156 served with KFOR in Kosovo.^{[195][196]}



Croatian Air Force and US Navy aircraft participate in multinational training, 2002



Croatian soldiers raising the flag on the Knin fortress at a commemoration of the Operation Storm, the Croatian military action which liberated occupied Croatian territories in 1995

Croatia has a military-industrial sector that exported around 493 million kunas (€65,176 million) worth of military equipment in 2020.^[197] Croatian-made weapons and vehicles used by CAF include the standard sidearm HS2000 manufactured by HS Produkt and the M-84D battle tank designed by the Đuro Đaković factory. Uniforms and helmets worn by CAF soldiers are locally produced and marketed to other countries.^[198]

Administrative divisions

Croatia was first divided into counties in the Middle Ages.^[199] The divisions changed over time to reflect losses of territory to Ottoman conquest and subsequent liberation of the same territory, changes of the political status of Dalmatia, Dubrovnik, and Istria. The traditional division of the country into counties was abolished in the 1920s when the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes and the subsequent Kingdom of Yugoslavia introduced oblasts and banovinas respectively.^[200]

Communist-ruled Croatia, as a constituent part of post-World War II Yugoslavia, abolished earlier divisions and introduced municipalities, subdividing Croatia into approximately one hundred municipalities. Counties were reintroduced in 1992 legislation, significantly altered in terms of territory relative to the pre-1920s subdivisions. In 1918, the Transleithanian part was divided into eight counties with their seats in Bjelovar, Gospic, Ogulin, Osijek, Požega, Varaždin, Vukovar, and Zagreb.^{[201][202]}

As of 1992, Croatia is divided into 20 counties and the capital city of Zagreb, the latter having the dual authority and legal status of a county and a city. County borders changed in some instances, last revised in 2006. The counties subdivide into 127 cities and 429 municipalities.^[203] Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics (NUTS) division is performed in several tiers. NUTS 1 level considers the entire country in a single unit; three NUTS 2 regions come below that. Those are Northwest Croatia, Central and Eastern (Pannonian) Croatia, and Adriatic Croatia. The latter encompasses the counties along the Adriatic coast. Northwest Croatia includes Koprivnica-Križevci, Krapina-Zagorje, Medimurje, Varaždin, the city of Zagreb, and Zagreb counties and the Central and Eastern (Pannonian) Croatia includes the remaining areas—Bjelovar-Bilogora, Brod-Posavina, Karlovac, Osijek-Baranja, Požega-Slavonia, Sisak-Moslavina, Virovitica-Podravina, and Vukovar-Syrmia counties. Individual counties and the city of Zagreb also represent NUTS 3 level subdivision units in Croatia. The NUTS local administrative unit divisions are two-tiered. LAU 1 divisions match the counties and the city of Zagreb in effect making those the same as NUTS 3 units, while LAU 2 subdivisions correspond to cities and municipalities.^[204]



Varaždin, capital of Croatia between 1767 and 1776, is the seat of Varaždin county; Pictured: Old Town fortress, one of 15 Croatia's sites inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage tentative list



Counties of Croatia

Economy



On January 1, 2023, Croatia replaced the kuna as its national currency and adopted the euro, on the same day Croatia became part of the Schengen zone.

Croatia's economy qualifies as high-income.^[205] International Monetary Fund data projected that Croatian nominal GDP reached \$67,84 billion, or \$17.398 per capita for 2021^[206] while purchasing power parity GDP was \$132,88 billion, or \$32.942 per capita.^[207] According to Eurostat, Croatian GDP per capita in PPS stood at 65% of the EU average in 2019.^[208] Real GDP growth in 2022 was 6.2 per cent.^[209] The average net salary of a Croatian worker in October 2019 was 6,496 HRK per month (roughly 873 EUR), and the average gross salary was 8,813 HRK per month (roughly 1,185 EUR).^[210] As of July 2019, the unemployment rate dropped to 7.2% from 9.6% in December 2018. The number of unemployed persons was 106.703. The unemployment rate between 1996 and 2018 averaged 17.38%, reaching an all-time high of 23.60% in January 2002 and a record low of 8.40% in September 2018.^[211] In 2017, economic output was dominated by the service sector — accounting for 70.1% of GDP — followed by the industrial sector with 26.2% and agriculture accounting for 3.7%.^[212]

According to 2017 data, 1.9% of the workforce were employed in agriculture, 27.3% by industry and 70.8% in services.^[212] Shipbuilding, food processing, pharmaceuticals, information technology, biochemical, and timber industry dominate the industrial sector. In 2018, Croatian exports were valued at 108 billion kunas (€14.61 billion) with 176 billion kunas (€23.82 billion) worth of imports. Croatia's largest trading partner was the rest of the European Union, led by Germany, Italy, and Slovenia.^[213]

As a result of the war, economic infrastructure sustained massive damage, particularly the tourism industry. From 1989 to 1993, the GDP fell 40.5%. The Croatian state still controls significant economic sectors, with government expenditures accounting for 40% of GDP.^[214] A particular concern is a backlogged judiciary system, with inefficient public administration and corruption, upending land ownership. In the 2022 Corruption Perceptions Index, published by Transparency International, the country ranked 57th.^[215] At the end of June 2020, the national debt stood at 85.3% of GDP.^[216]

Tourism

Tourism dominates the Croatian service sector and accounts for up to 20% of GDP. Tourism income for 2019 was estimated to be €10.5 billion.^[217] Its positive effects are felt throughout the economy, increasing retail business, and increasing seasonal employment. The industry is counted as an export business because foreign visitor spending significantly reduces the country's trade imbalance.^[218] The tourist industry has rapidly grown, recording a sharp rise in tourist numbers since independence, attracting more than 17 million visitors each year (as of 2017).^[219] Germany, Slovenia, Austria, Italy, United Kingdom, Czechia, Poland, Hungary, France, Netherlands, Slovakia and Croatia itself provide the most visitors.^[220] Tourist stays averaged 4.7 days in 2019.^[221]



Dubrovnik is one of Croatia's most popular tourist destinations.



Zlatni Rat beach on the Island of Brač is one of the foremost spots of tourism in Croatia.

Much of the tourist industry is concentrated along the coast. Opatija was the first holiday resort. It first became popular in the middle of the 19th century. By the 1890s, it had become one of the largest European health resorts.^[222] Resorts sprang up along the coast and islands, offering services catering to mass tourism and various niche markets. The most significant are nautical tourism, supported by marinas with more than 16 thousand berths, cultural tourism relying on the appeal of medieval coastal cities and cultural events taking place during the summer. Inland areas offer agrotourism, mountain resorts, and spas. Zagreb is a significant destination, rivalling major coastal cities and resorts.^[223]

Croatia has unpolluted marine areas with nature reserves and 116 Blue Flag beaches.^[224] Croatia was ranked first in Europe for swimming water quality in 2022 by European Environmental Agency.^[225]

Croatia ranked as the 23rd-most popular tourist destination in the world according to the World Tourism Organization in 2019.^[226] About 15% of these visitors, or over one million per year, participate in naturism, for which Croatia is famous. It was the first European country to develop commercial naturist resorts.^[227] In 2023, luggage storage company Bounce gave Croatia the highest solo travel index in the world (7.58),^[228] while a joint Pinterest and Zola wedding trends report from 2023 put Croatia among the most popular honeymoon destinations.^[229]

Infrastructure

Transport

The motorway network was largely built in the late 1990s and the 2000s (decade). As of December 2020, Croatia had completed 1,313.8 kilometres (816.4 miles) of motorways, connecting Zagreb to other regions and following various European routes and four Pan-European corridors.^{[230][231][232]} The busiest motorways are the A1, connecting Zagreb to Split and the A3, passing east to west through northwest Croatia and Slavonia.^[233]



Pelješac Bridge connects the peninsula of Pelješac and through it the southernmost part, including Dubrovnik, with the Croatian mainland.



HŽ series 6112 manufactured by the Croatian company Končar Group, operated by Croatian Railways

A widespread network of state roads in Croatia acts as motorway feeder roads while connecting major settlements. The high quality and safety levels of the Croatian motorway network were tested and confirmed by EuroTAP and EuroTest programmes.^{[234][235]}

Croatia has an extensive rail network spanning 2,604 kilometres (1,618 miles), including 984 kilometres (611 miles) of electrified railways and 254 kilometres (158 miles) of double track railways (as of 2017).^[236] The most significant railways in Croatia are within the Pan-European transport corridors Vb and X connecting Rijeka to Budapest and Ljubljana to Belgrade, both via Zagreb.^[230] Croatian Railways operates all rail services.^[237]

The construction of 2.4-kilometre-long Pelješac Bridge, the biggest infrastructure project in Croatia connects the two halves of Dubrovnik-Neretva County and shortens the route from the West to the Pelješac peninsula and the islands of Korčula and Lastovo by more than 32 km. The construction of the Pelješac Bridge started in July 2018 after Croatian road operator Hrvatske ceste (HC) signed a 2.08 billion kuna deal for the works with a Chinese consortium led by China Road and Bridge Corporation (CRBC). The project is co-financed by the European Union with 357 million euro. The construction was completed in July 2022.^[238]

There are international airports in Dubrovnik, Osijek, Pula, Rijeka, Split, Zadar, and

Zagreb.^[239] The largest and busiest is Franjo Tuđman Airport in Zagreb.^[240] As of January 2011, Croatia complies with International Civil Aviation Organization aviation safety standards and the Federal Aviation Administration upgraded it to Category 1 rating.^[241]



Highway network in Croatia

Ports

The busiest cargo seaport is the Port of Rijeka. The busiest passenger ports are Split and Zadar.^{[242][243]} Many minor ports serve ferries connecting numerous islands and coastal cities with ferry lines to several cities in Italy.^[244] The largest river port is Vukovar, located on the Danube, representing the nation's outlet to the Pan-European transport corridor VII.^{[230][245]}

Energy

610 kilometres (380 miles) of crude oil pipelines serve Croatia, connecting the Rijeka oil terminal with refineries in Rijeka and Sisak, and several transhipment terminals. The system has a capacity of 20 million tonnes per year.^[246] The natural gas transportation system comprises 2,113 kilometres (1,313 miles) of trunk and regional pipelines, and more than 300 associated structures, connecting production rigs, the Okoli natural gas storage facility, 27 end-users and 37 distribution systems.^[247] Croatia also plays an important role in regional energy security. The floating liquefied natural gas import terminal off Krk island LNG Hrvatska commenced operations on January 1, 2021, positioning Croatia as a regional energy leader and contributing to diversification of Europe's energy supply.^[16]

In 2010, Croatian energy production covered 85% of nationwide natural gas and 19% of oil demand.^[248] In 2016, Croatia's primary energy production involved natural gas (24.8%), hydropower (28.3%), crude oil (13.6%), fuelwood (27.6%), and heat pumps and other renewable energy sources (5.7%).^[249] In 2017, net total electrical power production reached 11,543 GWh, while it imported 12,157 GWh or about 40% of its electric power energy needs.^[250]

Krško Nuclear Power Plant (Slovenia) supplies a large part of Croatian imports. 50% is owned by Hrvatska elektroprivreda, providing 15% of Croatia's electricity.^[251]

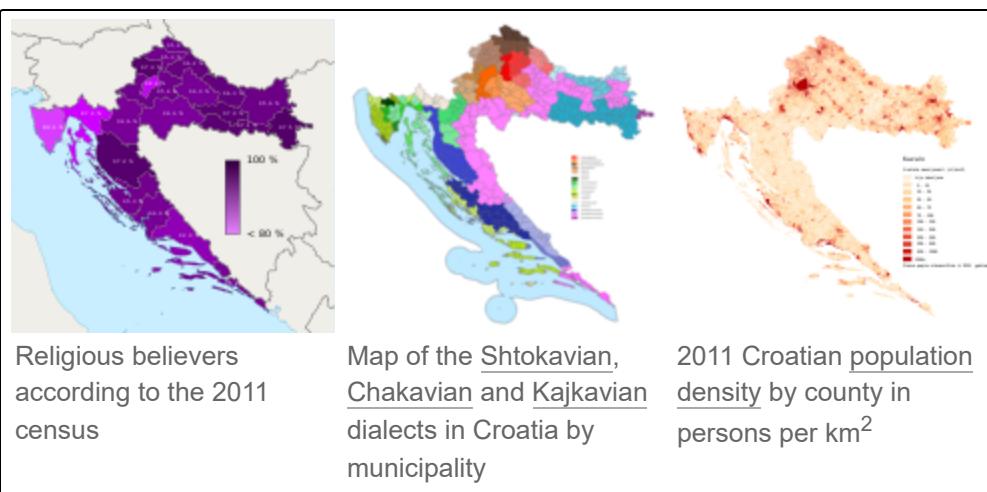
Demographics

With an estimated population of 3.87 million in 2021,^[252] Croatia ranks 127th by population in the world. Its 2018 population density was 72.9 inhabitants per square kilometre, making Croatia one of the more sparsely populated European countries.^[253] The overall life expectancy in Croatia at birth was 76.3 years in 2018.^[212]

Ethnic composition (2021)		
Croats		91.6%
Serbs		3.2%
Other		5.2%
2021 Croatian Census ^[7]		

The total fertility rate of 1.41 children per mother, is one of the lowest in the world, far below the replacement rate of 2.1, it remains considerably below the high of 6.18 children rate in 1885.^{[212][254]} Croatia's death rate has continuously exceeded its birth rate since 1998.^[255] Croatia subsequently has one of the world's oldest populations, with an average age of 43.3 years.^[256] The population rose steadily from 2.1 million in 1857 until 1991, when it peaked at 4.7 million, with the exceptions of censuses taken in 1921 and 1948, i.e. following the world wars.^[257] The natural growth rate is negative^[157] with the demographic transition completed in the 1970s.^[258] In recent years, the Croatian government has been pressured to increase permit quotas for foreign workers, reaching an all-time high of 68,100 in 2019.^[259] In accordance with its immigration policy, Croatia is trying to entice emigrants to return.^[260] From 2008 to 2018, Croatia's population dropped by 10%.^[261]

The population decrease was greater a result of war for independence. The war displaced large numbers of the population and emigration increased. In 1991, in predominantly occupied areas, more than 400,000 Croats were either removed from their homes by Serb forces or fled the violence.^[262] During the war's final days, about 150–200,000 Serbs fled before the arrival of Croatian forces during Operation Storm.^{[123][263]} After the war, the number of displaced persons fell to about 250,000. The Croatian government cared for displaced persons via the social security system and the Office of Displaced Persons and Refugees.^[264] Most of the territories abandoned during the war were settled by Croat refugees from Bosnia and Herzegovina, mostly from north-western Bosnia, while some displaced people returned to their homes.^{[265][266]}



According to the 2013 United Nations report, 17.6% of Croatia's population were immigrants.^[267] According to the 2021 census, the majority of inhabitants are Croats (91.6%), followed by Serbs (3.2%), Bosniaks (0.62%), Roma (0.46%), Albanians (0.36%), Italians (0.36%), Hungarians (0.27%), Czechs (0.20%), Slovenes (0.20%), Slovaks (0.10%), Macedonians (0.09%), Germans (0.09%), Montenegrins (0.08%), and others (1.56%).^[7] Approximately 4 million Croats live abroad.^[268]

Largest cities or towns in Croatia
(2011 Census by Croatian Bureau of Statistics)^[269]

Rank	Name	Counties	Pop.
1	Zagreb	Zagreb	790,017
2	Split	Split-Dalmatia	178,102
3	Rijeka	Primorje-Gorski Kotar	128,624
4	Osijek	Osijek-Baranja	108,048
5	Zadar	Zadar	75,062
6	Pula	Istria	57,460
7	Slavonski Brod	Brod-Posavina	59,141
8	Karlovac	Karlovac	55,705
9	Varaždin	Varaždin	46,946
10	Šibenik	Šibenik-Knin	46,332



Zagreb



Split



Rijeka



Osijek

Religion

Croatia has no official religion. Freedom of religion is a Constitutional right that protects all religious communities as equal before the law and separated from the state.

Croatian Constitution, Article 41</ref> According to the 2011 census, 91.36% of Croatians identify as Christian; of these, Catholics make up the largest group, accounting for 86.28% of the population, after which follows Eastern Orthodoxy (4.44%), Protestantism (0.34%), and other Christians (0.30%). The largest religion after Christianity is Islam (1.47%). 4.57% of the population describe themselves as non-religious.^[270] In the Eurostat Eurobarometer Poll of 2010, 69% of the population responded that "they believe there is a God".^[271] In a 2009 Gallup poll, 70% answered yes to the question "Is religion an important part of your daily life?"^[272] However, only 24% of the population attends religious services regularly.^[273]



Šibenik Cathedral, since 2000 on the UNESCO World Heritage List

Languages

Croatian is the official language of the Republic of Croatia. Minority languages are in official use in local government units where more than a third of the population consists of national minorities or where local enabling legislation applies. Those languages are Czech, Hungarian, Italian, Serbian, and Slovak.^{[274][275]} The following minority languages are also recognised: Albanian, Bosnian, Bulgarian, German, Hebrew, Macedonian, Montenegrin, Polish, Romanian, Istro-Romanian, Romani, Russian, Rusyn, Slovene, Turkish, and Ukrainian.^[275]

According to the 2011 Census, 95.6% of citizens declared Croatian as their native language, 1.2% declared Serbian as their native language, while no other language reaches more than 0.5%.^[2] Croatian is a member of the South Slavic languages of Slavic languages group and is written using the Latin alphabet. There are three major dialects spoken on the territory of Croatia, with standard Croatian based on the Shtokavian dialect. The Chakavian and Kajkavian dialects are distinguished from Shtokavian by their lexicon, phonology and syntax.^[276]

A 2011 survey revealed that 78% of Croats claim knowledge of at least one foreign language.^[277] According to a 2005 EC survey, 49% of Croats speak English as the second language, 34% speak German, 14% speak Italian, and 10% speak French. Russian is spoken by 4%, and 2% of Croats speak Spanish. However several large municipalities support minority languages. A majority of Slovenes (59%) have some knowledge of Croatian.^[278] The country is a part of various language-based international associations, most notably the European Union Language Association.^[279]

Education

Literacy in Croatia stands at 99.2 per cent.^[280] Primary education in Croatia starts at the age of six or seven and consists of eight grades. In 2007 a law was passed to increase free, noncompulsory education until 18 years of age. Compulsory education consists of eight grades of elementary school.

Secondary education is provided by gymnasiums and vocational schools. As of 2019, there are 2,103 elementary schools and 738 schools providing various forms of secondary education.^[281] Primary and secondary education are also available in languages of recognised minorities in Croatia, where classes are held in Czech, Hungarian, Italian, Serbian, German and Slovak languages.^[282]

There are 133 elementary and secondary level music and art schools,^[283] as well as 83 elementary and 44 secondary schools for disabled children and youth^[284] and 11 elementary and 52 secondary schools for adults.^[285] Nationwide leaving exams (Croatian: *državna matura*) were introduced for secondary education students in the school year 2009–2010. It comprises three compulsory subjects (Croatian language, mathematics, and a foreign language) and optional subjects and is a prerequisite for university education.^[286] Croatia has eight public universities and two private universities.^[287] The University of Zadar, the first university in Croatia, was founded in 1396 and remained active until 1807, when other institutions of higher education took over until the foundation of the renewed University of Zadar in 2002.^[288] The University of Zagreb, founded in 1669, is the oldest continuously operating university in Southeast Europe.^[289] There are also 15 polytechnics, of which two are private, and 30 higher education institutions, of which 27 are private.^[287] In total, there are 131 institutions of higher education in Croatia, attended by more than 160 thousand students.^[290]



National and University Library



University of Zagreb is the largest Croatian university and the oldest university in the area covering Central Europe south of Vienna and all of Southeastern Europe (1669).

There are 254 companies, government or education system institutions and non-profit organisations in Croatia pursuing scientific research and development of technology. Combined, they spent around 3 billion kuna (€400 million) gross and employed 11,801 full-time research staff in 2016.^[291] Among the scientific institutes operating in Croatia, the largest is the Ruđer Bošković Institute in Zagreb.^[292] The Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts in Zagreb is a learned society promoting language, culture, arts and science from its inception in 1866.^[293] Croatia was ranked 44th in the Global Innovation Index in 2023.^[294]

The European Investment Bank provided digital infrastructure and equipment to around 150 primary and secondary schools in Croatia. Twenty of these schools got specialised assistance in the form of gear, software, and services to help them integrate the teaching and administrative operations.^{[295][296]}

Healthcare

Croatia has a universal health care system, whose roots can be traced back to the Hungarian-Croatian Parliament Act of 1891, providing a form of mandatory insurance of all factory workers and craftsmen.^[297] The population is covered by a basic health insurance plan provided by statute and optional insurance. In 2017,

annual healthcare related expenditures reached 22.2 billion kuna (around €3.0 billion).^[298] Healthcare expenditures comprise only 0.6% of private health insurance and public spending.^[299] In 2017, Croatia spent around 6.6% of its GDP on healthcare.^[300] In 2020, Croatia ranked 41st in the world in life expectancy with 76.0 years for men and 82.0 years for women, and it had a low infant mortality rate of 3.4 per 1,000 live births.^[301]



University Hospital Centre Zagreb is the largest hospital in Croatia and the teaching hospital of the University of Zagreb.

There are hundreds of healthcare institutions in Croatia, including 75 hospitals, and 13 clinics with 23,049 beds. The hospitals and clinics care for more than 700 thousand patients per year and employ 6,642 medical doctors, including 4,773 specialists.^[302] There is total of 69,841 health workers.^[303] There are 119 emergency units in health centres, responding to more than a million calls.^[304] The principal cause of death in 2016 was cardiovascular disease at 39.7% for men and 50.1% for women, followed by tumours, at 32.5% for men and 23.4% for women.^[305] In 2016 it was estimated that 37.0% of Croatians are smokers.^[306] According to 2016 data, 24.40% of the Croatian adult population is obese.^[307]

Language

Standard Croatian is the official language of the Republic of Croatia,^[308] and became the 24th official language of the European Union upon its accession in 2013.^{[309][310]}



The Baška tablet is the oldest Glagolitic monument in Croatia. It documents the donation of land gifted by Croatian King Dmitar Zvonimir to the Benedictine monastery of St Lucy.

Croatian replaced Latin as the official language of the Croatian government in the 19th century.^[311] Following the Vienna Literary Agreement in 1850, the language and its Latin script underwent reforms to create an unified "Croatian or Serbian" or "Serbo-Croatian" standard, which under various names became the official language of Yugoslavia.^[312] In SFR Yugoslavia, from 1972 to 1989, the language was constitutionally designated as the "Croatian literary language" and the "Croatian or Serbian language". It was the result of a resistance to and secession from "Serbo-Croatian" in the form of the Declaration on the Status and Name of the Croatian Literary Language as part of the Croatian Spring.^[313] Since gaining independence in the early 1990s, the Republic of Croatia constitutionally designates the language as "Croatian language" and regulates it through linguistic prescription. The long-standing aspiration to developing its own expressions, thus enriching itself, as opposed to taking over foreign solutions in the form of loanwords has been described as Croatian linguistic purism.^[314]

Croatia introduced in 2021 a new model of linguistic categorisation of Bunjevac dialect (as New-Shtokavian Ikavian dialects of the Shtokavian dialect of the Croatian language) in three sub-branches: Dalmatian (also called Bosnian-Dalmatian), Danubian (also called Bunjevac), and Littoral-Lika.^{[315][316]} Its speakers largely use the Latin alphabet and are living in parts of Bosnia and Herzegovina, different parts of Croatia, southern parts (inc. Budapest) of Hungary as well in the autonomous province Vojvodina of Serbia. The Institute of Croatian Language and Linguistics added the Bunjevac dialect to the List of Protected Intangible Cultural Heritage of the Republic of Croatia on 8 October 2021.^{[317][318]}

Culture

Because of its geographical position, Croatia represents a blend of four different cultural spheres. It has been a crossroads of influences from western culture and the east since the schism between the Western Roman Empire and the Byzantine Empire, and also from Central Europe and Mediterranean culture.^[320] The Illyrian

movement was the most significant period of national cultural history, as the 19th century proved crucial to the emancipation of Croatians and saw unprecedented developments in all fields of art and culture, giving rise to many historical figures.^[63]

The Ministry of Culture is tasked with preserving the nation's cultural and natural heritage and overseeing its development. Further activities supporting the development of culture are undertaken at the local government level.^[321] The UNESCO's World Heritage List includes ten sites in Croatia. The country is also rich with intangible culture and holds 15 of UNESCO's World's intangible culture masterpieces, ranking fourth in the world.^[322] A global cultural contribution from Croatia is the necktie, derived from the cravat originally worn by the 17th-century Croatian mercenaries in France.^{[323][324]}



Historic centre of Trogir has been included in the UNESCO list of World Heritage Site since 1997.^[319]

In 2019, Croatia had 95 professional theatres, 30 professional children's theatres, and 51 amateur theatres visited by more than 2.27 million viewers per year. Professional theatres employ 1,195 artists. There are 42 professional orchestras, ensembles, and choirs, attracting an annual attendance of 297 thousand. There are 75 cinemas with 166 screens and attendance of 5.026 million.^[325]

Croatia has 222 museums, visited by more than 2.71 million people in 2016. Furthermore, there are 1,768 libraries, containing 26.8 million volumes, and 19 state archives.^[326] The book publishing market is dominated by several major publishers and the industry's centrepiece event—Interliber exhibition held annually at Zagreb Fair.^[327]

Arts, literature, and music

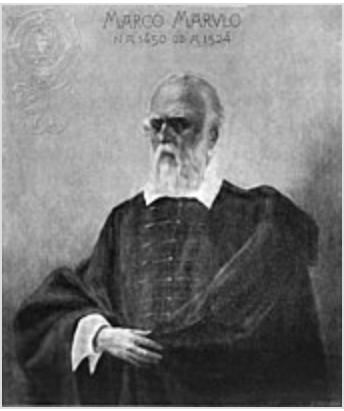
Architecture in Croatia reflects influences of bordering nations. Austrian and Hungarian influence is visible in public spaces and buildings in the north and the central regions, architecture found along coasts of Dalmatia and Istria exhibits Venetian influence.^[328] Squares named after culture heroes, parks, and pedestrian-only zones, are features of Croatian towns and cities, especially where large scale Baroque urban planning took place, for instance in Osijek (Tvrđa), Varaždin, and Karlovac.^{[329][330]} The subsequent influence of the Art Nouveau was reflected in contemporary architecture.^[331] The architecture is the Mediterranean with a Venetian and Renaissance influence in major coastal urban areas exemplified in works of Giorgio da Sebenico and Nicolas of Florence such as the Cathedral of St. James in Šibenik. The oldest preserved examples of Croatian architecture are the 9th-century churches, with the largest and the most representative among them being Church of St. Donatus in Zadar.^{[332][333]}



Historical nucleus of Split with the 4th-century Diocletian's Palace was inscribed on the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites in 1979.

Euphrasian Basilica in Poreč, example of early Byzantine architecture, on the UNESCO World Heritage List since 1997.

Besides the architecture encompassing the oldest artworks, there is a history of artists in Croatia reaching the Middle Ages. In that period the stone portal of the Trogir Cathedral was made by Radovan, representing the most important monument of Romanesque sculpture from Medieval Croatia. The Renaissance had the greatest impact on the Adriatic Sea coast since the remainder was embroiled in the Hundred Years' Croatian–Ottoman War. With the waning of the Ottoman Empire, art flourished during the Baroque and Rococo. The 19th and 20th centuries brought affirmation of numerous Croatian artisans, helped by several patrons of the arts such as bishop Josip Juraj Strossmayer.^[334] Croatian artists of the period achieving renown were Vlaho Bukovac, Ivan Meštrović, and Ivan Generalić.^{[332][335]}



Marko Marulić (18 August 1450 – 5 January 1524), Croatian poet, lawyer, judge, and Renaissance humanist who coined the term "psychology". He is the national poet of Croatia.

The Baška tablet, a stone inscribed with the glagolitic alphabet found on the Krk island and dated to c. 1100, is considered to be the oldest surviving prose in Croatian.^[336] The beginning of more vigorous development of Croatian literature is marked by the Renaissance and Marko Marulić. Besides Marulić, Renaissance playwright Marin Držić, Baroque poet Ivan Gundulić, Croatian national revival poet Ivan Mažuranić, novelist, playwright, and poet August Šenoa, children's writer Ivana Brlić-Mažuranić, writer and journalist Marija Jurić Zagorka, poet and writer Antun Gustav Matoš, poet Antun Branko Šimić, expressionist and realist writer Miroslav Krleža, poet Tin Ujević and novelist, and short story writer Ivo Andrić are often cited as the greatest figures in Croatian literature.^{[337][338]}

Croatian music varies from classical operas to modern-day rock. Vatroslav Lisinski created the country's first opera, *Love and Malice*, in 1846. Ivan Zajc composed more than a thousand pieces of music, including masses and oratorios. Pianist Ivo Pogorelić has performed across the world.^[335]

Media

In Croatia, the Constitution guarantees the freedom of the press and the freedom of speech.^[339] Croatia ranked 64th in the 2019 Press Freedom Index report compiled by Reporters Without Borders which noted that journalists who investigate corruption, organised crime or war crimes face challenges and that the Government was trying to influence the public broadcaster HRT's editorial policies.^[340] In its 2019 Freedom in the World report, the Freedom House classified freedoms of press and speech in Croatia as generally free from political interference and manipulation, noting that journalists still face threats and occasional attacks.^[341] The state-owned news agency HINA runs a wire service in Croatian and English on politics, economics, society, and culture.^[342]

As of January 2021, there are thirteen nationwide free-to-air DVB-T television channels, with Croatian Radiotelevision (HRT) operating four, RTL Televizija three, and Nova TV operating two channels, and the Croatian Olympic Committee, Kapital Net d.o.o., and Author d.o.o. companies operate the remaining three.^[344] Also, there are 21 regional or local DVB-T television channels.^[345] The HRT is also broadcasting a satellite TV channel.^[346] In 2020, there were 147 radio stations and 27 TV stations in Croatia.^{[347][348]} Cable television and IPTV networks are gaining ground. Cable television already serves 450 thousand people, around 10% of the total population of the country.^{[349][350]}



Radio Zagreb, now a part of Croatian Radiotelevision, was the first public radio station in Southeast Europe.^[343]

In 2010, 267 newspapers and 2,676 magazines were published in Croatia.^[347] The print media market is dominated by the Croatian-owned Hanza Media and Austrian-owned Styria Media Group who publish their flagship dailies *Jutarnji list*, *Večernji list* and *24sata*. Other influential newspapers are *Novi list* and *Slobodna Dalmacija*.^{[351][352]} In 2020, *24sata* was the most widely circulated daily newspaper, followed by *Večernji list* and *Jutarnji list*.^{[353][354]}

Croatia's film industry is small and heavily subsidised by the government, mainly through grants approved by the Ministry of Culture with films often being co-produced by HRT.^{[355][356]} Croatian cinema produces between five and ten feature films per year.^[357] Pula Film Festival, the national film awards event held annually in Pula, is the most prestigious film event featuring national and international productions.^[358] Animafest Zagreb, founded in 1972, is the prestigious annual film festival dedicated to the animated film. The first greatest

accomplishment by Croatian filmmakers was achieved by Dušan Vukotić when he won the 1961 Academy Award for Best Animated Short Film for *Ersatz* (Croatian: *Surogat*).^[359] Croatian film producer Branko Lustig won the Academy Awards for Best Picture for *Schindler's List* and *Gladiator*.^[360]

Cuisine

Croatian traditional cuisine varies from one region to another. Dalmatia and Istria have culinary influences of Italian and other Mediterranean cuisines which prominently feature various seafood, cooked vegetables and pasta, and condiments such as olive oil and garlic. Austrian, Hungarian, Turkish, and Balkan culinary styles influenced continental cuisine. In that area, meats, freshwater fish, and vegetable dishes are predominant.^[361]



Specialties of Croatian cuisine and Croatian wines.

There are two distinct wine-producing regions in Croatia. The continental in the northeast of the country, especially Slavonia, produces premium wines, particularly whites. Along the north coast, Istrian and Krk wines are similar to those in neighbouring Italy, while further south in Dalmatia, Mediterranean-style red wines are the norm.^[361] Annual production of wine exceeds 72 million litres as of 2017.^[362] Croatia was almost exclusively a wine-consuming country up until the late 18th century when a more massive beer production and consumption started.^[363] The annual consumption of beer in 2020 was 78.7 litres per capita which placed Croatia in 15th place among the world's countries.^[364]

There are 11 restaurants in Croatia with a Michelin star and 89 restaurants bearing some of the Michelin's marks.^[365]

Sports



Croatia national football team came in second at the 2018 World Cup in Russia.

There are more than 400,000 active sportspeople in Croatia.^[366] In 2006, there were over 277 thousand members of sports associations and nearly 3,600 are chess and contract bridge association members.^[367] Association football is the most popular sport. The Croatian Football Federation (Croatian: *Hrvatski nogometni savez*), with more than 118,000 registered players, is the largest sporting association.^[368] The Croatian national football team came in third in 1998 and 2022 and second in the 2018 FIFA World Cup. The Prva HNL football league attracts the highest average attendance of any professional sports league. In season 2010–11, it attracted 458,746 spectators.^[369]

Croatian athletes competing at international events since Croatian independence in 1991 won 44 Olympic medals, including 15 gold medals.^[370] Also, Croatian athletes won 16 gold medals at world championships, including four in athletics at the World Championships in Athletics. Croatia won their first major trophy at the 2003 World Men's Handball Championship. In tennis, they won Davis Cup in 2005 and 2018. Croatia's most successful male players Goran Ivanišević and Marin Čilić have both won Grand Slam titles and have got into the top 3 of the ATP rankings. Ognjen Cvitan won the World Junior Chess Championship in 1981. In waterpolo, they have three world titles. Iva Majoli became the first Croatian female player to win the French Open when she won it in 1997. Croatia hosted several major sports competitions, including the 2009 World Men's Handball Championship, the 2007 World Table Tennis Championships, the 2000 World Rowing Championships, the 1987 Summer Universiade, the 1979 Mediterranean Games, and several European Championships, including the 2000 and 2018 European Men's Handball Championship.



Croatia is one of the most successful [water polo nations](#). National water polo team has won three world championships, [Melbourne 2007](#), [Budapest 2017](#) and [Doha 2024](#).

See also

- [Outline of Croatia](#)
- [Index of Croatia-related articles](#)



Explanatory notes

a. In the recognised [minority languages of Croatia](#) and the most spoken second languages:

- [Czech](#): Chorvatská republika
- [German](#): Republik Kroatien
- [French](#): République de Croatie
- [Hungarian](#): Horvát Köztársaság
- [Italian](#): Repubblica di Croazia
- [Rusyn](#): Републіка Хорватія
- [Serbian](#): Република Хрватска
- [Slovak](#): Chorvátska republika
- [Slovene](#): Republika Hrvaska
- [Ukrainian](#): Республіка Хорватія

b. Apart from Croatian, [counties](#) have [official regional languages](#) that are used for official government business and commercially. In [Istria County](#) a minority is [Italian-speaking](#)^{[1][2]} while select counties bordering Serbia speak standard Serbian.^[3] Other notable—albeit significantly less-present—minority languages in Croatia include: [Czech](#), [Hungarian](#), and [Slovak](#).

c. The writing system of Croatia is legally [protected by the Croatian Parliament](#). Efforts to recognise minority scripts, pursuant to international law, on a local level, have been met with [nationalist opposition](#).

d. IPA transcription of "*Republika Hrvatska*": (Croatian pronunciation: ['repǔblika 'x̊rva:tska:]).

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Croatian Football Cup

The **Hrvatski nogometni kup** (English: Croatian football cup), also colloquially known as **Rabuzinovo sunce** (lit. 'Rabuzin's Sun'), is an annually held football tournament for Croatian football clubs and is the second most important competition in Croatian football after the **HNL** championship. It is governed by the **Croatian Football Federation** (HNS) and usually runs from late August to late May. Cup winners automatically qualify for next season's **UEFA Europa Conference League**, except when cup winners are also **Prva HNL** champions, in which case their berth in the **Europa Conference League** goes to the best placed team in the **Prva HNL** who haven't qualified for the **UEFA competitions** through their league performance.^[1]

The cup was established in 1992,^[2] after Croatian clubs had abandoned the **Yugoslav First League** and **Yugoslav Cup** competitions following the breakup of Yugoslavia. As of the most recent 2021–22 season a total of 31 cup seasons were held. The competition has historically been dominated by the two **Eternal Derby** sides—the most successful club is **Dinamo Zagreb** (formerly known in the 1990s as HAŠK Gradanski and Croatia Zagreb) who appeared in 23 finals and won 16 titles, followed by **Hajduk Split** who won 8 titles out of 13 finals they appeared in.^[3]

Either Dinamo or Hajduk appeared in all but three cup finals (in 1999, 2006 and 2020) and only three other clubs have won the cup—**Rijeka** (six wins), **Inter Zaprešić** (one win) and **Osijek** (one win).^[3] Although clubs can qualify for the cup via regional county cups, which are usually contested by **second-, third- or fourth-level** sides, **Uđanik Pula** in 2003 was the only team in the history of the competition to have reached the cup final from outside the top level.

Hrvatski kup	
Founded	1992
Region	Croatia
Number of teams	48
Qualifier for	UEFA Europa Conference League
Current champions	Hajduk Split (8th title)
Most successful club(s)	Dinamo Zagreb (16 titles)
Television broadcasters	MAX Sport
Website	Official website (http://hns-cff.hr/natjecanja/supersport-hrvatski-kup/)



2023–24 Croatian Cup

Format

Entries

Although in theory any club can take part in the cup, 48 teams enter the competition proper, based on three criteria:^[1]

1. Top sixteen best-ranked teams according to club coefficient calculated by the **Croatian Football Federation** which take into account their cup records in the previous five seasons
2. Twenty-one club winners of regional cups organised in each of **21 counties of Croatia**
3. Eleven regional cup finalists, from the top 11 counties with the greatest number of active football clubs registered

Competition system

The 32 clubs which qualify via regional cups always enter in the preliminary round, which consists of 16 single-legged fixtures.^[1] In case of a draw at the end of normal time, thirty minutes of extra time is played, and if scores are still level, a penalty shootout is held to determine the winner of the tie.^[1] Sixteen winners of the preliminary ties go on to the first round proper (round of 32), where they are joined by the sixteen best-ranked clubs according to cup coefficient (this usually means all First League clubs and a handful of best-ranked lower level teams). Round of 32 (R1) and round of 16 (R2) are also played as single-legged fixtures. Until the 2014–15 season, from the quarter-finals onward, the competition employed a two-legged tie format, with winners progressing through on aggregate score. Since 2015–16, quarter-finals are also played as single-legged fixtures and, since 2017–18, the same applies for semi-finals. In case the score is still level at the end of regular time, extra time is played. If the score remains level after extra time, a penalty shootout takes place to determine tie winners.^[1] With the exception of 1997 and 1999 finals, all finals were also played as two-legged fixtures until the rules were most recently changed for the 2014–15 season and a single-match final was made permanent.^[4]

Croatian club cup coefficient

Clubs are awarded points for participation in specific round of the Cup. There are two exceptions in awarding points, first is clubs from preliminary round doesn't receive any points and second is a final where winner receives double of runner up. Points are summed through the season and added to five year ranking.^[5]

Round	Awarded clubs	Points ^[6]
Preliminary round	16	0
First round	16	1
Second round	8	2
Quarter-finals	4	4
Semi-finals	2	8
Runner up	1	16
Winner	1	32

Points used in this ranking will be used for qualification for the 2024–25 season and seeding for the season 2023–24.^[7]

Rank	Club	2018–19	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23	Total
1	Rijeka	63	63	15	31	3	175
2	Hajduk Split	7	3	7	63	63	143
3	Dinamo Zagreb	31	7	63	7	15	123
4	Osijek	15	15	7	15	7	59
5	Lokomotiva	7	31	3	7	7	55
6	Slaven Belupo	7	15	7	7	15	51
7	Istra 1961	3	3	31	7	3	47
8	Šibenik	3	7	3	3	31	47
9	Gorica		7	15	15	3	40
10	Inter Zaprešić (defunct)	15	7	1	1	1	25
11	Varaždin	3	3	3	3	3	15
12	Rudeš		1	3	3	7	14
13	Vinogradar	7	3	1	1	1	13
14	BSK Bijelo Brdo		3		3	7	13
15	Oriolik		1	7	3	1	12
16	Mladost Ždralovi			3	3	3	9
17	Zadar	3	3	1			7
18	Belišće		3		3	1	7
19	Split	1	1	1	1	3	7
20	Zagreb	1	1	3	1		6
21	Rudar Labin			3	3		6
22	Cibalia	1	1	1	1	1	5
23	Kurilovec	1	1	3			5
24	GOŠK Dubrovnik	1		3			4
25	Bjelovar				1	3	4
26	Opatija		3				3
27	Zelina	3					3
28	Jadran LP	3					3
29	Marsonia	3					3
30	Krk	3					3
31	Bednja	1			1	1	3
32	Primorac Biograd	1			1	1	3
33	Nedelišće					3	3
34	Sesvete			1	1		2
35	Novigrad		1	1			2
36	Nehaj	1			1		2
37	Karlovac 1919		1		1		2
38	Vuteks Sloga		1		1		2

Rank	Club	2018–19	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23	Total
39	<u>Međimurje</u>	1			1		2
40	<u>Sloga NG</u>	1	1				2
41	<u>Jadran Poreč</u>		1			1	2
42	<u>Croatia Zmijavci</u>			1			1
43	<u>Zagora Unešić</u>		1				1
44	<u>Slavonija Požega</u>		1				1
45	Pitomača				1		1
46	<u>Orijent 1919</u>				1		1
47	<u>Dugopolje</u>				1		1
48	Rudar Mursko Središće			1			1
49	<u>Graničar Županja</u>			1			1
50	Polet SMnM			1			1
51	<u>Crikvenica</u>			1			1
52	Gaj Mače			1			1
53	Ferdinandovac			1			1
54	<u>Dilj</u>			1			1
55	Mladost Petrinja		1				1
56	<u>Hrvace</u>		1				1
57	Buje		1				1
58	<u>Vukovar '91</u>	1					1
59	<u>Slavija Pleternica</u>	1					1
60	Sloga Mravince	1					1
61	<u>Križevci</u>	1					1
62	<u>Zagorec</u>	1					1
63	<u>Vrapče</u>	1					1
64	<u>Bistra</u>				1		1
65	Tehničar Cvetkovec				1		1
66	Borinci				1		1
67	<u>Moslavina</u>				1		1
68	<u>Papuk Orahovica</u>				1		1
69	<u>Grobničan</u>				1		1
70	<u>Dubrava</u>				1		1
71	<u>Solin</u>				1		1

List of winners

Key

(R)	Replay
	<u>Two-legged tie</u>
*	Match went to <u>extra time</u>
†	Match decided by a <u>penalty shoot-out</u> (from 2015 after extra time)
‡	Winning team won <u>The Double</u>
<i>Italics</i>	Team from outside the top level of Croatian football

List of winners

Season	Winners	Score	Runners-up	Venue(s)
1992	Inker Zaprešić (1)	2–1	HAŠK Građanski	Stadion ŠRC Zaprešić; Stadion Maksimir
1992–93	Hajduk Split (1)	5–3	Croatia Zagreb	Stadion Poljud; Stadion Maksimir
1993–94	Croatia Zagreb (1)	2–1	Rijeka	Stadion Maksimir; Stadion Kantrida
1994–95	Hajduk Split † (2)	4–2	Croatia Zagreb	Stadion Poljud; Stadion Maksimir
1995–96	Croatia Zagreb ‡ (2)	3–0	Varteks	Stadion Varteks; Stadion Maksimir
1996–97	Croatia Zagreb ‡ (3)	2–1	NK Zagreb	Stadion Maksimir
1997–98	Croatia Zagreb ‡ (4)	3–1	Varteks	Stadion Varteks; Stadion Maksimir
1998–99	Osijek (1)	2–1 *	Cibalia	Stadion Maksimir
1999–2000	Hajduk Split (3)	2–1	Dinamo Zagreb	Stadion Poljud; Stadion Maksimir
2000–01	Dinamo Zagreb (5)	3–0	Hajduk Split	Stadion Poljud; Stadion Maksimir
2001–02	Dinamo Zagreb (6)	2–1	Varteks	Stadion Maksimir; Stadion Varteks
2002–03	Hajduk Split (4)	5–0	<i>Uljanik Pula</i>	Stadion Aldo Drosina; Stadion Poljud
2003–04	Dinamo Zagreb (7)	1–1 (a)	Varteks	Stadion Varteks; Stadion Maksimir
2004–05	Rijeka (1)	3–1	Hajduk Split	Stadion Kantrida; Stadion Poljud
2005–06	Rijeka (2)	5–5 (a)	Varteks	Stadion Kantrida; Stadion Varteks
2006–07	Dinamo Zagreb ‡ (8)	2–1	Slaven Belupo	Stadion Maksimir; Gradski stadion (Koprivnica)
2007–08	Dinamo Zagreb ‡ (9)	3–0	Hajduk Split	Stadion Maksimir; Stadion Poljud
2008–09	Dinamo Zagreb ‡ (10)	3–3 (4–3 p) †	Hajduk Split	Stadion Maksimir; Stadion Poljud
2009–10	Hajduk Split (5)	4–1	Šibenik	Stadion Poljud; Stadion Šubićevac
2010–11	Dinamo Zagreb ‡ (11)	8–2	Varaždin	Stadion Maksimir; Stadion Varteks
2011–12	Dinamo Zagreb ‡ (12)	3–1	Osijek	Stadion Gradski vrt; Stadion Maksimir
2012–13	Hajduk Split (6)	5–4	Lokomotiva	Stadion Poljud; Stadion Maksimir
2013–14	Rijeka (3)	3–0	Dinamo Zagreb	Stadion Maksimir; Stadion Kantrida
2014–15	Dinamo Zagreb ‡ (13)	0–0 (4–2 p) †	RNK Split	Stadion Maksimir

Season	Winners	Score	Runners-up	Venue(s)
2015–16	Dinamo Zagreb ‡ (14)	2–1	Slaven Belupo	Stadion Gradski vrt
2016–17	Rijeka ‡ (4)	3–1	Dinamo Zagreb	Stadion Varteks
2017–18	Dinamo Zagreb ‡ (15)	1–0	Hajduk Split	Stadion HNK Cibalia
2018–19	Rijeka (5)	3–1	Dinamo Zagreb	Stadion Aldo Drosina
2019–20	Rijeka (6)	1–0	Lokomotiva	Stadion Šubićevac
2020–21	Dinamo Zagreb‡ (16)	6–3	Istra 1961	Gradski stadion Velika Gorica
2021–22	Hajduk Split (7)	3–1	Rijeka	Stadion Poljud
2022–23	Hajduk Split (8)	2–0	Šibenik	Stadion Rujevica

Results by team

Club	Winners	Last final won	Runners-up	Last final lost
Dinamo Zagreb ^[A]	16	2021	7	2019
Hajduk Split	8	2023	5	2018
Rijeka	6	2020	2	2022
Osijek	1	1999	1	2012
Inter Zaprešić ^[B]	1	1992	0	—
Varaždin ^[C]	0	—	6	2011
Slaven Belupo ^[E]	0	—	2	2016
Lokomotiva	0	—	2	2020
Istra 1961 ^[D]	0	—	2	2021
Šibenik	0	—	2	2023
NK Zagreb	0	—	1	1997
Cibalia	0	—	1	1999
RNK Split	0	—	1	2015

Winning managers

Final	Winning manager	Winning club	Losing manager	Losing club
1992	Ilija Lončarević	Inker Zaprešić	Vlatko Marković	HAŠK Građanski
1993	Ivan Katalinić	Hajduk Split	Miroslav Blažević	Croatia Zagreb
1994	Miroslav Blažević	Croatia Zagreb	Srećko Juričić	Rijeka
1995	Ivan Katalinić	Hajduk Split	Zlatko Kranjčar	Croatia Zagreb
1996	Zlatko Kranjčar	Croatia Zagreb	Luka Bonačić	Varteks
1997	Otto Barić	Croatia Zagreb	Krešimir Ganjto	NK Zagreb
1998	Zlatko Kranjčar	Croatia Zagreb	Dražen Besek	Varteks
1999	Stanko Poklepović	Osijek	Srećko Lušić	Cibalia
2000	Petar Nadoveza	Hajduk Split	Marijan Vlak	Dinamo Zagreb
2001	Ilija Lončarević	Dinamo Zagreb	Zoran Vulić	Hajduk Split

Final	Winning manager	Winning club	Losing manager	Losing club
2002	Marijan Vlak	Dinamo Zagreb	Branko Janžek	Varteks
2003	Zoran Vulić	Hajduk Split	Elvis Scoria	Uljanik Pula
2004	Nikola Jurčević	Dinamo Zagreb	Miroslav Blažević	Varteks
2005	Elvis Scoria	Rijeka	Igor Štimac	Hajduk Split
2006	Dragan Skočić	Rijeka	Zlatko Dalić	Varteks
2007	Branko Ivanković	Dinamo Zagreb	Elvis Scoria	Slaven Belupo
2008	Zvonimir Soldo	Dinamo Zagreb	Robert Jarni	Hajduk Split
2009	Krunoslav Jurčić	Dinamo Zagreb	Ante Miše	Hajduk Split
2010	Stanko Poklepović	Hajduk Split	Branko Karačić	Šibenik
2011	Mario Tot ^[F]	Dinamo Zagreb	Samir Toplak	Varaždin
2012	Ante Čaćić	Dinamo Zagreb	Stanko Mršić	Osijek
2013	Igor Tudor	Hajduk Split	Tomislav Ivković	Lokomotiva
2014	Matjaž Kek	Rijeka	Zoran Mamić	Dinamo Zagreb
2015	Zoran Mamić	Dinamo Zagreb	Zoran Vulić	RNK Split
2016	Zoran Mamić	Dinamo Zagreb	Željko Kopić	Slaven Belupo
2017	Matjaž Kek	Rijeka	Ivaylo Petev	Dinamo Zagreb
2018	Nenad Bjelica	Dinamo Zagreb	Željko Kopić	Hajduk Split
2019	Igor Bišćan	Rijeka	Nenad Bjelica	Dinamo Zagreb
2020	Simon Rožman	Rijeka	Goran Tomić	Lokomotiva
2021	Damir Krznar	Dinamo Zagreb	Danijel Jumić	Istra 1961
2022	Valdas Dambrauskas	Hajduk Split	Goran Tomić	Rijeka
2023	Ivan Leko	Hajduk Split	Damir Canadi	Šibenik

By individual

Rank	Name	Winners	Club(s)	Winning Years
1	Ivan Katalinić	2	Hajduk Split	1993, 1995
	Zlatko Kranjčar	2	Croatia Zagreb	1996, 1998
	Ilija Lončarević	2	Inker Zaprešić, Dinamo Zagreb	1992, 2001
	Stanko Poklepović	2	Osijek, Hajduk Split	1999, 2010
	Zoran Mamić	2	Dinamo Zagreb	2015, 2016
	Matjaž Kek	2	Rijeka	2014, 2017

Footnotes

A. ^ Originally called Dinamo Zagreb, the club was renamed "HAŠK Građanski" in 1992, and then again "Croatia Zagreb" in the winter break of the 1992–93 season. The club reverted to its original name in February 2000.

B. ^ Inter Zaprešić was known by its sponsored name "Inker Zaprešić" (sometimes spelled "INKER") from 1991 to 2003.

C. ^ Varaždin were known as "Varteks" from 1958 to 2010.

D. ^ Istra 1961 was formerly known as "Uljanik Pula" (before 2003), "Pula 1856" (2003–05), "Pula Staro Češko" (2005–06), and "NK Pula" (2006–07) before adopting their current name in 2007. They are not to be confused with their cross-city rivals NK Istra.

E. ^ Slaven Belupo based in Koprivnica were formerly known as "Slaven" until 1992. From 1992 to 1994 they were called "Slaven Bilokalnik" before adopting their current name for sponsorship reasons. Since UEFA does not approve sponsored club names, the club is listed as "Slaven Koprivnica" in European competitions and on UEFA's website.

F. ^ Vahid Halilhodžić was in charge of Dinamo Zagreb in the first leg of 2011 Croatian Football Cup Final.

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Croatian Football Federation

The **Croatian Football Federation** (*Croatian: Hrvatski nogometni savez, HNS*) is the national governing body of football in Croatia. It was originally formed in 1912 and is based in the capital city of Zagreb. The organisation is a member of both [FIFA](#) and [UEFA](#), and is responsible for overseeing all aspects of the game of football in Croatia. The current president of HNS is Marijan Kustić.^[3]

The HNS sanctions all competitive football matches in Croatia, beginning with the [HNL](#) on down to [3. NL](#), as well as the [Croatian Cup](#), while lower-tiered leagues are sanctioned by inter-county and county associations. It is also responsible for appointing the management of the [men's](#), [women's](#) and youth national football teams.^[4] As of 2009, the HNS had 118,316 registered players (650 of them professionals) and a total of 1,732 registered association football and [futsal](#) clubs.^[5]

History

Early years (1912–1945)

The organisation traces its roots to the Croatian Sports Federation (*Hrvatski športski savez*), which was founded on 8 October 1909 in Zagreb, at the time when Croatia was part of [Austria-Hungary](#). The federation organised all sports in the country and its first president was Hinko Würth, the chairman of [HAŠK](#) football club. Present-day HNS considers its foundation date to be 13 June 1912, when the football section of the Croatian Sports Federation was established, and its head, Milovan Zoričić, as its first president.^[6]

After World War I and the dissolution of Austria-Hungary, representatives from [Građanski](#), [HAŠK](#), [Hajduk Split](#) and [Concordia](#) football clubs met in Zagreb on 14 April 1919 and founded the Football Association of Yugoslavia (*Jugoslavenski nogometni savez*), as a successor of the Croatian Sports Federation's football section, and appointed Hinko Würth as its president.^[6] The organization then became the chief governing body of football in the [Kingdom of Yugoslavia](#) and launched the [Yugoslav First League](#), the first country-wide national competition held initially in a cup format. Five other regional sub-federations were also created (based in [Belgrade](#), [Ljubljana](#), [Sarajevo](#), [Split](#) and [Subotica](#)), each organizing their own regional tournament with winners qualifying for the national championship.

In 1929, following disagreements between the Zagreb and Belgrade sub-federations, the Football Association of Yugoslavia was dissolved. It was then re-established in May 1930 in Belgrade, this time with the Serbian-language name *Fudbalski savez Jugoslavije*. The Belgrade-based association then continued organizing the national league until 1939, when the [Banovina of Croatia](#) was created as an administrative region within Kingdom of Yugoslavia. On 6 August 1939 the Croatian Football Federation (*Hrvatski nogometni savez* or HNS) was established as a football governing body in the newly created province,^[6] and Croatian and Slovenian clubs soon began leaving the Yugoslav League to join the HNS-run Croatian-Slovenian Football League in protest of the alleged centralization of sports around Belgrade. The split was eventually rectified with the promise of an increase in the number of Croatian and Slovenian clubs in the league, and because of this a shortened ten-round league was played in the 1939–40 Yugoslav First League season. In 1940 HNS also played a part in organizing

Croatian Football Federation

UEFA



Founded	13 June 1912
Headquarters	Zagreb
FIFA affiliation	17 July 1941 (as Independent State of Croatia) ^[1]
	3 July 1992 (as Croatia) ^[2]
UEFA affiliation	16 June 1993
President	Marijan Kustić
Website	hns-cff.hr (http://www.hns-cff.hr/)

the first ever Croatia national football team matches which played four international friendlies between April and December 1940. However the federation was not yet recognized by FIFA as Croatia was at the time still a province of Yugoslavia.

In April 1941 Kingdom of Yugoslavia was invaded by Axis Powers and was effectively dissolved. However, the Croatian Football Federation continued to run a competition called the Croatian national football league in the territory of Independent State of Croatia (NDH), a fascist puppet state which enjoyed relative peace during World War II, and which included most of present-day countries of Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina. On 17 July 1941 HNS was admitted to FIFA as the top level federation of NDH, and the national team representing NDH played fourteen international matches in the period from 1941 to 1944.^[2]

HNS in Yugoslavia (1945–1990)

Following the end of World War II, Croatia became a part of SFR Yugoslavia and the Belgrade-based Football Association of Yugoslavia took over as the main football-governing body in the country. Also, the new communist government issued a decree in 1945 which effectively dissolved all football clubs which were active during the war as a form of punishment for their participation in the fascist-run football championship. Among others, Zagreb-based powerhouses Concordia, HAŠK and Građanski all ceased to exist, their property was nationalised, and several other clubs, most notably Dinamo Zagreb, were formed to take their place. On the other hand, Hajduk Split was spared as their players had escaped from their Italian-occupied home city of Split during World War II and joined Yugoslav Partisans in 1944. For this reason, Hajduk Split is the only major Croatian club which can claim continuity since its foundation in 1911.

In the period from 1945 to 1990 the Belgrade-based Yugoslav Football Federation was in charge of football in the entire country, while Zagreb was turned into its major regional hub and administrative branch. In this period Croatian clubs competed within the Yugoslav league system and Croatian players were eligible for the Yugoslavia national football team. In the following decades Dinamo Zagreb and Hajduk Split became two of the Yugoslav Big Four (along with Belgrade-based Partizan and Red Star), a quartet of clubs which significantly dominated football in communist Yugoslavia. Dinamo and Hajduk won a combined total of 11 Yugoslav First League titles and 16 Yugoslav Cup. In addition, Croatian club Rijeka won 2 Yugoslav Cup titles. Dinamo Zagreb also won the 1966–67 Inter-Cities Fairs Cup, which made them the first Yugoslav side to win a continental competition, and were the only Yugoslav club with European silverware until Red Star's 1990–91 European Cup win 24 years later.

Modern era (1990–present)

When the breakup of Yugoslavia began to unfold in the early 1990s, the political situation was reflected on football pitches. On 13 May 1990 an infamous riot occurred at Maksimir in Zagreb and interrupted the Dinamo Zagreb – Red Star league fixture. On 3 June 1990 the pre-scheduled Yugoslavia–Netherlands friendly was held at the same stadium, and some 20,000 Croatian fans booed the Yugoslav national anthem and cheered for the Dutch team instead. On 26 September 1990 Hajduk Split fans staged a violent pitch invasion at Poljud during a league fixture against Partizan. On 17 October 1990 the first match of the newly established Croatia national football team was held, a friendly against the United States, and following the end of the 1990–91 season Croatian clubs decided to abandon Yugoslav competitions.

After Croatia had officially declared independence on 8 October 1991, the Croatian Football Federation sought international recognition, and was finally re-admitted to FIFA on 3 July 1992 and to UEFA on 17 June 1993.^{[2][5]}

In February 1992 the inaugural season of the Croatian top league Prva HNL kicked off, and in March 1992 the first edition of the Croatian Cup was launched.

In late 2010, the Federation held an election for its President, with Vlatko Marković opposed by Igor Štimac. Marković won by a single vote, and the assembly was marred with controversies.^[7] Štimac later appealed, calling for another meeting of the Federation.^[8] His supporters organized a new assembly and elected him the new

President despite the opposing faction's boycott, leading to an impasse.^[9]

In July 2012, the Federation held an election for its President, with Davor Šuker as the only candidate. All 46 delegates voted in favour of Šuker's candidature.

Presidents

Notes

- The first three presidents 1912–1919 were heads of football sections within the Croatian Sports Federation, the top sports governing body in Croatia, which was at the time a province within Austria-Hungary. Following World War I and the formation of the Kingdom of Yugoslavia the organisation was re-established in Zagreb in 1919 as the Football Association of Yugoslavia and designed as a national-level governing body. Its seat was moved to Yugoslavia's capital Belgrade ten years later in 1929. Although city-level subfederations continued to exist in the 1920s and 1930s there was no separate regional organisation which would govern the sport in Croatia between 1919 and 1939, hence the 20-year gap.
- In 1939 the Banovina of Croatia was created as an autonomous province within Yugoslavia, and a new provincial federation carrying the present-day football federation's name was established. Ivo Kraljević headed this body between 1939 and 1941.
- Following the April 1941 invasion of Yugoslavia the Independent State of Croatia (NDH), an Axis-allied puppet state which included most of the territories of present-day Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina, was established. The Zagreb-based football federation thus began to govern football in the entire territory of NDH and continued to organize national-level league championship during World War II. During this period NDH was admitted to FIFA and organised 14 international friendlies involving Croatia. Presidents between 1941 and 1945 headed the HNS during this era.
- After 1945 and the establishment of the communist SFR Yugoslavia, the HNS again became one of its regional federations, charged with governing football in SR Croatia, which became one of Yugoslavia's six federal republics. Presidents from 1945–1990 headed the HNS in this period.
- After Croatia proclaimed independence in 1991 and the breakup of Yugoslavia the HNS became the top football governing body of the newly independent nations. The country was internationally recognized by early 1992, and HNS was admitted to FIFA (again) in July 1992 and to UEFA in June 1993.

List of presidents (1912–1990)

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| ▪ <u>Milovan Zoričić</u> (1912–1914) | ▪ <u>Lazo Vračarić</u> (1947–1950) | ▪ <u>Vlado Bogatec</u> (1976–1978) |
| ▪ <u>Vladimir Očić</u> (1914) | ▪ <u>Boris Bakrač</u> (1950–1953) | ▪ <u>Ljubo Španjol</u> (1978–1981) |
| ▪ <u>Milan Graf</u> (1914–1919) | ▪ <u>Vlado Ranogajec</u> (1953–1957) | ▪ <u>Željko Huber</u> (1981–1982) |
| ▪ <u>Ivo Kraljević</u> (1939–1941) | ▪ <u>Mirko Oklobdžija</u> (1957–1959) | ▪ <u>Dušan Veselinović</u> (1982–1984) |
| ▪ <u>Rudolf Hitrec</u> (1941–1942) | ▪ <u>Pero Splivalo</u> (1959–1965) | ▪ <u>Milivoj Ražov</u> (1984–1985) |
| ▪ <u>Vatroslav Petek</u> (1942–1944) | ▪ <u>Luka Bajakić</u> (1965–1966) | ▪ <u>Adam Sušanj</u> (1985–1986) |
| ▪ <u>Rinaldo Čulić</u> (1944–1945) | ▪ <u>Bruno Knežević</u> (1966–1971) | ▪ <u>Antun Ćilić</u> (1986–1988) |
| ▪ <u>Mijo Hršak</u> (1945–1947) | ▪ <u>Ivan Kolić</u> (1971–1976) ^[10] | ▪ <u>Paško Viđak</u> (1988–1990) |

List of presidents (1990–present)

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|--|---|
| ▪ <u>Mladen Vedriš</u> (September 1990 – July 1994) ^[11] | ▪ <u>Josip Šoić</u> (17 August 1996 – 2 June 1997) ^[12] |
| ▪ <u>Damir Matovinović</u> (acting; 8 July 1994 – 10 March 1995) ^[12] | ▪ <u>Branko Mikša</u> (2 June 1997 – 5 October 1998) ^[12] |
| ▪ <u>Đuro Brodarac</u> (10 March 1995 – 8 June 1995) ^[12] | ▪ <u>Vlatko Marković</u> (18 December 1998 – 5 July 2012) ^[11] |
| | ▪ <u>Davor Šuker</u> (5 July 2012 – 29 July 2021) ^{[13][14]} |

- Nadan Vidošević (8 June 1995 – 17 August 1996)^[12]
- Marijan Kustić (29 July 2021 – present)^[3]

Competitions

It organizes the following competitions:

Men's football

- HNL; First league
- 1. NL (or *Prva NL*); Second league
- 2. NL (or *Druga NL*); Third league
- 3. NL (or *Treća NL*); Fourth league
- Croatian Football Cup
- Croatian Football Super Cup

Women's football

- 1. HNLŽ (or *Prva HNL za žene*); First Women's Division
- 2. HNLŽ (or *Druga HNL za žene*); Second Women's Division
- Croatian Women's Cup

Youth football

- 1. HNL Academy; First league for academy sides, with three age categories for boys: Under 19 (*Juniori*), Under 17 (*Kadeti*) and Under 15 (*Pioniri*), and two for girls Under 17 (*Kadetkinje*) and Under 15 (*Pionirke*).

Futsal

- 1. HMNL (or *Prva HMNL*); First league
- 2. HMNL (or *Druga HMNL*); Second league
- 1. HMNLŽ (or *Prva HMNLŽ*); First women's league

Beach Soccer

- 1. HNLP (or *Prva HNLP*)

National teams

The Croatian Football Federation also organises national football teams representing Croatia at all age levels:

Men's

- Croatia national football team (currently managed by Zlatko Dalić)
- Croatia U21 national football team (currently managed by Dragan Skočić)
- Croatia U20 national football team (currently managed by Ognjen Vukojević)
- Croatia U19 national football team (currently managed by Josip Šimunić)
- Croatia U18 national football team (currently managed by Josip Šimunić)
- Croatia U17 national football team (currently managed by Tomislav Rukavina)
- Croatia U16 national football team (currently managed by Tomislav Rukavina)
- Croatia U15 national football team (currently managed by Sergej Milivojević)

Women's

- [Croatia women's national football team](#) (currently managed by Nenad Gračan)
- [Croatia women's U19 national football team](#) (currently managed by Božidar Miletić)
- [Croatia women's U17 national football team](#) (currently managed by Stella Gotal)
- [Croatia women's U15 national football team](#) (currently managed by Božidar Miletić)

Futsal

- [Croatia national futsal team](#) (currently managed by Marinko Mavrović)
- [Croatia U19 national futsal team](#) (currently managed by Duje Maretić)
- [Croatia women's national futsal team](#) (currently managed by Luka Marinović)

Beach soccer

- [Croatia beach soccer national team](#) (currently managed by Emanuel Melon)

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Croatian Football League

The **Croatian Football League** (Croatian: *Hrvatska nogometna liga*; pronounced [x̌řv̌atska: nôgometna: li:ga]), abbreviated as **HNL** and also known sponsorship reasons as the **SuperSport HNL**,^[1] is the top Croatian professional football league competition, established in 1992.^[2] It was previously called **Prva Hrvatska nogometna liga** (First Croatian Football League), but a league structure reorganization from 2022–23 led to name changes for the three top league levels.^[3]

Overview

The league was formed in 1991, following the independence of Croatia and the creation of a separate Croatian league from the Yugoslav First League. This newly formed league was operated by the Croatian Football Federation. Since its formation, the league went through many changes in its system and number of participating clubs. In the first three seasons two points were awarded for a win, from 1994–95 season this was changed to three points. Each season starts in late July or early August and ends in May, with a two-month hiatus between December and February. Currently, there are ten teams participating in the league.

The first season started in February 1992 and ended in June 1992. A total of twelve clubs contested the league and at the end of the season no teams were relegated as it was decided that the league would expand to 16 clubs for the following season. This was followed by another expansion to 18 teams in 1993–94 season, highest number of participating teams in Prva HNL history. The following season, number of teams was reduced again to 16. 1995–96 Prva HNL was the first season to feature separate A- and B- leagues, with a complicated two-stage format to the season. Twelve teams contested the A league, while the B league, formally the second level, consisted of ten teams. In March, the teams were split into three groups: Championship group (consisting of first five teams from A league and the first-placed team of the B league), A play-off group (remaining teams from A league and the second-placed team of the B league) and B play-off group (remaining teams from B league). The first two teams of the B play-off group were placed in the A league for the following season, which featured 16 teams in both A and B league. In the 1997–98 Prva HNL, the league consisted of 12 team and a new format was used. In March, teams were split into two groups of six, Championship and Relegation group, with 50% of their points taken to this phase of the competition. At the end of the season, the last team was directly relegated to the Druga HNL and the second-last team went in the relegation play-off, a two-legged tie against the second-placed team from the Druga HNL. This system was used for two seasons, followed by 1999–2000 Prva HNL where each club playing every other club three times for a total of 33 rounds. Next season featured a return of Championship and Relegation group system but without 50% points cutoff. This system was used until 2005–06 season, with a brief expansion to 16 teams in 2001–02 season. The 2006–07 season brought back a 33 rounds system previously used in 1999–2000 Prva HNL. In the 2009–10 season, the league was expanded to 16 teams. This lasted for three seasons, and in the 2012–13 Prva HNL season, the league was contested by 12 teams playing a total of 33 rounds. From the 2013–14 Prva HNL season, number of teams was reduced to ten.

The league's main sponsor is T-Hrvatski Telekom, owned by the German telecommunications firm Deutsche Telekom. At the end of the 2014–15 season, the Croatian First League was ranked 17th in Europe. The champions of the 2015–16 Croatian First Football League will qualify for the second qualifying round of the UEFA Champions League, the runners-up will qualify for the second qualifying round of UEFA Europa League, while the third-placed team will qualify for the first qualifying round of UEFA Europa League. The winners of the 2015–16 Croatian Football Cup will qualify for the third qualifying round of UEFA Europa League.

Clubs

The following ten clubs compete in the 2022–23 Croatian Football League season, the 32nd season since the league's establishment.

SuperSport HNL



Organising body	<u>HNS</u>
Founded	1992
Country	 <u>Croatia</u>
Confederation	<u>UEFA</u>
Number of teams	10
Level on pyramid	1
Relegation to	<u>Prva NL</u>
Domestic cup(s)	<u>Croatian Cup</u> <u>Croatian Super Cup</u>
International cup(s)	<u>UEFA Champions League</u> <u>UEFA Europa League</u> <u>UEFA Conference League</u>
Current champions	<u>Dinamo Zagreb</u> (24th title) (2022–23)
Most championships	<u>Dinamo Zagreb</u> (24 titles)
Most appearances	<u>Jakov Surać</u> (453)
Top goalscorer	<u>Davor Vugrinec</u> (146)
TV partners	<u>T-Hrvatski Telekom</u> (MAX Sport) <u>HRT</u>
Website	<u>hnsl.hr</u> (http://hnsl.hr) (in Croatian)

Current: 2023–24 season

Five of the ten clubs currently competing in the Croatian top level also had spells in the Yugoslav First League played from 1945 to 1991 before Croatian clubs abandoned the competition (Dinamo Zagreb, Hajduk Split, Lokomotiva, Osijek, Rijeka). Four other Croatian clubs which had appeared in the top Yugoslav league (Cibalia, RNK Split, NK Zagreb and Trešnjevka) are currently playing in Croatian lower levels.

As of 2023, only four of the 12 founding members of the Croatian league have never been relegated: Dinamo Zagreb, Hajduk Split, Osijek and Rijeka.

Club	Position in 2022–23	First season in top division	Number of seasons in top division	Number of seasons in 1. HNL	First season of current spell in top division	Best top level result	Titles total (most recent)
Dinamo Zagreb †	1st	1946–47	78	33	1946–47	1st	28 (2022–23) ^{nb1}
Gorica	9th	2018–19	6	6	2018–19	5th	—
Hajduk Split ‡	2nd	1923	95	33	1923	1st	15 (2004–05) ^{nb2}
Istra 1961	5th	2004–05	18	18	2009–10	5th	—
Lokomotiva	7th	1946–47	24	15	2009–10	2nd	—
Osijek ‡	3rd	1953–54	49	33	1981–82	2nd	—
Rijeka ‡	4th	1946–47	62	33	1974–75	1st	1 (2016–17)
Rudeš	1st in 2. HNL	2017–18	3	3	2023–24	8th	—
Slaven Belupo	8th	1997–98	27	27	1997–98	2nd	—
Varaždin	6th	2019–20	4	4	2022–23	6th	—

† – One of the 12 founding members of the league in the inaugural 1992 season.

‡ – Appeared in all 33 seasons up to and including the current 2023–24 season.

nb1 – Dinamo Zagreb tally includes four Yugoslav and 24 Croatian league titles.

nb2 – Hajduk Split tally includes nine Yugoslav and six Croatian league titles.

Prva HNL teams in European competitions

The breakup of Yugoslavia saw top flight league split into several smaller ones. This meant separation of Croatian football association from the Football Association of Yugoslavia and launch of their own football league. Prva HNL saw its first edition in 1992. Hajduk Split and HAŠK Gradiški took part in European competitions on account of qualification secured at the end of the 1990–91 Yugoslav football season: HAŠK Gradiški were runners-up in the 1990–91 Yugoslav First League and qualified for 1991–92 UEFA Cup while Hajduk Split won the 1990–91 Yugoslav Cup and entered 1991–92 European Cup Winners' Cup. Due to war both clubs had to host their European matches abroad, in Austria.

Affected by the ongoing war in Croatia, the first Prva HNL season was held over the course of a single calendar year, from February to June 1992. Neither Hajduk Split (1992 Croatian champions) nor Inker Zaprešić (1992 Croatian Cup winners) could enter European competitions the following 1992–93 season as the Croatian Football Federation, the league's governing body, wasn't yet recognized by UEFA and officially became its affiliate as late as June 1993.

Eight times in history have HNL teams entered the group stages of UEFA Champions League. In the 1994–95 season, Hajduk Split eliminated Legia Warsaw in the qualifying round and entered the group stage. They advanced to quarterfinals as group runners-up behind Benfica but were eliminated by eventual winners Ajax. In the 1998–99 season, Croatia Zagreb qualified over Celtic and finished in second place behind Olympiacos, but failed to advance as only first place teams and two best runners-up went through. The following season, Croatia also entered the group stage after eliminating MTK Budapest in the third qualifying round. Drawn in the group with Manchester United, Olympique Marseille and Sturm Graz, they finished last, winning only against Sturm and drawing away at Manchester and Marseille. In the 2011–12 season, Dinamo Zagreb advanced through three qualifying rounds and were drawn in the group with Real Madrid, Lyon and Ajax. The following season, Dinamo Zagreb also advanced to the group stages and was drawn in the group with Dynamo Kyiv, Paris Saint-Germain and Porto. They lost five group matches, drawing with Dynamo Kyiv in the last round. In the 2015–16 season, Dinamo Zagreb entered the group stage and recorded notable win 2–1 over Arsenal. Next season, 2016–17, another qualification followed. Latest entry to the group stage was in 2019–20 where Dinamo Zagreb finished fourth behind Manchester City, Atalanta and Shakhtar with 2 draws vs Shakhtar and a 4–0 win over Atlanta, with controversial refereeing decisions in both draws — a win in either would have sent them through to the Round of 16 as runners-up.

Former names

Since 2003, the league has been named after its main sponsor, giving it the following names (Logos see below):

- 2003–2007 – Prva HNL Ožujsko (Sponsored by Zagrebačka pivovara and their Ožujsko beer brand.)^[4]
- 2007–2011 – T-Com Prva HNL (Sponsored by T-Hrvatski Telekom, a subsidiary of Deutsche Telekom.)^[5]
- 2011–2017 – MAXtv Prva liga (Sponsored by T-Hrvatski Telekom, a subsidiary of Deutsche Telekom.)^[6]
- 2017–2022 – Hrvatski Telekom Prva liga / HT Prva liga (Sponsored by T-Hrvatski Telekom, a subsidiary of Deutsche Telekom.)
- 2022–present – SuperSport Hrvatska nogometna liga / SuperSport HNL (Sponsored by bookmaker SuperSport)^[7]

UEFA rankings

Europe's top football body, the UEFA, ranks national leagues every year according to coefficients calculated based on each nation's clubs results in international competitions. The ranking takes into account results over the previous five seasons to determine the nation's European quota for the following season, i.e. how many berths in European competitions is assigned to clubs from each of UEFA's 55 member associations.

UEFA also maintains a separate club ranking, based on each club's international results, used to determine seeds in draws for the UEFA Champions League and UEFA Europa League. This is calculated through a combination of each club's results as well as the ranking of its national league. As of 2022 Dinamo Zagreb is the top rated Croatian club, ranked 34th in Europe.

Country

As of 5 November 2023

Rank	Competition	Points
17	Danish Superliga	27.825
18	Russian Premier League	26.215
19	Croatian Football League	25.400
20	Super League Greece	25.225
21	Israeli Premier League	25.000

Source: Bert Kassies' website (<https://kassiesa.home.xs4all.nl/bert/uefa/index.html>) Archived (<https://web.archive.org/web/20220412011240/https://kassiesa.home.xs4all.nl/bert/uefa/index.html>) 12 April 2022 at all.nl/bert/uefa/index.html Archived (<https://web.archive.org/web/20220412011240/https://kassiesa.home.xs4all.nl/iesa.net/uefa/data/method5/crank2021.html>); last bert/uefa/index.html 12 April 2022 at the Wayback Machine (country rankings (<https://kassiesa.home.xs4all.nl/iesa.net/uefa/data/method5/crank2021.html>)); last bert/uefa/index.html 12 April 2022 at the Wayback Machine (team rankings (<https://kassiesa.net/uefa/data/method5/trank2021.html>)); last updated 29 May 2022

Club

As of 21 June 2022

2022 rank	2021 rank	Team	2022 club pts	2022 nation pts
34	33	Dinamo Zagreb	49.500	5.430
104		Rijeka	15.000	
144		Hajduk Split	8.500	
187		Osijek	8.500	
262		Lokomotiva	2.000	

Media coverage

In past, only one match in each round (derby match) was broadcast on television. In the 2008–09 season there were some changes. Croatian national TV Network (HRT) started the new TV show Volim Nogomet (I Love Football), made in association with league's main sponsor T-Com. In the show, five matches were broadcast combined on Sunday afternoons, while the derby match was on program at 20:15 CET, so viewers could watch all the matches. There were also experts in the studio, commenting on matches and other things non-related to football. Main initiator of the project was famous Croatian football player and then president of T-Com 1. HNL organisation Igor Štimac.^[8] Most of the clubs weren't satisfied with the scheduling of fixtures and demanded a move from Sunday afternoon to Saturday evening. This was done at the start of the following season and the only match played on Sunday was the derby match.^{[9][10]} However, during the mid-season project was cancelled and the old system with one broadcast per round was returned.^[11]

In November 2010, broadcasting rights were sold to marketing agency Digitel Komunikacije for a period of five years, beginning with 2011–12 season. After the negotiations fell through with public broadcasting television HRT, which covered Prva HNL for the past twenty seasons, Digitel signed a deal with Hrvatski Telekom. The matches were broadcast on Arenasport, a cable television network with five channels, available to subscribers of MAXtv, IPTV solution from T-HT subsidiary T-Com. All matches were broadcast live every week on Arenasport. All highlights are displayed on Sunday evening on RTL 2 and HRT 2.^{[12][13]}

From 2022–23 season the matches are broadcasting on the Hrvatski Telekom channels MAX Sport,^[14] while the one match per round will be broadcast on the Croatian Radiotelevision (HRT), again after 11 years (from September 2022, mainly on Sunday at 15:00 CET).^[15] For the other Ex-Yugoslav republics the league will still be broadcast on Arena Sport.

Attendance

Season	Total attendance	Number of matches	Average attendance per match	Ref
1992	376,435	132	2,896	[16]
1992–93	1,006,350	240	4,264	[16]
1993–94	851,600	306	2,820	[16]
1994–95	879,400	240	3,664	[16]
1995–96	940,270	364	2,612	[16]
1996–97	687,950	240	2,903	[16]
1997–98	684,400	192	3,602	[16]
1998–99	745,728	192	3,884	[17]
1999–00	515,790	198	2,605	[17]
2000–01	546,624	192	2,847	[17]
2001–02	573,840	240	2,391	[17]
2002–03	635,520	192	3,310	[17]
2003–04	570,816	192	2,973	[17]
2004–05	541,440	192	2,820	[17]
2005–06	633,792	192	3,301	[17]
2006–07	622,908	198	3,146	[17]
2007–08	616,572	198	3,114	[17]
2008–09	617,050	198	3,116	[18]
2009–10	500,002	240	2,083	[18]
2010–11	458,746	240	1,911	[19]
2011–12	482,002	240	2,087	[16]
2012–13	497,188	198	2,511	[16]
2013–14	573,070	180	3,202	[16]
2014–15	489,159	180	2,733	[16]
2015–16	442,952	180	2,461	[16]
2016–17	492,041	180	2,734	[16]
2017–18	530,638	180	2,948	[16]
2018–19	478,760	180	2,660	[16]
2019–20	510,674	180	2,837	[16]
2020–21	26,509	180	147	[16]
2021–22	502,012	180	2,789	[20]
2022–23	735,219	180	4,085	[20]

Champions

Key

†	League champions also won the Croatian Football Cup, they completed the domestic <u>Double</u>
+	Player received award in front of Mijo Caktaš and Mirko Marić based on least playing minutes

Season	Champions (titles)	Runners-up	Third place	Top league scorer		
				Player (Club)	Nat.	Goals
1992	Hajduk Split (1)	NK Zagreb	Osijek	Ardian Kozniku (Hajduk Split)	 CRO	12
1992–93	Croatia Zagreb (1)	Hajduk Split	NK Zagreb	Goran Vlaović (Croatia Zagreb)	 CRO	23
1993–94	Hajduk Split (2)	NK Zagreb	Croatia Zagreb	Goran Vlaović (Croatia Zagreb)	 CRO	29
1994–95	Hajduk Split (3) †	Croatia Zagreb	Osijek	Robert Špehar (Osijek)	 CRO	23
1995–96	Croatia Zagreb (2) †	Hajduk Split	Varteks	Igor Cvitanović (Croatia Zagreb)	 CRO	19
1996–97	Croatia Zagreb (3) †	Hajduk Split	Hrvatski Dragovoljac	Igor Cvitanović (Croatia Zagreb)	 CRO	20
1997–98	Croatia Zagreb (4) †	Hajduk Split	Osijek	Mate Baturina (NK Zagreb)	 CRO	18
1998–99	Croatia Zagreb (5)	Rijeka	Hajduk Split	Joško Popović (Šibenik)	 CRO	21
1999–2000	Dinamo Zagreb (6)	Hajduk Split	Osijek	Tomo Šokota (Dinamo Zagreb)	 CRO	21
2000–01	Hajduk Split (4)	Dinamo Zagreb	Osijek	Tomo Šokota (Dinamo Zagreb)	 CRO	20
2001–02	NK Zagreb (1)	Hajduk Split	Dinamo Zagreb	Ivica Olić (NK Zagreb)	 CRO	21
2002–03	Dinamo Zagreb (7)	Hajduk Split	Varteks	Ivica Olić (Dinamo Zagreb)	 CRO	16
2003–04	Hajduk Split (5)	Dinamo Zagreb	Rijeka	Robert Špehar (Osijek)	 CRO	18
2004–05	Hajduk Split (6)	Inter Zaprešić	NK Zagreb	Tomislav Erceg (Rijeka)	 CRO	17
2005–06	Dinamo Zagreb (8)	Rijeka	Varteks	Ivan Bošnjak (Dinamo Zagreb)	 CRO	22
2006–07	Dinamo Zagreb (9) †	Hajduk Split	NK Zagreb	Eduardo (Dinamo Zagreb)	 CRO	34
2007–08	Dinamo Zagreb (10) †	Slaven Belupo	Osijek	Želimir Terkeš (Zadar)	 BIH	21
2008–09	Dinamo Zagreb (11) †	Hajduk Split	Rijeka	Mario Mandžukić (Dinamo Zagreb)	 CRO	16
2009–10	Dinamo Zagreb (12)	Hajduk Split	Cibalia	Davor Vugrinec (NK Zagreb)	 CRO	18
2010–11	Dinamo Zagreb (13) †	Hajduk Split	RNK Split	Ivan Krstanović (NK Zagreb)	 BIH	19
2011–12	Dinamo Zagreb (14) †	Hajduk Split	Slaven Belupo	Fatos Bećiraj (Dinamo Zagreb)	 MNE	15
2012–13	Dinamo Zagreb (15)	Lokomotiva	Rijeka	Leon Benko (Rijeka)	 CRO	19
2013–14	Dinamo Zagreb (16)	Rijeka	Hajduk Split	Duje Čop (Dinamo Zagreb)	 CRO	22
2014–15	Dinamo Zagreb (17) †	Rijeka	Hajduk Split	Andrej Kramarić (Rijeka)	 CRO	21

Season	Champions (titles)	Runners-up	Third place	Top league scorer		
				Player (Club)	Nat.	Goals
2015–16	Dinamo Zagreb (18) †	Rijeka	Hajduk Split	Ilija Nestorovski (Inter Zaprešić)	 MKD	25
2016–17	Rijeka (1) †	Dinamo Zagreb	Hajduk Split	Márkó Futács (Hajduk Split)	 HUN	18
2017–18	Dinamo Zagreb (19) †	Rijeka	Hajduk Split	EI Arabi Hillel Soudani (Dinamo Zagreb)	 ALG	17
2018–19	Dinamo Zagreb (20)	Rijeka	Osijek	Mijo Caktaš (Hajduk Split)	 CRO	19
2019–20	Dinamo Zagreb (21)	Lokomotiva	Rijeka	Antonio Čolak + (Rijeka)	 CRO	20
2020–21	Dinamo Zagreb (22) †	Osijek	Rijeka	Ramón Miérez (Osijek)	 ARG	22
2021–22	Dinamo Zagreb (23)	Hajduk Split	Osijek	Marko Livaja (Hajduk Split)	 CRO	28
2022–23	Dinamo Zagreb (24)	Hajduk Split	Osijek	Marko Livaja (Hajduk Split)	 CRO	19

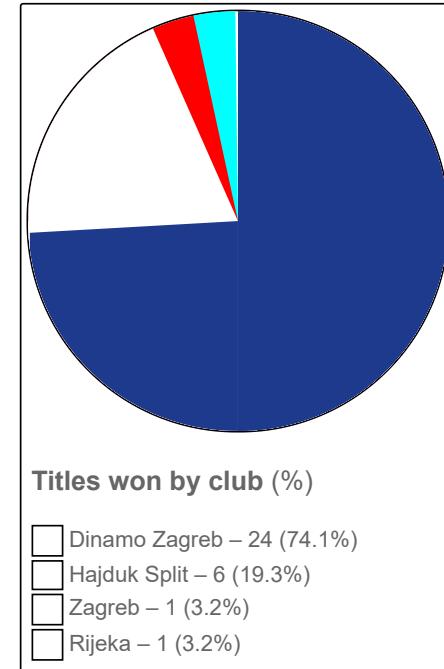
Notes on name changes:

- Dinamo Zagreb changed their name to "HAŠK Građanski" in June 1991 and then again in February 1993 to "Croatia Zagreb". They won five league titles and participated in the 1998–99 and 1999–2000 UEFA Champions League group stages carrying that name before reverting to "Dinamo Zagreb" mid-season in February 2000.
- Koprivnica-based Slaven Belupo were formerly known as "Slaven" until 1992. They were then known as "Slaven Bilokalnik" from 1992 to 1994 before adopting their current name in 1994 for sponsorship reasons, after a pharmaceutical company based in

Koprivnica. Since UEFA does not recognize sponsored club names, the club is listed as "Slaven Koprivnica" in European competitions and on UEFA's official website.

Performance by club

Club	Champions	Runners-up	Third place	Last best place
Dinamo Zagreb	24	4	2	Champions 2022–23
Hajduk Split	6	14	6	Champions 2004–05
Rijeka	1	7	5	Champions 2016–17
NK Zagreb	1	2	3	Champions 2001–02
Lokomotiva	—	2	—	Runner-up 2019–20
Osijek	—	1	9	Runner-up 2020–21
Slaven Belupo	—	1	1	Runner-up 2007–08
Inter Zaprešić	—	1	—	Runner-up 2004–05
Varteks	—	—	3	Third place 2005–06
Cibalia	—	—	1	Third place 2009–10
Hrvatski Dragovoljac	—	—	1	Third place 1996–97
RNK Split	—	—	1	Third place 2010–11



All-time HNL table

All-time HNL table (end of 2022–23 season) [\[21\]](#) [\[22\]](#) [\[hide\]](#)

Pos (by Pts)	Team	S	Pts	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	1st	2nd	3rd	T	Debut	Since Last App	Best	Win%
1	GNK Dinamo Zagreb	32	2375	1047	727	194	126	2550	890	24	4	2	30	1992	1992	1	69,43%
2	HNK Hajduk Split	32	1968	1047	577	240	230	2053	1096	6	14	6	26	1992	1992	1	55,10%
3	HNK Rijeka	32	1700	1051	476	272	303	1723	1328	1	7	5	13	1992	1992	1	45,29%
4	NK Osijek	32	1535	1047	421	272	354	1602	1482	0	1	9	10	1992	1992	2	40,21%
5	NK Slaven Belupo	26	1100	869	281	253	335	1120	1270	0	1	1	2	1997–98	1997–98	2	32,33%
6	NK Zagreb	24	1043	759	286	185	288	1163	1160	1	2	3	6	1992	2015–16	1	37,68%
7	NK Varaždin (1931–2015)	21	870	654	243	142	269	1047	1076	0	0	3	3	1992	2011–12	3	37,15%
8	HNK Cibalia	22	818	699	210	188	301	848	1101	0	0	1	1	1992	2017–18	3	30,04%
9	HNK Šibenik	21	766	670	199	169	302	796	1035	0	0	0	0	1992	2020–21	4	29,70%
10	NK Inter Zaprešić	20	739	647	193	160	294	783	1045	0	1	0	1	1992	2019–20	2	29,82%

Pos (by Pts)	Team	S	Pts	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	1st	2nd	3rd	T	Debut	Since/ Last App	Best	Win%
11	<u>NK Lokomotiva</u>	14	657	483	180	117	186	643	653	0	2	0	2	2009– 10	2009–10	2	37,26%
12	<u>NK Zadar</u>	20	649	597	169	142	286	741	1159	0	0	0	0	1992	2014–15	6	28,30%
13	<u>NK Istra 1961</u>	17	586	580	141	172	276	603	875	0	0	0	0	2004– 05	2009–10	5	24,31%
14	<u>NK Hrvatski Dragovljac</u>	10	360	319	90	80	149	355	494	0	0	1	1	1995– 96	2021–22	3	28,21%
15	<u>RNK Split</u>	7	312	237	81	69	87	253	262	0	0	1	1	2010– 11	2016–17	3	34,17%
16	<u>HNK Gorica</u>	5	248	180	65	49	66	204	191	0	0	0	0	2018– 19	2018–19	5	36,11%
17	<u>NK Istra</u>	7	243	215	65	48	102	215	312	0	0	0	0	1992	1999– 2000	6	30,02%
18	<u>NK Kamen Ingrad</u>	6	217	191	59	40	92	314	386	0	0	0	0	2001– 02	2006–07	4	30,89%
19	<u>HNK Segesta</u>	5	207	160	55	42	63	197	206	0	0	0	0	1992– 93	1996–97	8	34,37%
20	<u>NK Marsonia</u>	6	202	190	53	43	94	269	416	0	0	0	0	1994– 95	2003–04	5	27,89%
21	<u>NK Međimurje</u>	5	150	160	40	30	90	227	390	0	0	0	0	2004– 05	2009–10	9	25,00%
22	<u>HNK Suhopolje</u>	4	128	108	34	26	48	119	149	0	0	0	0	1995– 96	1998–99	9	31,48%
23	<u>NK Karlovac</u>	3	112	90	29	26	35	82	103	0	0	0	0	2009– 10	2011–12	6	32,22%
24	<u>NK Varaždin (2012)</u>	3	110	108	27	29	52	100	131	0	0	0	0	2019– 20	2020–21	8	25,00%
25	<u>NK Belišće</u>	3	93	94	24	21	49	115	170	0	0	0	0	1992– 93	1994–95	12	25,53%
26	<u>HNK Dubrovnik 1919</u>	3	77	86	18	23	45	54	133	0	0	0	0	1992	1993–94	11	20,93%
27	<u>NK Pomorac Kostrena</u>	2	72	62	19	15	28	78	93	0	0	0	0	2001– 02	2002–03	7	30,64%
28	<u>NK Čakovec</u>	2	71	62	19	14	29	78	109	0	0	0	0	2000– 01	2001–02	7	30,64%
29	<u>NK Pazinka</u>	2	65	64	15	20	29	71	95	0	0	0	0	1992– 93	1993–94	11	23,43%
30	<u>NK Primorac 1929</u>	2	60	64	18	17	29	69	103	0	0	0	0	1993– 94	1994–95	14	28,12%
31	<u>NK Rudeš</u>	2	54	72	13	15	44	67	142	0	0	0	0	2017– 18	2018–19	8	18,00%
32	<u>NK Croatia Sesvete</u>	2	39	63	9	13	41	61	147	0	0	0	0	2008– 09	2009–10	12	14,28%
33	<u>NK Radnik Velika Gorica</u>	2	33	64	12	9	43	47	161	0	0	0	0	1992– 93	1993–94	13	18,75%
34	<u>NK Samobor</u>	1	32	32	9	5	18	34	55	0	0	0	0	1997– 98	1997–98	12	28,12%
35	<u>NK Lučko</u>	1	31	30	6	13	11	29	36	0	0	0	0	2011– 12	2011–12	13	20,00%
36	<u>HNK Vukovar '91</u>	1	30	33	7	9	17	32	56	0	0	0	0	1999– 2000	1999– 2000	12	21,21%
37	<u>NK Dubrava</u>	1	30	34	7	9	18	28	63	0	0	0	0	1993– 94	1993–94	17	20,58%

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38	HNK Orijent 1919	1	26	30	5	11	14	28	53	0	0	0	0	1996–97	1996–97	14	16,67%
39	NK Neretva	1	23	30	4	11	15	20	44	0	0	0	0	1996–97	1994–95	15	13,33%
40	NK TŠK Topolovac	1	14	30	4	2	24	31	95	0	0	0	0	2001–02	2001–02	16	13,33%

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Top scorers

Players in the Prva HNL compete for the Prva HNL Top scorer trophy, awarded to the top scorer at the end of each season. Former [Dinamo Zagreb](#) striker [Igor Cvitanović](#) held the record for most Prva HNL goals with 126 until April 2012. Cvitanović finished among the top ten goal scorers in 7 out of his 11 seasons in the Prva HNL and won the top scorer title two times. During the 1997–98 season, he became the first player to score 100 Prva HNL goals. On 14 April 2012, [Davor Vugrinec](#) scored his 127th goal and surpassed Cvitanović's record.^[23] Vugrinec retired in May 2015 with 146 goals on his tally. Only three other players have reached the 100-goal mark, [Ivan Krstanović](#), [Joško Popović](#) and [Miljenko Mumlek](#).

Since the first Prva HNL season in 1992, 26 different players have won the top scorers title. [Goran Vlaović](#), [Robert Špehar](#), [Igor Cvitanović](#), [Tomislav Šokota](#) and [Ivica Olić](#) have won two titles each. Dinamo Zagreb provided most top scorers in Prva HNL with 13. [Eduardo](#) holds the record for most goals in a season with 34, done with Dinamo Zagreb in the 2006–07 season.^[24] Six goals is the record individual scoring total for a player in a single Prva HNL match, held by [Marijo Dodik](#).^[25]

Dinamo Zagreb became the first team to have scored 1,000 goals in the league after Etto scored in a 4–0 victory over NK Zagreb in the 2005–06 season.^[26] The highest-scoring match to date in the Prva HNL occurred on 12 December 1993 when Dinamo Zagreb defeated minnows NK Pazinka 10–1.^[27]

All-time top scorers in the HNL

Rank	Player	Goals
1	Davor Vugrinec	146
2	Igor Cvitanović	126
3	Ivan Krstanović	123
4	Joško Popović	111
5	Miljenko Mumlek	106
6	Mijo Caktaš	101
7	Tomislav Erceg	98
8	Nino Bule	89
9	Robert Špehar	88
10	Renato Jurčec	85

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(Bold denotes players still playing in the Prva HNL,
italics denotes players still playing professional football).

Most appearances in HNL

Rank	Player	Appearances
1	Jakov Surać	478
2	Miljenko Mumlek	399
3	Damir Vuica	372
4	Krunoslav Rendulić	368
5	Ivan Krstanović	346
6	Davor Vugrinec	340
7	Mladen Bartolović	338
8	Josip Bulat	318
9	Damir Krznar	315
10	Nino Bule	310

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(Bold denotes players still playing in the Prva HNL,
italics denotes players still playing professional football).^[28]

Awards

There are three awards for best players in the Croatian First League:

- Sportske novosti Yellow Shirt award, for the HNL footballer of the year, given by the Croatian sport newspaper *Sportske novosti*, chosen by sport journalists.
- Prva HNL Player of the Year (*Tportal*), given by the Croatian website *Tportal*, chosen by captains of league clubs.
- Football Oscar, given by the Croatian union *Football syndicate*, chosen by players and managers of league clubs.

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- League321.com (<http://www.league321.com/croatia-football.html>) - Croatian football league tables, records & statistics database.
- Croatia - List of Champions (<https://www.rsssf.org/tables/kroachamp.html>), RSSSF.com



Croatian Football Super Cup

The **Croatian Football Super Cup** is a football match between the winners of the Croatian national top league and football cup. The Super Cup is always held at the beginning of a new football season, and is only held when different clubs win the two most important competitions in the previous season (i.e. the match is not played when a club completes the domestic double).

Since the establishment of Croatian football competitions in 1992, the two local powerhouses Dinamo, Hajduk and HNK Rijeka won doubles on twelve occasions (Dinamo Zagreb 11, Hajduk Split 1, Rijeka 1). The Super Cup wasn't held in periods between 1995–2001, 2007–2009, 2011–2012 and 2015–2018. On three occasions the Super Cup was not played for various reasons - in 1999 Dinamo refused to play Osijek saying the fixture did not fit into their schedule and in 2000 and 2001 Hajduk Split and Dinamo Zagreb could not agree on the rules and whether it should be played as a single match or over two legs, and in what order.

In 2002 the Croatian Football Federation took over the organisation of the Super Cup and made it an official single-legged fixture, with 30 minutes of extra time followed by a penalty shoot-out if necessary, which must be played a week before the following football season kicks off.^[1]

Since 2002, the match has always been hosted by the club which won the league title, with the exception of 2002 when NK Zagreb were reigning champions, but chose to "host" the match at crosstown rivals Dinamo's Maksimir Stadium saying that playing at Maksimir would help them prepare for their upcoming UEFA Champions League qualifying fixture. Their home stadium at Kranjčevićeva had been declared unfit for UEFA competitions and they were forced to host their European ties at Maksimir.^[1]

Croatian Football Super Cup

Founded	1992
Region	Croatia
Number of teams	2
Current champions	<u>Dinamo Zagreb</u> (8th title)
Most successful club(s)	<u>Dinamo Zagreb</u> (8 titles)

Winners

Dinamo Zagreb (8 times), Hajduk Split (5 times) and Rijeka (1 time) are the only clubs who won the Super Cup. Seven out of thirteen Super Cup matches played so far have been decided in Eternal Derbies featuring Hajduk and Dinamo.

Key

*	Match went to <u>extra time</u>
	Match decided by a <u>penalty shootout</u> after extra time
‡	Match decided by a <u>golden goal</u> in extra time
	<u>Two-legged tie</u>

Year	Winner	Score	Runners-up	Venue	Attendance
1992	Hajduk Split (1)	0–0 (aet), (3–1 p)	Inker Zaprešić	Maksimir, Zagreb	10,000
1993	Hajduk Split (2)	4–4, 0–0 (a)	Croatia Zagreb	Maksimir, Zagreb Poljud, Split	30,000 30,000
1994	Hajduk Split (3)	1–0, 0–1 (aet), (5–4 p)	Croatia Zagreb	Poljud, Split Maksimir, Zagreb	30,000 15,000
1995	HAJDUK SPLIT (WON THE DOUBLE IN 1994–95)				
1996	N/A (CROATIA ZAGREB WON THE DOUBLE IN 1995–96)				
1997	N/A (CROATIA ZAGREB WON THE DOUBLE IN 1996–97)				
1998	N/A (CROATIA ZAGREB WON THE DOUBLE IN 1997–98)				
1999	N/A (CROATIA ZAGREB (L) AND OSIJEK (C) QUALIFIED)				
2000	N/A (DINAMO ZAGREB (L) AND HAJDUK SPLIT (C) QUALIFIED)				
2001	N/A (HAJDUK SPLIT (L) AND DINAMO ZAGREB (C) QUALIFIED)				
2002	Dinamo Zagreb (1)	3–2 ‡	NK Zagreb	Maksimir, Zagreb	10,000
2003	Dinamo Zagreb (2)	4–1	Hajduk Split	Maksimir, Zagreb	7,000
2004	Hajduk Split (4)	1–0	Dinamo Zagreb	Poljud, Split	17,000
2005	Hajduk Split (5)	1–0 *	Rijeka	Poljud, Split	18,000
2006	Dinamo Zagreb (3)	4–1	Rijeka	Maksimir, Zagreb	15,000
2007	N/A (DINAMO ZAGREB WON THE DOUBLE IN 2006–07)				
2008	N/A (DINAMO ZAGREB WON THE DOUBLE IN 2007–08)				
2009	N/A (DINAMO ZAGREB WON THE DOUBLE IN 2008–09)				
2010	Dinamo Zagreb (4)	1–0	Hajduk Split	Maksimir, Zagreb	8,000
2011	N/A (DINAMO ZAGREB WON THE DOUBLE IN 2010–11)				
2012	N/A (DINAMO ZAGREB WON THE DOUBLE IN 2011–12)				
2013	Dinamo Zagreb (5)	1–1 (4–1 p)	Hajduk Split	Maksimir, Zagreb	12,000
2014	Rijeka (1)	2–1	Dinamo Zagreb	Kantrida, Rijeka	8,000
2015	N/A (DINAMO ZAGREB WON THE DOUBLE IN 2014–15)				
2016	N/A (DINAMO ZAGREB WON THE DOUBLE IN 2015–16)				
2017	N/A (RIJEKA WON THE DOUBLE IN 2016–17)				
2018	N/A (DINAMO ZAGREB WON THE DOUBLE IN 2017–18)				
2019	Dinamo Zagreb (6)	1–0	Rijeka	Maksimir, Zagreb	5,075
2020	POSTPONED INDEFINITELY (DINAMO ZAGREB (L) AND RIJEKA (C) QUALIFIED)				
2021	N/A (DINAMO ZAGREB WON THE DOUBLE IN 2020–21)				
2022	Dinamo Zagreb (7)	0–0 (4–1 p)	Hajduk Split	Maksimir, Zagreb	16,532
2023	Dinamo Zagreb (8)	1–0	Hajduk Split	Maksimir, Zagreb	17,707

Results by team

Only five clubs participated in the Super Cup since 1992. Osijek also qualified for the Super Cup by winning the 1998–99 Croatian Football Cup, but the match was not held as clubs could not agree on the date of the fixture.^[1]

Club	Winners	Runners-up
Dinamo Zagreb ^[2]	8	4
Hajduk Split	5	5
Rijeka	1	3
Inter Zaprešić ^[3]	0	1
NK Zagreb	0	1

Winning managers

Final	Winning manager	Winning club	Losing manager	Losing club
1992	Stanko Poklepović	Hajduk Split	Ilija Lončarević	Inker Zaprešić
1993	Ivan Katalinić	Hajduk Split	Miroslav Blažević	Croatia Zagreb
1994	Ivan Katalinić	Hajduk Split	Ivan Bedi	Croatia Zagreb
2002	Miroslav Blažević	Dinamo Zagreb	Ivan Katalinić	NK Zagreb
2003	Nikola Jurčević	Dinamo Zagreb	Zoran Vulić	Hajduk Split
2004	Ivan Katalinić	Hajduk Split	Nikola Jurčević	Dinamo Zagreb
2005	Miroslav Blažević	Hajduk Split	Elvis Scoria	Rijeka
2006	Josip Kuže	Dinamo Zagreb	Dragan Skočić	Rijeka
2010	Velimir Zajec	Dinamo Zagreb	Stanko Poklepović	Hajduk Split
2013	Krunoslav Jurčić	Dinamo Zagreb	Igor Tudor	Hajduk Split
2014	Matjaž Kek	Rijeka	Zoran Mamić	Dinamo Zagreb
2019	Nenad Bjelica	Dinamo Zagreb	Igor Bišćan	Rijeka
2022	Ante Čačić	Dinamo Zagreb	Valdas Dambrauskas	Hajduk Split
2023	Igor Bišćan	Dinamo Zagreb	Ivan Leko	Hajduk Split

By individual

Rank	Name	Winners	Club(s)	Winning Years
1	Ivan Katalinić	3	Hajduk Split	1993, 1994, 2004
2	Miroslav Blažević	2	Dinamo Zagreb, Hajduk Split	2002, 2005

Match details

1992

18 July 1992
20:00 CEST

Hajduk Split **0 – 0** **Inker Zaprešić**

Report (<http://www.hrnogomet.com/superkup/utakmica.php?id=1&tab=1>)

Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb
Attendance: 10,000
Referee: Dragutin Poljak (Zagreb)

Penalties

Bilić
Miše

3 – 1

Soldo
Perković

1993

First leg

1 August 1993
20:15 CEST

Croatia Zagreb	4 – 4	Hajduk Split
Cvitanović 21'	Report (http://www.hrnogomet.co/m/superkup/utakmica.php?id=2&tab=1)	Računica 15'
Vlaović 41', 71'	w.hrnogomet.co	Mornar 43', 54'
Gašpar 64'	m/superkup/utakmica.php?id=2&tab=1	Pralija 69'

Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb
Attendance: 30,000
Referee: Antun Burilo ([Osijek](#))

Second leg

7 August 1993
20:15 CEST

Hajduk Split	0 – 0	Croatia Zagreb
	Report (http://www.hrnogomet.co/m/superkup/utakmica.php?id=3&tab=1)	

Stadion Poljud, Split
Attendance: 30,000
Referee: Veljko Matković ([Rijeka](#))

4–4 on aggregate, Hajduk Split won on away goals

1994

First leg

24 July 1994
20:30 CEST ^[4]

Hajduk Split	1 – 0	Croatia Zagreb
Mornar 43'	Report (http://www.hrnogomet.co/m/superkup/utakmica.php?id=4&tab=1)	

Stadion Poljud, Split
Attendance: 30,000
Referee: Ivan Vranarić ([Dakovo](#))

Second leg

31 July 1994
20:15 CEST ^[5]

Croatia Zagreb	1 – 0	Hajduk Split
Cvitanović 68' (pen.)	Report (http://www.hrnogomet.co/m/superkup/utakmica.php?id=5&tab=1)	

Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb
Attendance: 15,000
Referee: Željko Širić ([Osijek](#))

Penalties

Cvitanović	3 – 4	Andrijašević
Šašivarević		Rapaić
Pamić		Meštrović
Halilović		Vukas
Ladić		Štimac

1–1 on aggregate, Hajduk Split won 4–3 on penalty shoot-out

2002

21 July 2002
20:15 CEST

Dinamo Zagreb 3 – 2 (a.e.t.) NK Zagreb
Marić 1' Report (<http://arhiv.slobodnadalmacija.hr/2002072/2/sport02.asp>)
Zahora 41' Samardžić 17'
Petrović 92' Krpan 30'
(in Croatian)

Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb
Attendance: 10,000
Referee: Željko Širić (Osijek)

2003

20 July 2003
20:00 CEST

Dinamo Zagreb 4 – 1 Hajduk Split
Tomić 30' Report (<http://arhiv.slobodnadalmacija.hr/2003072/1/pressing01.asp>)
Sedloski 48' T. Rukavina 23'
Eduardo 75' Zahora 90+2' p)
(in Croatian)

Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb
Attendance: 7,000
Referee: Ivan Bebek (Rijeka)

2004

17 July 2004
20:45 CEST

Hajduk Split 1 – 0 Dinamo Zagreb
Blatnjak 49' Report (<http://www.nogometni-magazin.com/ind252.shtml>)
(in Croatian)

Stadion Poljud, Split
Attendance: 17,000
Referee: Ivan Bebek (Rijeka)

2005

15 July 2005
21:00 CEST

Hajduk Split 1 – 0 (a.e.t.) Rijeka
Kranjčar 103' Report (<http://arhiv.slobodnadalmacija.hr/2005071/6/sport04.asp>)
(in Croatian)

Stadion Poljud, Split
Attendance: 18,000
Referee: Željko Širić (Osijek)

2006

19 July 2006
20:15 CEST

Dinamo Zagreb 4 – 1 Rijeka
Etto 20' Report (<http://www.sportnet.hr/Vijest.aspx?ID=310352>)
Modrić 40' Bolić 51'
Eduardo 62' (pen.), 67' (in Croatian)

Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb
Attendance: 15,000
Referee: Draženka Kovačić (Križevci)

2010

17 July 2010
21:00 CEST

Dinamo Zagreb 1 – 0 Hajduk Split
Bišćan 77' Report (<http://www.hrsport.net/vijest/400660/nogo/met-kup/biscan-presudio-hajduk-u/>)
(in Croatian)

Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb
Attendance: 8,000
Referee: Draženka Kovačić (Križevci)

2013

6 July 2013
20:30 CEST

Dinamo Zagreb	1 – 1	Hajduk Split
Čop  34'	Report (http://www.hrsport.net/vijest/463558/nogo-met-kup/dinamo-teknakon-lutrije-penala-porazio-hajduk-i-osvojio-superkup/) (in Croatian)	Caktaš  76' (pen.)
		Penalties
Šimunić  Čop  Halilović  Antolić 	4 – 1	Vršajević  Jozinović  Tomičić 

Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb
Attendance: 12,000
Referee: Ante Vučemilović (Osijek)

2014

11 July 2014
20:30 CEST

Rijeka	2 – 1	Dinamo Zagreb
Samardžić  11'	Report (http://www.hrsport.net/vijest/474265/nogo-met-maxtv-prva-iga/rijeka-nadigrala-dinamo-i-zasluzeno-osvojila-prvi-trofej-sezone/) (in Croatian)	Sigali  38'
Moisés  69'		

Stadion Kantrida, Rijeka
Attendance: 8,000
Referee: Zlatko Šimčić (Koprivnica)

2019

13 July 2019
20:00 CEST

Dinamo Zagreb	1 – 0	Rijeka
Gojak  41'	Report (https://sportstke.jutarnji.hr/nogomet/hnl/video-dinamo-se-osvetio-rijeci-za-kup-bjelica-se-hvatao-za-glavu-zbog-odluke-sudaca-veliki-modri-tale-nat-napravio-nevinenu-glupost/9115736/) (in Croatian)	

Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb
Attendance: 5,075
Referee: Mario Zebec (Cestica)

2022

9 July 2022
20:00

Dinamo Zagreb	0 – 0	Hajduk Split
	Report (https://hns-cff.hr/matches/65329648/dinamo-hajduk-4-1/)	
		Penalties
Petković  Oršić 	4 – 1	Livaja  Mlakar  Vuković 

Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb
Attendance: 16,532
Referee: Igor Pajač (Sveti Ivan Zelina)

2023

15 July 2023
20:00

Dinamo Zagreb **1-0** **Hajduk Split**
Baturina  52' Report (<https://hns-cff.hr/matches/78139401/dinamo-hajduk-1-0/>)

Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb
Attendance: 17,707
Referee: Dario Bel (Osijek)

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First County Football League (Croatia)

The **Croatian Fourth league** (Croatian: *Prva županijska liga*, or commonly **1. ŽNL**) is a county-based fifth level league in the Croatian football league system.^[note 1]

Subdivisions

The teams are divided into 9 county or inter-county subdivisions, competing in a double round-robin format. At the end of each season, the bottom teams are relegated to the respective county's Second league, which are under the **2. ŽNL**, while the winners of each league are either promoted directly to the **3. NL** or enter a two-legged playoff to gain promotion.^[1]

The leagues are:

- 1. ŽNL Bjelovarsko-bilogorska
- 1. ŽNL Brodsko-Posavska
- 1. ŽNL Dubrovnik-Neretva
- 1. ŽNL Istarska
- 1. ŽNL Karlovačka
- 1. ŽNL Koprivničko-Križevačka
- 1. ŽNL Krapinsko-Zagorska
- 1. ŽNL Ličko-Senjska
- 1. ŽNL Međimurska
- 1. ŽNL Osječko-baranjska
- 1. ŽNL Požeško-slavonska
- 1. ŽNL Primorsko-goranska
- 1. ŽNL Šibensko-kninska
- 1. ŽNL Sisačko-moslavačka
- 1. ŽNL Splitsko-dalmatinska
- 1. ŽNL Varaždinska
- 1. ŽNL Virovitičko-podravska
- 1. ŽNL Vukovarsko-srijemska
- 1. ŽNL Zadarska
- 1. ŽNL Zagrebačka

First County Football League

Founded	1991
Country	 Croatia
Confederation	UEFA
Level on pyramid	5
Promotion to	3. NL
Relegation to	2. ŽNL
Domestic cup(s)	Croatian Cup

See also

- [Croatian football league system](#)

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First Football League (Croatia)

The **Prva nogometna liga** (English: First football league),^{[1][2]} commonly **Prva NL** or **1. NL**, is the second tier of the football league system in Croatia. The league was formed in 1991 with the breakup of Yugoslavia and the dissolution of the Yugoslav Second League. The 1. NL is operated by the Croatian Football Federation, which also was formed in 1991, contributing (along with the newly formed Football Association of Slovenia) to the dissolution of the Football Association of Yugoslavia.

Between the 2001–02 season and 2005–06 season, the league was split in two divisions, one being the Northern Croatian Second League and the other being the Southern Croatian Second League. Each of these two leagues comprised twelve teams playing under a system pretty much identical to the one in the HNL. However, since the start of the 2006–07 season, the First Football League consisted of at least twelve teams from the entire country. Relegation from this division is into the **2. NL**.

From the inaugural merged season in 2006–07 until 2021–22, the division was known as the **Second Football League** (Croatian: *Druga nogometna liga*), but was renamed as were the other leagues of the Croatian football system for the start of the 2022–23 season.^[3]

Winning clubs

Key

	Winners that haven't been promoted due to various reasons
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Prva NL

Organising body	HNS
Founded	1991
Country	 Croatia
Confederation	UEFA
Number of teams	12
Level on pyramid	2
Promotion to	HNL
Relegation to	2. NL
Domestic cup(s)	Hrvatski nogometni kup
Current champions	Rudeš (2nd title) (2022–23)
Most championships	Cibalia Inter Zaprešić Marsonia RNK Split Hrvatski Dragovoljac (3 titles)
TV partners	MAX Sport
Website	www.druga-hnl.com (htt p://www.druga-hnl.com)

Current: 2023–24 season

Season	Divisions	Division winners	Clubs promoted to HNL	Top scorer	Goals
1992	Zagreb (6 clubs)	<u>Radnik Velika Gorica</u>	<u>Radnik Velika Gorica</u> <u>Segesta</u> <u>Belišće</u> <u>Pazinka</u>		
	Dalmatia (8 clubs)	<u>Primorac Stobreč</u>			
	Rijeka & Istra (4 clubs)	<u>Pazinka</u>			
1992–93	North (16 clubs)	<u>Dubrava Zagreb</u>	<u>Dubrava Zagreb</u> <u>Primorac Stobreč</u>		
	South (16 clubs)	<u>Primorac Stobreč</u>			
1993–94	North (16 clubs)	<u>Marsonia</u>	<u>Marsonia</u> <u>Neretva</u>		
	South (16 clubs)	<u>Neretva</u>			
1994–95	North (16 clubs)	<u>Slavonija Požega</u>	<u>Slavonija Požega</u> <u>Orient</u> <u>Mladost 127</u> <u>Uskok Klis</u> <u>Dubrovnik</u> <u>Hrvatski Dragovoljac</u>		
	South (17 clubs)	<u>Uskok Klis</u>			
	West (19 clubs)	<u>Hrvatski Dragovoljac</u>			
1995–96	North (16 clubs)	<u>Slaven Belupo</u>	<u>Slaven Belupo</u> <u>Olimpija Osijek</u> <u>Graničar</u> <u>Čakovec Union</u> <u>Junak Sinj</u> <u>Mosor</u> <u>Samobor</u> <u>Ponikve</u> <u>Zagorec Krapina</u> <u>Napredak Velika Mlaka</u>		
	South (16 clubs)	<u>Junak Sinj</u>			
	West (18 clubs)	<u>Samobor</u>			
1996–97	Center (16 clubs)	<u>Lučko</u>	<u>None</u>		
	East (16 clubs)	<u>Croatia Đakovo</u>			
	North (16 clubs)	<u>Budućnost Hodošan</u>			
	South (19 clubs)	<u>RNK Split</u>			
	West (16 clubs)	<u>Jadran Poreč</u>			
1997–98	Center (17 clubs)	<u>Segesta</u>	<u>Cibalia</u>		
	East (16 clubs)	<u>Cibalia</u>			
	North (16 clubs)	<u>Čakovec</u>			
	South (17 clubs)	<u>RNK Split</u>			
	West (16 clubs)	<u>Jadran Poreč</u>			
1998–99	19 clubs	<u>Vukovar '91</u>	<u>Vukovar '91</u> <u>Istra Pula</u>	 Dubravko Zdrilić	29
1999–00	17 clubs	<u>Marsonia</u>	<u>Marsonia</u> <u>Čakovec</u>	 Miroslav Vukić	26
2000–01	18 clubs	<u>Kamen Ingrad</u>	<u>Kamen Ingrad</u> <u>Pomorac Kostrena</u> <u>Zadar</u> <u>TŠK Topolovac</u>		
2001–02	North (16 clubs)	<u>Vukovar '91</u>	<u>None</u>		

	<i>South (16 clubs)</i>	<i>Istra Pula</i>			
2002–03	<i>North (16 clubs)</i>	<u>Marsonia</u>	<u>Marsonia</u> <u>Inker Zaprešić</u>		
	<i>South (16 clubs)</i>	<u>Inker Zaprešić</u>			
2003–04	<i>North (16 clubs)</i>	<u>Međimurje</u>	<u>Međimurje</u> <u>Pula 1856</u>		
	<i>South (16 clubs)</i>	<u>Pula 1856</u>			
2004–05	<i>North (16 clubs)</i>	<u>Cibalia</u>	<u>Cibalia</u>		
	<i>South (16 clubs)</i>	<u>Novalja</u>			
2005–06	<i>North (16 clubs)</i>	<u>Belišće</u>	<u>Šibenik</u>		
	<i>South (16 clubs)</i>	<u>Šibenik</u>			
2006–07	<i>16 clubs</i>	<u>Inter Zaprešić</u>	<u>Inter Zaprešić</u> <u>Zadar</u>	 <u>Zdravko Popović</u>	30
2007–08	<i>16 clubs</i>	<u>Croatia Sesvete</u>	<u>Croatia Sesvete</u>	 <u>Marijan Maruna</u>	19
2008–09	<i>16 clubs</i>	<u>Istra 1961</u>	<u>Istra 1961</u> <u>Karlovac</u> <u>Lokomotiva</u> <u>Međimurje</u>	 <u>Marijan Vuka</u>	19
2009–10	<i>14 clubs</i>	<u>RNK Split</u>	<u>RNK Split</u> <u>Hrvatski Dragovoljac</u>	 <u>Romano Obilinović</u>	17
2010–11	<i>16 clubs</i>	<u>Gorica</u>	<u>Lučko</u>	 <u>Hrvoje Tokić</u>	19
2011–12	<i>15 clubs</i>	<u>Dugopolje</u>	<u>None</u>	 <u>Alen Guć</u>	16
2012–13	<i>16 clubs</i>	<u>Hrvatski Dragovoljac</u>	<u>Hrvatski Dragovoljac</u>	 <u>Dražen Pilčić</u>	18
2013–14	<i>12 clubs</i>	<u>NK Zagreb</u>	<u>NK Zagreb</u>	 <u>Ilija Nestorovski</u>	20
2014–15	<i>12 clubs</i>	<u>Inter Zaprešić</u>	<u>Inter Zaprešić</u>	 <u>Ilija Nestorovski</u>	24
2015–16	<i>12 clubs</i>	<u>Cibalia</u>	<u>Cibalia</u>	 <u>Frane Vitaić</u>	15
2016–17	<i>12 clubs</i>	<u>Rudeš</u>	<u>Rudeš</u>	 <u>Benjamin Tatar</u>	13
2017–18	<i>12 clubs</i>	<u>Gorica</u>	<u>Gorica</u>	 <u>Domagoj Drožđek</u>	16
2018–19	<i>14 clubs</i>	<u>Varaždin</u>	<u>Varaždin</u>	 <u>Leon Benko</u>	21
2019–20 ^[4]	<i>16 clubs</i>	<u>Šibenik</u>	<u>Šibenik</u>	 <u>Mijo Šabić</u>	12
2020–21	<i>18 clubs</i>	<u>Hrvatski Dragovoljac</u>	<u>Hrvatski Dragovoljac</u>	 <u>Marko Dabro</u>	30
2021–22	<i>16 clubs</i>	<u>Varaždin</u>	<u>Varaždin</u>	 <u>Ivan Durdov</u>	13
2022–23	<i>12 clubs</i>	<u>Rudeš</u>	<u>Rudeš</u>	 <u>Ivor Ljubanović</u>	14

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Football in Croatia

Football in Croatia is the country's most popular sport.^{[1][2]} The Croatian Football Federation (HNS) is the governing body and is responsible for overseeing all aspects of association football in the nation, both professional and amateur.^[3] The national and club teams are governed by UEFA in Europe and FIFA in global competitions. The history of the sport is delineated by a variety of unofficial sides as Croatia was not an independent entity until the late 20th century.^{[4][5]}

The club teams that compete domestically do so in the top flight, the Croatian Football League (*Hrvatska nogometna liga*), the second-tier, First Football League (*Prva NL*), the third-tier, Second Football League (*Druga NL*), and fourth-tier Third Football League (*Treća NL*). The counties of Croatia likewise compete in a regional league system. Club teams contest their respective league championships, the Croatian Cup, and the Croatian Super Cup. The two largest club teams are Dinamo Zagreb and Hajduk Split, who share a rivalry.

The national team of Croatia is a major sporting franchise in European and international football.^{[2][6]} They have qualified for every major tournament with the exception of Euro 2000 and the 2010 World Cup. Croatia has reached the quarter-finals of the UEFA European Championship twice (1996, 2008) and finished second in the UEFA Nations League in 2023. At the FIFA World Cup, Croatia has finished second once (2018) and third on two occasions (1998, 2022), securing three World Cup medals.^[7]

History



A plaque in Rijeka marking the site of the 1873 football game

The earliest record of football in Croatia dates from 1873, when English engineers and technicians for *Stabilimento tecnico Fiumano* played in Rijeka against the engineers building the local railway line,^[8] with local Fiumans also taking part in the game.^[9] The first recorded football match in the Kingdom of Croatia was played in 1880 in Županja, between English workers of The Oak Extract Company and local youths.^[8] In 1890 the first school-based football clubs are founded by high school students in Rijeka.^[9] The sport was further popularized in Croatia by Franjo Bučar in the 1890s.^[10] The Croatian translation of the sport's name, *nogomet*, was coined by the linguist Slavko Rutzner Radmilović in 1893 or 1894.^[11] The name was adopted into Slovenian as well. In 1896, the first edition of the Rules of the Football Game in Croatian was printed in Zagreb.^[12]

Football in Croatia	
	
Country	Croatia
Governing body	Croatian Football Federation (HNS)
National team(s)	men's national team women's national team
National competitions	
HNL	
1. NL	
2. NL	
3. NL	
First County	
Croatian Cup	
Croatian Super Cup	
Club competitions	
UEFA Champions League	
UEFA Europa League	
UEFA Europa Conference League	
UEFA Super Cup	
FIFA Club World Cup	
International competitions	
FIFA World Cup	
UEFA European Championship	
UEFA Nations League	

The earliest officially registered association football clubs were founded in Pula before the turn of the century, when in August 1899 the locals founded *Club Iris* and later in the same year *Veloce Club*,^[13] both multi-sport association with very popular football sections.^[14] The first clubs to be founded in the then Kingdom of Croatia-Slavonia per se were *HAŠK* and *PNIŠK*, in 1903. In Rijeka, the Hungarian-leaning *Fiumei Atletikai Club* was founded in 1905 and the multicultural *CS Olimpia* in 1904, but Olimpia's football section may have held its first seating only in 1906 (the date is still debated among historians). In the same year, the *Giovine Fiume* club was founded by the Italian irredentist youth of the city and *HŠK Concordia* was established in Zagreb. između HAŠK-a i PNIŠK-a.

The first public football match in Croatia was played on Marulić Square in Zagreb on October 28, 1906 between HAŠK and PNIŠK and ended with a score of 1:1. This match was played according to the then only valid English rules. The HAŠK team then consisted of the following players: Hinko Würth, Josip Besednik, Hugo Kuderna, Josip Novak, Ivo Lipovščak, Andelo Grgić, Marko Kostrenčić, Dragutin Albrecht, Marko Kren, Vladimir Erbežnik, Zvonimir Bogdanović; while the following played for PNIŠK: Dragutin Baki, Jan Todl, Veljko Ugrinić, Schreiber, Kiseljak, Pilepić and Uhrl.^[12]

Among the other early clubs are *Victoria* and *Olimpija Karlovac*, created in 1908. 1908 also saw the first recorded win by a Croatian city-based club against an English side, when *CS Olimpia* beat the official football team of the Cunard Line ship RMS Brescia 1-0.^[9] In 1909 *GŠK Marsonia* started playing in Slavonski Brod and Rijeka's then strongest side *Fiumei AC* was invited to play officially in the Hungarian Championship, but turned down the offer. In the same year, *Segesta* officially appeared for the first time in Sisak.

In 1910 the club *Forza e Coraggio* was founded in Dubrovnik and the *Società Ginnastica e Scherma* in Zadar officially opened its football section. The two would battle in the first Dalmatian Championship in 1911,^[15] won by Forza e Coraggio, which was then forced by the authorities to change its name to *U.S. Ragusa*.^[16] *Hajduk*, *Gradanski* and *SK Opatija* were all founded in the same year, 1911.^[17] The first football club to be founded purely by Croats was *Bačka* in Subotica in 1901, in what was then the Kingdom of Hungary and is today Serbia. In Bosnia and Herzegovina, *Zrinjski Mostar* was founded by Croats in 1905 and was the first club to be founded in that country. The Croatian Football Federation (HNS) itself was created in 1912, which was also the year of the first Croatia and Slavonia championship.^[18]

The football section of HŠS 1912-13. organized the first Croatian football championship, in which clubs exclusively from Zagreb, Gradanski, HAŠK, Concordia, AŠK Croatia and Tipografski športski klub Zagreb participated. This first championship was not completed due to unsportsmanlike behavior, and the new one was interrupted in 1914 due to the war.^[12] In 1912 the Dalmatian championship was won by *Società Bersaglieri* and in its third season by *Calcio Spalato*, who then played and lost against the strongest club from the Trieste region, *Edera*.^[15]

After World War I, Croats played a major part in the founding of the first football federation of the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, later named the Football Association of Yugoslavia. Its headquarters were initially in Zagreb before moving to Belgrade in 1929. This was an era when great talents like *Ico Hitrec* dominated the national fields. In 1927, Hajduk Split took part in the inaugural *Mitropa Cup*, a tournament dedicated to the best Central European clubs.

Croatia itself played its first international football match as a representative team of the Banovina in a match held on April 2, 1940 against Switzerland. During World War II, the Croatian Football Federation joined FIFA as a representative of the Independent State of Croatia, but this was contentious and short-lived, as was the fascist puppet-state of which it was part. After the war, football was resumed within the institutional framework of the second Yugoslavia. The communist regime in the new state quickly moved to apply a damnatio memoriae to all club names and brands involved in the Croatian or Italian championships or which bore obviously Croatian or Italian national names. The government in Belgrade justified the rearrangement of all local football clubs with its plan to copy the Stalinist model of athletic organisation, merging all local clubs into omni-comprehensive sport unions—often forcing local institutions and party representatives to enact a total rebranding of the local clubs' identities—and thus bring them into line with communist goals and ideals.^[19]

Following these policies, Gradiški was rebranded into NK Dinamo Zagreb, U.S. Fiumana (CS Olimpia's name under the Italian fascist regime) became S.C.F. Quarnero in Yugoslavia, ŽŠK Victoria became NK Lokomotiva in Zagreb, and dozens of other less famous clubs followed suit. Most clubs had henceforth to explicitly display loyalty to the new regime, and it was common for them to feature the communist red star as part of a new emblem, often paired with proletarian sounding and appealing identities.^[20] Among the victims of these changes, some clubs were completely disbanded, including top sides Concordia, PNIŠK and HAŠK, as well as major ethnic Croat clubs in today's Bosnia and Herzegovina, SAŠK and HŠK Zrinjski Mostar. One of the very few large Croatian clubs to avoid restructuring was Hajduk Split, who had refused to participate in the fascist Croatian competition and had strong links with the partisan army of Tito.

As Tito broke with Stalin, in the 1950s most sport unions reverted to purely football clubs. Over the following decades, Croatian clubs performed well in the Yugoslav First League and the Yugoslav Cup. Hajduk and Dinamo formed one half of the Big Four of Yugoslav football (the other two being FK Partizan and Red Star Belgrade). Rijeka won 2 Yugoslav cups. In 1967, Zlatko Čajkovski of German club Bayern Munich became the only Croatian manager to win the European Cup Winners' Cup. After Croatia gained independence in the 1990s, the football federation was reconstituted and joined the international associations.^[21] The Croatian internationals from the 1987 FIFA World Youth Championship-winning team went on to achieve more success, spawning the "golden generation" who finished in third place at the 1998 FIFA World Cup.^[22] Since then, Croatia has continued to produce top players. At the more recent Euro 2008, they famously beat 2006 FIFA World Cup bronze medalists Germany 2–1 in a shock win but exited the tournament courtesy of a penalty shoot-out defeat to Turkey in the quarterfinals. The national team's best performance came at the 2018 World Cup, where they finished as runners-up, losing 2–4 to France in the final. Croatia followed the achievement by again finishing third in the 2022 World Cup, after a 2–1 win over Morocco.



Earliest clubs in Croatia

Club	Year	City, Region	Description	Dissolution
Club Iris	1899	Pula, Austrian Littoral	Football section opened in August 1899. Dissolution date unknown.	?
Veloce Club Polese	1899	Pula, Austrian Littoral	Football section of cycling club. Dissolution date unknown.	?
PNIŠK	1903	Zagreb, Kingdom of Croatia-Slavonia		1909
HAŠK	1903	Zagreb, Kingdom of Croatia-Slavonia		1945
Club Sportivo Olimpia	1904	Rijeka, Corpus Separatum	Later renamed to NK Rijeka.	Still Active
Fiumei Atletikai Club	1905	Rijeka, Corpus Separatum	Dissolution date unknown.	?
Segesta Sisak	1906	Sisak, Kingdom of Croatia-Slavonia		Still Active
Giovine Fiume	1906	Rijeka, Corpus Separatum		1912
HŠK Concordia	1906	Zagreb, Kingdom of Croatia-Slavonia		1945
Törekves SE	1907	Rijeka, Corpus Separatum	Dissolution date unknown.	?

AŠK Croatia	1907	Zagreb, Kingdom of Croatia-Slavonia		1945
HŠK Victoria Sušak	1908	Sušak, Kingdom of Croatia-Slavonia		1948
GŠK Marsonia	1909	Slavonski Brod, Kingdom of Croatia-Slavonia		Still Active
Associazione Sportiva Edera	1910	Pula, Austrian Littoral		1926
Forza e Coraggio	1910	Dubrovnik, Kingdom of Dalmatia	In 1912 renamed Unione Sportiva di Ragusa. Dissolution date unknown.	?
Società Ginnastica e Scherma Zara	1910	Zadar, Kingdom of Dalmatia	Dissolution date unknown.	?
NK Zmaj	1910	Zadar, Kingdom of Dalmatia	Later renamed in NK Arbanasi.	Still Active
Calcio Spalato	1910	Split, Kingdom of Dalmatia	Dissolved in the '20s	'20s
Nogometni Odjel Sokola Opatija - Volosko	1911	Opatija, Austrian Littoral	Later renamed NK Opatija.	Still Active
1. HŠK Građanski	1911	Zagreb, Kingdom of Croatia-Slavonia	Later renamed to NK Dinamo.	Still Active
Unione Sportiva	1911	Dubrovnik, Kingdom of Dalmatia	Dissolution date unknown.	?
NK DAVOR	1911	Dubrovnik, Kingdom of Dalmatia	Dissolution date unknown.	?
HŠK Hajduk	1911	Split, Kingdom of Dalmatia		Still Active
DFV Vorwärts Abbazia	1912	Opatija, Austrian Littoral	German minority club. Official dissolution date unknown.	?
Tornai SE	1912	Rijeka, Corpus Separatum	Hungarian minority club. Official dissolution date unknown.	?
HRŠD Anarh	1912	Split, Kingdom of Dalmatia	Later renamed to RNK Split.	Still Active
HŠK Slaven	1912	Koprivnica, Kingdom of Croatia-Slavonia		Still Active
Olimpija Suhopolje	1912	Suhopolje, Kingdom of Croatia-Slavonia		1916
SK Lav	1913	Knin, Kingdom of Croatia-Slavonia	Later renamed to HNK Dinara.	Still Active
HŠK Šparta	1913	Zagreb, Kingdom of Croatia-Slavonia	Later renamed to NK Šparta-Elektra.	Still Active

Clubs in European competitions

- Hajduk Split is the only Croatian club to date—either during the Yugoslav period or since independence—to have played in the knockout stages of the European Cup or UEFA Champions League, having reached the quarter-finals on three occasions (in 1975–76, 1979–80 and 1994–95).
- Dinamo Zagreb have qualified for the Champions League group stage on eight occasions (in 1998–99, 1999–2000, 2011–12, 2012–13, 2015–16, 2016–17, 2019–20 and 2022–23) but have yet to progress further.
- Both Dinamo and Hajduk have advanced past the round of sixteen of the UEFA Cup or UEFA Europa League, Hajduk played in the semi-finals in 1983–84 and the quarterfinals in 1985–86. They also reached the UEFA Cup's last sixteen in 1981–82 and 1986–87, while Dinamo Zagreb reached the quarterfinals in 2020–21 and the last sixteen in 1997–98 and 2018–19.

- Dinamo Zagreb had success winning the [Inter-Cities Fairs Cup](#) in 1967 which is the only European trophy won by Croatian clubs. Dinamo also reached the final four years earlier in 1963 but suffered a loss to [Valencia](#). In 1970–71 season, they reached third round. Croatian clubs also had success in the defunct [UEFA Cup Winners' Cup](#). Both Dinamo Zagreb (1960–61) and Hajduk Split (1972–73) reached the semi-finals of the competitions. Dinamo have also reached the quarterfinals in 1964–65 and 1969–70, while Hajduk were eliminated at that stage in 1977–78. [UEFA Cup Winners' Cup](#) is also the only European competition that has seen Croatian clubs other than Dinamo and Hajduk reach the advanced stages. [Rijeka](#) reached the quarterfinals in the 1979–80 edition, while [Varteks](#) advanced to the quarterfinals in 1998–99, the last edition of the competition.

Best results

The table below lists Croatian clubs' best results in elimination rounds of European club competitions:

Competition	Season	Round	Team 1	Agg.	Team 2	1st leg	2nd leg
UCWC	1960–61	SF	Fiorentina	4–2	Dinamo Zagreb	3–0	1–2
UCWC	1972–73	SF	Leeds United	1–0	Hajduk Split	1–0	0–0
EC	1975–76	QF	Hajduk Split	2–3	PSV Eindhoven	2–0	0–3 (aet)
EC	1979–80	QF	Hamburger SV	3–3 (a)	Hajduk Split	1–0	2–3
UC	1983–84	SF	Hajduk Split	2–2 (a)	Tottenham Hotspur	2–1	0–1
UCL	1994–95	QF	Hajduk Split	0–3	Ajax	0–0	0–3
EL	2020–21	QF	Dinamo Zagreb	1–3	Villarreal	0–1	1–2
UCWC	1998–99	QF	Varteks	1–3	Mallorca	0–0	1–3

Footballers in international club competitions

The following table lists all Croatian players who are credited to win an international final (either appeared in the final, being unused substitutes or were in the squad in earlier rounds of the tournament). It does not include Croatians who were considered [Yugoslav](#) players prior to Croatia's independence in 1991.

As of 2022 a total of eleven Croatian players are credited as winning the [Champions League](#): [Alen Bokšić](#), [Zvonimir Boban](#), [Davor Šuker](#), [Dario Šimić](#), [Igor Bišćan](#), [Mario Mandžukić](#), [Luka Modrić](#), [Ivan Rakitić](#), [Mateo Kovačić](#), [Dejan Lovren](#) and [Ivan Perišić](#), although Šimić, Bišćan and Lovren did not appear in the finals.^[23] In terms of appearances, fourteen players have played in the final (Bokšić, Boban, Šuker, [Boris Živković](#), [Marko Babić](#), [Igor Tudor](#), [Dado Pršo](#), [Ivica Olić](#), Mandžukić, Modrić, Rakitić, Lovren, Perišić and Kovačić), but only five players appeared more than once – Bokšić (1993, 1997), Boban (1994, 1995), Olić (2010, 2012), Mandžukić (2013, 2017) and Modrić (2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2022). Two Croatian players have scored a goal in the final match, Mandžukić in the 2013 and 2017 final, and Rakitić in the 2015 final.

As of 2023 a total of eight Croatian players are credited as winning the [Europa League](#): [Mario Stanić](#), [Ivica Olić](#), [Ivica Križanac](#), [Darijo Srna](#), [Ivan Rakitić](#), [Šime Vrsaljko](#), [Mateo Kovačić](#) and [Kristijan Jakić](#) – although Stanić did not appear for his club in the final. The only Croatian player to have scored a goal in the final match was [Nikola Kalinić](#) in the 2015 final.^[24]

Ranking	Name	Team(s)	Years	CL	EL	SC	FCWC	CWC	IC	Total
1	Luka Modrić	Real Madrid	2014–2023	5	0	4	4	0	0	13
2	Mateo Kovačić	Real Madrid, Chelsea	2016–2021	4	1	3	3	0	0	11
3	Ivan Rakitić	Sevilla, Barcelona	2014–2023	1	2	1	1	0	0	5
4	Dario Šimić	Milan	2003–2007	2	0	1	1	0	0	4
5	Alen Bokšić	Marseille, Juventus, Lazio	1993–1999	1	0	0	0	1	1	3
	Mario Mandžukić	Bayern Munich	2013	1	0	1	1	0	0	
7	Zvonimir Boban	Milan	1994	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
	Davor Šuker	Real Madrid	1998	1	0	0	0	0	1	
	Igor Bišćan	Liverpool	2001–2005	1	0	1	0	0	0	
	Ivica Križanac	Zenit Saint Petersburg	2008	0	1	1	0	0	0	
11	Robert Jarni	Real Madrid	1998	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	Mario Stanić	Parma	1999	0	1	0	0	0	0	
	Niko Kovač	Bayern Munich	2001	0	0	0	0	0	1	
	Robert Kovač	Bayern Munich	2001	0	0	0	0	0	1	
	Ivica Olić	CSKA Moscow	2005	0	1	0	0	0	0	
	Darijo Srna	Shakhtar Donetsk	2009	0	1	0	0	0	0	
	Šime Vrsaljko	Atlético Madrid	2018	0	1	0	0	0	0	
	Nikola Kalinić	Atlético Madrid	2018	0	0	1	0	0	0	
	Dejan Lovren	Liverpool	2019	1	0	0	0	0	0	
	Ivan Perišić	Bayern Munich	2020	1	0	0	0	0	0	
	Kristijan Jakić	Eintracht Frankfurt	2022	0	1	0	0	0	0	

Abolished competition

Format

The governing body of football in Croatia is the Croatian Football Federation.^[25] It oversees the organization of:

- Leagues:

- HNL
- Prva NL
- Druga NL
- Treća NL
- Regional leagues

- Cup tournaments:

- Croatian Cup
- Croatian Supercup

- National teams:

- [Croatia national football team](#)
- [Croatia national under-21 football team](#)
- [Croatia national under-19 football team](#)
- [Croatia national under-17 football team](#)
- [Croatia women's national football team](#)

Seasons

The following articles detail major results and events in each footballing season since the early 1990s, when the [Croatian First Football League](#) was established. Each article provides final league standings for that season, as well as details on cup results, [Croatia national football team](#) results, and a summary of any other important events during the season.

1990s	1990–91	1991–92	1992–93	1993–94	1994–95	1995–96	1996–97	1997–98	1998–99	1999–2000
2000s	2000–01	2001–02	2002–03	2003–04	2004–05	2005–06	2006–07	2007–08	2008–09	2009–10
2010s	2010–11	2011–12	2012–13	2013–14	2014–15	2015–16	2016–17	2017–18	2018–19	2019–20
2020s	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23	2023–24						

Teams

According to many surveys conducted by multiple newspapers, the most popular club in Croatia is [Dinamo Zagreb](#) which is also the most successful club. Their main rivals are [Hajduk Split](#), followed by [HNK Rijeka](#) and [NK Osijek](#).

Futsal

[Futsal](#), called *mali nogomet* (lit. "small football") in Croatia, is also widely played and is sometimes considered as a mini football league. It is often taught in schools and also played by football professionals as a pastime.

The [Croatian First League of Futsal](#) is the top-tier futsal competition where majority of [Croatia national futsal team](#) is selected.

There are also national competitions in other [minifootball](#) versions.

Fans

The Croatian football fans organize in various fan groups such as the [Torcida](#) (Hajduk), [Bad Blue Boys](#) (Dinamo), [Armada](#) (Rijeka), [Kohorta](#) (Osijek), etc.

On the international games, the Croatian fans usually wear the checkerboard colors red and white, as they are on the [Croatian coat of arms](#).

See also

- [Football in Yugoslavia](#)
- [Croatian football league system](#)
- [First Croatian beach soccer league](#)

- [Croatia at the FIFA World Cup](#)
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Second Football League (Croatia)

The **Drugarnogometna liga** (English: Second football league),^{[1][2][3]} commonly **Drugarno NL** or **2. NL** is the third tier of the Croatian football league system. The league was established in 1991 following the dissolution of the Yugoslav League. It is operated by the Croatian Football Federation.

It was previously known as the Third Football League, but was renamed with the other leagues for the start of the 2022–23 season.^[4]

Rules

As of 2018, at least three players under 21 years of age must play in each match, and only two foreign nationals are permitted to play for each team.^[5]

Drugarno NL	
Organising body	HNS
Founded	1991 (as Treća HNL)
Country	 Croatia
Confederation	UEFA
Number of teams	16
Level on pyramid	3
Promotion to	1. NL
Relegation to	3. NL
Domestic cup(s)	Hrvatski kup
Most championships	Vinogradar (5 titles)
Current: 2023–24	

Format

Since its inception in 1992 the league changed formats several times. In its inaugural season the league had four divisions (North, Center, South and West). In the 1992–93 season, a fifth division was added (East). The five-group league continued until the 2006–07 season when the league was re-organised and reduced to three geographical divisions with 18 clubs in each group.

As of 2018, teams are promoted only if they have a valid license to the 2.HNL. For example, NK Vinogradar won the 2017, 2018 and 2019 west division, but were denied promotion since they did not apply for a license.^[6]

From season 2022–23 onward, it is a unified league just as the top two tiers.

Champions

1998–2022

Key

†	Club gained promotion to the unified 2. HNL
N	Club gained promotion to 2. HNL North
S	Club gained promotion to 2. HNL South

Season	Division Center	Division West	Division East	Division South	Division North	Also promoted
1998–99	<u>PIK Vrbovec</u> †	<u>Pomorac</u> <u>Kostrena</u> †	<u>Marsonia</u> †	<u>Mosor</u> †	<u>Čazmatrans</u> †	-
1999–00	<u>TŠK Topolovac</u> †	<u>Žminj</u> †	<u>Papuk</u> †	<u>Hrvatski Vitez</u> ^[1]	<u>Koprivnica</u> †	-
2000–01	<u>Trnje</u> ^S	<u>Uljanik Pula</u> ^S	<u>Metalac Osijek</u> ^N	<u>GOŠK</u> <u>Dubrovnik</u> ^S	<u>Podravac</u> ^N	-
2001–02	<u>Napredak VM</u>	<u>Opatija</u>	<u>Dilij</u> ^N	<u>Primorac</u> <u>Stobreč</u>	<u>Mladost Prelog</u>	-
2002–03	<u>Segesta</u> ^S	<u>Žminj</u>	<u>Slavonija Požega</u> N	<u>Mosor</u>	<u>Virovitica</u> ^N	-
2003–04	<u>Naftaš</u> ^S	<u>Draga</u>	<u>Višnjevac</u>	<u>Mosor</u> ^S	<u>Bjelovar</u> ^N	-
2004–05	<u>Karlovac</u> ^S	<u>Istra Pula</u>	<u>Graničar</u> ^N	<u>Konavlijanin</u>	<u>Mladost Molve</u> ^N	-
2005–06	<u>Moslavina</u> †	<u>Jadran Poreč</u>	<u>Croatia Đakovo</u>	<u>GOŠK</u> <u>Dubrovnik</u>	<u>Suhopolje</u>	-
2006–07	-	<u>Vinogradar</u> †	<u>Slavonac CO</u> †	<u>Trogir</u> †	-	<u>Segesta</u>
2007–08	-	<u>Karlovac</u> †	<u>Suhopolje</u> †	<u>Hrvace</u> ^[2]	-	<u>Lokomotiva</u> , <u>Međimurje</u> , <u>Junak Sinj</u>
2008–09	-	<u>Rudeš</u> †	<u>Grafičar</u> <u>Vodovod</u> ^[3]	<u>RNK Split</u> †	-	<u>Lučko</u> , <u>Vukovar</u> '91
2009–10	-	<u>Gorica</u> †	<u>Lipik</u> ^[4]	<u>Dugopolje</u> †	-	<u>HAŠK</u> , <u>MV</u> <u>Croatia</u>
2010–11	-	<u>Radnik Sesvete</u> †	<u>Podravina</u> ^[5]	<u>Raštane</u> ^[6]	-	-
2011–12	-	<u>Zelina</u> †	<u>BSK Bijelo</u> <u>Brdo</u> ^[7]	<u>Raštane</u> ^[6]	<u>Mladost</u> <u>Ždralovi</u> ^[8]	<u>Primorac 1929</u>
2012–13	<u>Segesta</u> †	<u>Grobničan</u> ^[10]	<u>Slavonija</u> ^[11]	<u>Val</u> ^[13]	<u>Mladost</u> <u>Ždralovi</u> ^[12]	-
2013–14	<u>Maksimir</u> ^[14]	<u>Opatija</u> ^[14]	<u>BSK Bijelo</u> <u>Brdo</u> ^[14]	<u>Imotski</u> †	<u>Međimurje</u> ^[14]	<u>Bistra</u> †
2014–15	-	<u>Dinamo II</u> †	<u>Slavija</u>	<u>Šibenik</u> †	-	-
2015–16	-	<u>Novigrad</u> †	<u>Međimurje</u>	<u>Solin</u> †	-	-
2016–17	-	<u>Vinogradar</u> ^[15]	<u>Međimurje</u> ^[16]	<u>Hajduk II</u> †	-	<u>Varaždin</u> † <u>Kustošija</u> †
2017–18	-	<u>Vinogradar</u> ^[17]	<u>Osijek II</u> †	<u>Croatia</u> <u>Zmijavci</u> ^[18]	-	<u>BSK Bijelo Brdo</u> † <u>Međimurje</u> † <u>Zadar</u> †
2018–19	-	<u>Vinogradar</u> ^[19]	<u>Cibalia</u> †	<u>Junak Sinj</u> ^[20]	-	<u>Dubrava</u> † <u>Orijent 1919</u> † <u>Croatia Zmijavci</u> †
2019–20	<u>Vinogradar</u>	<u>Opatija</u> †	<u>Marsonia</u>	<u>Junak Sinj</u> †	<u>Mladost Ždralovi</u>	-
2020–21	<u>Jarun Zagreb</u> †	<u>Crikvenica</u>	<u>Belišće</u>	<u>Neretvanac</u>	<u>Mladost Ždralovi</u>	-
2021–22	<u>Zagorec Krapina</u>	<u>Crikvenica</u>	<u>Vukovar 1991</u> †	<u>Jadran LP</u>	<u>Polet</u>	-

2022–present

Season	Divisions	Division winners	Clubs promoted to 1. NL	Top scorer	Goals
2022–23	16 clubs	Sesvete	Sesvete Zrinski Jurjevac	 Nikola Marić	22

Notes

1. ^a : Although Hrvatski Vitez of Posedarje finished top of the 1999–2000 South Division, they were demoted for unknown reasons and competed in the 4th league the following season. South Division runners-up Imotska Krajina were promoted to 2. HNL instead.
2. ^a : Although NK Hrvace finished top of the 2007–08 South Division, they did not apply for promotion so South Division runners-up Junak of Sinj were promoted to 2. HNL instead.
3. ^a : Although NK Grafičar Vodovod finished top of the 2008–09 East Division, they did not apply for promotion. As only fifth placed NK Vukovar '91 met the needed criteria they were promoted to 2. HNL instead.
4. ^a : Although NK Lipik finished top of the 2009–10 East Division, they did not apply for promotion so East Division runners-up MV Croatia of Slavonski Brod were promoted to 2. HNL instead.
5. ^a : Although NK Podravina Ludbreg finished top of the 2010–11 East Division and applied for promotion, they subsequently refused promotion for financial reasons. No one from East Division was promoted to 2. HNL instead.
6. ^a : Although NK Raštane finished top of the 2010–11 South Division, their application for 2. HNL was refused because of lack of appropriate infrastructure. No one from South Division was promoted to 2. HNL instead.
7. ^a : Although NK BSK Bijelo Brdo finished top of the 2011–12 East Division, they did not apply for promotion. No one from East Division was promoted to 2. HNL instead.
8. ^a : Although NK Mladost Ždralovi finished top of the 2011–12 North Division, they did not apply for promotion. No one from North Division was promoted to 2. HNL instead.
9. ^a : Although NK Raštane finished top of the 2011–12 South Division, they did not apply for promotion so South Division runners-up NK Primorac 1929 were promoted to 2. HNL instead.
10. ^a : Although Grobničan finished top of the 2012–13 West Division, they did not apply for promotion. No one from West Division was promoted to 2. HNL instead.
11. ^a : Although Slavonija finished top of the 2012–13 East Division, their application for 2. HNL was refused because of lack of appropriate infrastructure. No one from East Division was promoted to 2. HNL instead.
12. ^a : Although NK Mladost Ždralovi finished top of the 2012–13 North Division, they did not apply for promotion. No one from North Division was promoted to 2. HNL instead.
13. ^a : HNK Val lose against Segesta in play-off.
14. ^a : Although Maksimir, Opatija and BSK Bijelo Brdo finished top of their respective 2013–14 divisions, they did not apply for promotion. Međimurje, champion of 3. HNL North Division, applied for promotion but did not meet necessary financial and infrastructural requirements.
15. ^a : Although NK Vinogradar finished top of the 2016–17 West Division, they did not apply for promotion so West Division runners-up NK Kustošija Zagreb gained promotion to 2. HNL.
16. ^a : Although NK Međimurje finished top of the 2016–17 East Division, they did not apply for promotion so East Division runners-up NK Varaždin gained promotion to 2. HNL.
17. ^a : Although NK Vinogradar and NK Opatija finished on top of the 2017–18 West Division, they were not promoted as they were not granted a licence for 2. HNL.
18. ^a : Although NK Croatia Zmijavci and HNK Primorac Biograd na Moru finished on top of the 2017–18 South Division, they were not promoted as they were not granted a licence for 2. HNL. Third placed NK Zadar gained promotion to 2. HNL.
19. ^a : Although NK Vinogradar finished on top of the 2018–19 West Division, they were not promoted as they were not granted a licence for 2. HNL. Second placed NK Dubrava and third placed HNK Orient 1919 gained promotion to 2. HNL.

20. ^a: Although NK Junak Sinj and HNK Primorac Biograd na Moru finished on top of the 2018–19 South Division, they were not promoted as they were not granted a licence for 2. HNL. Third placed NK Croatia Zmijavci gained promotion to 2. HNL.

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Third Football League (Croatia)

The **Third Football League** ([Croatian: Treća nogometna liga](#)), commonly **Treća NL** or **3. NL**, is the fourth tier of the [Croatian football league system](#). The league was reestablished in 2022 following the reconstruction of league system in Croatia. It is operated by the [Croatian Football Federation](#).^[1]

History

The fourth Croatian football league was played for the first time in 2006, after the merger of the [2. HNL - North](#) and [2. HNL - South](#) into a single [2. HNL](#). With the aforementioned changes, part of the clubs from the second league were relegated to the [3. HNL](#), and part of the clubs from the third leagues, together with the best clubs of the county leagues, formed the newly created groups of the [4. HNL](#). After the dissolution of the [4. HNL](#) in 2012, inter-county football leagues corresponding to the previous groups of the 4th HNL were founded in some areas.

In earlier championships, the fourth class of football leagues was represented by the First County Football League, except in the 1995–96 seasons and in 1996–97, when with the creation of the [1. B HNL](#) (which in reality represented the second class), the fourth competitive class was actually represented by the [3. HNL](#). In the 1994–95 season, there was also the [4. HNL](#), which was then created as a successor to the regional leagues, but did not survive for more than one season, and then functioned under that name only in the territory of Northern Croatia.

Format

The competition takes place in five groups of up to eighteen (18) clubs according to the double point system, and the exact number of participants is determined by the competition regulations. From each group, the last placed club and as many as necessary for the groups to number 16 clubs must be eliminated.^[2]

Groups are formed and managed in the HNS regional centers:

- the center of [Rijeka](#) form the West group,
- the center of [Zagreb](#) form the Centar group,
- the center of [Osijek](#) form the East group,
- the center of [Varaždin](#) form the North group,

Third Football League

Founded	1991 (as Treća HNL)
Country	 Croatia
Confederation	UEFA
Number of teams	74 (in 5 groups)
Level on pyramid	4
Promotion to	2. NL
Relegation to	1. ŽNL
Domestic cup(s)	Hrvatski kup
<i>Current: 2023–24</i>	

- the center of Split form the South group.

Champions

2006–2012

Season	Division Center	Division West	Division East	Division South	Division North
2006–07	<u>Lokomotiva Zagreb</u> (group A) <u>Polet Buševac</u> (group B)	<u>Rovinj</u>	<u>Slavija Pleternica</u>	<u>Neretvanac Opuzen</u> (group A) <u>Hrvace</u> (group B)	<u>Omladinac Novo</u> <u>Selo Rok</u> (group A) <u>Virovitica</u> (group B)
2007–08	<u>Maksimir</u> (group A) <u>Metalac Sisak</u> (group B)	<u>Grobničan</u>	<u>Đakovo</u>	<u>Split</u> (group A) <u>Raštane</u> (group B)	<u>Mladost Prelog</u> (group A) <u>Podravac</u> (group B)
2008–09	<u>Špansko</u> (group A) <u>Zelina</u> (group B)	<u>Crikvenica</u>	<u>Lipik</u>	<u>Uskok</u> (group A) <u>Polača</u> (group B)	<u>Sloboda Varaždin</u> (group A) <u>Kalinovac</u> (group B)
2009–10	<u>Radnik Sesvete</u> (group A) <u>Dugo Selo</u> (group B)	<u>Opatija</u>	<u>Otok</u>	<u>Mladost Proložac</u> (group SD) <u>BŠK Zmaj Blato</u> (group DN) <u>Polača</u> (group ŠK-ZD)	<u>Podravina</u> (group A) <u>Slatina</u> (group B)
2010–11	<u>Dubrava</u> (group A) <u>Stupnik</u> (group B)	<u>Vinodol</u>	<u>BSK Bijelo Brdo</u>	<u>Krka Lozovac</u> (group A) <u>Val Kaštel Stari</u> (group B)	<u>Nedeljanec</u> (group A) <u>Mladost Ždralovi</u> (group B)
2011–12	<u>Maksimir</u> (group A) <u>Bistra</u> (group B)	<u>Naprijed</u>	<u>Bedem Ivankovo</u>	<u>Krka Lozovac</u> (group A) <u>Kamen Ivanbegovina</u> (group B) <u>Župa Dubrovačka</u> (group C)	<i>didn't exist</i>

2022–present

Key

†	Club gained promotion to the 2. NL
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Season	Division Center	Division West	Division East	Division South	Division North
2022–23	<u>Karlovac 1919</u> †	<u>Krk</u> †	<u>Slavonija Požega</u>	<u>Zagora Unešić</u>	<u>Radnik Križevci</u> †

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