

# 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	<b>92</b>	Qualification to Champions League first qualifying round
2	<u>Hajduk Split</u>	33	22	6	5	60	25	+35	<b>72</b>	Qualification to UEFA Cup first qualifying round
3	<u>NK Zagreb</u>	33	18	4	11	57	40	+17	<b>58</b>	Qualification to Intertoto Cup first round
4	<u>Šibenik</u>	33	14	7	12	50	47	+3	<b>49</b>	
5	<u>Slaven Belupo</u> <sup>[a]</sup>	33	14	7	12	40	37	+3	<b>49</b>	Qualification to UEFA Cup first qualifying round
6	<u>Osijek</u>	33	11	10	12	42	45	-3	<b>43</b>	
7	<u>Rijeka</u>	33	12	6	15	51	53	-2	<b>42</b>	
8	<u>Varteks</u>	33	12	6	15	49	62	-13	<b>42</b>	
9	<u>Medimurje</u>	33	11	4	18	40	60	-20	<b>37</b>	
10	<u>Cibalia</u>	33	9	5	19	33	53	-20	<b>32</b>	
11	<u>Pula</u> (R)	33	6	11	16	28	40	-12	<b>29</b>	Qualification to relegation play-off
12	<u>Kamen Ingrad</u> <sup>[b]</sup> (R)	33	3	4	26	27	77	-50	<b>11</b>	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> <b>(C, P)</b>	30	21	5	4	60	28	+32	<b>68</b>	Promotion to Croatian First Football League
2	<u>Zadar</u> <b>(P)</b>	30	20	5	5	55	25	+30	<b>65</b>	Qualification to promotion play-off
3	<u>Croatia Sesvete</u>	30	18	5	7	67	38	+29	<b>59</b>	
4	<u>Hrvatski Dragovoljac</u>	30	18	4	8	60	25	+35	<b>58</b>	
5	<u>Solin</u>	30	16	5	9	58	33	+25	<b>53</b>	
6	<u>Imotski</u>	30	12	8	10	41	44	-3	<b>44</b>	
7	<u>Belišće</u>	30	11	9	10	46	40	+6	<b>42</b>	
8	<u>Pomorac</u>	30	11	9	10	53	51	+2	<b>42</b>	
9	<u>Vukovar '91</u>	30	9	8	13	40	42	-2	<b>35</b>	
10	<u>Naftaš HAŠK</u> <sup>[a]</sup> <b>(R)</b>	30	8	11	11	44	49	-5	<b>35</b>	
11	<u>Mosor</u>	30	9	8	13	37	46	-9	<b>35</b>	
12	<u>Marsonia</u>	30	9	7	14	38	50	-12	<b>34</b>	
13	<u>Moslavina</u>	30	9	6	15	44	57	-13	<b>33</b>	
14	<u>Koprivnica</u> <b>(R)</b>	30	7	8	15	42	66	-24	<b>29</b>	
15	<u>Bjelovar</u> <b>(R)</b>	30	4	6	20	25	66	-41	<b>18</b>	
16	<u>Čakovec</u> <b>(R)</b>	30	4	4	22	37	87	-50	<b>16</b>	

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

# Rijeka

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

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## Varteks

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

## Osijek

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

## References

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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

<b>Pos</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Pld</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>GD</b>	<b>Pts</b>	<b>Qualification or relegation</b>
1	<u>Dinamo Zagreb (C)</u>	33	26	4	3	91	34	+57	<b>82</b>	Qualification to Champions League first qualifying round
2	<u>Slaven Belupo</u>	33	16	6	11	45	29	+16	<b>54</b>	Qualification to UEFA Cup first qualifying round <sup>[a]</sup>
3	<u>Osijek</u>	33	16	6	11	43	34	+9	<b>54</b>	
4	<u>Rijeka</u>	33	14	11	8	53	41	+12	<b>53</b>	Qualification to Intertoto Cup first round
5	<u>Hajduk Split</u>	33	14	10	9	57	41	+16	<b>52</b>	Qualification to UEFA Cup first qualifying round <sup>[a]</sup>
6	<u>NK Zagreb</u>	33	11	11	11	51	40	+11	<b>44</b>	
7	<u>Varteks</u>	33	11	7	15	46	53	-7	<b>40</b>	
8	<u>Cibalia</u>	33	11	7	15	40	48	-8	<b>40</b>	
9	<u>Zadar</u>	33	11	7	15	49	61	-12	<b>40</b>	
10	<u>Šibenik</u>	33	9	12	12	34	52	-18	<b>39</b>	
11	<u>Inter Zaprešić (O)</u>	33	8	9	16	27	59	-32	<b>33</b>	Qualification to relegation play-off
12	<u>Međimurje (R)</u>	33	3	6	24	37	81	-44	<b>15</b>	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	<b>66</b>	Promotion to Croatian First Football League
2	<u>Hrvatski Dragovoljac</u>	30	19	7	4	60	28	+32	<b>64</b>	Qualification to promotion play-off
3	<u>Istra 1961</u>	30	17	7	6	42	14	+28	<b>58</b>	
4	<u>Pomorac</u>	30	14	7	9	42	28	+14	<b>49</b>	
5	<u>Vinogradar</u>	30	12	8	10	42	43	-1	<b>44</b>	
6	<u>Slavonac CO</u>	30	14	2	14	44	51	-7	<b>44</b>	
7	<u>Segesta</u>	30	11	10	9	39	37	+2	<b>43</b>	
8	<u>Trogir</u>	30	12	6	12	40	37	+3	<b>42</b>	
9	<u>Moslavina</u>	30	11	8	11	51	42	+9	<b>41</b>	
10	<u>Imotski</u>	30	11	7	12	49	53	-4	<b>40</b>	
11	<u>Mosor</u>	30	10	8	12	27	42	-15	<b>38</b>	
12	<u>Solin</u>	30	10	7	13	46	48	-2	<b>37</b>	
13	<u>Marsonia (R)</u>	30	8	7	15	34	58	-24	<b>31</b>	
14	<u>Kamen Ingrad (R)</u>	30	7	7	16	26	49	-23	<b>28</b>	
15	<u>Vukovar '91 (R)</u>	30	6	6	18	29	53	-24	<b>24</b>	
16	<u>Belišće (R)</u>	30	3	7	20	23	53	-30	<b>16</b>	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	
<b>Season</b>	2008–09
	
<b>2008–09 in Croatian football</b>	
<b>First Division champions</b>	
<u>Dinamo Zagreb</u> (11th title)	
<b>Second Division champions</b>	
<u>Istra 1961</u>	
<b>Third Division champions</b>	
<u>Grafičar Vodovod</u> (East)	
<u>RNK Split</u> (South)	
<u>Rudeš</u> (West)	
<b>Croatian Cup winners</b>	
<u>Dinamo Zagreb</u> (10th title)	
<b>Teams in Europe</b>	
<u>Dinamo Zagreb</u> , <u>Hajduk Split</u> , <u>Rijeka</u> , <u>Slaven Belupo</u>	
<b>Croatia national team</b>	
<u>2010 World Cup qualification</u>	

20 August 2008

**Slovenia**  **2 – 3** **Croatia**   
Šuler 4' Report (<http://www.w.sportnet.hr/Vijest.aspx?ID=364>) Rakitić 37', 64'  
Šišić 55' (pen) Snna 59' (pen)  
283)  
(in Croatian)

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

11 February 2009

**Romania**  **1 – 2** **Croatia**   
Marica 22' Report (<http://www.w.sportnet.hr/Vijest.aspx?ID=372>) Rakitić 28'  
Kranjčar 75'  
407)  
(in Croatian)

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.<sup>[1]</sup>

6 September 2008

**Croatia**  **3 – 0** **Kazakhstan** 

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

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## 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 <sup>[a]</sup>
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 <sup>[b]</sup> (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.<sup>[2]</sup>

## 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	<b>60</b>	Promotion to Croatian First Football League
2	Karlovac (P)	30	18	5	7	50	24	+26	<b>59</b>	
3	Lokomotiva (P)	30	18	5	7	50	30	+20	<b>59</b>	
4	Slavonac CO <sup>[a]</sup> (R)	30	15	12	3	39	18	+21	<b>57</b>	Relegation to county leagues
5	Međimurje (P)	30	16	2	12	61	34	+27	<b>50</b>	Promotion to Croatian First Football League
6	Hrvatski Dragovoljac	30	13	10	7	38	36	+2	<b>49</b>	Qualification to promotion play-offs
7	Solin	30	14	5	11	37	31	+6	<b>47</b>	
8	Vinogradar	30	11	7	12	40	50	-10	<b>40</b>	
9	Imotski	30	10	4	16	31	45	-14	<b>34</b>	
10	Suhopolje	30	8	9	13	33	37	-4	<b>33</b>	
11	Segesta	30	8	9	13	33	47	-14	<b>33</b>	
12	Junak	30	9	6	15	35	51	-16	<b>33</b>	
13	Pomorac	30	9	5	16	29	45	-16	<b>32</b>	
14	Mosor	30	8	6	16	25	44	-19	<b>30</b>	
15	Moslavina	30	7	7	16	33	51	-18	<b>28</b>	
16	Trogir (R)	30	3	12	15	32	49	-17	<b>21</b>	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

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

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

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

## Division West

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

Source:

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

Notes:

a. 2 points deducted?

b. 2 points deducted?

## Honours

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<b>Competition</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Details</b>
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

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

**UEFA Cup - First round**

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

**UEFA Cup - Group stage**

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

**Slaven Belupo**

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

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34/index.html)

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

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

#### UEFA Cup - First round

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

## Hajduk Split

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

#### UEFA Cup - Second qualifying round

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

## Rijeka

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score <sup>[3]</sup>	Rijeka scorer(s)	Report
<b>Intertoto Cup - First round</b>					
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	<u>Croatia</u>  3 – 2 Ćorluka 7' Klasnić 11' Jelavić 90+1'	<u>Qatar</u>  Siddiq 45' Soria 69'	Rijeka, Croatia [show] Stadium: Kantrida Attendance: 5,000 Referee: <u>Cristian Balaj</u> (Romania)
14 November 2009 17:30 CET	<u>Croatia</u>  5 – 0 M. Bilić 1', 49' Srna 10' Eduardo 23', 47'	<u>Liechtenstein</u> 	Vinkovci, Croatia [show] Stadium: Stadion Cibalia Attendance: 10,000 Referee: <u>Mihaly Fabian</u> (Hungary)
3 March 2010 20:45 CET	<u>Belgium</u>  0 – 1 <a href="http://www.sportnet.hr/vijesti/392877/nogomet-reprezentacija/video-hrvatska-osvojila-i-bruxelles">Report (http://www.sportnet.hr/vijesti/392877/nogomet-reprezentacija/video-hrvatska-osvojila-i-bruxelles)</a> (in Croatian)	<u>Croatia</u>  Kranjčar 63'	Brussels, Belgium [show] Stadium: King Baudouin Stadium Referee: <u>Gianluca Rocchi</u> (Italy)
19 May 2010 20:30 CET	<u>Austria</u>  0 – 1 M. Bilić 86'	<u>Croatia</u> 	Klagenfurt, Austria [show] Stadium: Hypo-Arena Attendance: 15,000 Referee: <u>Kevin Blom</u> (Netherlands)
23 May 2010 19:00 CET	<u>Croatia</u>  2 – 0 Rakitić 45' Gabrić 82'	<u>Wales</u>  <a href="http://www.sportnet.hr/vijesti/397665/nogomet-reprezentacija">Report (http://www.sportnet.hr/vijesti/397665/nogomet-reprezentacija)</a>	Osijek, Croatia [show] Stadium: Gradski vrt Attendance: 15,000 Referee: <u>Slavko Vinčić</u> (Slovenia)

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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

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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

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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

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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

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## 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 <sup>[a]</sup>
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 <sup>[b]</sup>	
14	NK Zagreb <sup>[c]</sup>	30	9	6	15	43	49	-6	33 <sup>[b]</sup>	
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 <sup>[a]</sup>
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 <sup>[a]</sup>
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](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 <sup>[1]</sup>	Dinamo scorer(s)	Report
<b>2009–10 Champions League - Second qualifying round</b>					
14 July 2009	Republican, Yerevan (A)	 Pyunik	0–0		<a href="http://www.uefa.com/competition/s/ucl/fixturesresults/round=2000025/match=2000287/index.html">uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competition/s/ucl/fixturesresults/round=2000025/match=2000287/index.html)</a>
21 July 2009	Maksimir, Zagreb (H)	 Pyunik	3–0	Mandžukić, Badelj, Lovren	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/competition/s/ucl/fixturesresults/round=2000025/match=2000304/index.html">uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competition/s/ucl/fixturesresults/round=2000025/match=2000304/index.html)</a>
<b>2009–10 Champions League - Third qualifying round</b>					
29 July 2009	Red Bull Arena, Salzburg (A)	 Red Bull Salzburg	1–1	Mandžukić	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/competition/s/ucl/fixturesresults/round=2000026/match=2000314/index.html">uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competition/s/ucl/fixturesresults/round=2000026/match=2000314/index.html)</a>
4 Aug 2009	Maksimir, Zagreb (H)	 Red Bull Salzburg	1–2	Papadopoulos	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/competition/s/ucl/fixturesresults/round=2000026/match=2000329/index.html">uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competition/s/ucl/fixturesresults/round=2000026/match=2000329/index.html)</a>
<b>2009–10 Europa League - Play-off round</b>					
20 Aug 2009	Maksimir, Zagreb (H)	 Hearts	4–0	Mandžukić, Papadopoulos, Vrdoljak, Bišćan	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/competition/s/uefacup/fixturesresults/round=2000036/match=2000690/index.html">uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competition/s/uefacup/fixturesresults/round=2000036/match=2000690/index.html)</a>
27 Aug 2009	Tynecastle, Edinburgh (A)	 Hearts	0–2		<a href="http://www.uefa.com/competition/s/uefacup/fixturesresults/round=2000036/match=2000727/index.html">uefa.com (http://www.uefa.com/competition/s/uefacup/fixturesresults/round=2000036/match=2000727/index.html)</a>
<b>2009–10 Europa League - Group stage</b>					

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

## Slaven Belupo

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

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

#### Europa League - Third qualifying round

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

## Rijeka

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

## Hajduk Split

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

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  2. The score of the Croatian team is shown first.
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### 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

### Croatia national team

UEFA Euro 2012 qualifying

The following article presents a summary of the **2010–11 football (soccer) season in Croatia**, which was the 20th season of competitive football in the country.

## National teams

### Croatia

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

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

## Croatia U21

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

	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 ( <a href="http://www.hns-cff.hr/?ln=en&amp;w=statistike&amp;d=utakmica&amp;p1=-1&amp;id=129074">http://www.hns-cff.hr/?ln=en&amp;w=statistike&amp;d=utakmica&amp;p1=-1&amp;id=129074</a> )

## Croatia U19

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

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

## Croatia U17

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

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

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

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 <sup>[a]</sup>
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 <sup>[b]</sup>

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

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

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

### 2010–11 Europa League – Group stage

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

### **Hajduk Split**

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

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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 ( <a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/matches/season=2011/round=2000126/match=2002807/index.html">http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/matches/season=2011/round=2000126/match=2002807/index.html</a> )
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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 ( <a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/matches/season=2011/round=2000127/match=2003062/index.html">http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/matches/season=2011/round=2000127/match=2003062/index.html</a> )
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 ( <a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/matches/season=2011/round=2000127/match=2003099/index.html">http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/matches/season=2011/round=2000127/match=2003099/index.html</a> )

### 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 ( <a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/matches/season=2011/round=2000128/match=2002926/index.html">http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/matches/season=2011/round=2000128/match=2002926/index.html</a> )
30 Sep 2010	<u>Poljud, Split</u> (H)	 <u>Anderlecht</u>	1–0	<u>Vukušić</u>	UEFA.com ( <a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/matches/season=2011/round=2000128/match=2002949/index.html">http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/matches/season=2011/round=2000128/match=2002949/index.html</a> )
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 ( <a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/matches/season=2011/round=2000128/match=2002973/index.html">http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/matches/season=2011/round=2000128/match=2002973/index.html</a> )
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 ( <a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/matches/season=2011/round=2000128/match=2002997/index.html">http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/matches/season=2011/round=2000128/match=2002997/index.html</a> )
1 Dec 2010	<u>Poljud, Split</u> (H)	 <u>AEK</u> <u>Athens</u>	1–3	<u>J. Buljat</u>	UEFA.com ( <a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/matches/season=2011/round=2000128/match=2003022/index.html">http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/matches/season=2011/round=2000128/match=2003022/index.html</a> )
15 Dec 2010	<u>Constant</u> <u>Vanden Stock,</u> <u>Brussels</u> (A)	 <u>Anderlecht</u>	0–2		UEFA.com ( <a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/matches/season=2011/round=2000128/match=2003033/index.html">http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/matches/season=2011/round=2000128/match=2003033/index.html</a> )

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

## Cibalia

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

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1. Dinamo score is shown first.

# 2011–12 in Croatian football

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

The following article presents a summary of the **2011–12 football season in Croatia**, which was the 21st season of competitive football in the country.

## National teams

### Croatia

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

### UEFA Euro 2012 qualifying play-offs

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

### Croatia U21

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
<b>2013 UEFA European Under-21 Football Championship qualification – Group stage</b>					
3 June 2011	Hrvatski vitezovi, Dugopolje (H)	 Georgia	0–1		<a href="http://www.uefa.com/under21/matches/seas on=2013/round=2000192/match=2006877/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uef a.com/under21/matches/s eason=2013/round=20001 92/match=2006877/index. html)</a>
5 September 2011	Stade Tourbillon, Sion (A)	 Switzerland	0–4		<a href="http://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2013/matches/round=2000192/match=2006874/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uef a.com/under21/season=2 013/matches/round=2000 192/match=2006874/inde x.html)</a>
6 October 2011	Stadion Gradski vrt, Osijek (H)	 Spain	0–2		<a href="http://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2013/matches/round=2000192/match=2006881/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uef a.com/under21/season=2 013/matches/round=2000 192/match=2006881/inde x.html)</a>
10 October 2011	Tamme Stadium, Tartu (A)	 Estonia	1–0	Vukušić	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2013/matches/round=2000192/match=2006888/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uef a.com/under21/season=2 013/matches/round=2000 192/match=2006888/inde x.html)</a>
14 November 2011	Stadion Aldo Drosina, Pula (H)	 Estonia	4–0	Čop, Vukušić (2) Ademi	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2013/matches/round=2000192/match=2006878/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uef a.com/under21/season=2 013/matches/round=2000 192/match=2006878/inde x.html)</a>

### Croatia U20

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

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

## Croatia U19

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

## Croatia U17

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

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

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.<sup>[1][2]</sup>

## 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 <sup>[a]</sup> (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](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

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

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

## Hajduk Split

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

## 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	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2012/matches/round=2000269/match=2007072/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2012/matches/round=2000269/match=2007072/index.html)</a>
21 July 2011	Stadion Hrvatski vitezovi, Dugopolje (H)	 Domžale	3–1	Čop, Vidić, Milović	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2012/matches/round=2000269/match=2007112/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2012/matches/round=2000269/match=2007112/index.html)</a>

### 2011–12 Europa League – Third qualifying round

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

## Varaždin

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

## 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 ( <a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/seas...">http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/seas...</a> )
4 August 2011	<u>Stadion Varteks, Varaždin (H)</u>	 <u>Dinamo Bucureşti</u>	1–2	<u>Golubar</u>	UEFA.com ( <a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/seas...">http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/seas...</a> )

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

					<a href="https://web.archive.org/web/20174/match=300182210/index.html">74/match=300182210/index.html</a>
16 October 2012	<u>Stadion Gradske vrt, Osijek (H)</u>	 <u>Wales</u>	2–0	<u>Mandžukić, Eduardo</u>	<a href="https://web.archive.org/web/2012101208/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/preliminaries/europe/matches/round=258374/match=300182207/index.html">FIFA.com (<a href="https://web.archive.org/web/2012101208/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/preliminaries/europe/matches/round=258374/match=300182207/index.html">https://web.archive.org/web/2012101208/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/preliminaries/europe/matches/round=258374/match=300182207/index.html</a>)</a>
22 March 2013	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb (H)</u>	 <u>Serbia</u>	2–0	<u>Mandžukić, Olić</u>	<a href="https://web.archive.org/web/20130323010118/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/preliminaries/europe/matches/round=258374/match=300182209/index.html">FIFA.com (<a href="https://web.archive.org/web/20130323010118/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/preliminaries/europe/matches/round=258374/match=300182209/index.html">https://web.archive.org/web/20130323010118/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/preliminaries/europe/matches/round=258374/match=300182209/index.html</a>)</a>
26 March 2013	<u>Liberty Stadium, Swansea (A)</u>	 <u>Wales</u>	2–1	<u>Lovren, Eduardo</u>	<a href="https://web.archive.org/web/20130326023441/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/preliminaries/europe/matches/round=258374/match=300182188/index.html">FIFA.com (<a href="https://web.archive.org/web/20130326023441/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/preliminaries/europe/matches/round=258374/match=300182188/index.html">https://web.archive.org/web/20130326023441/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/preliminaries/europe/matches/round=258374/match=300182188/index.html</a>)</a>
7 June 2013	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb (H)</u>	 <u>Scotland</u>	0–1		<a href="https://web.archive.org/web/20130609235025/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/preliminaries/europe/matches/round=258374/match=300182186/index.html">FIFA.com (<a href="https://web.archive.org/web/20130609235025/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/preliminaries/europe/matches/round=258374/match=300182186/index.html">https://web.archive.org/web/20130609235025/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/preliminaries/europe/matches/round=258374/match=300182186/index.html</a>)</a>

## Croatia U21

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
<b>Friendly matches</b>					
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		
<b>2013 UEFA European Under-21 Football Championship qualification - Group stage</b>					
15 August 2012	<u>Mikheil Meskhi Stadium, Tbilisi (A)</u>	 <u>Georgia</u>	1–1	<u>Kramarić</u>	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/under21/seasong=2013/matches/rou">UEFA.com (<a href="http://www.uefa.com/under21/seasong=2013/matches/rou">http://www.uefa.com/under21/seasong=2013/matches/rou</a>)</a>

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

## Croatia U20

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

## Croatia U19

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

## Croatia U17

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
<b>Friendly matches</b>					
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	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2013/matches/round=2000313/match=2009206/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2013/matches/round=2000313/match=2009206/index.html)</a>
16 October 2012	Stadion Hrvatski vitezovi, Dugopolje (H)	Kazakhstan	2–0	Mamić, Bašić	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2013/matches/round=2000313/match=2009232/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2013/matches/round=2000313/match=2009232/index.html)</a>
19 October 2012	Stadion Gospin dolac, Imotski (H)	Turkey	4–3	Murić, Fiolić, Roguljić, Krešić	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2013/matches/round=2000313/match=2009257/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2013/matches/round=2000313/match=2009257/index.html)</a>

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

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

## 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	<b>77</b>	Qualification to Champions League second qualifying round
2	<u>Lokomotiva</u>	33	16	9	8	54	38	+16	<b>57</b>	Qualification to Europa League second qualifying round <sup>[a]</sup>
3	<u>Rijeka</u>	33	15	8	10	46	42	+4	<b>53</b>	
4	<u>Hajduk Split</u>	33	14	10	9	45	31	+14	<b>52</b>	
5	<u>RNK Split</u>	33	15	7	11	49	37	+12	<b>52</b>	
6	<u>Istra 1961</u>	33	11	11	11	35	32	+3	<b>44</b>	Relegation to Croatian Second Football League
7	<u>Osijek</u>	33	9	12	12	25	33	-8	<b>39</b>	
8	<u>Slaven Belupo</u>	33	10	9	14	35	50	-15	<b>39</b>	
9	<u>Zadar</u>	33	9	9	15	39	61	-22	<b>36</b>	
10	<u>Inter Zaprešić (R)</u>	33	8	11	14	36	41	-5	<b>35</b>	
11	<u>Cibalia (R)</u>	33	9	5	19	29	44	-15	<b>32</b>	
12	<u>NK Zagreb (R)</u>	33	7	6	20	28	60	-32	<b>27</b>	

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 <sup>[a]</sup>	30	14	8	8	47	30	+17	48	
4	Šibenik <sup>[b]</sup> (R)	30	13	10	7	42	31	+11	48	Relegation to Croatian Third Football League <sup>[c]</sup>
5	Vinogradar (R)	30	14	6	10	43	39	+4	48	Relegation to County Football League <sup>[d]</sup>
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.

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

[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)	 <a href="#">Maribor</a>	1–0	Tonel	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2013/matches/round=2000346/match=2009482/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2013/matches/round=2000346/match=2009482/index.html)</a>
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### 2012–13 Champions League - Group stage

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

## Hajduk Split

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

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

### 2012–13 Europa League - Third qualifying round

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

## Slaven Belupo

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Slaven scorer(s)	Report
<b>2012–13 Europa League - Second qualifying round</b>					
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)	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2013/matches/round=2000353/match=2009707/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2013/matches/round=2000353/match=2009707/index.html)</a>
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)	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2013/matches/round=2000353/match=2009747/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2013/matches/round=2000353/match=2009747/index.html)</a>

### 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>	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2013/matches/round=2000354/match=2009786/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2013/matches/round=2000354/match=2009786/index.html)</a>
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>	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2013/matches/round=2000354/match=2009815/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2013/matches/round=2000354/match=2009815/index.html)</a>

## Osijek

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

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# 2013–14 in Croatian football

## Football in Croatia

Season	2013–14
<b>Men's football</b>	
<a href="#">Prva HNL</a>	<a href="#">Dinamo Zagreb</a>
<a href="#">Druga HNL</a>	<a href="#">NK Zagreb</a>
<a href="#">Croatian Cup</a>	<a href="#">Rijeka</a>
<a href="#">Supercup</a>	<a href="#">Dinamo Zagreb</a>
	

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

<http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/round=258374/match=300182187/index.html#nosticky>)

### 2014 FIFA World Cup qualification - Playoff

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

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

## Croatia U21

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

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
<b>2014 UEFA European Under-19 Football Championship qualifying round</b>					
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
<b>2014 UEFA European Under-17 Football Championship qualifying round</b>					
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
<b>2013–14 Champions League - Second qualifying round</b>					
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	
<b>2013–14 Champions League - Third qualifying round</b>					
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	
<b>2013–14 Champions League - Play-off round</b>					
21 August 2013	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb (H)	 Austria Wien	0–2		
27 August 2013	Generali Arena (A)	 Austria Wien	3–2	Brozović, Fernandes, Bećiraj	
<b>2013–14 Europa League - Group stage</b>					

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

## Hajduk Split

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

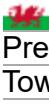
### 2013–14 Europa League - Third qualifying round

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

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

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

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# 2014–15 in Croatian football

## Football in Croatia

Season	2014–15
<b>Men's football</b>	
<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
<b>UEFA Euro 2016 qualifying - Group stage</b>					
9 September 2014	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</u>	 <u>Malta</u>	2–0	<u>Modrić, Kramarić</u>	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro/season=2016/matches/round=2000446/match=2013838/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro/season=2016/matches/round=2000446/match=2013838/index.html)</a>
10 October 2014	<u>Vasil Levski National Stadium, Sofia</u>	 <u>Bulgaria</u>	1–0	<u>Bodurov (o.g.)</u>	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro/season=2016/matches/round=2000446/match=2013855/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro/season=2016/matches/round=2000446/match=2013855/index.html)</a>
13 October 2014	<u>Stadion Gradski vrt, Osijek</u>	 <u>Azerbaijan</u>	6–0	<u>Kramarić, Perišić (2), Brozović, Modrić, Sadygov (o.g.)</u>	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro/season=2016/matches/round=2000446/match=2013880/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro/season=2016/matches/round=2000446/match=2013880/index.html)</a>
16 November 2014	<u>San Siro, Milan</u>	 <u>Italy</u>	1–1	<u>Perišić</u>	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro/season=2016/matches/round=2000446/match=2013916/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro/season=2016/matches/round=2000446/match=2013916/index.html)</a>
28 March 2015	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</u>	 <u>Norway</u>	5–1	<u>Brozović, Perišić, Olić, Schildenfeld, Pranjić</u>	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro/season=2016/matches/round=2000446/match=2013946/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro/season=2016/matches/round=2000446/match=2013946/index.html)</a>

atches/round=2000446/match=2013934/index.html)

12 June 2015	<u>Stadion Poljud, Split</u>	 Italy	1–1	Mandžukić	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro/season=2016/matches/round=2000446/match=2013950/index.html">UEFA.com</a>
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#### Friendly fixtures

4 September 2014	<u>Stadion Aldo Drosina, Pula</u>	 Cyprus	2–0	Mandžukić (2)	<a href="http://hns-cff.hr/en/matches/255578/hrvatska-cipar-20/">HNS-CFF.hr</a>
12 November 2014	<u>Boleyn Ground, London</u>	 Argentina	1–2	Sharbini	<a href="http://hns-cff.hr/en/matches/270115/argentina-croatia-21/">HNS-CFF.hr</a>
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
<b>2015 UEFA European Under-21 Championship qualification - Group stage</b>					
3 September 2014	<u>Zemgales Olympic Centre, Jelgava</u>	 Latvia	3–1	Bagarić, Rebić, Župarić	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2015/matches/round=2000412/match=2011483/index.html">UEFA.com</a>

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

10 October 2014	<u>Molineux Stadium, Wolverhampton</u>	 England	1–2	Livaja	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2015/matches/round=2000412/match=2011483/index.html">UEFA.com</a>
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14 October 2014	<u>Stadion HNK Cibalia, Vinkovci</u>	England	1–2	<u>Livaja</u>	<a href="http://UEFA.com/(http://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2015/matches/round=2000413/match=2015236/index.html)">UEFA.com</a> ( <a href="http://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2015/matches/round=2000413/match=2015236/index.html">http://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2015/matches/round=2000413/match=2015236/index.html</a> )
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### Friendly fixtures

13 August 2014	<u>Gradski stadion, Sinj</u>	Montenegro	0–0		<a href="http://HNS-CFF.hr/(http://hns-cff.hr/en/matches/242734/croatia-montenegro-00/)" style="text-decoration: none;">HNS-CFF.hr</a> ( <a href="http://hns-cff.hr/en/matches/242734/croatia-montenegro-00/">http://hns-cff.hr/en/matches/242734/croatia-montenegro-00/</a> )
13 November 2014	<u>Stadion Šubićevac, Šibenik</u>	Norway	3–0	<u>Pašalić, Ćaleta-Car, Šimunović</u>	<a href="http://HNS-CFF.hr/(http://hns-cff.hr/en/matches/241165/croatia-norway-30/)" style="text-decoration: none;">HNS-CFF.hr</a> ( <a href="http://hns-cff.hr/en/matches/241165/croatia-norway-30/">http://hns-cff.hr/en/matches/241165/croatia-norway-30/</a> )
26 March 2015	<u>Stadion Sv. Josip Radnik, Sesvete</u>	Montenegro	3–1	<u>Perić, Mišić, Krovinović</u>	<a href="http://HNS-CFF.hr/(http://hns-cff.hr/en/matches/270439/croatia-montenegro-31/)" style="text-decoration: none;">HNS-CFF.hr</a> ( <a href="http://hns-cff.hr/en/matches/270439/croatia-montenegro-31/">http://hns-cff.hr/en/matches/270439/croatia-montenegro-31/</a> )
30 March 2015	<u>Peristeri Stadium, Athens</u>	Greece	2–0	<u>Rog, Pašalić</u>	<a href="http://HNS-CFF.hr/(http://hns-cff.hr/en/matches/270501/greece-croatia-02/)" style="text-decoration: none;">HNS-CFF.hr</a> ( <a href="http://hns-cff.hr/en/matches/270501/greece-croatia-02/">http://hns-cff.hr/en/matches/270501/greece-croatia-02/</a> )

## Croatia U19

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
<b>2015 UEFA European Under-19 Championship qualification - Qualifying round</b>					
7 October 2014	<u>Gradski stadion, Sinj</u>	Estonia	1–0	<u>Roguljić</u>	<a href="http://UEFA.com/(http://www.uefa.com/under19/season=2015/matches/round=2000513/match=20135)" style="text-decoration: none;">UEFA.com</a> ( <a href="http://www.uefa.com/under19/season=2015/matches/round=2000513/match=20135">http://www.uefa.com/under19/season=2015/matches/round=2000513/match=20135</a> )

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

**2015 UEFA European Under-19 Championship qualification - Elite round**

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

**Friendly fixtures**

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

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

### 2015 UEFA European Under-17 Championship qualification - Elite round

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

### 2015 UEFA European Under-17 Championship - Group stage

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

### 2015 UEFA European Under-17 Championship - Knockout stage

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

### Friendly fixtures

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

## League tables

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### 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 <sup>[a]</sup>	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	<b>32</b>	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	<b>58</b>	Promotion to Croatian First Football League
2	Sesvete	30	15	8	7	53	30	+23	<b>53</b>	Qualification to promotion play-off
3	Gorica	30	13	12	5	46	26	+20	<b>51</b>	
4	Rudeš	30	10	12	8	36	28	+8	<b>42</b>	
5	Imotski	30	9	11	10	31	38	-7	<b>38</b>	
6	Cibalia	30	10	8	12	36	44	-8	<b>38</b>	
7	Dugopolje	30	7	13	10	27	32	-5	<b>34</b>	
8	Segesta	30	9	7	14	31	42	-11	<b>34</b>	
9	Lučko	30	8	9	13	24	35	-11	<b>33</b>	
10	Hrvatski Dragovoljac	30	8	9	13	30	42	-12	<b>33</b>	
11	Bistra (R)	30	5	12	13	18	38	-20	<b>27</b>	Relegation to Croatian Third Football League <sup>[a]</sup>
12	Pomorac (D, R)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	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
<b>2014–15 Champions League - Second qualifying round</b>					
15 July 2014	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</u>	 Žalgiris Vilnius	2–0	Soudani, Antolić	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000545/match=2014146/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000545/match=2014146/index.html)</a>
22 July 2014	<u>LFF Stadium, Vilnius</u>	 Žalgiris Vilnius	2–0	Soudani, Šimunić	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000545/match=2014163/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000545/match=2014163/index.html)</a>

### 2014–15 Champions League - Third qualifying round

30 July 2014	<u>Nordjyske Arena, Aalborg</u>	 AaB	1–0	Brozović	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000546/match=20">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000546/match=20)</a>
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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)
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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	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000587/match=2014486/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000587/match=2014486/index.html)</a>
6 November 2014	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb	 Red Bull Salzburg	1–5	Henríquez	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000587/match=2014510/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000587/match=2014510/index.html)</a>
27 November 2014	Stadionul Marin Anastasovici, Giurgiu	 Astra Giurgiu	0–1		<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000587/match=2014534/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000587/match=2014534/index.html)</a>
11 December 2014	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb	 Celtic	4–3	Pjaca (3), Brozović	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000587/match=2014558/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000587/match=2014558/index.html)</a>

## Rijeka

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

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

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

21 August 2014	Stadion Kantrida, Rijeka	 Sheriff Tiraspol	1–0	Leovac	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000586/match=2015145/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000586/match=2015145/index.html)</a>
28 August 2014	Sheriff Stadium, Tiraspol	 Sheriff Tiraspol	3–0	Ligger (o.g.), Kramarić, Moisés	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000586/match=2015146/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000586/match=2015146/index.html)</a>

### 2014–15 Europa League - Group stage

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

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

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

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7 August 2014	<u>Stadion Poljud, Split</u>	 <u>Shakhter Karagandy</u>	3–0	<u>Sušić, Maglica, Gotal</u>	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000585/match=2015004/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000585/match=2015004/index.html)</a>
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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>	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000586/match=2015123/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000586/match=2015123/index.html)</a>
28 August 2014	<u>Stadion Poljud, Split</u>	 <u>Dnipro Dnipropetrovsk</u>	0–0		<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000586/match=2015154/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000586/match=2015154/index.html)</a>

## 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>	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000583/match=2014649/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000583/match=2014649/index.html)</a>

10 July 2014	Mika Stadium, Yerevan	 Mika	1–1	Bilić	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000583/match=2014688/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000583/match=2014688/index.html)</a>
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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	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000584/match=2014719/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000584/match=2014719/index.html)</a>
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24 July 2014	GSZ Stadium, Larnaca	 Hapoel Be'er Sheva	0–0		<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000584/match=2014759/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000584/match=2014759/index.html)</a>
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#### 2014–15 Europa League - Third qualifying round

31 July 2014	Stadion Park Mladeži, Split	 Chornomorets Odesa	2–0	Rog, Belle	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000585/match=2014948/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000585/match=2014948/index.html)</a>
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7 August 2014	Chornomorets Stadium, Odesa	 Chornomorets Odesa	0–0		<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000585/match=2014949/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000585/match=2014949/index.html)</a>
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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		<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000586/match=2015130/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000586/match=2015130/index.html)</a>
28 August 2014	<u>Stadio Olimpico di Torino, Turin</u>	 <u>Torino</u>	0–1		<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000586/match=2015161/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2015/matches/round=2000586/match=2015161/index.html)</a>

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# 2015–16 in Croatian football

## Football in Croatia

Season	2015–16
<b>Men's football</b>	
<a href="#">Prva HNL</a>	Dinamo Zagreb
<a href="#">Druga HNL</a>	Cibalia
<a href="#">Treća HNL</a>	<a href="#">Novigrad (West)</a> <a href="#">Solin (South)</a> <a href="#">Međimurje (East)</a>
<a href="#">Croatian Cup</a>	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
<b>UEFA Euro 2016 qualifying - Group stage</b>					
3 September 2015	Tofiq Bahramov Stadium, Baku	 Azerbaijan	0–0		<a href="http://uefa.com/uefaeuro/qualifiers/season=2016/matches/group=2000446/match=2013976/index.html">UEFA.com (http://uefa.com/uefaeuro/qualifiers/season=2016/matches/group=2000446/match=2013976/index.html)</a>
6 September 2015	Ullevaal Stadion, Oslo	 Norway	0–2		<a href="http://uefa.com/uefaeuro/qualifiers/season=2016/matches/group=2000446/match=2014003/index.html">UEFA.com (http://uefa.com/uefaeuro/qualifiers/season=2016/matches/group=2000446/match=2014003/index.html)</a>
10 October 2015	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb	 Bulgaria	3–0	Perišić, Rakitić, Kalinić	<a href="http://uefa.com/uefaeuro/qualifiers/season=2016/matches/group=2000446/match=2014047/index.html">UEFA.com (http://uefa.com/uefaeuro/qualifiers/season=2016/matches/group=2000446/match=2014047/index.html)</a>
13 October 2015	Ta' Qali National Stadium, Ta' Qali	 Malta	1–0	Perišić	<a href="http://uefa.com/uefaeuro/qualifiers/season=2016/matches/group=2000446/match=2014047/index.html">UEFA.com (http://uefa.com/uefaeuro/qualifiers/season=2016/matches/group=2000446/match=2014047/index.html)</a>
<b>Friendly fixtures</b>					
17 November 2015	Olimp-2, Rostov on Don	 Russia	3–1	Kalinić, Brozović, Mandžukić	<a href="http://hns-cff.hr/en/matches/302492/russia-croatia-13/">HNS-CFF.hr (http://hns-cff.hr/en/matches/302492/russia-croatia-13/)</a>
23 March 2016	Stadion Gradski vrt, Osijek	 Israel	2–0	Perišić, Brozović	<a href="http://hns-cff.hr/en/matches/303879/croatia-israel-2-0/">HNS-CFF.hr (http://hns-cff.hr/en/matches/303879/croatia-israel-2-0/)</a>

26 March 2016	<u>Groupama Arena, Budapest</u>	 Hungary	1–1	Mandžukić	HNS-CFF.hr ( <a href="http://hns-cff.hr/en/matches/303824/hungary-croatia-1-1/">http://hns-cff.hr/en/matches/303824/hungary-croatia-1-1/</a> )
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
<b>2017 UEFA European Under-21 Championship qualification - Group stage</b>					
3 September 2015	<u>Gradski stadion, Koprivnica</u>	 Georgia	1–0	Milić	UEFA.com ( <a href="http://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2017/matches/round=200649/match=2016250/index.html">http://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2017/matches/round=200649/match=2016250/index.html</a> )
7 September 2015	<u>Tamme Stadium, Tartu</u>	 Estonia	4–0	Milić, Pašalić (2), Radošević	UEFA.com ( <a href="http://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2017/matches/round=200649/match=2016261/index.html">http://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2017/matches/round=200649/match=2016261/index.html</a> )
7 October 2015	<u>San Marino Stadium, Serravalle</u>	 San Marino	3–0	Marić (2), Pašalić	UEFA.com ( <a href="http://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2017/matches/round=200649/match=2016266/index.html">http://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2017/matches/round=200649/match=2016266/index.html</a> )
11 November 2015	<u>Stadion Šubićevac, Šibenik</u>	 San Marino	4–0	Halilović, Milić, Perić, Pjaca	UEFA.com ( <a href="http://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2017/matches/round=200649/match=2016267/index.html">http://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2017/matches/round=200649/match=2016267/index.html</a> )
17 November 2015	<u>Stadion Rujevica, Rijeka</u>	 Spain	2–3	Pašalić, Radošević	UEFA.com ( <a href="http://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2017/matches/round=200649/match=2016254/index.html">http://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2017/matches/round=200649/match=2016254/index.html</a> )
24 March 2016	<u>Estadio El Plantío, Burgos</u>	 Spain	3–0	Ćaleta-Car, Perica (2)	UEFA.com ( <a href="http://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2017/matches/round=200649/match=2016250/index.html">http://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2017/matches/round=200649/match=2016250/index.html</a> )

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

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

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

#### 2016 UEFA European Under-19 Championship qualification - Elite round

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

## Croatia U17

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

## 2015–16 U17 European Championship

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

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1 November 2015	<u>Estadio Municipal Nelson Oyarzún Arenas, Chillán</u>	Mali	0–1		<a href="https://web.archive.org/web/20160305123231/http://www.fifa.com/u17worldcup/matches/round=271779/match=300298380/report.html">FIFA.com (https://web.archive.org/web/20160305123231/http://www.fifa.com/u17worldcup/matches/round=271779/match=300298380/report.html)</a>
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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)	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2016/matches/round=200596/match=2015893/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2016/matches/round=200596/match=2015893/index.html)</a>
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28 October 2015	<u>Sportplatz Rheinau, Balzers</u>	Liechtenstein	2–0	Vujčić, Čuže	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2016/matches/round=200596/match=2015919/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2016/matches/round=200596/match=2015919/index.html)</a>
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31 October 2015	<u>Sportplatz Rheinau, Balzers</u>	Czech Republic	2–2	Špikić, Kulenović	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2016/matches/round=200596/match=2015945/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2016/matches/round=200596/match=2015945/index.html)</a>
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#### 2016 UEFA European Under-17 Championship qualification - Elite round

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

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

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## League tables

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### 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	<b>85</b>	Qualification for the <u>Champions League second qualifying round</u> <sup>[a]</sup>
2	<u>Rijeka</u>	36	21	14	1	56	20	+36	<b>77</b>	Qualification for the <u>Europa League third qualifying round</u>
3	<u>Hajduk Split</u>	36	17	10	9	46	28	+18	<b>61</b>	Qualification for the <u>Europa League second qualifying round</u>
4	<u>Lokomotiva</u>	36	16	4	16	56	53	+3	<b>52</b>	Qualification for the <u>Europa League first qualifying round</u>
5	<u>Inter Zaprešić</u>	36	11	14	11	39	48	-9	<b>47</b>	
6	<u>RNK Split</u>	36	10	16	10	28	29	-1	<b>46</b>	
7	<u>Slaven Belupo</u>	36	10	12	14	41	42	-1	<b>42</b>	
8	<u>Osijek</u>	36	7	13	16	27	49	-22	<b>34</b>	
9	<u>Istra 1961 (O)</u>	36	4	12	20	23	58	-35	<b>24</b>	Qualification for the <u>relegation play-off</u>
10	<u>NK Zagreb (R)</u>	36	3	8	25	27	64	-37	<b>17</b>	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).<sup>[1]</sup>

**(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	<b>70</b>	Promotion to the <u>Croatian First Football League</u>
2	<u>Šibenik</u>	33	20	9	4	54	21	+33	<b>69</b>	Qualification to the promotion play-off
3	<u>Sesvete</u>	33	15	7	11	56	40	+16	<b>52</b>	
4	<u>Gorica</u>	33	13	8	12	40	40	0	<b>47</b>	
5	<u>Rudeš</u>	33	11	10	12	47	44	+3	<b>43</b>	
6	<u>Dinamo Zagreb II</u>	33	11	10	12	34	37	-3	<b>43</b>	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	<b>40</b>	
8	<u>Lučko</u>	33	11	7	15	40	47	-7	<b>40</b>	
9	<u>Imotski</u>	33	11	7	15	40	50	-10	<b>40</b>	
10	<u>Hrvatski Dragovoljac</u>	33	11	7	15	29	39	-10	<b>40</b>	
11	<u>Segesta (R)</u>	33	10	8	15	44	54	-10	<b>38</b>	
12	<u>Zadar (R)</u>	33	5	8	20	30	73	-43	<b>23</b>	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
<b>2015–16 Champions League - Second qualifying round</b>					
15 July 2015	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</u>	 <u>Fola Esch</u>	1–1	<u>Henríquez</u>	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/hhttp://www.uefac.com/uefacampionsleague/season=2016/matches/round=2000631/match=2015595/index.html">UEFA.com (hhttp://www.uefac.com/uefacampionsleague/season=2016/matches/round=2000631/match=2015595/index.html)</a>
22 July 2015	<u>Stade Émile Mayrisch, Esch-sur-Alzette</u>	 <u>Fola Esch</u>	3–0	<u>Pjaca (2), Rog</u>	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/hhttp://www.uefac.com/uefac">UEFA.com (hhttp://www.uefac.com/uefac)</a>

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### 2015–16 Champions League - Third qualifying round

28 July 2015	<a href="#">Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</a>	 <a href="#">Molde</a>	1–1	<a href="#">Henríquez</a>	<a href="#">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2016/matches/round=200632/match=2015622/index.html)</a>
4 August 2015	<a href="#">Aker Stadion, Molde</a>	 <a href="#">Molde</a>	3–3	<a href="#">Pjaca</a> , <a href="#">Ademi</a> , <a href="#">Rog</a>	<a href="#">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2016/matches/round=200632/match=2015637/index.html)</a>

### 2015–16 Champions League - Play-off round

19 August 2015	<a href="#">Elbasan Arena, Elbasan</a>	 <a href="#">Skënderbeu Korçë</a>	2–1	<a href="#">Soudani</a> , <a href="#">Pivarić</a>	<a href="#">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2016/matches/round=200633/match=2015646/index.html)</a>
25 August 2015	<a href="#">Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</a>	 <a href="#">Skënderbeu Korçë</a>	4–1	<a href="#">Soudani</a> (2), <a href="#">Taravel</a> , <a href="#">Hodžić</a>	<a href="#">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2016/matches/round=200633/match=2015661/index.html)</a>

### 2015–16 Champions League - Group stage

16 September 2015	<a href="#">Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</a>	 <a href="#">Arsenal</a>	2–1	<a href="#">Pivarić</a> , <a href="#">Fernandes</a>	<a href="#">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2016/matches/round=200634/match=2015675/index.html)</a>
29 September 2015	<a href="#">Allianz Arena, Munich</a>	 <a href="#">Bayern Munich</a>	0–5		<a href="#">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2016/matches/round=200635/match=2015686/index.html)</a>

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

## Rijeka

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

## Hajduk Split

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

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

#### Lokomotiva

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

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

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

## Dinamo Zagreb U19

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

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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>	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefa/youthleague/season=2016/matches/round=2000700/match=2019563/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefa/youthleague/season=2016/matches/round=2000700/match=2019563/index.html)</a>
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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
<b>Men's football</b>	
<a href="#">Prva HNL</a>	<a href="#">Rijeka</a>
<a href="#">Druga HNL</a>	<a href="#">Rudeš</a>
<a href="#">Treća HNL</a>	<a href="#">Vinogradar (West)</a> <a href="#">Hajduk Split II</a> (South) <a href="#">Međimurje (East)</a>
<a href="#">Croatian Cup</a>	<a href="#">Rijeka</a>

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
<b>UEFA Euro 2016 - Group stage</b>					
12 June 2016	<u>Parc des Princes, Paris</u>	 Turkey	1–0	Modrić	<a href="http://www.efa.com/uefa/euro/season=2016/matches/round=200448/match=2017884/index.html">UEFA.com</a>
17 June 2016	<u>Stade Geoffroy-Guichard, Saint-Étienne</u>	 Czech Republic	2–2	Perišić, Rakitić	<a href="http://www.efa.com/uefa/euro/season=2016/matches/round=200448/match=2017892/index.html">UEFA.com</a>
21 June 2016	<u>Nouveau Stade de Bordeaux, Bordeaux</u>	 Spain	2–1	Kalinić, Perišić	<a href="http://www.efa.com/uefa/euro/season=2016/matches/round=200448/match=2017899/index.html">UEFA.com</a>
<b>UEFA Euro 2016 - Knockout stage</b>					
25 June 2016	<u>Stade Bollaert-Delelis, Lens</u>	 Portugal	0–1 (a.e.t.)		<a href="http://www.efa.com/uefa/euro/season=2016/matches/round=200744/match=2017998/index.html">UEFA.com</a>
<b>2018 FIFA World Cup qualification - Group stage</b>					
5 September 2016	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</u>	 Turkey	1–1	Rakitić	<a href="http://www.efa.com/worldcup/season=2018/matches/round=200717/match=2017856/index.html">UEFA.com</a>
6 October 2016	<u>Loro Borici Stadium, Shkodër</u>	 Kosovo	6–0	Mandžukić (3), Mitrović, Perišić, Kalinić	<a href="http://www.efa.com/worldcup/season=2018/matches/round=200717/match=2017856/index.html">UEFA.com</a>

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

**Friendly fixtures**

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

[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	<a href="http://www.hns-cff.hr/en/news/16353/persistent-croatia-overcomes-mexico-cop-and-tudor-score-victory/">HNS-CFF.hr (http://hns-cff.hr/en/news/16353/persistent-croatia-overcomes-mexico-cop-and-tudor-score-victory/)</a>
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## Croatia U21

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

## Croatia U19

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

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18 July 2016	<u>Voith-Arena, Heidenheim</u>	 England	1–2	Moro	<a href="http://www.efa.com/under19/season=2016/matches/round=2000598/match=2019799/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.efa.com/under19/season=2016/matches/round=2000598/match=2019799/index.html)</a>
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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	<a href="http://www.efa.com/under19/season=2017/matches/round=2000775/match=2019119/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.efa.com/under19/season=2017/matches/round=2000775/match=2019119/index.html)</a>
11 November 2016	FAM Training Camp, Podgorica	 Faroe Islands	5–0	Soldo, Brekalo, Kulenović, Gjira, Moro	<a href="http://www.efa.com/under19/season=2017/matches/round=2000775/match=2019145/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.efa.com/under19/season=2017/matches/round=2000775/match=2019145/index.html)</a>
14 November 2016	Stadion pod Malim brdom, Petrovac	 Montenegro	2–1	Špikić, Halilović	<a href="http://www.efa.com/under19/season=2017/matches/round=2000775/match=2019171/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.efa.com/under19/season=2017/matches/round=2000775/match=2019171/index.html)</a>

#### 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	<a href="http://www.efa.com/under19/season=2017/matches/round=2000776/match=2021301/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.efa.com/under19/season=2017/matches/round=2000776/match=2021301/index.html)</a>
25 March 2017	<u>Estádio dos Arcos, Vila do Conde</u>	 Poland	2–0	Kalaica, Brekalo	<a href="http://www.efa.com/under19/season=2017/matches/round=2000776/match=2021315/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.efa.com/under19/season=2017/matches/round=2000776/match=2021315/index.html)</a>
28 March 2017	<u>Estádio Dr. Machado de Matos, Felgueiras</u>	 Turkey	0–0		<a href="http://www.efa.com/under19/season=2017/matches/round=2000776/match=2021316/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.efa.com/under19/season=2017/matches/round=2000776/match=2021316/index.html)</a>

## Croatia U17

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
<b>2017 UEFA European Under-17 Championship - Group stage</b>					
3 May 2017	<u>Stadion Rujevica, Rijeka</u>	Italy	0–1		<a href="http://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2017/matches/round=2000710/match=2022585/index.html">UEFA.com (h tp://www.uef a.com/under 17/season=2 017/matche s/round=200 0710/match= 2022585/ind ex.html)</a>
6 May 2017	<u>Stadion Rujevica, Rijeka</u>	Turkey	1–4	Marin	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2017/matches/round=2000710/match=2022593/index.html">UEFA.com (h tp://www.uef a.com/under 17/season=2 017/matche s/round=200 0710/match= 2022593/ind ex.html)</a>
9 May 2017	<u>Stadion Rujevica, Rijeka</u>	Spain	1–1	Čolina	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2017/matches/round=2000710/match=2022601/index.html">UEFA.com (h tp://www.uef a.com/under 17/season=2 017/matche s/round=200 0710/match= 2022601/ind ex.html)</a>

## Croatia Women's

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

## League tables

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

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).<sup>[2]</sup>

(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	<b>60</b>	Promotion to the Croatian First Football League
2	Gorica	33	15	12	6	53	31	+22	<b>57</b>	Qualification to the promotion play-off
3	Solin	33	16	7	10	40	36	+4	<b>55</b>	
4	Sesvete	33	15	7	11	53	36	+17	<b>52</b>	
5	Dinamo Zagreb II	33	12	11	10	39	32	+7	<b>47</b>	Reserve teams are ineligible for promotion to the Croatian First Football League
6	Dugopolje	33	12	10	11	36	32	+4	<b>46</b>	
7	Šibenik	33	12	9	12	32	33	-1	<b>45</b>	
8	Novigrad	33	11	9	13	28	35	-7	<b>42</b>	
9	Lučko	33	9	11	13	34	48	-14	<b>38</b>	
10	Hrvatski Dragovoljac	33	9	9	15	30	39	-9	<b>36</b>	
11	Imotski (R)	33	8	7	18	36	58	-22	<b>31</b>	
12	NK Zagreb (R)	33	6	11	16	34	50	-16	<b>29</b>	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
<b>2016–17 Champions League - Second qualifying round</b>					
12 July 2016	Philip II Arena, Skopje	 Vardar	2–1	Mijušković (o.g.), Rog	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefa/championsleague/season=2017/matches/round=200780/match=2020154/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefa/championsleague/season=2017/matches/round=200780/match=2020154/index.html)</a>
20 July 2016	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb	 Vardar	3–2	Pjaca (2), Machado	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefa/championsleague/season=2017/matches/round=200780/match=2020171/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefa/championsleague/season=2017/matches/round=200780/match=2020171/index.html)</a>
<b>2016–17 Champions League - Third qualifying round</b>					
26 July 2016	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb	 Dinamo Tbilisi	2–0	Soudani, Čorić	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefa/championsleague/season=2017/matches/round=200781/match=2020338/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefa/championsleague/season=2017/matches/round=200781/match=2020338/index.html)</a>
2 August 2016	Boris Paichadze Dinamo Arena, Tbilisi	 Dinamo Tbilisi	1–0	Rog	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefa/championsleague/season=2017/matches/round=200781/match=2020338/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefa/championsleague/season=2017/matches/round=200781/match=2020338/index.html)</a>

### 2016–17 Champions League - Play-off round

16 August 2016	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</u>	 Red Bull Salzburg	1–1	Rog	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefa/championsleague/season=2017/matches/round=200782/match=2019266/index.html">UEFA.com</a> (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	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefa/championsleague/season=2017/matches/round=200782/match=2019281/index.html">UEFA.com</a> (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		<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefa/championsleague/season=2017/matches/round=200783/match=2019296/index.html">UEFA.com</a> (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		<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefa/championsleague/season=2017/matches/round=200783/match=2019320/index.html">UEFA.com</a> (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		<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefa/championsleague/season=2017/matches/round=200783/match=2019320/index.html">UEFA.com</a> (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		<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefa/championsleague/season=2017/matches/round=200783/match=2019344/index.html">UEFA.com</a> (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	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuroleague/season=2017/matches/round=200783/match=2019352/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuroleague/season=2017/matches/round=200783/match=2019352/index.html)</a>
7 December 2016	<u>Juventus Stadium, Turin</u>	 Juventus	0–2	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuroleague/season=2017/matches/round=200783/match=2019377/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuroleague/season=2017/matches/round=200783/match=2019377/index.html)</a>

## Rijeka

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

## Hajduk Split

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

### 2016–17 Europa League - Third qualifying round

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

### 2016–17 Europa League - Play-off round

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

## 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 ( <a href="http://www.efa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2017/matches/round=2000788/match=2019992/index.html">http://www.efa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2017/matches/round=2000788/match=2019992/index.html</a> )

7 July 2016	<u>Stadion Kranjčevićeva, Zagreb</u>	 <u>UE Santa Coloma</u>	4–1	Ćorić, Prenga, Marić, Perić	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefa/europaleague/season=2017/matches/round=2000788/match=200044/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefa/europaleague/season=2017/matches/round=2000788/match=200044/index.html)</a>
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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.)	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefa/europaleague/season=2017/matches/round=2000789/match=200080/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefa/europaleague/season=2017/matches/round=2000789/match=200080/index.html)</a>
21 July 2016	<u>Stadion Kranjčevićeva, Zagreb</u>	 <u>RoPS</u>	3–0	Fiolić, Marić (2)	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefa/europaleague/season=2017/matches/round=2000789/match=20120/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefa/europaleague/season=2017/matches/round=2000789/match=20120/index.html)</a>

#### 2016–17 Europa League - Third qualifying round

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

#### 2016–17 Europa League - Play-off round

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

## ŽNK Osijek

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

## Dinamo Zagreb U19

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Dinamo Zagreb U19 scorer(s)	Report
<u><a href="#">2016–17 UEFA Youth League - Group stage</a></u>					
14 September 2016	<u><a href="#">Groupama Academy Stadium, Décines</a></u>	 Lyon	0–2		<u><a href="#">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/2020508--lyon-vs-dinamo-zagreb/?referrer=%2fuefayouthleague%2fseason%3d2017%2fmatches%2fround%3d200082%2fmatch%</a></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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# 2017–18 in Croatian football

## Football in Croatia

<b>Season</b>	2017–18
<b>Men's football</b>	
<b>Prva HNL</b>	Dinamo Zagreb
<b>Druga HNL</b>	Gorica
<b>Treća HNL</b>	Osijek II (North) Vinogradar (West) Croatia Zmijavci (South)
<b>Croatian Cup</b>	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
<b>2018 FIFA World Cup qualification - Group stage</b>					
3 September 2017	<a href="#">Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</a>	 <a href="#">Kosovo</a>	1–0	<a href="#">Vida</a>	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/worldcup/season=2018/matches/round=200717/match=2019962/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/worldcup/season=2018/matches/round=200717/match=2019962/index.html)</a>
5 September 2017	<a href="#">New Eskişehir Stadium, Eskişehir</a>	 <a href="#">Turkey</a>	0–1		<a href="http://www.uefa.com/worldcup/season=2018/matches/round=200717/match=2017863/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/worldcup/season=2018/matches/round=200717/match=2017863/index.html)</a>
6 October 2017	<a href="#">Stadion Rujevica, Rijeka</a>	 <a href="#">Finland</a>	1–1	<a href="#">Mandžukić</a>	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/worldcup/season=2018/matches/round=200717/match=2017850/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/worldcup/season=2018/matches/round=200717/match=2017850/index.html)</a>
9 October 2017	<a href="#">Olympic Stadium, Kyiv</a>	 <a href="#">Ukraine</a>	2–0	<a href="#">Kramarić (2)</a>	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/worldcup/season=2018/matches/round=200717/match=2017855/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/worldcup/season=2018/matches/round=200717/match=2017855/index.html)</a>
<b>2018 FIFA World Cup qualification - Second Round</b>					
9 November 2017	<a href="#">Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</a>	 <a href="#">Greece</a>	4–1	<a href="#">Modrić</a> , <a href="#">Kalinić</a> , <a href="#">Perišić</a> , <a href="#">Kramarić</a>	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/worldcup/season=2018/matches/round=200718/match=2023296/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/worldcup/season=2018/matches/round=200718/match=2023296/index.html)</a>
12 November 2017	<a href="#">Karaiskakis Stadium, Piraeus</a>	 <a href="#">Greece</a>	0–0		<a href="http://www.uefa.com/worldcup/season=2018/matches/round=200718/match=2023300/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/worldcup/season=2018/matches/round=200718/match=2023300/index.html)</a>

### Friendly fixtures

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

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

**Friendly fixtures**

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

**Croatia U19**

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
<b>2018 UEFA European Under-19 Championship qualification - Qualifying round</b>					
8 November 2017	Stadion Valbruna, <u>Rovinj</u>	 San Marino	3–0	Kulenović (2), Nejašmić	UEFA.com (h <a href="http://www.uefa.com/under19/season=2018/matches/round=20840/match=2021415/index.html">tp://www.uefa.com/under19/season=2018/matches/round=20840/match=2021415/index.html</a> )
11 November 2017	Stadion Valbruna, <u>Rovinj</u>	 Latvia	0–0		UEFA.com (h <a href="http://www.uefa.com/under19/season=2018/matches/round=20840/match=2021441/index.html">tp://www.uefa.com/under19/season=2018/matches/round=20840/match=2021441/index.html</a> )
14 November 2017	Stadion Kunfin, <u>Rovinj</u>	 Denmark	2–5	Javorčić, Špikić	UEFA.com (h <a href="http://www.uefa.com/under19/season=2018/matches/round=20840/match=2021467/index.html">tp://www.uefa.com/under19/season=2018/matches/round=20840/match=2021467/index.html</a> )

**Croatia U17**

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
<b>2018 UEFA European Under-17 Championship qualification - Qualifying round</b>					
19 October 2017	Selman Stërmasi Stadium, <u>Tirana</u>	 Albania	1–0	Krizmanić	UEFA.com (h <a href="http://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2018/matches/round=200835/match=2022268/index.html">tp://www.uefa.com/under17/season=2018/matches/round=200835/match=2022268/index.html</a> )

22 October 2017	<a href="#">Elbasan Arena, Elbasan</a>	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	<a href="#">Elbasan Arena, Elbasan</a>	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	<a href="#">Stadion Aldo Drosina, Pula</a>	Sweden	0–0		UEFA.com (h tp://www.uefa.com/under 17/season=2018/matches/round=200836/match=2023608/index.html)
12 March 2018	<a href="#">Stadion Kantrida, Rijeka</a>	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	<a href="#">Stadion Kantrida, Rijeka</a>	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
<b>2019 FIFA Women's World Cup qualification - Group stage</b>					
15 September 2017	<a href="#">Arena Lviv, Lviv</a>	Ukraine	1–1	Rudelic	UEFA.com (h tp://www.uefa.com/womensworldcup/season=2019/matches/round=2000871/match=2022764/index.html)

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

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

## Croatia Women's U17

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

# 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 <sup>[a]</sup>
3	Hajduk Split	36	19	9	8	70	38	+32	66	Qualification for the Europa League second qualifying round <sup>[a]</sup>
4	Osijek	36	14	14	8	53	38	+15	56	Qualification for the Europa League first qualifying round <sup>[a]</sup>
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).<sup>[1]</sup>

(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 <sup>[a]</sup>
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 <sup>[b]</sup>	Qualification to the promotion play-off
3	Dinamo Zagreb II	33	18	7	8	43	25	+18	61 <sup>[b]</sup>	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 <sup>[c]</sup>	
10	Lučko	33	8	10	15	27	40	-13	34 <sup>[c]</sup>	
11	Hrvatski Dragovoljac	33	8	10	15	37	48	-11	34 <sup>[c]</sup>	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
<b>2017–18 Champions League - Second qualifying round</b>					
11 July 2017	<u>Stadion Rujevica, Rijeka</u>	 <u>The New Saints</u>	2–0	Mišić, Matei	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2018/matches/round=200878/match=2021513/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2018/matches/round=200878/match=2021513/index.html)</a>
18 July 2017	<u>Park Hall, Oswestry</u>	 <u>The New Saints</u>	5–1	Matei, Gavranović (2), Gorgon, Ristovski	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2018/matches/round=200878/match=2021530/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2018/matches/round=200878/match=2021530/index.html)</a>
<b>2017–18 Champions League - Third qualifying round</b>					
26 July 2017	<u>Red Bull Arena, Wals-Siezenheim</u>	 <u>Red Bull Salzburg</u>	1–1	Gavranović	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2018/matches/round=200879/match=2021544/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2018/matches/round=200879/match=2021544/index.html)</a>
2 August 2017	<u>Stadion Rujevica, Rijeka</u>	 <u>Red Bull Salzburg</u>	0–0		<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2018/matches/round=200879/match=2021545/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2018/matches/round=200879/match=2021545/index.html)</a>

**2017–18 Champions League - Play-off round**

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

**2017–18 UEFA Europa League group stage**

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

[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	<a href="#">Stadion Rujevica, Rijeka</a>	 <a href="#">Milan</a>	2–0	<a href="#">Puljić, Gavranović</a>	<a href="http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuroleague/season=2018/matches/round=2000890/match=2022141/index.html">UEFA.com (http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuroleague/season=2018/matches/round=2000890/match=2022141/index.html)</a>
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## Dinamo Zagreb

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

# Hajduk Split

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

## Osijek

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

**2017–18 Europa League - Play-off round**

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

**ŽNK Osijek**

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

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

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# 2018–19 in Croatian football

## Football in Croatia

Season	2018–19
<b>Men's football</b>	
<a href="#">Prva HNL</a>	Dinamo Zagreb
<a href="#">Druga HNL</a>	Varaždin
<a href="#">Treća HNL</a>	Cibalia (North) Vinogradar (West) Junak (South)
<a href="#">Croatian Cup</a>	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
<b>2018 FIFA World Cup - Group stage</b>					
16 June 2018	Kaliningrad Stadium, Kaliningrad	 Nigeria	2–0	Etebo (o.g.), Modrić	<a href="https://web.archive.org/web/20180612212731/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/match/300331523/#match-summary">FIFA.com (https://web.archive.org/web/20180612212731/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/match/300331523/#match-summary)</a>
21 June 2018	Nizhny Novgorod Stadium, Nizhny Novgorod	 Argentina	3–0	Rebić, Modrić, Rakitić	<a href="https://web.archive.org/web/20180612140549/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/match/300331513/#match-summary">FIFA.com (https://web.archive.org/web/20180612140549/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/match/300331513/#match-summary)</a>
26 June 2018	Rostov Arena, Rostov-on-Don	 Iceland	2–1	Badelj, Perišić	<a href="https://web.archive.org/web/20180612145333/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/match/300331510/#match-summary">FIFA.com (https://web.archive.org/web/20180612145333/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/match/300331510/#match-summary)</a>
<b>2018 FIFA World Cup - Knockout stage</b>					
1 July 2018	Nizhny Novgorod Stadium, Nizhny Novgorod	 Denmark	1–1 (3–2 p)	Mandžukić	<a href="https://web.archive.org/web/20180627010007/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/match/300331498/#match-summary">FIFA.com (https://web.archive.org/web/20180627010007/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/match/300331498/#match-summary)</a>
7 July 2018	Fisht Olympic Stadium, Sochi	 Russia	2–2 (4–3 p)	Kramarić, Vida	<a href="https://web.archive.org/web/20180702175734/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/match/300331">FIFA.com (https://web.archive.org/web/20180702175734/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/match/300331)</a>

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

**2018–19 UEFA Nations League A - Group stage**

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

**UEFA Euro 2020 qualifying - Group stage**

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

#### Friendly fixtures

6 September 2018	<a href="#">Estádio do Algarve, Loulé</a>	Portugal	1–1	Perišić	
15 October 2018	<a href="#">Stadion Rujevica, Rijeka</a>	Jordan	2–1	Vida, Mitrović	
11 June 2019	<a href="#">Stadion Varteks, Varaždin</a>	Tunisia	1–2	Petković	

## Croatia U21

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

### Friendly fixtures

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

### Croatia U19

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

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

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

## Croatia Women's

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

## Croatia Women's U19

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

## Croatia Women's U17

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

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

## 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 <sup>[a]</sup>
3	Osijek	36	18	8	10	61	36	+25	62 <sup>[b]</sup>	Qualification to Europa League second qualifying round
4	Hajduk Split	36	17	11	8	59	39	+20	62 <sup>[b]</sup>	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).<sup>[1]</sup>

(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 <sup>[a]</sup>
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).<sup>[2]</sup>

(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	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/seasont=2019/match">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/seasont=2019/match)</a>

31 July 2018	<u>Turner Stadium, Be'er Sheva</u>	 <u>Hapoel Be'er Sheva</u>	2–2	<u>Budimir, Hajrović</u>	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2019/matches/round=2000977/matchh=2024641/index.html">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2019/matches/round=2000977/matchh=2024641/index.html)</a>
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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>	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2019/matches/round=2000978/matchh=2025311/index.html">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2019/matches/round=2000978/matchh=2025311/index.html)</a>
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14 August 2018	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</u>	 <u>Astana</u>	1–0	<u>Gavranović</u>	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2019/matches/round=2000978/matchh=2025321/index.html">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2019/matches/round=2000978/matchh=2025321/index.html)</a>
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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>	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2019/matches/round=2000979/matchh=2025297/index.html">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2019/matches/round=2000979/matchh=2025297/index.html)</a>
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28 August 2018	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</u>	 <u>Young Boys</u>	1–2	<u>Hajrović</u>	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2019/matches/round=2000979/matchh=2025303/index.html">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/season=2019/matches/round=2000979/matchh=2025303/index.html)</a>
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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>	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2019/matches/round=200990/matchh=2025300/index.html">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2019/matches/round=200990/matchh=2025300/index.html)</a>
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4 October 2018	<u>Constant Vanden Stock Stadium, Anderlecht</u>	<u>Anderlecht</u>	2–0	<u>Hajrović, Gojak</u>	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2019/matches/round=2000990/match=2025192/index.html">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2019/matches/round=2000990/match=2025192/index.html)</a>
25 October 2018	<u>Štadión Antona Malatinského, Trnava</u>	<u>Spartak Trnava</u>	2–1	<u>Gavranović, Oršić</u>	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2019/matches/round=2000990/match=2025216/index.html">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2019/matches/round=2000990/match=2025216/index.html)</a>
8 November 2018	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</u>	<u>Spartak Trnava</u>	3–1	<u>Gojak, Kadlec (o.g.), Oršić</u>	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2019/matches/round=2000990/match=2025228/index.html">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2019/matches/round=2000990/match=2025228/index.html)</a>
29 November 2018	<u>Şükrü Saracoğlu Stadium, İstanbul</u>	<u>Fenerbahçe</u>	0–0		<a href="https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2019/matches/round=2000990/match=2025264/index.html">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2019/matches/round=2000990/match=2025264/index.html)</a>
13 December 2018	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</u>	<u>Anderlecht</u>	0–0		<a href="https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2019/matches/round=2000990/match=2025276/index.html">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/season=2019/matches/round=2000990/match=2025276/index.html)</a>

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

### 2018–19 UEFA Europa League - Round of 16

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

## Rijeka

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

## Hajduk Split

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

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

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

## Osijek

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

#### 2018–19 Europa League - Second qualifying round

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

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

## Dinamo Zagreb U19

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

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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>	<a 228="" 441="" 459"="" 778="" data-label="Section-Header" href="https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/20256/14--dinamo-zagreb-vs-vitorul/?referrer=%2Fuefayo&lt;br/&gt;uthleague%2&lt;br/&gt;Fseason%3&lt;br/&gt;D2019%2Fm&lt;br/&gt;atches%2Fro&lt;br/&gt;und%3D200&lt;br/&gt;1050%2Fmat&lt;br/&gt;ch%3D2025&lt;br/&gt;614%2Finde&lt;br/&gt;x)&lt;/a&gt;&lt;/td&gt;&lt;/tr&gt;&lt;/table&gt;&lt;/div&gt;&lt;div data-bbox="><h4>2018–19 UEFA Youth League Domestic Champions Path - Second round</h4></a>
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7 November 2018	<u>Astana Arena, Astana</u>	 <u>Astana</u>	1–1	<u>Šipoš</u>	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/20256/22--astana-vs-dinamo-zagreb/?referrer=%2Fuefayo&lt;br/&gt;uthleague%2&lt;br/&gt;Fseason%3&lt;br/&gt;D2019%2Fm&lt;br/&gt;atches%2Fro&lt;br/&gt;und%3D200&lt;br/&gt;1051%2Fmat&lt;br/&gt;ch%3D2025&lt;br/&gt;622%2Finde&lt;br/&gt;x)">UEFA.com (h ttps://www.ue fa.com/uefay outhleague/ match/20256 22--astana-v s-dinamo-za greb/?referrer =%2Fuefayo uthleague%2 Fseason%3 D2019%2Fm atches%2Fro und%3D200 1051%2Fmat ch%3D2025 622%2Finde x)</a>
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27 November 2018	Stadion Hitrec-Kacian, <u>Zagreb</u>	 <u>Astana</u>	3–1	<u>Šipoš</u> , <u>Franjić</u> , <u>Kapitanović</u>	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/20256/30--dinamo-astana-vs-dinamo-zagreb/?referrer=%2Fuefayo&lt;br/&gt;uthleague%2&lt;br/&gt;Fseason%3&lt;br/&gt;D2019%2Fm&lt;br/&gt;atches%2Fro&lt;br/&gt;und%3D200&lt;br/&gt;1051%2Fmat&lt;br/&gt;ch%3D2025&lt;br/&gt;630%2Finde&lt;br/&gt;x">UEFA.com (h ttps://www.ue fa.com/uefay outhleague/ match/20256 30--dinamo- astana/?referrer =%2Fuefayo uthleague%2 Fseason%3 D2019%2Fm atches%2Fro und%3D200 1051%2Fmat ch%3D2025 630%2Finde x)</a>
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#### 2018–19 UEFA Youth League - Play-offs

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

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

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

## Football in Croatia

Season	2019–20
<b>Men's football</b>	
<b>Prva HNL</b>	Dinamo Zagreb
<b>Druga HNL</b>	Šibenik <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Treća HNL</b>	Mladost Ždralovi (North) Junak Sinj (South) Opatija (West) Marsonia (East) Vinogradar (Center)
<b>Croatian Cup</b>	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
<b>UEFA Euro 2020 qualifying - Group stage</b>					
6 September 2019	<a href="#">Anton Malatinský Stadium, Trnava</a>	 <a href="#">Slovakia</a>	4–0	<a href="#">Vlašić</a> , <a href="#">Perišić</a> , <a href="#">Petković</a> , <a href="#">Lovren</a>	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/season=2020/matches/round=2001086/match=2026180/index.html">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/season=2020/matches/round=2001086/match=2026180/index.html)</a>
9 September 2019	<a href="#">Olympic Stadium, Baku</a>	 <a href="#">Azerbaijan</a>	1–1	<a href="#">Modrić</a>	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/season=2020/matches/round=2001086/match=2026199/index.html">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/season=2020/matches/round=2001086/match=2026199/index.html)</a>
10 October 2019	<a href="#">Stadion Poljud, Split</a>	 <a href="#">Hungary</a>	3–0	<a href="#">Modrić</a> , <a href="#">Petković</a> (2)	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/season=2020/matches/round=2001086/match=2026219/index.html">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/season=2020/matches/round=2001086/match=2026219/index.html)</a>
13 October 2019	<a href="#">Cardiff City Stadium, Cardiff</a>	 <a href="#">Wales</a>	1–1	<a href="#">Vlašić</a>	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/season=2020/matches/round=2001086/match=2026122/index.html">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/season=2020/matches/round=2001086/match=2026122/index.html)</a>
16 November 2019	<a href="#">Stadion Rujevica, Rijeka</a>	 <a href="#">Slovakia</a>	3–1	<a href="#">Vlašić</a> , <a href="#">Petković</a> , <a href="#">Perišić</a>	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/)</a>

### Friendly fixtures

19 November 2019	Stadion Aldo Drosina, Pula	 Georgia	2–1	Kashia (o.g.), Perišić	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/friendlies/match/2028151--croatia-vs-georgia/?iv=true">UEFA.com</a>
26 March 2020	Education City Stadium, Al Rayyan	 Switzerland	Cancelled		<a href="https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/friendlies/match/2029963--croatia-vs-switzerland/">UEFA.com</a>
30 March 2020	Education City Stadium, Al Rayyan	 Portugal	Cancelled		<a href="https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/friendlies/match/2029966--portugal-vs-croatia/?iv=true">UEFA.com</a>
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
<b>2019 UEFA European Under-21 Championship - Group stage</b>					
18 June 2019	San Marino Stadium, Serravalle	 Romania	1–4	Vlašić	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2019/matches/round=2000799/match=20">UEFA.com</a>

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Croatia U17

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

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

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

#### Croatia Women's

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

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

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

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

## Croatia Women's U17

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

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

14 March 2020	Sportpark Parkzicht, Uden	 Germany	Cancelled	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/womensunder17/season=2020/matches/round=2001118/match=2028582/index.html">UEFA.com</a>
17 March 2020	Sportpark Parkzicht, Uden	 Netherlands	Cancelled	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/womensunder17/season=2020/matches/round=2001118/match=2028597/index.html">UEFA.com</a>
20 March 2020	De Wieën, Venray	 Scotland	Cancelled	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/womensunder17/season=2020/matches/round=2001118/match=2028611/index.html">UEFA.com</a>

## 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	<b>25</b>	Qualification for Relegation play-offs
10	Inter Zaprešić (R)	36	3	8	25	32	72	-40	<b>17</b>	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).<sup>[2]</sup>

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

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).<sup>[3]</sup>

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
<b>2019–20 Champions League - Second qualifying round</b>					
23 July 2019	Mikheil Meskhi Stadium, Tbilisi	 Saburtalo Tbilisi	2–0	Oršić, Petković	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/seas...020/matches/round=2001137/match=2026971/index.html">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/seas...020/matches/round=2001137/match=2026971/index.html)</a>
30 July 2019	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb	 Saburtalo Tbilisi	3–0	Oršić, Petković, Olmo	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/seas...020/matches/round=2001137/match=2026984/index.html">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/seas...020/matches/round=2001137/match=2026984/index.html)</a>

### 2019–20 Champions League - Third qualifying round

6 August 2019	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb	 Ferencváros	1–1	Olmo	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/seas...020/matches/round=2001138/match=2026991/index.html">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/seas...020/matches/round=2001138/match=2026991/index.html)</a>
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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>	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/seas...0/matches/round=2001138/match=2027005/index.html">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/seas...0/matches/round=2001138/match=2027005/index.html)</a>
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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>	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/seas...0/matches/round=2001139/match=2027012/index.html">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/seas...0/matches/round=2001139/match=2027012/index.html)</a>
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27 August 2019	<u>Lerkendal Stadion, Trondheim</u>	 <u>Rosenborg</u>	1–1	<u>Gojak</u>	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/seas...0/matches/round=2001139/match=2027018/index.html">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/seas...0/matches/round=2001139/match=2027018/index.html)</a>
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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)	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/seas...0/matches/round=2001140/match=2027029/index.html">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/seas...0/matches/round=2001140/match=2027029/index.html)</a>
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1 October 2019	<u>City of Manchester Stadium, Manchester</u>	 <u>Manchester City</u>	0–2		<a href="https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/seas...0/matches/round=2001140/match=2027030/index.html">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/seas...0/matches/round=2001140/match=2027030/index.html)</a>
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22 October 2019	<u>Metalist Stadium, Kharkiv</u>	<u>Shakhtar Donetsk</u>	2–2	<u>Olmo, Oršić</u>	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/seas...0/round=2001140/match=2027069/index.html">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/seas...0/round=2001140/match=2027069/index.html)</a>
6 November 2019	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</u>	<u>Shakhtar Donetsk</u>	3–3	<u>Petković, Ivanušec, Ademi</u>	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/seas...0/round=2001140/match=2027077/index.html">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/seas...0/round=2001140/match=2027077/index.html)</a>
26 November 2019	<u>San Siro, Milan</u>	<u>Atalanta</u>	0–2		<a href="https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/seas...0/round=2001140/match=2027101/index.html">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/seas...0/round=2001140/match=2027101/index.html)</a>
11 December 2019	<u>Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb</u>	<u>Manchester City</u>	1–4	<u>Olmo</u>	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/seas...0/round=2001140/match=2027109/index.html">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/seas...0/round=2001140/match=2027109/index.html)</a>

## Rijeka

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

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15 August 2019	Pittodrie Stadium, Aberdeen	Aberdeen	2–0	Lončar, Čolak	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropeanleague/season=2020/matches/round=2001148/match=2028083/index.html">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropeanleague/season=2020/matches/round=2001148/match=2028083/index.html)</a>
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#### 2019–20 Europa League - Play-off round

22 August 2019	Ghelamco Arena, Ghent	KAA Gent	1–2	Halilović	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropeanleague/season=2020/matches/round=2001149/match=2028109/index.html">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropeanleague/season=2020/matches/round=2001149/match=2028109/index.html)</a>
29 August 2019	Stadion Rujevica, Rijeka	KAA Gent	1–1	Puljić	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropeanleague/season=2020/matches/round=2001149/match=2028130/index.html">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropeanleague/season=2020/matches/round=2001149/match=2028130/index.html)</a>

## Osijek

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

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

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

## ŽNK Split

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

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

## Dinamo Zagreb U19

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

11 December 2019	Stadion Hitrec-Kacian, Zagreb	 Manchester City	1–0	Marin	UEFA.com ( <a href="https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/2028330/">https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/2028330/</a> )
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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 ( <a href="https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/2029136/">https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/2029136/</a> )
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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 ( <a href="https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/2029955/">https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/2029955/</a> )
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**2019–20 UEFA Youth League - Quarter-finals**

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

## Football in Croatia

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

30 March 2021	<u>Stadion Rujevica, Rijeka</u>	Malta	3–0	Perišić, Modrić, Brekalo	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/european-qualified/match/2030814/">UEFA.com</a>
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### Friendly fixtures

7 October 2020	<u>Kybunpark, St. Gallen</u>	Switzerland	2–1	Brekalo, Pašalić	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/european-qualified/friendly/match/2029963--croatia-vs-switzerland/">UEFA.com</a>
11 November 2020	<u>Vodafone Park, Istanbul</u>	Turkey	3–3	Budimir, Pašalić, Brekalo	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/european-qualified/friendly/match/2030569--turkey-vs-croatia/">UEFA.com</a>
1 June 2021	<u>Gradski stadion, Velika Gorica</u>	Armenia	1–1	Perišić	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/european-qualified/friendly/match/2032181--croatia-vs-armenia/">UEFA.com</a>
6 June 2021	<u>King Baudouin Stadium, Brussels</u>	Belgium	0–1		<a href="https://www.uefa.com/european-qualified/friendly/match/2032161--belgium-vs-croatia/">UEFA.com</a>

## Croatia U21

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

8 October 2020	<u>Stadion Kranjčevićeva, Zagreb</u>	 <u>San Marino</u>	10–0	Kulenović, Majer, Špikić, Ivanušec (3), Nejašmić (2), Vizinger, Gvardiol	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/under21/match/2026703/">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under21/match/2026703/)</a>
13 October 2020	<u>Pampeloponniako Stadium, Patras</u>	 <u>Greece</u>	1–0	Majer	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/under21/match/2026705/">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under21/match/2026705/)</a>
12 November 2020	<u>Tynecastle, Edinburgh</u>	 <u>Scotland</u>	2–2	Moro, Bistrović	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2021/matches/round=2001101/match=2026632/index.html">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2021/matches/round=2001101/match=2026632/index.html)</a>
17 November 2020	<u>Stadion Aldo Drosina, Pula</u>	 <u>Lithuania</u>	7–0	Špikić, Musa (2), Šverko, Šutalo, Moro (2)	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2021/matches/round=2001101/match=2026629/index.html">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under21/season=2021/matches/round=2001101/match=2026629/index.html)</a>

#### 2021 UEFA European Under-21 Championship - Group stage

25 March 2021	<u>Bonifika Stadium, Koper</u>	 <u>Portugal</u>	0–1		<a href="https://www.uefa.com/under21/match/2030686/">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under21/match/2030686/)</a>
28 March 2021	<u>Bonifika Stadium, Koper</u>	 <u>Switzerland</u>	3–2	Ivanušec, Moro, Vizinger	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/under21/match/2030688/">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under21/match/2030688/)</a>
31 March 2021	<u>Bonifika Stadium, Koper</u>	 <u>England</u>	1–2	Bradarić	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/under21/match/2030691/">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under21/match/2030691/)</a>

#### 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	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/under21/match/2031977/">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under21/match/2031977/)</a>
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Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
<b>2021 UEFA European Under-19 Championship qualification - Qualifying round</b>					
24 March 2021	Stadion Branko Čavlović-Čavlek, Karlovac	 Kazakhstan	Cancelled		<a href="https://www.uefa.com/under19/match/2028982/">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under19/match/2028982/)</a>
27 March 2021	Stadion Branko Čavlović-Čavlek, Karlovac	 Latvia	Cancelled		<a href="https://www.uefa.com/under19/match/2029008/">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under19/match/2029008/)</a>
30 March 2021	Stadion Branko Čavlović-Čavlek, Karlovac	 Georgia	Cancelled		<a href="https://www.uefa.com/under19/match/2029034/">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/under19/match/2029034/)</a>

## Croatia U17

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

## Croatia Women's

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

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

## Croatia Women's U19

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

## Croatia Women's U17

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

# 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).<sup>[1]</sup>

(C) Champions; (R) Relegated

## Croatian Second Football League

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification or relegation <sup>[a]</sup>
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]

(C) Ch

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

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

#### 2020–21 Europa League - Round of 32

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

#### 2020–21 Europa League - Round of 16

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

## 2020–21 Europa League - Quarter-finals

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

## Lokomotiva

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

## Rijeka

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

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

## Osijek

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

## Hajduk Split

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

24 September 2020	Türk Telekom Stadium, Istanbul	 Galatasaray	0–2		UEFA.com ( <a href="https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/match/2030395/">https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/match/2030395/</a> )
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## ŽNK Split

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

## Dinamo Zagreb U19

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

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## Football in Croatia

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



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## National teams

### Croatia

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
<b>UEFA Euro 2020 – Group stage</b>					
13 June 2021	<a href="#">Wembley Stadium, London</a>	<a href="#">England</a>	0–1		<a href="#">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro-2020/match/2024451/)</a>
18 June 2021	<a href="#">Hampden Park, Glasgow</a>	<a href="#">Czech Republic</a>	1–1	Perišić	<a href="#">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro-2020/match/2024462/)</a>
22 June 2021	<a href="#">Hampden Park, Glasgow</a>	<a href="#">Scotland</a>	3–1	Vlašić, Modrić, Perišić	<a href="#">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro-2020/match/2024472/)</a>
<b>UEFA Euro 2020 - Knockout stage</b>					
28 June 2021	<a href="#">Parken Stadium, Copenhagen</a>	<a href="#">Spain</a>	3–5 (a.e.t.)	Pedri (o.g.), Oršić, Pašalić	<a href="#">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuro-2020/match/2024482/)</a>
<b>2022 FIFA World Cup qualification – Group stage</b>					
1 September 2021	<a href="#">Luzhniki Stadium, Moscow</a>	<a href="#">Russia</a>	0–0		<a href="#">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/match/2030840/)</a>
4 September 2021	<a href="#">Tehelné pole, Bratislava</a>	<a href="#">Slovakia</a>	1–0	Brozović	<a href="#">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/match/2030862/)</a>
7 September 2021	<a href="#">Stadion Poljud, Split</a>	<a href="#">Slovenia</a>	3–0	Livaja, Pašalić, Vlašić	<a href="#">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/match/2030889/)</a>
8 October 2021	<a href="#">AEK Arena – Georgios Karapatakis, Larnaca</a>	<a href="#">Cyprus</a>	3–0	Perišić, Gvardiol, Livaja	<a href="#">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/match/2030910/)</a>

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

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

**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
<b>2023 UEFA European Under-21 Championship qualification - Group stage</b>					
1 September 2021	<u>Stadion Radnik, Velika Gorica</u>	<u>Azerbaijan</u>	2–0	<u>Sučić, Šimić</u>	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/)</a>

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

## Croatia U19

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

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

## Croatia U17

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

## Croatia Women's

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

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

## Croatia Women's U19

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

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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 ( <a href="https://www.uefa.com/womenunder19/match/2034317/">https://www.uefa.com/womenunder19/match/2034317/</a> )
6 April 2022	Borås Arena, Borås	 Denmark	0–2		 UEFA.com ( <a href="https://www.uefa.com/womenunder19/match/2034344/">https://www.uefa.com/womenunder19/match/2034344/</a> )
9 April 2022	Borås Arena, Borås	 Sweden	0–4		 UEFA.com ( <a href="https://www.uefa.com/womenunder19/match/2034370/">https://www.uefa.com/womenunder19/match/2034370/</a> )
12 April 2022	Bravida Arena, Gothenburg	 Poland	0–6		 UEFA.com ( <a href="https://www.uefa.com/womenunder19/match/2034370/">https://www.uefa.com/womenunder19/match/2034370/</a> )

### Croatia Women's U17

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

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

## League tables

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### 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	<b>79</b>	Qualification to Champions League second qualifying round
2	Hajduk Split	36	21	9	6	64	31	+33	<b>72</b>	Qualification to Europa Conference League third qualifying round <sup>[a]</sup>
3	Osijek	36	19	12	5	49	29	+20	<b>69</b>	Qualification to Europa Conference League second qualifying round
4	Rijeka	36	20	5	11	71	51	+20	<b>65</b>	
5	Lokomotiva	36	12	13	11	55	50	+5	<b>49</b>	
6	Gorica	36	12	9	15	43	50	-7	<b>45</b>	
7	Slaven Belupo	36	9	9	18	35	54	-19	<b>36</b>	
8	Šibenik	36	9	5	22	46	75	-29	<b>32</b>	
9	Istra 1961	36	7	10	19	42	67	-25	<b>31</b>	
10	Hrvatski Dragovoljac (R)	36	4	7	25	31	75	-44	<b>19</b>	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).<sup>[1]</sup>

(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 <sup>[a]</sup>
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 <sup>[b]</sup>
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 <sup>[b]</sup>
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/)

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).<sup>[2]</sup>

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

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

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

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

**Osijek**

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

29 July 2021	<u>Stadion Gradski vrt, Osijek</u>	<u>Pogoń Szczecin</u>	1–0	<u>Kleinheisler</u>	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaconferenceleague/match/2032897/">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaconferenceleague/match/2032897/)</a>
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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>	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaconferenceleague/match/2033057/">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaconferenceleague/match/2033057/)</a>
12 August 2021	<u>Stadion Gradski vrt, Osijek</u>	<u>CSKA Sofia</u>	1–1	<u>Škorić</u>	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaconferenceleague/match/2033088/">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaconferenceleague/match/2033088/)</a>

## Rijeka

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

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

## Hajduk Split

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

## ŽNK Osijek

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

9 September 2021	Kópavogsvöllur, Kópavogur	 Breiðablik	0–3	UEFA.com ( <a href="https://www.uefa.com/wo/menschampsleague/match/2033468/">https://www.uefa.com/wo/menschampsleague/match/2033468/</a> )
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## Hajduk Split U19

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

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# 2022–23 in Croatian football

## Football in Croatia

Season	2022–23
<b>Men's football</b>	
<b>HNL</b>	Dinamo Zagreb
<b>Prva HNL</b>	Rudeš
<b>Druga HNL</b>	Sesvete
<b>Croatian Cup</b>	Hajduk Split
<b>Women's football</b>	
<b>Prva HNLŽ</b>	Osijek
<b>Drugा HNLŽ</b>	Gorica (Group A) Međimurje-Čakovec (Group B)
<b>Croatian Cup</b>	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
<b>2022–23 UEFA Nations League – Group stage</b>					
22 September 2022	Stadion Maksimir, Zagreb	 Denmark	2–1	Sosa, Majer	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/uefanationsleague/match/2034523/">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefanationsleague/match/2034523/)</a>
25 September 2022	Ernst-Happel-Stadion, Vienna	 Austria	3–1	Modrić, Livaja, Lovren	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/uefanationsleague/match/2034552/">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefanationsleague/match/2034552/)</a>
<b>Friendly fixtures</b>					
16 November 2022	Prince Faisal bin Fahd Stadium, Riyadh	 Saudi Arabia	1–0	Kramarić	
<b>2022 FIFA World Cup – Group stage</b>					
23 November 2022	Al Bayt Stadium, Al Khor	 Morocco	0–0		<a href="https://www.fifa.com/fifaplus/en/match-centre/match/17/255711/285063/400235481">FIFA.com (https://www.fifa.com/fifaplus/en/match-centre/match/17/255711/285063/400235481)</a>
27 November 2022	Khalifa International Stadium, Al Rayyan	 Canada	4–1	Kramarić (2), Livaja, Majer	<a href="https://www.fifa.com/fifaplus/en/match-centre/match/17/255711/285063/400235482">FIFA.com (https://www.fifa.com/fifaplus/en/match-centre/match/17/255711/285063/400235482)</a>
1 December 2022	Ahmad bin Ali Stadium, Al Rayyan	 Belgium	0–0		<a href="https://www.fifa.com/fifaplus/en/match-centre/match/17/255711/285063/400235478">FIFA.com (https://www.fifa.com/fifaplus/en/match-centre/match/17/255711/285063/400235478)</a>
<b>2022 FIFA World Cup – Knockout stage</b>					
5 December 2022	Al Janoub Stadium, Al Wakrah	 Japan	1–1 (a.e.t.) 3–1 (p)	Perišić	<a href="https://www.fifa.com/fifaplus/en/match-centre/match/17/255711/285063/400235479">FIFA.com (https://www.fifa.com/fifaplus/en/match-centre/match/17/255711/285063/400235479)</a>

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9 December 2022

Education City Stadium, Al Rayyan



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Petković

13 December 2022

Lusail Iconic Stadium, Lusail



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<https://www.fifa.com/fifaplus/en/match-centre/match/17/25571/1/285075/400128143>)

17 December 2022

Khalifa International Stadium, Al Rayyan



2–1

Gvardiol, Oršić

FIFA.com (h  
<https://www.fifa.com/fifaplus/en/match-centre/match/17/25571/1/285076/400128144>)

#### UEFA Euro 2024 qualifying – Group stage

25 March 2023

Stadion Poljud, Split



1–1

Kramarić

UEFA.com  
(<https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/match/2036297/>)

28 March 2023

Bursa Metropolitan Stadium, Bursa



2–0

Kovačić (2)

UEFA.com  
(<https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/match/2036319/>)

#### 2023 UEFA Nations League Finals

14 June 2023

De Kuip, Rotterdam



4–2  
(a.e.t.)

Kramarić, Pašalić, Petković, Modrić

UEFA.com  
(<https://www.uefa.com/uefanationsleague/match/2035581/>)

18 June 2023

De Kuip, Rotterdam



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

## Croatia U19

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

### 2023 UEFA European Under-19 Championship qualification - Elite round

22 March 2023	Sports Center CF Fão, Fão	 <a href="#">Czech Republic</a>	1–3	Matić	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/under19/match/2036883/">UEFA.com</a>
25 March 2023	Estádio do FC Vizela, Vizela	 <a href="#">Sweden</a>	1–1	Antunović	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/under19/match/2036897/">UEFA.com</a>
28 March 2023	Estádio Cidade de Barcelos, Barcelos	 <a href="#">Portugal</a>	0–3		<a href="https://www.uefa.com/under19/match/2036910/">UEFA.com</a>

### Croatia U17

Date	Venue	Opponents	Score	Croatia scorer(s)	Report
<b>2023 UEFA European Under-17 Championship qualification - Qualifying round</b>					
20 October 2022	Stadion Veli Jože, Poreč	 <a href="#">Wales</a>	0–2		<a href="https://www.uefa.com/under17/match/2034057/">UEFA.com</a>
23 October 2022	Stadion Veli Jože, Poreč	 <a href="#">Albania</a>	1–0	Živković	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/under17/match/2034083/">UEFA.com</a>
26 October 2022	Stadion Veli Jože, Poreč	 <a href="#">Sweden</a>	2–2	Vušković, Rimac	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/under17/match/2034108/">UEFA.com</a>
<b>2023 UEFA European Under-17 Championship qualification - Elite round</b>					
22 March 2023	Sarpsborg Stadion, Sarpsborg	 <a href="#">Norway</a>	0–0		<a href="https://www.uefa.com/under17/match/2036841/">UEFA.com</a>
25 March 2023	Fredrikstad Stadion, Fredrikstad	 <a href="#">Belgium</a>	1–0	Kujundžić	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/under17/match/2036856/">UEFA.com</a>
28 March 2023	Fredrikstad Stadion, Fredrikstad	 <a href="#">Slovenia</a>	2–1	Zebić, Rimac	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/under17/match/2036871/">UEFA.com</a>

**2023 UEFA European Under-17 Championship - Group stage**

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

**Croatia Women's**

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

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

## Croatia Women's U19

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

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

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

## League tables

### Croatian Football League

Pos	Team	Pld	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 <sup>[a]</sup>
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	<b>46</b>
7	<u>Lokomotiva</u>	36	11	10	15	45	50	-5	<b>43</b>
8	<u>Slaven Belupo</u>	36	10	13	13	27	46	-19	<b>43</b>
9	<u>Gorica</u>	36	7	11	18	36	50	-14	<b>32</b>
10	<u>Šibenik (R)</u>	36	5	12	19	24	56	-32	<b>27</b>

Relegation to First Football League

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

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(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).<sup>[1]</sup>

**(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	<b>64</b>	Promotion to the <u>Croatian Football League</u>
2	<u>Vukovar 1991</u>	33	17	12	4	57	25	+32	<b>63</b>	
3	<u>Cibalia</u>	33	13	15	5	37	26	+11	<b>54</b>	
4	<u>BSK Bijelo Brdo</u>	33	12	8	13	41	37	+4	<b>44</b>	
5	<u>Jarun</u>	33	13	5	15	43	57	-14	<b>44</b>	
6	<u>Orijent</u>	33	10	13	10	45	45	0	<b>43</b>	
7	<u>Croatia Zmijavci</u>	33	12	7	14	37	44	-7	<b>43</b>	
8	<u>Solin</u>	33	12	7	14	47	55	-8	<b>43</b>	
9	<u>Dubrava</u>	33	11	9	13	38	39	-1	<b>42</b>	
10	<u>Dugopolje</u>	33	9	14	10	30	35	-5	<b>41</b>	
11	<u>Kustošija (R)</u>	33	9	7	17	35	50	-15	<b>34</b>	Relegation play-off
12	<u>Hrvatski Dragovoljac (R)</u>	33	4	10	19	31	58	-27	<b>22</b>	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

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used).<sup>[2]</sup>**(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	<b>65</b>	Promotion to the First Football League
2	Zrinski Jurjevac (P)	30	19	6	5	45	22	+23	<b>63</b>	
3	Jadran Luka Ploče	30	17	9	4	54	23	+31	<b>60</b>	
4	Mladost Ždralovi	30	14	8	8	48	26	+22	<b>50</b>	
5	Bjelovar	30	12	10	8	46	31	+15	<b>46</b>	
6	Dugo Selo	30	12	9	9	50	43	+7	<b>45</b>	
7	Opatija	30	12	9	9	48	42	+6	<b>45</b>	
8	Hrvace	30	10	8	12	48	49	-1	<b>38</b>	
9	Belišće	30	10	7	13	39	47	-8	<b>37</b>	
10	Jadran Poreč	30	9	9	12	51	61	-10	<b>36</b>	
11	Marsonia 1909	30	11	3	16	40	52	-12	<b>36</b>	
12	Grobničan	30	10	5	15	42	44	-2	<b>35</b>	
13	Trnje	30	9	7	14	43	55	-12	<b>34</b>	
14	Zagorec Krapina (R)	30	9	7	14	36	53	-17	<b>34</b>	
15	Osijek II (R)	30	7	4	19	32	64	-32	<b>25</b>	Relegation to the Third Football League
16	Međimurje (R)	30	4	3	23	22	72	-50	<b>15</b>	

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

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## 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	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/match/2035037/">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/match/2035037/)</a>
26 July 2022	<u>Toše Proeski Arena, Skopje</u>	 Shkupi	1–0	Ademi	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/match/2035049/">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefachampionsleague/match/2035049/)</a>

## 2022–23 Champions League - Third qualifying round

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

## 2022–23 Champions League - Play-off round

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

## 2022–23 UEFA Champions League - Group stage

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

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

## Hajduk Split

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

25 August 2022	<a href="#">Stadion Poljud, Split</a>	Villarreal	0–2		<a href="https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaconferenceleague/match/2035546/">UEFA.com (https://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaconferenceleague/match/2035546/)</a>
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## Osijek

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

## Rijeka

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

## ŽNK Split

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

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

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

## 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	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/2036084/">UEFA.com</a>
4 October 2022	<u>Gabala City Stadium, Qabala</u>	 Gabala	2–1	Vušković, Vrcić	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/2036100/">UEFA.com</a>

## 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	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/2036111/">UEFA.com</a>
4 November 2022	<u>Stadion Poljud, Split</u>	 Apolonia	3–1	Vrcić, Nazor, Pukštas	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/2036119/">UEFA.com</a>

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

8 February 2023	<u>Stadion Poljud, Split</u>	 Shakhtar Donetsk	1–0	Vušković	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/2036634/">UEFA.com</a>
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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	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/2037536/">UEFA.com</a>
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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	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/2037542/">UEFA.com</a>
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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	<a href="https://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague/match/2037543/">UEFA.com</a>
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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.<sup>[3][4]</sup> Hugo Kinert first managed an unofficial side that played some international matches in 1918–19.<sup>[5]</sup> In 1940, Jozo Jakopić led an unofficial national side representing the Yugoslav Banovina of Croatia in four friendly matches against Switzerland and Hungary.<sup>[6]</sup> 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.<sup>[7]</sup> The side played 15 friendly matches from its re-activation in FIFA in 1941 until the end of World War II.<sup>[8][9]</sup> In 1945, Croatia returned to Yugoslavia as the People's Republic of Croatia with sides active until 1956.<sup>[8][6]</sup> 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.<sup>[10]</sup> Croatia's only game as a constituent republic was a 5–2 win against Indonesia in 1956.<sup>[5]</sup> During the nation's pre-independence, Croat footballers played for Yugoslavia at the 1956 Summer Olympics,<sup>[11]</sup> the FIFA World Cup,<sup>[12]</sup> and the UEFA European Championship until 1990.<sup>[13][14]</sup>

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.<sup>[15][16]</sup> Caretaker manager Dražan Jerković, led the *de facto* national side before their formal re-admission into FIFA on 3 July 1992,<sup>[17]</sup> winning two more friendly games against Romania in December 1990 and Slovenia in June 1991.<sup>[18][19]</sup> 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.<sup>[20]</sup> 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) <sup>[1]</sup>
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.<sup>[21]</sup> After winning a match against Ukraine in June 1993, Marković was succeeded by Miroslav Blažević in March 1994.<sup>[22]</sup>

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.<sup>[23][24]</sup> 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.<sup>[6]</sup> 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.<sup>[25][26]</sup> 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.<sup>[27]</sup> Croatia then beat reigning champions Denmark 3–0,<sup>[28]</sup> later losing to Portugal by the same scoreline.<sup>[29]</sup> The team advanced to the knockout stage and were beaten in the quarter-finals 1–2 by Germany.<sup>[30]</sup> 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.<sup>[31]</sup> Both fixtures against FR Yugoslavia ended in draws which prevented Croatia from qualifying by one point.<sup>[32]</sup>

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.<sup>[33]</sup> Croatia beat the Germans 3–0 with goals from Robert Jarni, Goran Vlaović and Davor Šuker, all after Christian Wörns had been sent off.<sup>[34]</sup> 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.<sup>[35]</sup> 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.<sup>[21]</sup> Šuker won the Golden Shoe for scoring the most goals in the World Cup: six goals in seven games.<sup>[36]</sup> The Croatians' performance during the late-1990s propelled them to rank third place in the FIFA World Ranking in January 1999.<sup>[24][13]</sup> The team of the 1990s was dubbed the "golden generation"<sup>[a]</sup> for their contributions to Croatia's ascension in international football.<sup>[37][38]</sup>

## 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.<sup>[39]</sup> 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.<sup>[40][41]</sup> The team was eliminated by one point,<sup>[42]</sup> leading to the resignation of Jozić and succession of Otto Barić in July 2002, their first manager born outside of Southeastern Europe.<sup>[43][44]</sup> 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.<sup>[45]</sup> 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.<sup>[46][47]</sup> Barić departed after his two-year contract expired in June 2004.<sup>[48]</sup>

Prior to launching the team's qualification for the 2006 World Cup, Zlatko Kranjčar succeeded Barić in July 2004.<sup>[49]</sup> Croatia qualified undefeated, topping the group ahead of Sweden and Bulgaria.<sup>[50][51]</sup> Kranjčar selected his son, Niko, for the national squad, leading local media outlets to accuse him of nepotism.<sup>[52]</sup> 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.<sup>[53][54]</sup> A 2–2 draw with Australia in which three players were sent off confirmed Croatia's elimination.<sup>[55]</sup> The game included a mistake by referee Graham Poll who gave three yellow cards<sup>[b]</sup> to Croatian defender Josip Šimunić, mistaking him for an Australian player due to his Australian accent.<sup>[56]</sup>



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.<sup>[57][58]</sup> His first game was a 2–0 victory against reigning world champions Italy during an international friendly.<sup>[59][60]</sup> Croatia lost once to Macedonia and beat England twice, who as a result failed to qualify for the first time since 1984.<sup>[61][62]</sup> 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.<sup>[63][64]</sup> 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.<sup>[65]</sup> The team collected the maximum group stage points possible (9) for the first time in their Euros history.<sup>[66][67][68]</sup> Niko Kovač and Dario Šimić held captaincy during the group and knockout stages, respectively.<sup>[69][70]</sup> Croatia pushed Turkey to a penalty shoot-out in the

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

Bilić renewed his contract in April 2008,<sup>[76]</sup> 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.<sup>[77][78][79]</sup> 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.<sup>[80]</sup> 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.<sup>[81]</sup>

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.<sup>[82]</sup> 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.<sup>[83]</sup> They were grouped with the Republic of Ireland, Italy and defending champions Spain, opening with a 3–1 victory over the Irish.<sup>[84]</sup> 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.<sup>[85]</sup> The side was knocked out by Spain in a 0–1 loss, which, along with 1–1 rematch with Italy, had Croatia eliminated.<sup>[85]</sup> 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.<sup>[86][87]</sup> During Bilić's tenure, from 2007 to 2012, the Croatians continuously ranked among the top ten teams in the world on the FIFA Ranking.<sup>[88]</sup>

## 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.<sup>[89][90]</sup> A year in, Štimac was replaced by former captain Niko Kovač.<sup>[91]</sup> 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.<sup>[92]</sup> 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.<sup>[93][94]</sup> 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.<sup>[95][96][97]</sup>

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

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

During the knockout stage, they beat Denmark in a penalty shoot-out for the first time<sup>[134][135]</sup> after goalkeeper Danijel Subašić saved three penalties, equalling the record for most penalties saved in a shoot-out.<sup>[136]</sup> In the quarter-finals, Croatia drew 2–2 with hosts Russia, becoming the first team since 1990 to win two consecutive penalty shoot-outs.<sup>[137][138][139]</sup> 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.<sup>[140][141]</sup> 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.<sup>[142][143]</sup> In the 2018 World Cup Final they lost to France 4–2, finishing second-place and securing the silver medal.<sup>[144]</sup> The match was controversial<sup>[d]</sup> for its refereeing.<sup>[146][147]</sup> Luka Modrić became the first Croatian to win the Golden Ball.<sup>[148]</sup> The team was welcomed by an estimated half a million people<sup>[e]</sup> at their homecoming in Zagreb.<sup>[151]</sup> In August Croatia was ranked 4th in FIFA rankings and held that position until 4th of April 2019.<sup>[152]</sup>

The first game Croatia played after the World Cup was a 1–1 draw against Portugal in a friendly match.<sup>[153]</sup> 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.<sup>[154][155]</sup> Croatia lost 6–0 away to Spain in their first game, the side's record loss in a match.<sup>[156]</sup> Croatia drew 0–0 home with England,<sup>[157]</sup> played behind closed doors due to UEFA sanctions.<sup>[158]</sup> The team then overtook Spain 3–2 with a goal in stoppage time, followed by a 2–1 away defeat to England.<sup>[159]</sup> 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.<sup>[160][161][162]</sup> Croatia lost to France and Portugal, but a single victory against Sweden was sufficient to avoid relegation to League B.<sup>[163][164][165]</sup>

The team topped their group for the qualifying campaign of Euro 2020,<sup>[166][167][168]</sup> with a loss to Hungary, and draws against Azerbaijan and Wales.<sup>[169][170]</sup> The 2020 finals were delayed into 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic in Europe.<sup>[171]</sup> Overall, winning only two out of eight games in 2020, Croatia achieved their worst-ever aggregate win-rate.<sup>[172][173]</sup> Croatia finished second in their Euros group,<sup>[174]</sup> 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.<sup>[175]</sup> The loss to Spain led to heightened criticism against Dalić and the team by the Croatian public,<sup>[176][177]</sup> a faction of whom called for resignations.<sup>[178][179]</sup> Dalić refreshed the team roster by introducing younger debutants for the remainder of World Cup qualifying in 2021.<sup>[180][181]</sup>

Croatia qualified for the 2022 World Cup with one loss, two draws and seven wins.<sup>[182][183][184][185]</sup> 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.<sup>[186][187]</sup> 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.<sup>[188][189]</sup> 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.<sup>[190][191]</sup> In the semi-final match, Croatia sustained their heaviest World Cup defeat, 3–0 against Argentina.<sup>[192]</sup> They prevailed 2–1 over Morocco in the third place playoff, securing their second bronze medal.<sup>[193]</sup>

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.<sup>[194][195]</sup> Croatia beat the Netherlands 4–2 in the semi-finals, advancing to their first Nations League final, against Spain.<sup>[196][197]</sup> After drawing the Spanish 0–0 in extra time, the team lost the penalty shootout 4–5, finishing the tournament in second place.<sup>[198]</sup>

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



## 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*).<sup>[201][202][203]</sup> The typical kit color-way features red-and-white checkered shirts, white shorts and blue socks to match the Croatian tricolor (*Trobojnjica*).<sup>[201]</sup> 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.<sup>[16]</sup>

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
Uhlsport	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.<sup>[204]</sup> 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.<sup>[205]</sup> 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.<sup>[206]</sup> 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.<sup>[207]</sup> Following the 2018 World Cup, the Croatian Cabinet attended ministerial meetings in team jerseys,<sup>[208]</sup> 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.<sup>[209]</sup>

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).<sup>[210]</sup> Both sets of fans—Bad Blue Boys from Zagreb and Torcida from Split—have been associated with hooliganism due to their ultra-style support,<sup>[211][212]</sup> 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.<sup>[213]</sup> There are also Croatian communities in Australia, North America and South America that follow the team.<sup>[214][215]</sup> 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.<sup>[216][217]</sup>

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.<sup>[218]</sup> The Croatian Football Federation endorses an official fan club for the team, known as Uvijek Vjerni ("Always Faithful").<sup>[219]</sup> 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.<sup>[220][221]</sup>

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.<sup>[222]</sup> This has included banning their own fans from certain games.<sup>[223]</sup> The behaviour of fans has led to penalties and fines for the national team imposed by FIFA and UEFA.<sup>[224][225]</sup> Certain disruptive behaviour is centered on ethno-nationalist racism and fascism stemming from the dissolution of Yugoslavia.<sup>[7]</sup> The Croatian Football Federation has been fined £14,920 for fans' racist taunts against English striker Emile Heskey in 2010,<sup>[226]</sup> €80,000 for a fan throwing a banana at Italian striker Mario Balotelli in 2012,<sup>[227]</sup> €100,000 for inadvertently hosting a match against Italy with a faint swastika etched into the pitch in 2016,<sup>[228]</sup> \$53,000 for a crowd of fans' anti-Serb taunts against Canadian keeper Milan Borjan in 2022,<sup>[229]</sup> and €70,000 for a crowd of fans chanting antiziganist slurs at Romanian referee István Kovács in 2023.<sup>[230]</sup> 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.<sup>[231][232]</sup> 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.<sup>[233]</sup>



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.<sup>[234]</sup> The primary cause of the foundation is helping children.<sup>[235]</sup> As of 2012, the foundation made fifty donations of 1,200,000 HRK to various children's organizations.<sup>[236]</sup> 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.<sup>[236]</sup> 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.<sup>[234][237]</sup> In November 2019, more than 500,000 HRK was collected in another call

event that were then directed to Children's Hospital Kantrida.<sup>[238]</sup> 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.<sup>[239]</sup> Members of national team also visit and help children with special needs and their education institutions.<sup>[240]</sup>

## 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.<sup>[241]</sup> 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.<sup>[241][242][243]</sup>

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").<sup>[244]</sup> Qualifying fixtures have also been played at Stadion Kantrida in Rijeka along with Stadion Gradski Vrt in Osijek and Stadion Varteks in Varaždin.<sup>[245]</sup>

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<sup>[246]</sup>

## 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	<b>Croatia</b> 🎏 1–1 <b>Wales</b>	Kramarić 28' Report ( <a href="https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/match/h/203629/">https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/match/h/203629/</a> 7/)	Split, Croatia	[show]
				Stadium: Stadion Poljud Attendance: 33,474 Referee: João Pinheiro (Portugal) Assistant referees: Bruno Jesus (Portugal) Fourth official: Vitor Ferreira (Portugal)	
UEFA Euro 2024 qualifying	28 March 20:45 CEST (21:45 TRT)	<b>Turkey</b> 🇹🇷 0–2 <b>Croatia</b>	Report ( <a href="https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/match/h/203631/">https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/match/h/203631/</a> 9/)	Bursa, Turkey	[show]
				Stadium: Bursa Metropolitan Stadium Attendance: 37,750 Referee: Andreas Ekberg (Sweden) Assistant referees: Fredrik Klyver (Sweden) Fourth official: Granit Maqedonci (Sweden)	
2022–23 UEFA Nations League SF	14 June 20:45 CEST	<b>Netherlands</b> 🇳🇱 2–4 (a.e.t.) <b>Croatia</b>	Malen 34' Report ( <a href="https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/match/h/2035581/">https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/match/h/2035581/</a> ) Lang 90+6' Pašalić 72' Petković 98' Modrić 116' (pen.)	Rotterdam, Netherlands	[show]
				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)	
2022–23 UEFA Nations League F	18 June 20:45 CEST	<b>Croatia</b> 🎏 0–0 (a.e.t.) <b>Spain</b>	(4–5 p) Report ( <a href="https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/match/h/2035584/">https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/match/h/2035584/</a> )	Rotterdam, Netherlands	[show]
				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)	
		<b>Penalties</b>	Vlašić 🎏 Brozović 🎏 Modrić 🎏 Majer ✘ Perišić 🎏 Petković ✘	Joselu Rodri Merino Asensio Laporte Carvaljal	
UEFA Euro 2024 qualifying	8 September 20:45 CEST	<b>Croatia</b> 🎏 5–0 <b>Latvia</b>	Petković 3', 44' Report ( <a href="https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/match/h/203638/">https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/match/h/203638/</a> 8/)	Rijeka, Croatia	[show]
				Stadium: Stadion Rujevica Attendance: 8,152 Referee: Philip Farrugia (Malta) Assistant referees: Alan Camilleri (Malta) Luke Portelli (Malta) Fourth official: Trustin Farrugia Cann (Malta)	
UEFA Euro 2024 qualifying	11 September 18:00 CEST (20:00 AMT)	<b>Armenia</b> 🇦🇲 0–1 <b>Croatia</b>	Report ( <a href="https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/match/h/2036411/">https://www.uefa.com/european-qualifiers/match/h/2036411/</a> )	Yerevan, Armenia	[show]
				Stadium: Vazgen Sargsyan Republican Stadium Attendance: 14,233 Referee: Clément Turpin (France) Assistant referees: Nicolas Danos (France)	

UEFA Euro 2024 qualifying	12 October 20:45 CEST	<b>Croatia</b> 0–1 <b>Turkey</b>	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)
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UEFA Euro 2024 qualifying	15 October 20:45 CEST (19:45 BST)	<b>Wales</b> 2–1 <b>Croatia</b>	Wilson  47', 60' Report (htt ps://www.u efa.com/eu ropean-qua lifiers/matc h/203645 8/)	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)
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UEFA Euro 2024 qualifying	18 November 18:00 CET (19:00 EET)	<b>Latvia</b> 0–2 <b>Croatia</b>	Report (htt ps://www.u efa.com/eu ropean-qua lifiers/matc h/203648 0/)	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)
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UEFA Euro 2024 qualifying	21 November 20:45 CET	<b>Croatia</b> 1–0 <b>Armenia</b>	Budimir  43' 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)
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## 2024

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

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

## Coaching staff

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



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
<b>Total</b>		<b>20</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>50%</b>

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) <sup>fl</sup>	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
<b>Total</b>		<b>352</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>52.56%</b>	<b>13 out of 15</b>

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<sup>[249]</sup>

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



Luka Modrić is Croatia's most capped player, 2018

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

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

## Top goalscorers

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



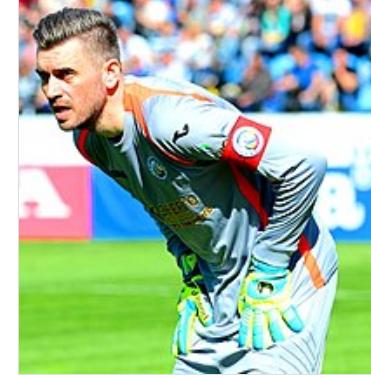
Davor Šuker, Croatia's top goalscorer, 2008

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

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

## Most clean sheets

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

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- 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 <sup>[9]</sup>									
 2034									
Total	Runners-up	6/22	30	13	8	9	43	33	—

Qualification record									
Pos	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA			
2nd <sup>OFF</sup>	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 <sup>OFF</sup>	12	6	3	3	14	9			
2nd <sup>OFF</sup>	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]
<b>First match</b>	 Croatia 3–1 Jamaica  (Lens, France; 14 June 1998)	
<b>Biggest win</b>	 Croatia 4–0 Cameroon  (Manaus, Brazil; 18 June 2014)	
<b>Biggest defeat</b>	 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 <sup>OFF</sup>	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 <sup>OFF</sup>	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]

<b>First match</b>	Croatia 1–0 Turkey (Nottingham, England; 11 June 1996)
<b>Biggest win</b>	Croatia 3–0 Denmark (Sheffield, England; 16 June 1996)
<b>Biggest defeat</b>	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								
<b>Total</b>			<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>2nd</b>		

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										
<b>Total</b>	<b>1/3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>—</b>			

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

Matches											
<b>First match</b>	Spain 6–0 Croatia (Elche, Spain; 11 September 2018)										
<b>Biggest win</b>	Austria 1–3 Croatia (Vienna, Austria; 25 September 2022)										
<b>Biggest defeat</b>	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
<b>Total</b>				<b>2 Title</b>	<b>6/6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>16</b>

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
<b>Total: 8 teams played</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>+14</b>	<b>50.00</b>

**Post-independence**<sup>[246]</sup>

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**<sup>[246]</sup>

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

## FIFA ranking history

The following is a chart of yearly averages of Croatia's FIFA World Ranking.<sup>[260]</sup> Upon admission to FIFA in 1994, Croatia entered the World Ranking at 125th.<sup>[260]</sup> 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.<sup>[261]</sup> It hit a then-record Elo rating of 2,006 points in July 1998 and maintained third place until February 1999.<sup>[262][263]</sup> The national team recorded its highest Elo rating in

June 2023 with 2,012 points.<sup>[264]</sup> With an average Elo rating of 1,877 points, Croatia maintains the sixth-highest average rating in the world.<sup>[265]</sup> 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.<sup>[266][267]</sup>

## Honours

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### 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

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- [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](#)
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- [Croatia women's national under-15 football team](#)



## Notes

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- 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](#).<sup>[35]</sup>
- 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.<sup>[145]</sup>

- e. The mass gathering amounted to over 10% of the nation's population.<sup>[149]</sup> With 550,000 Croatians present, the event constituted the second-largest gathering in modern Croatia.<sup>[150]</sup>
- 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.<sup>[259]</sup>
- 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.
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# Croatia

Coordinates: 45°10'N 15°30'E 

**Croatia** (/kroʊˈeɪʃə/  <sup>ⓘ</sup>, *kroh-AY-shə*; Croatian: *Hrvatska*, pronounced [x̌řv̌atška:]), officially the **Republic of Croatia** (Croatian: *Republika Hrvatska* ( <sup>ⓘ</sup> listen  <sup>ⓘ</sup>)),<sup>[d]</sup> 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.<sup>[12]</sup> 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)<sup>[a]</sup>



Flag

Coat of arms

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

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

<b>Capital</b>	Zagreb
and largest city	45°48'47"N 15°58'39"E
<b>Official languages</b>	Croatian <sup>[b]</sup>
<b>Writing system</b>	Latin <sup>[c]</sup>
<b>Ethnic groups</b> (2021)	91.6% Croats 3.2% Serbs 5.2% others
<b>Religion</b> (2021)	87.4% Christianity

as of 2019.<sup>[13][14][15]</sup> 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.<sup>[16]</sup> 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 <sup>[4]</sup>

## 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 *Xopoáθος* (*Khorooáthos*, alternate forms comprise *Khoróatos* and *Khorooúathos*).<sup>[17]</sup> 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").<sup>[18]</sup>

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"),<sup>[19]</sup> 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.<sup>[20]</sup> 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.<sup>[21]</sup> 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.<sup>[22][23]</sup>

## 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.<sup>[24]</sup> Remnants of Neolithic and Chalcolithic cultures were found in all regions.<sup>[25]</sup> The largest proportion of sites is in the valleys of northern Croatia. The most significant are Baden, Starčevo, and Vučedol cultures.<sup>[26][27]</sup> Iron Age hosted the early Illyrian Hallstatt culture and the Celtic La Tène culture.<sup>[28]</sup>

### Antiquity

<b>Demonym(s)</b>	Croatian
<b>Government</b>	Unitary parliamentary republic
• President	Zoran Milanović
• Prime Minister	Andrej Plenković
<b>Legislature</b>	Sabor
<b>Establishment history</b>	
• 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 <sup>[5]</sup>
• 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
<b>Area</b>	
• Total	56,594 km <sup>2</sup> (21,851 sq mi) (124th)
• Water (%)	1.09
<b>Population</b>	
• 2022 estimate	▼ 3,855,641 <sup>[6]</sup> (128th)
• 2021 census	▼ 3,871,833 <sup>[7]</sup> (128th)
• Density	68.4/km <sup>2</sup> (177.2/sq mi) (152nd)
<b>GDP (PPP)</b>	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,<sup>[29]</sup> Korčula, and Vis.<sup>[30]</sup> 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.<sup>[31]</sup>

## 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.<sup>[32]</sup> 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.<sup>[33]</sup>

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.<sup>[34]</sup>

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.<sup>[35][36][37]</sup>

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,<sup>[38][39]</sup> but recent archaeological data has established that the migration and settlement of the Slavs/Croats was in the late 6th and early 7th century.<sup>[40][41][42]</sup> 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.<sup>[43]</sup>

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.<sup>[44]</sup>

• Total	\$164.672 billion <sup>[8]</sup> (82nd)
• Per capita	▲ \$42,873 <sup>[8]</sup> (45th)
<b>GDP (nominal)</b>	2023 estimate
• Total	▲ \$80.185 billion <sup>[8]</sup> (79th)
• Per capita	▲ \$20,877 <sup>[8]</sup> (51st)
<b>Gini</b> (2020)	▼ 28.3 <sup>[9]</sup> low
<b>HDI</b> (2021)	▲ 0.858 <sup>[10]</sup> very high · 40th
<b>Currency</b>	Euro (€) (EUR)
<b>Time zone</b>	UTC+1 (CET)
• Summer (DST)	UTC+2 (CEST)
<b>Date format</b>	dd. mm. yyyy. (CE)
<b>Driving side</b>	right
<b>Calling code</b>	+385
<b>ISO 3166 code</b>	HR
<b>Internet TLD</b>	.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,<sup>[45]</sup> but mostly finished by the 9th century.<sup>[46][47]</sup> The Frankish overlordship ended during the reign of Mislav,<sup>[48]</sup> or his successor Trpimir I.<sup>[49]</sup> 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.<sup>[50]</sup> The first native Croatian ruler recognised by the Pope was duke Branimir, who received papal recognition from Pope John VIII on 7 June 879.<sup>[21]</sup> 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.<sup>[51]</sup> 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).<sup>[52]</sup> 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.<sup>[53]</sup>

## 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.<sup>[54]</sup> 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.<sup>[55]</sup> 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.<sup>[54][56]</sup>

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.<sup>[56]</sup> 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.<sup>[56]</sup> 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.<sup>[57]</sup>

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.<sup>[58][59]</sup> 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.<sup>[60]</sup> 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.<sup>[56]</sup> In response, the Royal Navy blockaded the Adriatic Sea, leading to the Battle of Vis in 1811.<sup>[61]</sup> 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.<sup>[62]</sup> 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.<sup>[63]</sup> 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.<sup>[64]</sup>

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.<sup>[65]</sup> The Kingdom of Dalmatia remained under de facto Austrian control, while Rijeka retained the status of *corpus separatum* introduced in 1779.<sup>[53]</sup>

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,<sup>[56]</sup> under provisions of the Croatian–Hungarian Settlement.<sup>[66][67]</sup> Renewed efforts to reform Austria-Hungary, entailing federalisation with Croatia as a federal unit, were stopped by World War I.<sup>[68]</sup>

## 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,<sup>[54]</sup> which in turn entered into union with the Kingdom of Serbia on 4 December 1918 to form the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes.<sup>[69]</sup> The Croatian Parliament never ratified the union with Serbia and Montenegro.<sup>[54]</sup> 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.<sup>[70]</sup>

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.<sup>[71]</sup> The dictatorship formally ended in 1931 when the king imposed a more unitary constitution.<sup>[72]</sup> 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.<sup>[73]</sup>



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.<sup>[74]</sup> The NDH regime was led by Ante Pavelić and ultranationalist Ustaše, a fringe movement in pre-war Croatia.<sup>[75]</sup> With German and Italian military and political support,<sup>[76]</sup> the regime introduced racial laws and launched a genocide campaign against Serbs, Jews, and Roma.<sup>[77]</sup> Many were imprisoned in concentration camps; the largest was the Jasenovac complex.<sup>[78]</sup> Anti-fascist Croats were targeted by the regime as well.<sup>[79]</sup> Several concentration camps (most notably the Rab, Gonars and Molat camps) were established in Italian-occupied territories, mostly for Slovenes and Croats.<sup>[78]</sup> At the same time, the Yugoslav Royalist and Serbian nationalist Chetniks pursued a genocidal campaign against Croats and Muslims,<sup>[77][80]</sup> aided by Italy.<sup>[81]</sup> 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.<sup>[82][83]</sup>

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

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.<sup>[90]</sup> In the following years, ethnic Germans faced persecution in Yugoslavia, and many were interned.<sup>[91]</sup>

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.<sup>[92][93]</sup>

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,<sup>[94]</sup> among whom were 125–137,000 Serbs, 118–124,000 Croats, 16–17,000 Jews, and 15,000 Roma.<sup>[95][96]</sup> 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.<sup>[97]</sup> 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.<sup>[98][99]</sup>

## 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.<sup>[100]</sup>

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.<sup>[101]</sup> 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.<sup>[102]</sup>

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.<sup>[103][104]</sup> In January 1990, the Communist Party fragmented along national lines, with the Croatian faction demanding a looser federation.<sup>[105]</sup> In the same year, the first multi-party elections were held in Croatia, while Franjo Tuđman's win exacerbated nationalist tensions.<sup>[106]</sup> Some of the Serbs in Croatia left Sabor and declared autonomy of the unrecognised Republic of Serbian Krajina, intent on achieving independence from Croatia.<sup>[107][108]</sup>

## 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.<sup>[109][110]</sup> In the meantime, tensions escalated into overt war when the Serbian-controlled Yugoslav People's Army (JNA) and various Serb paramilitary groups attacked Croatia.<sup>[111]</sup>

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.<sup>[112][113]</sup> Serb paramilitary groups then began a campaign of killing, terror, and expulsion of the Croats in the rebel territories, killing thousands<sup>[114]</sup> of Croat civilians and expelling or displacing as many as 400,000 Croats and other non-Serbs from their homes.<sup>[115]</sup> Serbs living in Croatian towns, especially those near the front lines, were subjected to various forms of discrimination.<sup>[116]</sup> 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.<sup>[117]</sup> The Croatian Government publicly deplored these practices and sought to stop them, indicating that they were not a part of the Government's policy.<sup>[118]</sup>

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

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



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.<sup>[130]</sup> 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.<sup>[131][132]</sup>

Croatia joined the Partnership for Peace on 25 May 2000<sup>[133]</sup> and became a member of the World Trade Organization on 30 November 2000.<sup>[134]</sup> On 29 October 2001, Croatia signed a Stabilisation and Association Agreement with the European Union,<sup>[135]</sup> submitted a formal application for the EU membership in 2003,<sup>[136]</sup> was given the status of a candidate country in 2004,<sup>[137]</sup> and began accession negotiations in 2005.<sup>[138]</sup> 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.<sup>[139]</sup>

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.<sup>[140]</sup> On 1 April 2009, Croatia joined NATO.<sup>[141]</sup>

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.<sup>[142][143][144]</sup>



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

On 30 June 2011, Croatia successfully completed EU accession negotiations.<sup>[145]</sup> 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.<sup>[146][147]</sup> 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.<sup>[148]</sup>

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.<sup>[149][150][151][152]</sup>

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

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.<sup>[155]</sup>

## 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  $42^{\circ}$  and  $47^{\circ}$  N and longitudes  $13^{\circ}$  and  $20^{\circ}$  E.<sup>[156]</sup> 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.<sup>[157]</sup> 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<sup>[157]</sup> 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,<sup>[157]</sup> 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.<sup>[157]</sup> Karst topography makes up about half of Croatia and is especially prominent in the Dinaric Alps.<sup>[158]</sup> 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.<sup>[159]</sup>



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  $-3^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $27^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) in January and  $18^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $64^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) 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  $-35.5^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $-31.9^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) was recorded on 3 February 1919 in Čakovec,<sup>[160]</sup> and the highest temperature of  $42.8^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $109.0^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) was recorded on 4 August 1981 in Ploče.<sup>[161]</sup>

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.<sup>[160]</sup>

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.<sup>[162]</sup>

## 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.<sup>[163][164]</sup> 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.<sup>[165]</sup>



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.<sup>[166]</sup>

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.<sup>[167]</sup>



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.<sup>[166]</sup> More than a thousand species are endemic, especially in Velebit and Biokovo mountains, Adriatic islands and karst rivers. Legislation protects 1,131 species.<sup>[166]</sup> 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.<sup>[168]</sup>

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.<sup>[166]</sup> 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.<sup>[166]</sup>

## Governance

The Republic of Croatia is a unitary, constitutional state using a parliamentary system. Government powers in Croatia are legislative, executive, and judiciary powers.<sup>[169]</sup> 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.<sup>[169]</sup>

The Government is headed by the prime minister, who has four deputy prime ministers and 16 ministers in charge of particular sectors.<sup>[170]</sup> 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.<sup>[169]</sup>



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.<sup>[171]</sup> The two largest political parties in Croatia are the Croatian Democratic Union and the Social Democratic Party of Croatia.<sup>[172]</sup>

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.<sup>[173]</sup>

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.<sup>[174]</sup> 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.<sup>[175]</sup> The State's Attorney Office is the judicial body constituted of public prosecutors empowered to instigate prosecution of perpetrators of offences.<sup>[176]</sup>

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).<sup>[177][178]</sup>

## Foreign relations

Croatia has established diplomatic relations with 194 countries.<sup>[179]</sup> 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.<sup>[180]</sup>

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).<sup>[181]</sup> 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.<sup>[182]</sup>

Croatia is a member of the European Union. As of 2021, Croatia had unsolved border issues with Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia, and Slovenia.<sup>[183]</sup> Croatia is a member of NATO.<sup>[184][185]</sup> On 1 January 2023, Croatia simultaneously joined both the Schengen Area and the Eurozone,<sup>[186]</sup> 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.<sup>[187][188][189]</sup>

## 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.<sup>[190]</sup>

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.<sup>[191]</sup> In 2005 the budget fell below the NATO-required 2% of GDP, down from the record high of 11.1% in 1994.<sup>[192]</sup> 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.<sup>[190]</sup>

Compulsory conscription was abolished in January 2008.<sup>[157]</sup> 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.<sup>[193]</sup>

As of May 2019, the Croatian military had 72 members stationed in foreign countries as part of United Nations-led international peacekeeping forces.<sup>[194]</sup> As of 2019, 323 troops served the NATO-led ISAF force in Afghanistan. Another 156 served with KFOR in Kosovo.<sup>[195][196]</sup>



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.<sup>[197]</sup> 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.<sup>[198]</sup>

## Administrative divisions

Croatia was first divided into counties in the Middle Ages.<sup>[199]</sup> 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.<sup>[200]</sup>

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.<sup>[201][202]</sup>

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.<sup>[203]</sup> 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.<sup>[204]</sup>



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.<sup>[205]</sup> International Monetary Fund data projected that Croatian nominal GDP reached \$67,84 billion, or \$17.398 per capita for 2021<sup>[206]</sup> while purchasing power parity GDP was \$132,88 billion, or \$32.942 per capita.<sup>[207]</sup> According to Eurostat, Croatian GDP per capita in PPS stood at 65% of the EU average in 2019.<sup>[208]</sup> Real GDP growth in 2022 was 6.2 per cent.<sup>[209]</sup> 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).<sup>[210]</sup> 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.<sup>[211]</sup> 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%.<sup>[212]</sup>

According to 2017 data, 1.9% of the workforce were employed in agriculture, 27.3% by industry and 70.8% in services.<sup>[212]</sup> 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.<sup>[213]</sup>

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.<sup>[214]</sup> 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.<sup>[215]</sup> At the end of June 2020, the national debt stood at 85.3% of GDP.<sup>[216]</sup>

## 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.<sup>[217]</sup> 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.<sup>[218]</sup> 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).<sup>[219]</sup> Germany, Slovenia, Austria, Italy, United Kingdom, Czechia, Poland, Hungary, France, Netherlands, Slovakia and Croatia itself provide the most visitors.<sup>[220]</sup> Tourist stays averaged 4.7 days in 2019.<sup>[221]</sup>



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.<sup>[222]</sup> 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.<sup>[223]</sup>

Croatia has unpolluted marine areas with nature reserves and 116 Blue Flag beaches.<sup>[224]</sup> Croatia was ranked first in Europe for swimming water quality in 2022 by European Environmental Agency.<sup>[225]</sup>

Croatia ranked as the 23rd-most popular tourist destination in the world according to the World Tourism Organization in 2019.<sup>[226]</sup> 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.<sup>[227]</sup> In 2023, luggage storage company Bounce gave Croatia the highest solo travel index in the world (7.58),<sup>[228]</sup> while a joint Pinterest and Zola wedding trends report from 2023 put Croatia among the most popular honeymoon destinations.<sup>[229]</sup>

## 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.<sup>[230][231][232]</sup> The busiest motorways are the A1, connecting Zagreb to Split and the A3, passing east to west through northwest Croatia and Slavonia.<sup>[233]</sup>



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.<sup>[234][235]</sup>

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).<sup>[236]</sup> 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.<sup>[230]</sup> Croatian Railways operates all rail services.<sup>[237]</sup>

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.<sup>[238]</sup>

There are international airports in Dubrovnik, Osijek, Pula, Rijeka, Split, Zadar, and

Zagreb.<sup>[239]</sup> The largest and busiest is Franjo Tuđman Airport in Zagreb.<sup>[240]</sup> 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.<sup>[241]</sup>



Highway network in Croatia

## Ports

The busiest cargo seaport is the Port of Rijeka. The busiest passenger ports are Split and Zadar.<sup>[242][243]</sup> Many minor ports serve ferries connecting numerous islands and coastal cities with ferry lines to several cities in Italy.<sup>[244]</sup> The largest river port is Vukovar, located on the Danube, representing the nation's outlet to the Pan-European transport corridor VII.<sup>[230][245]</sup>

## 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.<sup>[246]</sup> 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.<sup>[247]</sup> 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.<sup>[16]</sup>

In 2010, Croatian energy production covered 85% of nationwide natural gas and 19% of oil demand.<sup>[248]</sup> 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%).<sup>[249]</sup> 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.<sup>[250]</sup>

Krško Nuclear Power Plant (Slovenia) supplies a large part of Croatian imports. 50% is owned by Hrvatska elektroprivreda, providing 15% of Croatia's electricity.<sup>[251]</sup>

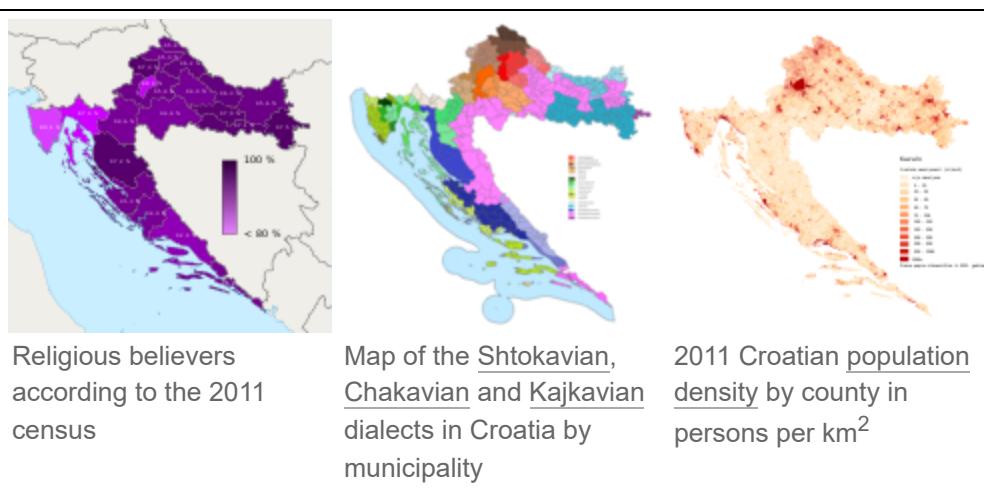
## Demographics

With an estimated population of 3.87 million in 2021,<sup>[252]</sup> 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.<sup>[253]</sup> The overall life expectancy in Croatia at birth was 76.3 years in 2018.<sup>[212]</sup>

Ethnic composition (2021)		
Croats		91.6%
Serbs		3.2%
Other		5.2%
2021 Croatian Census <sup>[7]</sup>		

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.<sup>[212][254]</sup> Croatia's death rate has continuously exceeded its birth rate since 1998.<sup>[255]</sup> Croatia subsequently has one of the world's oldest populations, with an average age of 43.3 years.<sup>[256]</sup> 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.<sup>[257]</sup> The natural growth rate is negative<sup>[157]</sup> with the demographic transition completed in the 1970s.<sup>[258]</sup> 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.<sup>[259]</sup> In accordance with its immigration policy, Croatia is trying to entice emigrants to return.<sup>[260]</sup> From 2008 to 2018, Croatia's population dropped by 10%.<sup>[261]</sup>

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.<sup>[262]</sup> During the war's final days, about 150–200,000 Serbs fled before the arrival of Croatian forces during Operation Storm.<sup>[123][263]</sup> 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.<sup>[264]</sup> 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.<sup>[265][266]</sup>



According to the 2013 United Nations report, 17.6% of Croatia's population were immigrants.<sup>[267]</sup> 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%).<sup>[7]</sup> Approximately 4 million Croats live abroad.<sup>[268]</sup>

**Largest cities or towns in Croatia**  
(2011 Census by Croatian Bureau of Statistics)<sup>[269]</sup>

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.<sup>[270]</sup> In the Eurostat Eurobarometer Poll of 2010, 69% of the population responded that "they believe there is a God".<sup>[271]</sup> In a 2009 Gallup poll, 70% answered yes to the question "Is religion an important part of your daily life?"<sup>[272]</sup> However, only 24% of the population attends religious services regularly.<sup>[273]</sup>



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.<sup>[274][275]</sup> 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.<sup>[275]</sup>

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%.<sup>[2]</sup> 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.<sup>[276]</sup>

A 2011 survey revealed that 78% of Croats claim knowledge of at least one foreign language.<sup>[277]</sup> 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.<sup>[278]</sup> The country is a part of various language-based international associations, most notably the European Union Language Association.<sup>[279]</sup>

## Education

Literacy in Croatia stands at 99.2 per cent.<sup>[280]</sup> 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.<sup>[281]</sup> 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.<sup>[282]</sup>

There are 133 elementary and secondary level music and art schools,<sup>[283]</sup> as well as 83 elementary and 44 secondary schools for disabled children and youth<sup>[284]</sup> and 11 elementary and 52 secondary schools for adults.<sup>[285]</sup> 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.<sup>[286]</sup> Croatia has eight public universities and two private universities.<sup>[287]</sup> 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.<sup>[288]</sup> The University of Zagreb, founded in 1669, is the oldest continuously operating university in Southeast Europe.<sup>[289]</sup> There are also 15 polytechnics, of which two are private, and 30 higher education institutions, of which 27 are private.<sup>[287]</sup> In total, there are 131 institutions of higher education in Croatia, attended by more than 160 thousand students.<sup>[290]</sup>



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.<sup>[291]</sup> Among the scientific institutes operating in Croatia, the largest is the Ruđer Bošković Institute in Zagreb.<sup>[292]</sup> The Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts in Zagreb is a learned society promoting language, culture, arts and science from its inception in 1866.<sup>[293]</sup> Croatia was ranked 44th in the Global Innovation Index in 2023.<sup>[294]</sup>

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.<sup>[295][296]</sup>

## 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.<sup>[297]</sup> 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).<sup>[298]</sup> Healthcare expenditures comprise only 0.6% of private health insurance and public spending.<sup>[299]</sup> In 2017, Croatia spent around 6.6% of its GDP on healthcare.<sup>[300]</sup> 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.<sup>[301]</sup>



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.<sup>[302]</sup> There is total of 69,841 health workers.<sup>[303]</sup> There are 119 emergency units in health centres, responding to more than a million calls.<sup>[304]</sup> 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.<sup>[305]</sup> In 2016 it was estimated that 37.0% of Croatians are smokers.<sup>[306]</sup> According to 2016 data, 24.40% of the Croatian adult population is obese.<sup>[307]</sup>

## Language

Standard Croatian is the official language of the Republic of Croatia,<sup>[308]</sup> and became the 24th official language of the European Union upon its accession in 2013.<sup>[309][310]</sup>



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.<sup>[311]</sup> 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.<sup>[312]</sup> 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.<sup>[313]</sup> 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.<sup>[314]</sup>

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.<sup>[315][316]</sup> 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.<sup>[317][318]</sup>

## 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.<sup>[320]</sup> 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.<sup>[63]</sup>

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.<sup>[321]</sup> 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.<sup>[322]</sup> A global cultural contribution from Croatia is the necktie, derived from the cravat originally worn by the 17th-century Croatian mercenaries in France.<sup>[323][324]</sup>



Historic centre of Trogir has been included in the UNESCO list of World Heritage Site since 1997.<sup>[319]</sup>

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.<sup>[325]</sup>

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.<sup>[326]</sup> The book publishing market is dominated by several major publishers and the industry's centrepiece event—Interliber exhibition held annually at Zagreb Fair.<sup>[327]</sup>

## Arts, literature, and music

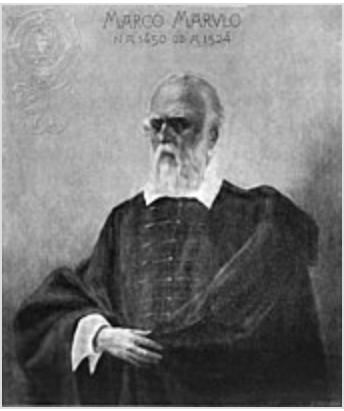
Architecture in Croatia reflects influences of bordering nations. Austrian and Hungarian influence is visible in public spaces and buildings in the north and the central regions, architecture found along coasts of Dalmatia and Istria exhibits Venetian influence.<sup>[328]</sup> Squares named after culture 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.<sup>[329][330]</sup> The subsequent influence of the Art Nouveau was reflected in contemporary architecture.<sup>[331]</sup> 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.<sup>[332][333]</sup>



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.<sup>[334]</sup> Croatian artists of the period achieving renown were Vlaho Bukovac, Ivan Meštrović, and Ivan Generalić.<sup>[332][335]</sup>



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.<sup>[336]</sup> 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.<sup>[337][338]</sup>

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.<sup>[335]</sup>

## Media

In Croatia, the Constitution guarantees the freedom of the press and the freedom of speech.<sup>[339]</sup> 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.<sup>[340]</sup> 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.<sup>[341]</sup> The state-owned news agency HINA runs a wire service in Croatian and English on politics, economics, society, and culture.<sup>[342]</sup>

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.<sup>[344]</sup> Also, there are 21 regional or local DVB-T television channels.<sup>[345]</sup> The HRT is also broadcasting a satellite TV channel.<sup>[346]</sup> In 2020, there were 147 radio stations and 27 TV stations in Croatia.<sup>[347][348]</sup> Cable television and IPTV networks are gaining ground. Cable television already serves 450 thousand people, around 10% of the total population of the country.<sup>[349][350]</sup>



Radio Zagreb, now a part of Croatian Radiotelevision, was the first public radio station in Southeast Europe.<sup>[343]</sup>

In 2010, 267 newspapers and 2,676 magazines were published in Croatia.<sup>[347]</sup> 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*.<sup>[351][352]</sup> In 2020, *24sata* was the most widely circulated daily newspaper, followed by *Večernji list* and *Jutarnji list*.<sup>[353][354]</sup>

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.<sup>[355][356]</sup> Croatian cinema produces between five and ten feature films per year.<sup>[357]</sup> Pula Film Festival, the national film awards event held annually in Pula, is the most prestigious film event featuring national and international productions.<sup>[358]</sup> 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*).<sup>[359]</sup> Croatian film producer Branko Lustig won the Academy Awards for Best Picture for *Schindler's List* and *Gladiator*.<sup>[360]</sup>

## 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.<sup>[361]</sup>



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.<sup>[361]</sup> Annual production of wine exceeds 72 million litres as of 2017.<sup>[362]</sup> Croatia was almost exclusively a wine-consuming country up until the late 18th century when a more massive beer production and consumption started.<sup>[363]</sup> The annual consumption of beer in 2020 was 78.7 litres per capita which placed Croatia in 15th place among the world's countries.<sup>[364]</sup>

There are 11 restaurants in Croatia with a Michelin star and 89 restaurants bearing some of the Michelin's marks.<sup>[365]</sup>

## 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.<sup>[366]</sup> In 2006, there were over 277 thousand members of sports associations and nearly 3,600 are chess and contract bridge association members.<sup>[367]</sup> 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.<sup>[368]</sup> 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.<sup>[369]</sup>

Croatian athletes competing at international events since Croatian independence in 1991 won 44 Olympic medals, including 15 gold medals.<sup>[370]</sup> 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](#)<sup>[1][2]</sup> while select counties bordering Serbia speak standard [Serbian](#).<sup>[3]</sup> 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.<sup>[1]</sup>

The cup was established in 1992,<sup>[2]</sup> 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.<sup>[3]</sup>

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).<sup>[3]</sup> 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 ( <a href="http://hns-cff.hr/natjecanja/supersport-hrvatski-kup/">http://hns-cff.hr/natjecanja/supersport-hrvatski-kup/</a> )



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## Format

### Entries

Although in theory any club can take part in the cup, 48 teams enter the competition proper, based on three criteria:<sup>[1]</sup>

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.<sup>[1]</sup> 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.<sup>[1]</sup> 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.<sup>[1]</sup> 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.<sup>[4]</sup>

## 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.<sup>[5]</sup>

Round	Awarded clubs	Points <sup>[6]</sup>
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.<sup>[7]</sup>

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

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## 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 <sup>[A]</sup>	16	2021	7	2019
Hajduk Split	8	2023	5	2018
Rijeka	6	2020	2	2022
Osijek	1	1999	1	2012
Inter Zaprešić <sup>[B]</sup>	1	1992	0	—
Varaždin <sup>[C]</sup>	0	—	6	2011
Slaven Belupo <sup>[E]</sup>	0	—	2	2016
Lokomotiva	0	—	2	2020
Istra 1961 <sup>[D]</sup>	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 <sup>[F]</sup>	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.<sup>[3]</sup>

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.<sup>[4]</sup> 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.<sup>[5]</sup>

## 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.<sup>[6]</sup>

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.<sup>[6]</sup> 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,<sup>[6]</sup> 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 <a href="#">Independent State of Croatia</a> ) <sup>[1]</sup>
	3 July 1992 (as <a href="#">Croatia</a> ) <sup>[2]</sup>
UEFA affiliation	16 June 1993
President	Marijan Kustić
Website	<a href="http://www.hns-cff.hr/">hns-cff.hr</a> ( <a href="http://www.hns-cff.hr/">http://www.hns-cff.hr/</a> )

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.<sup>[2]</sup>

## 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.<sup>[2][5]</sup>

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.<sup>[7]</sup> Štimac later appealed, calling for another meeting of the Federation.<sup>[8]</sup> His supporters organized a new assembly and elected him the new

President despite the opposing faction's boycott, leading to an impasse.<sup>[9]</sup>

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

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### 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) <sup>[10]</sup> | ▪ <u>Paško Viđak</u> (1988–1990)       |

### List of presidents (1990–present)

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|--|---|
| ▪ <u>Mladen Vedriš</u> (September 1990 – July 1994) <sup>[11]</sup>              | ▪ <u>Josip Šoić</u> (17 August 1996 – 2 June 1997) <sup>[12]</sup>        |
| ▪ <u>Damir Matovinović</u> (acting; 8 July 1994 – 10 March 1995) <sup>[12]</sup> | ▪ <u>Branko Mikša</u> (2 June 1997 – 5 October 1998) <sup>[12]</sup>      |
| ▪ <u>Đuro Brodarac</u> (10 March 1995 – 8 June 1995) <sup>[12]</sup>             | ▪ <u>Vlatko Marković</u> (18 December 1998 – 5 July 2012) <sup>[11]</sup> |
|  | ▪ <u>Davor Šuker</u> (5 July 2012 – 29 July 2021) <sup>[13][14]</sup>     |

- Nadan Vidošević (8 June 1995 – 17 August 1996)<sup>[12]</sup>
- Marijan Kustić (29 July 2021 – present)<sup>[3]</sup>

# Competitions

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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

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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

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# Croatian Football League

The **Croatian Football League** (Croatian: *Hrvatska nogometna liga*; pronounced [x̌řv̌atska: nôgom̌etna: li:ga]), abbreviated as **HNL** and also known sponsorship reasons as the **SuperSport HNL**,<sup>[1]</sup> is the top Croatian professional football league competition, established in 1992.<sup>[2]</sup> 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.<sup>[3]</sup>

## 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> ( <a href="http://hnsl.hr">http://hnsl.hr</a> ) (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) <sup>nb1</sup>
Gorica	9th	2018–19	6	6	2018–19	5th	—
Hajduk Split ‡	2nd	1923	95	33	1923	1st	15 (2004–05) <sup>nb2</sup>
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.)<sup>[4]</sup>
- 2007–2011 – T-Com Prva HNL (Sponsored by T-Hrvatski Telekom, a subsidiary of Deutsche Telekom.)<sup>[5]</sup>
- 2011–2017 – MAXtv Prva liga (Sponsored by T-Hrvatski Telekom, a subsidiary of Deutsche Telekom.)<sup>[6]</sup>
- 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)<sup>[7]</sup>

## 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.<sup>[8]</sup> 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.<sup>[9][10]</sup> However, during the mid-season project was cancelled and the old system with one broadcast per round was returned.<sup>[11]</sup>

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.<sup>[12][13]</sup>

From 2022–23 season the matches are broadcasting on the Hrvatski Telekom channels MAX Sport,<sup>[14]</sup> 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).<sup>[15]</sup> For the other Ex-Yugoslav republics the league will still be broadcast on Arena Sport.

## Attendance

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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

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### 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

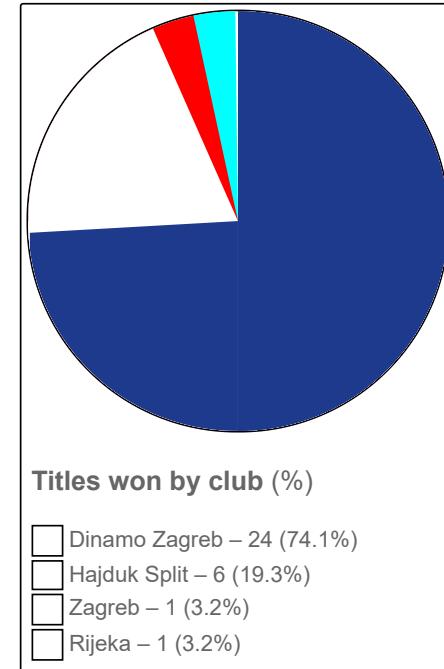
#### Notes on name changes:

- 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	<u>HNK Orient 1919</u>	1	26	30	5	11	14	28	53	0	0	0	0	1996–97	<u>1996–97</u>	14	16,67%
39	<u>NK Neretva</u>	1	23	30	4	11	15	20	44	0	0	0	0	1996–97	<u>1994–95</u>	15	13,33%
40	<u>NK TŠK Topolovac</u>	1	14	30	4	2	24	31	95	0	0	0	0	2001–02	<u>2001–02</u>	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.<sup>[23]</sup> 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.<sup>[24]</sup> Six goals is the record individual scoring total for a player in a single Prva HNL match, held by Marijo Dodik.<sup>[25]</sup>

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.<sup>[26]</sup> The highest-scoring match to date in the Prva HNL occurred on 12 December 1993 when Dinamo Zagreb defeated minnows NK Pazinka 10–1.<sup>[27]</sup>

## 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	<b>Mijo Caktaš</b>	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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italics denotes players still playing professional football).<sup>[28]</sup>

## 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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# 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.<sup>[1]</sup>

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.<sup>[1]</sup>

## 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.<sup>[1]</sup>

Club	Winners	Runners-up
Dinamo Zagreb <sup>[2]</sup>	8	4
Hajduk Split	5	5
Rijeka	1	3
Inter Zaprešić <sup>[3]</sup>	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 ( <a href="http://www.hrnogomet.co/m/superkup/utakmica.php?id=2&amp;tab=1">http://www.hrnogomet.co/m/superkup/utakmica.php?id=2&amp;tab=1</a> )	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 ( <a href="http://www.hrnogomet.co/m/superkup/utakmica.php?id=3&amp;tab=1">http://www.hrnogomet.co/m/superkup/utakmica.php?id=3&amp;tab=1</a> )	

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 <sup>[4]</sup>

Hajduk Split	1 – 0	Croatia Zagreb
Mornar  43'	Report ( <a href="http://www.hrnogomet.co/m/superkup/utakmica.php?id=4&amp;tab=1">http://www.hrnogomet.co/m/superkup/utakmica.php?id=4&amp;tab=1</a> )	

Stadion Poljud, Split  
Attendance: 30,000  
Referee: Ivan Vranarić ([Dakovo](#))

### Second leg

31 July 1994  
20:15 CEST <sup>[5]</sup>

Croatia Zagreb	1 – 0	Hajduk Split
Cvitanović  68' (pen.)	Report ( <a href="http://www.hrnogomet.co/m/superkup/utakmica.php?id=5&amp;tab=1">http://www.hrnogomet.co/m/superkup/utakmica.php?id=5&amp;tab=1</a> )	

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 ( <a href="http://www.hrsport.net/vijest/463558/nogo-met-kup/dinamo-teknakon-lutrije-penala-porazio-hajduk-i-osvojio-superkup/">http://www.hrsport.net/vijest/463558/nogo-met-kup/dinamo-teknakon-lutrije-penala-porazio-hajduk-i-osvojio-superkup/</a> ) (in Croatian)	Caktaš  76' (pen.)
		<b>Penalties</b>
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 ( <a href="http://www.hrsport.net/vijest/474265/nogo-met-maxtv-prva-iga/rijeka-nadigrala-dinamo-i-zasluzeno-osvojila-prvi-trofej-sezone/">http://www.hrsport.net/vijest/474265/nogo-met-maxtv-prva-iga/rijeka-nadigrala-dinamo-i-zasluzeno-osvojila-prvi-trofej-sezone/</a> ) (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 ( <a href="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/">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/</a> ) (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 ( <a href="https://hns-cff.hr/matches/65329648/dinamo-hajduk-4-1/">https://hns-cff.hr/matches/65329648/dinamo-hajduk-4-1/</a> )	
		<b>Penalties</b>
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/>)

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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.<sup>[note 1]</sup>

## 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.<sup>[1]</sup>

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	<b>3. NL</b>
Relegation to	<b>2. ŽNL</b>
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),<sup>[1][2]</sup> 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.<sup>[3]</sup>

## Winning clubs

### Key

	Winners that haven't been promoted due to various reasons
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### Prva NL

<b>Organising body</b>	<a href="#">HNS</a>
<b>Founded</b>	1991
<b>Country</b>	 <a href="#">Croatia</a>
<b>Confederation</b>	<a href="#">UEFA</a>
<b>Number of teams</b>	12
<b>Level on pyramid</b>	2
<b>Promotion to</b>	<a href="#">HNL</a>
<b>Relegation to</b>	<a href="#">2. NL</a>
<b>Domestic cup(s)</b>	<a href="#">Hrvatski nogometni kup</a>
<b>Current champions</b>	<a href="#">Rudeš</a> (2nd title) (2022–23)
<b>Most championships</b>	<a href="#">Cibalia</a> <a href="#">Inter Zaprešić</a> <a href="#">Marsonia</a> <a href="#">RNK Split</a> <a href="#">Hrvatski Dragovoljac</a> (3 titles)
<b>TV partners</b>	<a href="#">MAX Sport</a>
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.druga-hnl.com">www.druga-hnl.com</a> ( <a href="http://www.druga-hnl.com">htt</a> <a href="http://www.druga-hnl.com">p://www.druga-hnl.com</a> )

*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 <sup>[4]</sup>	<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.<sup>[1][2]</sup> 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.<sup>[3]</sup> 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.<sup>[4][5]</sup>

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.<sup>[2][6]</sup> 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.<sup>[7]</sup>

## 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,<sup>[8]</sup> with local Fiumans also taking part in the game.<sup>[9]</sup> 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.<sup>[8]</sup> In 1890 the first school-based football clubs are founded by high school students in Rijeka.<sup>[9]</sup> The sport was further popularized in Croatia by Franjo Bučar in the 1890s.<sup>[10]</sup> The Croatian translation of the sport's name, *nogomet*, was coined by the linguist Slavko Rutzner Radmilović in 1893 or 1894.<sup>[11]</sup> 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.<sup>[12]</sup>

Football in Croatia	
	
Country	Croatia
Governing body	Croatian Football Federation (HNS)
National team(s)	men's national team women's national team
<b>National competitions</b>	
HNL	
1. NL	
2. NL	
3. NL	
First County	
Croatian Cup	
Croatian Super Cup	
<b>Club competitions</b>	
UEFA Champions League	
UEFA Europa League	
UEFA Europa Conference League	
UEFA Super Cup	
FIFA Club World Cup	
<b>International competitions</b>	
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*,<sup>[13]</sup> both multi-sport association with very popular football sections.<sup>[14]</sup> 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.<sup>[12]</sup>

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.<sup>[9]</sup> 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,<sup>[15]</sup> won by Forza e Coraggio, which was then forced by the authorities to change its name to *U.S. Ragusa*.<sup>[16]</sup> *Hajduk*, *Gradanski* and *SK Opatija* were all founded in the same year, 1911.<sup>[17]</sup> 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.<sup>[18]</sup>

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.<sup>[12]</sup> 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*.<sup>[15]</sup>

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.<sup>[19]</sup>

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.<sup>[20]</sup> 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.<sup>[21]</sup> 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.<sup>[22]</sup> 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.	<b>Still Active</b>
Fiumei Atletikai Club	1905	Rijeka, Corpus Separatum	Dissolution date unknown.	?
Segesta Sisak	1906	Sisak, Kingdom of Croatia-Slavonia		<b>Still Active</b>
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		<b>Still Active</b>
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.	<b>Still Active</b>
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.	<b>Still Active</b>
1. HŠK Građanski	1911	Zagreb, Kingdom of Croatia-Slavonia	Later renamed to NK Dinamo.	<b>Still Active</b>
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		<b>Still Active</b>
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.	<b>Still Active</b>
HŠK Slaven	1912	Koprivnica, Kingdom of Croatia-Slavonia		<b>Still Active</b>
Olimpija Suhopolje	1912	Suhopolje, Kingdom of Croatia-Slavonia		1916
SK Lav	1913	Knin, Kingdom of Croatia-Slavonia	Later renamed to HNK Dinara.	<b>Still Active</b>
HŠK Šparta	1913	Zagreb, Kingdom of Croatia-Slavonia	Later renamed to NK Šparta-Elektra.	<b>Still Active</b>

## 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	<a href="#">Fiorentina</a>	4–2	<a href="#">Dinamo Zagreb</a>	3–0	1–2
UCWC	1972–73	SF	<a href="#">Leeds United</a>	1–0	<a href="#">Hajduk Split</a>	1–0	0–0
EC	1975–76	QF	<a href="#">Hajduk Split</a>	2–3	<a href="#">PSV Eindhoven</a>	2–0	0–3 (aet)
EC	1979–80	QF	<a href="#">Hamburger SV</a>	3–3 (a)	<a href="#">Hajduk Split</a>	1–0	2–3
UC	1983–84	SF	<a href="#">Hajduk Split</a>	2–2 (a)	<a href="#">Tottenham Hotspur</a>	2–1	0–1
UCL	1994–95	QF	<a href="#">Hajduk Split</a>	0–3	<a href="#">Ajax</a>	0–0	0–3
EL	2020–21	QF	<a href="#">Dinamo Zagreb</a>	1–3	<a href="#">Villarreal</a>	0–1	1–2
UCWC	1998–99	QF	<a href="#">Varteks</a>	1–3	<a href="#">Mallorca</a>	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.<sup>[23]</sup> 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.<sup>[24]</sup>

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.<sup>[25]</sup> 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

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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	<a href="#">1990–91</a>	<a href="#">1991–92</a>	<a href="#">1992–93</a>	<a href="#">1993–94</a>	<a href="#">1994–95</a>	<a href="#">1995–96</a>	<a href="#">1996–97</a>	<a href="#">1997–98</a>	<a href="#">1998–99</a>	<a href="#">1999–2000</a>
<b>2000s</b>	<a href="#">2000–01</a>	<a href="#">2001–02</a>	<a href="#">2002–03</a>	<a href="#">2003–04</a>	<a href="#">2004–05</a>	<a href="#">2005–06</a>	<a href="#">2006–07</a>	<a href="#">2007–08</a>	<a href="#">2008–09</a>	<a href="#">2009–10</a>
<b>2010s</b>	<a href="#">2010–11</a>	<a href="#">2011–12</a>	<a href="#">2012–13</a>	<a href="#">2013–14</a>	<a href="#">2014–15</a>	<a href="#">2015–16</a>	<a href="#">2016–17</a>	<a href="#">2017–18</a>	<a href="#">2018–19</a>	<a href="#">2019–20</a>
<b>2020s</b>	<a href="#">2020–21</a>	<a href="#">2021–22</a>	<a href="#">2022–23</a>	<a href="#">2023–24</a>						

## Teams

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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

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[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

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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

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- [Football in Yugoslavia](#)
- [Croatian football league system](#)
- [First Croatian beach soccer league](#)

- [Croatia at the FIFA World Cup](#)
- [Croatia at the UEFA European Championship](#)
- [Croatia at the UEFA Nations League](#)

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# GNK Dinamo Zagreb Academy

**GNK Dinamo Zagreb Academy**, also known as **Hitrec-Kacian** (Croatian pronunciation: [xîtrets kâtsija:n]), are the youth team of Dinamo Zagreb. The academy was founded on 27 December 1967. There are a total of ten age categories within the academy, the oldest being the Junior Team (under-19) and youngest being the Zagići II Team (under-8). They have produced many of the Croatia national team stars including Luka Modrić, Vedran Čorluka, Eduardo, Robert Prosinečki and Zvonimir Boban.<sup>[1]</sup>

## History

The first junior team was formed in 1945 and the coach was the famous Gradjanski Zagreb goalkeeper Maks Mihelčić. Soon after that, Márton Bukovi joined the youth squad as an expert coach, but left after two years following his disappointment with the disbanding of Gradjanski. The junior team won a treble in 1950 (Zagreb's, Croatian and Yugoslav championships) under the leadership of Mirko Kokotović.<sup>[2]</sup>

In 1952 Branko Horvatek started training one of the best junior generations the club ever had. Some of the famous players that played in that generation were Dražan Jerković, Mladen Košćak, Marijan Kolonić and Mladen Klobučar. The decision to form the youth academy *Hitrec-Kacian* was brought on 27 December 1967 with Horvatek being elected as its first director.<sup>[2]</sup> Apart from him, many other famous Croatian coaches worked with the generation that was very successful in the period of 1972-1974 in Yugoslav junior competitions. Some of them include: Zorislav Srebrić, Marko Jurić, Pero Dujmović, Vladimir Čonč, Ivan Đalma Marković, Mirko Belić, Rudolf Cvek and Zdenko Kobeščak.<sup>[2]</sup>

## Honours

### Domestics

#### Croatian football league system

- **Croatian U-19 Prva HNL**
  - **Winner (10):** 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2016, 2018, 2019
- **Croatian U-17 Prva HNL**
  - **Winner (17):** 1992, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
- **Croatian U-15 Prva HNL**
  - **Winner (10):** 1997, 1998, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2010, 2015, 2016, 2017
- **Croatian Cup U-19**
  - **Winner (7):** 2000, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2008, 2012, 2013
- **Croatian Cup U-17**
  - **Winner (4):** 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
- **Croatian Cup U-15**
  - **Winner (3):** 2015, 2016, 2018

#### Yugoslav football league system

- **Yugoslav Championship U-19**

### Dinamo Zagreb II

<b>Full name</b>	Gradjanski nogometni klub Dinamo Zagreb II
<b>Founded</b>	27 December 1967
<b>Ground</b>	Stadion Hitrec-Kacian
<b>Capacity</b>	5,000
<b>Chairman</b>	Mirko Barišić
<b>League</b>	Druga HNL
<b>2020–21</b>	Druga HNL, 13th
<b>Website</b>	Club website ( <a href="https://www.gnkdinamo.hr">https://www.gnkdinamo.hr</a> )

- **Winner (5):** 1950, 1955, 1972, 1973, 1974
- **Croatian Championship U-19**
  - **Winner (17):** 1950, 1951, 1954, 1955, 1963, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1976, 1979, 1980, 1983, 1984, 1986
- **Croatian Championship U-17**
  - **Winner (2):** 1959, 1985
- **Yugoslav Cup U-19**
  - **Winner (2):** 1967, 1973
- **Croatian Cup U-19**
  - **Winner (5):** 1963, 1967, 1968, 1973, 1978

## Internationals

- **FIFA Youth Cup**
  - **Winner (1):** 2018
- **Manchester United Premier Cup**
  - **Winner (1):** 2012–13
- **Premier League International Cup**
  - Runners-up (1): 2018–19
- **UEFA Youth League**
  - Quarterfinals (2): 2018–19, 2019–20
- **Kvarnerska rivijera**
  - **Winner (9):** 1961, 1967, 1977, 1981, 1984, 1986, 1999, 2008, 2019
- **International Nereo Rocco Tournament**
  - **Winner (2):** 2002, 2009

## Modern times

After the formation of HNL in 1991. Dinamo youth teams play important role with 6 **U19** and 9 **U17** titles (as of 2010).<sup>[3]</sup> Since the mid-2000s Dinamo's youth academy is considered one of the best in Europe with their teams winning notable international tournaments.<sup>[4]</sup> Some of the former Dinamo youth players include Croatian internationals Vedran Ćorluka, Luka Modrić, Eduardo da Silva, Niko Kranjčar, Dejan Lovren, Milan Badelj, Ivan Kelava, Mateo Kovačić and Šime Vrsaljko.

## Notable academy graduates

-  Milan Badelj
-  Igor Bišćan
-  Zvonimir Boban
-  Tomislav Butina
-  Vedran Ćorluka
-  Eduardo
-  Joško Gvardiol
-  Alen Halilović
-  Ivan Kelava
-  Mateo Kovačić
-  Andrej Kramarić

- Niko Kranjčar
- Jerko Leko
- Dejan Lovren
- Luka Modrić
- Robert Prosinečki
- Zvonimir Soldo
- Dario Šimić
- Šime Vrsaljko
- Dino Drpić

## UEFA Youth League record

Season	Stage	Round	Opponent	Home	Away	Agg.
2015–16	Champions League Path	GS	Arsenal	0–2	2–1	1st out of 4
			Bayern Munich	0–1	2–1	
			Olympiacos	2–2	3–1	
	Knockout stage	R16	Anderlecht		2–0	0–3 (awd.) <sup>[5][6]</sup>
2016–17	Champions League Path	GS	Juventus	2–1	1–0	4th out of 4
			Lyon	1–2	0–2	
			Sevilla	2–4	1–1	
2018–19	Domestic Champions Path	.1R	Viitorul Constanța	2–0	1–0	3–0
		.2R	Astana	3–1	1–1	4–2
	Knockout stage	PQ	Lokomotiv Moscow	1–1 (5–4 p)		
		R16	Liverpool	1–1 (4–3 p)		
		QF	Chelsea		2–2 (2–4 p)	
2019–20	Champions League Path	GS	Atalanta	1–0	0–2	2nd out of 4
			Manchester City	1–0	2–2	
			Shakhtar Donetsk	1–0	1–1	
	Knockout stage	PQ	Dynamo Kyiv		0–0 (4–3 p)	
		R16	Bayern Munich		2–2 (6–5 p)	
		QF	Benfica		1–3	
2020–21	Knockout stage	R64	Rosenborg	<i>Tournament cancelled</i>		
2022–23	Champions League Path	GS	Chelsea	4–2	0–4	3rd out of 4
			Milan	1–2	0–3	
			Red Bull Salzburg	2–1	0–2	
2023–24	Domestic Champions Path	.1R	İstanbul Başakşehir	2–1	3–1	5–2
		.2R	Basel	–	–	–

## Players

# GNK Dinamo Zagreb II

As of 14 January 2023<sup>[7]</sup>

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

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player	No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
—	GK	 BIH	Faris Krkalić	—	FW	 CRO	Vito Batistić
—	DF	 CRO	Leon Sopić	—	FW	 SRB	Luca Bigboy
—	FW	 MNE	Andrija Kolundžić	—	MF	 CRO	Jovan Blagojevic

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# GNK Dinamo Zagreb

**Gradiški nogometni klub Dinamo Zagreb** (English: *Dinamo Zagreb Citizens' Football Club*),<sup>[3][4][5]</sup> commonly referred to as **GNK Dinamo Zagreb** or simply **Dinamo Zagreb** (pronounced [diˈnamo zâ:greb]),<sup>[6][7]</sup> is a Croatian professional football club based in Zagreb. Dinamo play their home matches at Stadion Maksimir. They are the most successful club in Croatian football, having won twenty-four Prva HNL titles, sixteen Croatian Cups, eight Croatian Super Cups, and one Inter-Cities Fairs Cup. The club has spent its entire existence in top flight, having been members of the Yugoslav First League from 1946 to 1991, and then the Prva HNL since its foundation in 1993.

At the end of the World War II, the new communist government of Yugoslavia considered Croatian clubs like HŠK Gradiški as fascist and nationalist, because they had operated under the former Independent State of Croatia, which was an Axis member during the war. As such, they were formally disbanded and, in 1945, FD Dinamo was founded as a club to act as an unofficial successor to HŠK Gradiški, getting around the ruling party's disapproval. They entered the Yugoslav First League in its inaugural 1946–47 season, finishing as runners-up. In their second season in Yugoslav top flight in 1947–48 they finished as Yugoslav champions, which was their first major trophy. The club won three more league titles and seven Yugoslav Cups. Amid the breakup of Yugoslavia and formation of the Croatian football league system, Dinamo left the Yugoslav league in 1991. Dinamo are, to date, the only Croatian club to win a European trophy, having won the 1966–67 Inter-Cities Fairs Cup by defeating Leeds United in the final. They also finished runners-up in the same competition in 1963 when they lost to Valencia.

Until the early 1990s, its foundation year was considered to be 1945 but amid the political turmoil during the breakup of Yugoslavia the club began claiming direct lineage to pre-WWII clubs Gradiški Zagreb and HAŠK. In order to reflect this, in June 1991, it was renamed **HAŠK Gradiški**, which lasted until February 1993 when it was renamed **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 the more widely recognized "Dinamo Zagreb" on 14 February 2000. Although the subject of the club's name was dropped for a while, in 2011, club management increasingly began claiming again that Dinamo is the direct descendant of Gradiški (which had originally been founded in 1911 and disbanded in 1945) and in April that year decided to prepend the adjective "*Gradiški*" to the club's official name, turning it into the present-day GNK Dinamo (*Gradiški nogometni klub Dinamo* or *Dinamo Citizens' Football Club*).

## Dinamo Zagreb



<b>Full name</b>	Gradiški nogometni klub Dinamo Zagreb (Dinamo Zagreb Citizens' Football Club)
<b>Nickname(s)</b>	Modri, Plavi (The Blues) Purgeri (The Citizens)
<b>Short name</b>	Dinamo, DZG
<b>Founded</b>	26 April 1911 (as 1. HŠK Gradiški) <sup>[1]</sup> 9 June 1945 (as FD Dinamo)
<b>Ground</b>	Stadion Maksimir
<b>Capacity</b>	35,123 <sup>[2]</sup> (Reduced to 24,851 because of earthquake damage)
<b>President</b>	Mirko Barišić
<b>Manager</b>	Sergej Jakirović
<b>League</b>	SuperSport HNL
<b>2022–23</b>	SuperSport HNL, 1st of 10 (champions)
<b>Website</b>	Club website ( <a href="http://www.gnkdinamo.hr/">http://www.gnkdinamo.hr/</a> )



The team's traditional colour is royal blue, which has been replaced for European matches in recent times with the darker navy blue. The club's biggest rivals are Hajduk Split, and matches between the two teams are referred to as "Eternal Derby".

## History

### Foundation of Građanski (1911–45)

In 1911, when Croatia was still part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, Građanski was founded in Zagreb by Andrija Mutafelija and a few of his friends in response to rumors that a football club that was meant to play in the Hungarian football league (as opposed to the Croatian Sports Union) was about to be established. Građanski was therefore founded as a multi-sports club with a distinctly Croatian identity intended to cater to citizens of Zagreb, with sections dedicated to football, handball and cycling. At first they used grounds in Zagreb's neighbourhoods of Tuškanac, Martinovka, Kanal and Maksimir, until they built their own stadium at Koturaška street, which was officially opened in 1924 by Stjepan Radić, a prominent Croatian politician.

Internationally, the club went on several successful tours – on one of these, in 1923 in Spain, Građanski beat Barcelona<sup>[8]</sup> and Athletic Bilbao. The club often toured to Austria and Hungary and played friendly matches with top local sides. In 1936, they went on tour to England where they adopted the WM formation which helped them win the 1936–1937 Yugoslav championship. Márton Bukovi, who started using the formation as Građanski manager in 1936, introduced it to Hungary in the late 1940s and later modified it into the now famous WW system which brought the Hungary national team to the final game of the 1954 World Cup.

The club competed in the Mitropa Cup, the first European international club competition, on three occasions – in 1928, 1937 and 1940. In 1928, Građanski were knocked out in the two-legged quarterfinal by Viktoria Žižkov of Czechoslovakia with 4–8<sup>[9]</sup> on aggregate. Nine years later, Građanski exited early again after suffering a 1–6 aggregate loss to Genova 1893 FBC.<sup>[10]</sup> In 1940, they beat the Hungarian side Újpest FC (5–0 on aggregate) in the quarterfinal, only to be defeated by Rapid Bucharest in the semifinal. Both legs ended without goals, so a playoff game in Subotica was held, which ended 1–1.<sup>[11]</sup> Rapid progressed to the final on a coin toss, but the final game (against Ferencváros) was never played because of the outbreak of World War II.

Having been invaded and occupied by the Nazi Germany in 1941, the Kingdom of Yugoslavia was dissolved and sports competitions in the nation were suspended. An exception to this was the Independent State of Croatia (NDH) which, as an Axis member, enjoyed peace and so the NDH continued to hold national competitions featuring prominent Croatian clubs. Four of these seasons were started (1941, 1941–42, 1942–43 and 1943–44) but only the second and third editions were finished, with Građanski winning the 1942–43 season.<sup>[12]</sup>



Građanski team 1937.

When the war ended in 1945, the club was disbanded by the new communist government (along with city rivals HAŠK and Concordia Zagreb) and its archives were destroyed in retribution for competing in the wartime football league. The club's last official game was a 2–2 draw against HAŠK on 10 April 1945, just before both clubs were disbanded.

### Dissolution of Građanski and establishment of Dinamo (1945–66)

In the immediate aftermath of World War II, Građanski was disbanded (along with city rivals HAŠK and Concordia Zagreb) by a decree issued by the communist authorities in June 1945. On 9 June 1945, just three days after Građanski was disbanded, a new sports society called **FD Dinamo** (Croatian: *Fiskulturno društvo Dinamo*) was founded. Soon after the initial meeting, the football section was formed with Ico Hitrec as the

chairman, and some old players and administration members of Građanski (Jerko Šimić, Rudolf Sabljak, Otto Hofman, Franjo Staroveški, Slavko Bobnar, Zvonimir Stanković) becoming administration members of the club of which some of them later became presidents. The newly established Dinamo took over Građanski's colors and nickname, inherited its pre-war fan base, and in 1969 even adopted a badge strongly resembling Građanski's. Many Građanski's most notable players continued their career at Dinamo upon its formation (including Franjo Wölfl, August Lešnik, Zvonimir Cimermančić, Branko Pleše, Milan Antolković, Mirko Kokotović, Ivica Reiss, Emil Urch and later Ivan Jazbinšek) as well as their coach Márton Bukovi, physiotherapist Franjo Žlof and a significant number of juniors. First generation of Dinamo's youth team was coached by Građanski's former goalkeeper Maks Mihelčić who also took the role of a goalkeeping coach. In the first few years, the club played their home matches at Građanski's old ground, Stadion Koturaška, before moving to a new stadium built on place of HAŠK's former ground in Maksimir.

Following its formation, the club entered Yugoslav First League in its inaugural 1946–47 season and finished runners-up, five points behind champions Partizan. In the following 1947–48 season, Dinamo won their first trophy after winning the Yugoslav championship with five points ahead of Hajduk Split and Partizan. In the 1951 season, the club finished runners-up again, but compensated with their first Yugoslav Cup title after defeating Vojvodina 4–0 in the two-legged final. Dinamo later added three more cup titles (in 1960, 1963 and 1965) and two championship wins (in 1953–54 and 1957–58). In addition, they were also cup runners-up on three occasions (in 1950, 1964 and 1966). Dinamo first entered European competitions in the preliminary round of the 1958–59 European Cup, but were knocked out by the Czechoslovak side Dukla Prague. The club then had some success in the 1960–61 European Cup Winners' Cup, as they managed to reach the semi-finals where they lost to Italian side Fiorentina. They have also competed in the 1961–62 Inter-Cities Fairs Cup, but failed to progress beyond the second round in which they were knocked out by Barcelona. However, in the 1962–63 Inter-Cities Fairs Cup, Dinamo managed to reach the final, but lost 4–1 on aggregate to Spanish side Valencia. In the 1963–64 European Cup Winners' Cup, they made an early exit in the first round after a defeat to Scottish side Celtic. During this period, many of Dinamo's star players were also integral part of the Yugoslavia national team, including Željko Čajkovski, Zlatko Škorić, Krasnodar Rora, Denijal Pirić, Dražan Jerković, Ivica Horvat, Slaven Zambata and Rudolf Belin.

## Inter-Cities Fairs Cup (1966–67)

Three Yugoslav clubs went on to participate in the 1966–67 Inter-Cities Fairs Cup, but they were knocked-out early in the competition, excluding Dinamo, who went on to become the first ever Yugoslavia team that won a European competition. In the first round, Dinamo played against Spartak Brno and after the aggregate score was level at 2–2, a coin was flipped in order to determine the winner. Dinamo was through to the second round, where they were drawn against Scottish side Dunfermline. For the first time in the history of the Cup, the away goals rule were introduced, which helped Dinamo qualify for the third round after the aggregate score was 4–4 (2–0 at home and 2–4 away). On their road to finals, they defeated Romanian side Dinamo Pitești, Italian powerhouse Juventus and German side Eintracht Frankfurt. In the finals the club was drawn to play its first match at Maksimir against Leeds United. Dinamo won 2–0 in front of the 33 thousand fans with Marijan Čerček and Krasnodar Rora scoring, which was enough to secure the title as the match at Elland Road finished 0–0.<sup>[13]</sup> The final matches were attended by the then president of FIFA, Sir Stanley Rous, who handed the trophy to Dinamo's captain and top goalscorer Slaven Zambata.



Old enamel badge of the club during communist Yugoslavia

## Post-European success era (1967–91)

Dinamo closed the successful 1960s with Yugoslav Cup title in the 1969 and quarterfinals of the 1969–70 Cup Winners' Cup competition. Unfortunately, the success did not follow the club to the new decade, as they failed to win a single trophy throughout the 1970s. The club participated in three more seasons of Inter-Cities Fairs Cup

before it was replaced with the UEFA Cup, but failed to make any impact. Dinamo took part of the initial UEFA Cup season, but lost in the second round of the competition to Rapid Wien on the away goals rule. The club entered the UEFA Cup on seven more occasions (in 1976, 1977, 1979, 1988, 1989, 1990 and 1992), but never repeated its success from the '60s.

The 1978–79 Yugoslav Championship both Hajduk Split and Dinamo Zagreb finished the season on 50 points, but Hajduk won the championship having the better goal difference. However, there was a controversy in the first round when Rijeka defeated Dinamo 2–1 at Kantrida. Dinamo claimed that Edmond Tomić, who joined Rijeka that season from Lirija, didn't serve a one-match suspension following two yellow cards received while playing for his former club. They appealed and after two months it has been decided to award the match 3–0 to Dinamo. After several appeals from both sides, in spring 1979 Football Association of Yugoslavia ruled in favour of Rijeka. The case was brought to Employment Appeal Tribunal, which four years later ruled Dinamo as champions.<sup>[1]</sup> The injustice was never corrected as Dinamo never received recognition from Football Association of Yugoslavia nor Hajduk who simply ignored the judgement. This is still often seen by Dinamo's fans as another evidence of mistreatment of their club by Yugoslav football authorities and as hypocrisy of their rivals - Hajduk.

Finally, at the beginning of the 1980s, Dinamo won their sixth Yugoslav Cup title, defeating Red Star Belgrade 2–1 on aggregate. They then qualified for the 1980–81 Cup Winners' Cup but lost in the first round to Benfica. In 1982, Dinamo sealed their fourth Yugoslav championship and in 1983 won their seventh Yugoslav Cup, the club's last trophy as a part of the SFR Yugoslavia. After Benfica, another Portuguese club sealed Dinamo's European season, this time in 1982–83 European Cup when they lost to Sporting CP. They played in 1983–84 Cup Winners' Cup season and were eliminated, again, by Portuguese side Porto. The club did not have any success in the second part of the 1980s, save for two consecutive second-place finishes in the Yugoslav championship in 1989 and 1990.

## Croatia Zagreb era (1991–2000)

After the SFR Yugoslavia was dissolved, Dinamo took part in creating the Prva HNL and the initial season was played in 1992. The same year, the club controversially changed its name to **HAŠK Gradiški**, and another name change followed in 1993, when the club was renamed to **Croatia Zagreb**. The name change was widely seen as a political move by the leadership of then newly independent Croatia, with the goal of distancing the club from its communist past. As the name change was also never accepted by their supporters, the club renamed themselves back to Dinamo on 14 February 2000. As Croatia Zagreb, the club won six league titles, of which five were won in a row from 1996 to 2000. During this period, the club also won the Croatian Cup four times.<sup>[14]</sup>

In the late 1990s, the club played two consecutive seasons in the UEFA Champions League group stage. In the 1998–99 season, they were drawn in a group with Ajax, Olympiacos and Porto. After disappointing performances in the first three matches, in which they managed to draw against Ajax at home and lost their away matches against Olympiacos and Porto, they performed well in the remaining three matches, beating Porto at home and Ajax away, as well as drawing Olympiacos at home. However, they failed to advance to the quarter-finals as the second-placed team behind Olympiacos. In the 1999–2000 season, they were drawn in a group with defending champions Manchester United, Marseille and Sturm Graz, but managed only a fourth-place finish in the group with two draws and one win. They most notably held Manchester United to a goalless draw at Old Trafford in their opening Champions League match that season. The club also competed in two consecutive seasons of UEFA Cup—in 1996, they were knocked out in the qualifying round, while in the 1997, they managed to reach the third round, losing to Atlético Madrid 2–1 on aggregate score.

## Dinamo Zagreb era (2000–present)

### "Golden Era" (2000–15)

The club subsequently participated five times in the third qualifying round of the Champions League, in 2000, 2003, 2006, 2007 and 2008. However, they played against Milan, Dynamo Kyiv, Arsenal, Werder Bremen, Shakhtar Donetsk and failed to win a single match, losing 6–1 on aggregate to Milan, 5–1 on aggregate to Dynamo Kyiv, Shakhtar Donetsk and Arsenal and 5–3 on aggregate to Werder Bremen. Since the qualifying rounds format changed, Dinamo was unable to get through to the play-off round, losing 3–2 on aggregate to Red Bull Salzburg in 2009. Before the UEFA Cup group stage phase was introduced, Dinamo's best success in the competition was reaching the second round of the competition on three occasions. They were able to reach the group stages in 2004–05, 2007–08 and 2008–09, but failed to secure qualification to round of 32. UEFA then introduced Europa League competition which had slightly changed format compared to that of the UEFA Cup. Dinamo was able to qualify for the group stage of the initial 2009–10 Europa League season after beating Scottish side Hearts 4–2 on aggregate.

In domestic competitions, the club was able to secure five league titles and won the Croatian Cup on six occasions, in addition to four Croatian Supercups. The club has also produced many footballing talents that have represented the Croatia national team on the international level in the 2000s, most notably Luka Modrić, Eduardo, Vedran Ćorluka, Niko Kranjčar and Tomislav Butina. Dinamo once again qualified for the Europa League in 2010–11, finishing third in group D behind PAOK and Villarreal and ahead of Club Brugge. Dinamo was very close to finishing second after wins against Villarreal at home (2–0) and Club Brugge away (0–2), but failed to win in their last game against PAOK at home (lost 0–1), thus failing to qualify for the next stage.

Dinamo managed to reach the group stage of the Champions League in 2011 after beating Neftçi Bakı (3–0 at home, 0–0 away), HJK Helsinki (2–1 away, 1–0 at home) and Malmö FF (4–1 at home, lost 2–0 away). They were drawn in group D alongside Real Madrid, Lyon and Ajax. Dinamo finished last in the group stage, with a –19 goal difference and 22 total goals conceded. They lost both matches against all teams—Real Madrid (0–1 at home, 6–2 away), Lyon (1–7 at home, 2–0 away) and Ajax (0–2 at home, 4–0 away). The only highlight of the campaign being two late consolation goals in the final match of the group at the Santiago Bernabéu Stadium, the only goals Real Madrid conceded in that group.

The following season, Dinamo once again managed to qualify for the Champions League group stage after defeating Ludogorets Razgrad, Sheriff Tiraspol and NK Maribor. They were drawn in group A alongside Porto, Dynamo Kyiv and Paris Saint-Germain. However, they failed to reach the next stage after recording just one point and a –13 goal difference, with their best result a 1–1 draw with Dynamo Kyiv at the Stadion Maksimir.

## Recent years (2015–18)

In the 2015–16 Champions League, they defeated Fola Esch 4–1 (1–1 at home, 3–0 away) in the second qualifying round, Molde 4–4 (1–1 at home, 3–3 away, winning on away goals) in the third qualifying round, and Skënderbeu Korçë 6–2 (2–1 away, 4–1 at home) in play-off round, later being drawn into group F alongside Bayern Munich, Arsenal and Olympiacos, where they notably defeated Arsenal 2–1 at home on 16 September 2015. The club won the domestic double, securing both the league title and the national cup.

In the 2016–17 season, Dinamo failed to win the league title for the first time since the 2004–05 season, and also failed to win the cup for the first time since 2014. In the 2016–17 UEFA Champions League, they defeated Vardar 5–3 (2–1 away, 3–2 at home) in the second qualifying round, Dinamo Tbilisi 3–0 (2–0 at home, 1–0 away) and Red Bull Salzburg (1–1 home, 2–1 away after extra time). They were drawn in Group H against Juventus, Sevilla and Lyon. However, the club endured an extremely unsuccessful group campaign, scoring zero goals and conceding fifteen in six matches. The club also failed to win the league title and the cup, losing both trophies to rivals Rijeka. The 2016–17 season was considered by many as one of Dinamo's most unsuccessful seasons in the club's history.

In the 2017–18 season, Dinamo agreed a kit deal with German multinational company Adidas.<sup>[15]</sup> Their qualifying campaign for Europa League began in the third round, beating Norwegian club Odds, 2–1 on aggregate (2–1 home, 0–0 away), but were knocked out by Albanian side Skënderbeu Korçë (1–1 home, 0–0 away, losing on away goals). The club failed to qualify for European competition for the first time since 2006. The club's league campaign was successful, going unbeaten for 21 games before losing to rivals Hajduk Split, but

two abysmal performances against Rijeka and Lokomotiva caused Mario Cvitanović to resign from his position as manager. Nikola Jurčević then took over as manager. However, after a disastrous form in early May,<sup>[16]</sup> Jurčević was sacked as manager.<sup>[17]</sup>

## Bjelica era (2018–20)

After much speculation, Nenad Bjelica, who was recently released from his previous club Lech Poznań, took over as manager of the club.<sup>[18]</sup> Dinamo won the 2017–18 Prva HNL title, and won the 2017–18 Croatian Cup, beating Hajduk in the final.

On 6 June 2018, the former executive director and advisor of the club, Zdravko Mamić, was sentenced to a six-and-a-half-year prison sentence for corruption.<sup>[19]</sup> On the same day, the club released a statement on their official website, in which they claimed that they were "shocked" with the verdict, also claiming that they "firmly believe" that Zdravko Mamić and the others who were sentenced are innocent.<sup>[20]</sup>

In the 2018–19 UEFA Europa League, Dinamo qualified for the knockout phase, making it the first time in 49 years that the club would play in European competitions in the winter.<sup>[21]</sup> In the Round of 32, Dinamo drew Czech side Viktoria Plzeň, losing 2–1 in the first leg but roaring back to an aggregate win with a 3–0 home victory. In the Round of 16, Dinamo drew Portuguese side Benfica, win 1–0 at home in front of 29,704 people.<sup>[22]</sup> In the second leg game against Benfica, Dinamo conceded 1 goal before going to an extra time. In extra time, Benfica managed to score two more goals, winning the game 3–0; on aggregate 3–1 and proceeding to the quarter-finals.<sup>[23]</sup> Because of Dinamo's success in the 2018–19 UEFA Europa League, the Prva HNL reached the 15th place on the UEFA country coefficient table, which brings two places in the 2020–21 UEFA Champions League qualifying campaign, thus meaning that a half of the Prva HNL will play in European competitions.

At the start of the 2019–20 season, Dinamo beat Saburtalo Tbilisi 5–0 on aggregate in the second qualifying round, Ferencváros 5–1 on aggregate in the third qualifying round and Rosenborg 3–1 on aggregate in the play-offs of the 2019–20 UEFA Champions League and securing a group stage spot once again after three years. The draw concluded that Dinamo will play in the Group C with Manchester City, Shakhtar Donetsk and Atalanta. Even though Dinamo has been considered as a complete outsider in the group, to the surprise of many, Dinamo beat Atalanta, who finished third in the previous season of Serie A, 4–0 at home in Zagreb, which is the highest ever win in the Champions League for Dinamo in the history of the club.<sup>[24]</sup> However, the club could not qualify for the next round, finishing on the last position in the Champions League group with a win and a loss against Atalanta (4–0, 0–2), two draws against Shakhtar Donetsk (2–2, 3–3) and two losses against Manchester City (0–2, 1–4).<sup>[25]</sup>

On 16 April 2020, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Bjelica announced that he is leaving the club after consultations with the board through mutual agreement.<sup>[26]</sup>

## Second Zoran Mamić era (2020–21)

After Bjelica's departure and the short stint of Igor Jovićević, the club announced that Zoran Mamić will be appointed as the new manager.<sup>[27]</sup>

After an unsuccessful 2020–21 UEFA Champions League qualifying campaign, Dinamo qualified for the 2020–21 UEFA Europa League, after beating the Estonian club Flora Tallinn 3–1 in the play-off round. Dinamo got drawn in the Group K together with Feyenoord, CSKA Moscow and Wolfsberg. They started their group stage campaign with two goalless draws against Feyenoord and CSKA Moscow. In the third match of the group stage, Dinamo got their first win with a 1–0 win against Wolfsberg. Afterwards, Dinamo went onto a four-game winning streak after beating Wolfsberg with 3–0, Feyenoord with 2–0 and CSKA Moscow with 3–1, thus reaching the 2020–21 UEFA Europa League Round of 32 undefeated and with only one goal conceded, making them the club with the least goals conceded in the 2020–21 UEFA Europa League group stage.<sup>[28]</sup>

As of the 34th minute in their last match in the group stage against CSKA Moscow, Dinamo Zagreb made history by not conceding a single goal for 526 minutes, a record previously held by Manchester United, which is the longest time span without a goal conceded in all of the football competitions held by UEFA, including the UEFA Champions League and the UEFA Europa League.<sup>[29]</sup>

In the Round of 32, Dinamo got drawn with Krasnodar, who reached the Round of 32 after being 3rd placed in the 2020–21 UEFA Champions League group stage. In the first leg, Dinamo managed to beat Krasnodar away with the score of 3–2, while in the second leg, Dinamo beat Krasnodar with the score of 1–0, thus remaining undefeated in eight games of the 2020–21 UEFA Europa League.<sup>[30]</sup> Dinamo were then drawn to play Tottenham Hotspur in the Round of 16.<sup>[31]</sup> Due to COVID-19 travel restrictions, Dinamo and Tottenham were forced to reverse the order of ties and thus Dinamo played the first leg away, in which they lost 2–0. In the second leg, however, Mislav Oršić's hat-trick, of which the last goal came in extra time to complete the comeback, sent Dinamo to the quarter-finals after winning 3–2 on aggregate.<sup>[32]</sup>

On 15 March, Mamić resigned from the position as club manager and sports director after the verdict of the Osijek Municipal Court was confirmed by the Supreme Court of Croatia. Mamić and three others (including his older brother Zdravko) were charged with tax evasion worth 12.2 million HRK and for siphoning off 116 million HRK from transfers of players from Dinamo.<sup>[33]</sup> Assistant coach Damir Krznar was named Mamić's replacement the same day. Despite this, Dinamo's journey in Europa League ended in the quarter-finals with a 1–3 on aggregate score defeat against Villarreal.<sup>[34]</sup>

## Honours

Dinamo Zagreb's tally of 24 Prva HNL titles is the highest in Croatian football.<sup>[35]</sup> They were runners-up in the league four times, and only on four occasions have they concluded a season of Prva HNL finishing out of the top two places in the final standings.<sup>[36]</sup> The team is also the most successful Croatian Cup competitor, appearing so far in 23 of the Cup's 29 staged finals, 16 of which they have won.<sup>[37]</sup> In addition, the club also holds the record for most Croatian Supercup titles, appearing in eleven matches and winning seven times. Furthermore, the team managed to achieve the double twelve times, being both the Prva HNL champions and the Croatian Cup winners from 1996 to 1998, again from 2007 to 2009, from 2011 to 2012, 2015 to 2018 and most recently in season 2020–21.<sup>[38]</sup>



A mural in Zagreb commemorating the club's 1966–67 Inter-Cities Fairs Cup-winning generation.

During the time Dinamo competed in the Yugoslav football league system, they were Yugoslav First League champions nine times.<sup>[39]</sup> The team had won 8 Yugoslav Cup editions.<sup>[40]</sup> Overall the club won 68 official domestic titles and one competitive international tournament. The club also claims the titles won during the HŠK Građanski period. The league title in 2014–15 is in bold because it is the only unbeaten season in the Croatian First Football League history.

## Domestic (68)

### Croatian football league system

#### ▪ Prva HNL

- **Winner (24, record):** 1992–93, 1995–96, 1996–97, 1997–98, 1998–99, 1999–00, 2002–03, 2005–06, 2006–07, 2007–08, 2008–09, 2009–10, 2010–11, 2011–12, 2012–13, 2013–14, 2014–15, 2015–16, 2017–18, 2018–19, 2019–20, 2020–21, 2021–22, 2022–23

#### ▪ Croatian Cup

- **Winner (16, record):** 1993–94, 1995–96, 1996–97, 1997–98, 2000–01, 2001–02, 2003–04, 2006–07, 2007–08, 2008–09, 2010–11, 2011–12, 2014–15, 2015–16, 2017–18, 2020–21

## **Croatian Super Cup**

- **Winner (8, record):** 2002, 2003, 2006, 2010, 2013, 2019, 2022, 2023

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## **Independent State of Croatia League**

- **Winners (2):** 1941, 1943

## **Independent State of Croatia Cup:**

- **Winners (1):** 1941

## **Yugoslav football league system**

### **Yugoslav First League**

- **Winner (9):** 1923, 1926, 1928, 1936–37, 1939–40, 1947–48, 1953–54, 1957–58, 1981–82

### **Yugoslav Cup**

- **Winner (8):** 1938, 1951, 1959–60, 1962–63, 1964–65, 1968–69, 1979–80, 1982–83

## **International / Continental (2)**

### **Inter-Cities Fairs Cup**

- **Winner (1):** 1966–67

- **Runners-up (1):** 1962–63

### **Balkans Cup**

- **Winners (1):** 1976–77

## **Doubles**

- **League and Cup:** 1995–96, 1996–97, 1997–98, 2006–07, 2007–08, 2008–09, 2010–11, 2011–12, 2014–15, 2015–16, 2017–18, 2020–21

## **GNK Dinamo in European football**

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GNK Dinamo played their first European Cup match against Czechoslovak side Dukla Prague in 1958. In the 1960s Dinamo experienced their most successful period in both domestic and European football which saw them win four Yugoslav Cups but failing to clinch a single championship title, finishing runners-up five times between 1960 and 1969. On the European stage, the club had two successful campaigns in the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup, reaching the finals on two occasions. In the 1963 final Dinamo lost to Valencia, but in 1967 they beat England's Leeds United. This was the only European silverware won by a Yugoslav club until Red Star Belgrade won the 1990–91 European Cup 24 years later. Dinamo played semifinal of UEFA Cup Winners' Cup in 1960–61 and two quarterfinals in 1964–65 and 1969–70. They reached UEFA Europa League quarterfinal in 2020–21 and round of 16 in 2018–19. Dinamo also won the Balkans Cup in 1976.

## **By competition**

Note: This summary includes matches played in the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup, which was not endorsed by UEFA and is not counted in UEFA's official European statistics.

Defunct competitions are listed in *italics*.

**Pld** = Matches played; **W** = Matches won; **D** = Matches drawn; **L** = Matches lost; **GF** = Goals for; **GA** = Goals against

Competition	Pl	W	D	L	GF	GA	Last season played
UEFA Champions League	160	67	33	60	241	216	2023–24
European Cup							
UEFA Europa League	139	56	31	52	196	166	2023–24
UEFA Cup							
UEFA Europa Conference League	8	4	1	3	12	6	2023–24
UEFA Cup Winners' Cup	31	11	6	14	31	38	1994–95
Inter-Cities Fairs Cup	39	16	10	13	65	47	1970–71
<b>Total</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>–</b>

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## By ground

Overall	Pl	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD
Home <sup>1</sup>	187	94	43	50	340	206	+134
Away <sup>2</sup>	190	60	38	92	210	274	-64
<b>Total</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>+66</b>

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## Best results in International competitions

Season	Achievement	Notes
<b>European Cup / UEFA Champions League</b>		
1998–99	<b>Group stage</b>	2nd in the group behind  Olympiacos, ahead of  Porto and  Ajax
<b>UEFA Cup / UEFA Europa League</b>		
2020–21	<b>Quarter-finals</b>	lost to  Villarreal 0–1 in Zagreb, 1–2 in Villarreal
<b>UEFA Cup Winners' Cup</b>		
1960–61	<b>Semi-finals</b>	lost to  Fiorentina 2–1 in Zagreb, 0–3 in Florence
<b>Inter-Cities Fairs Cup</b>		
1966–67	<b>Winners</b>	defeated  Leeds United 2–0 in Zagreb, 0–0 in Leeds
<b>Balkans Cup</b>		
1976	<b>Winners</b>	defeated  Sportul Studențesc 3–1 in Zagreb, 2–3 in Bucharest

## UEFA Team ranking

The following data indicates Dinamo coefficient As of 18 September 2023<sup>[42]</sup> rankings.<sup>[41]</sup>

Rank	Team	Points
36	Club Brugge	43.000
37	Sporting CP	42.500
38	PSV	41.000
39	Dinamo Zagreb	41.000
40	Copenhagen	40.500
41	Lazio	40.000
42	Crvena Zvezda	39.000

## Finances and ownership

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Dinamo Zagreb is a registered corporate personhood,<sup>[43]</sup> more precisely a nonprofit organization that, unlike the football clubs organized as limited companies, does not issue shares, and, consistently with the Croatian law for citizens' associations,<sup>[44]</sup> does not pay income tax.<sup>[45]</sup> Consequently, the club is obliged to issue publicly assessible memberships. Each legally capable member of Dinamo has an equal say in its democratic processes; for example, the elections for the representatives in the chairmanship of the club.<sup>[44]</sup>

After posting a club-record loss of €15.2m in the 2017 calendar year, improved results under new coach Nenad Bjelica and successful player transactions led to a turnaround in club finances, managing a €9.8m profit in 2018.<sup>[46]</sup> Total turnover for 2018 was €58.6m, of which approximately 63% was from player sales and 25% was UEFA prize money.<sup>[47]</sup> In terms of expenses, player expenses (wages) were approximately €25m and player amortization was €5.1m.<sup>[47]</sup> Some of the sales include Filip Benković €14m, Borna Sosa €6m and Ante Čorić €6m. The highest paid players are currently Mario Gavranović and Kévin Théophile-Catherine, who earn in the vicinity of €800k per year.<sup>[48]</sup> Previously, Dinamo had Hillal Soudani on €1.5m.<sup>[49]</sup>

The members of an initiative *Zajedno za Dinamo* [Together for Dinamo], composed of Dinamo Zagreb's supporters, have been claiming that the club was silently privatised by its executive president Zdravko Mamić, and that it functions as an evidently unlawful "public limited citizens' association". Subsequently, the tax exemption granted to the club by the constitutional law came under heavy criticism, particularly in the light of the club's lucrative transfers arranged at the start of the 2000s. Jutarnji list journalist Romana Eibl asserted that during this period the club had as much as 1.36 billion kuna of untaxed revenue, partly from selling its players for exorbitant prices, while approximately 360 million kuna were received from the public funds. The former director of the club Damir Vrbanović argued that the transfers do not offer a long-term source of revenue for the club, and that the club is therefore justified in remaining a nonprofit organization.<sup>[45]</sup>

In spite of all criticism and controversy, Mamić is moderately praised for being unprecedented in arranging some of the club's most profitable transfers of the Croatian players to top European clubs.<sup>[50]</sup> These include the transfers<sup>[note 1]</sup> of Boško Balaban to Aston Villa for €7.8 million in 2001; Eduardo to Arsenal for €13.5 million and Vedran Ćorluka to Manchester City for €13 million in 2007; Luka Modrić to Tottenham Hotspur for €21 million in 2008; Dejan Lovren to Lyon for €8 million; Mario Mandžukić to Wolfsburg for €7 million in 2010; and Mateo Kovačić to Internazionale for €11 million in 2013.

## Grounds

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Dinamo Zagreb's home stadium is Stadion Maksimir. The stadium is situated in the northeastern part of Zagreb, opposite the city's largest urban park, Maksimir, which also lends its name to the eponymous neighbourhood. It was officially opened on 5 May 1912 and has been noticeably upgraded several times thereafter, most recently in 2011. The stadium was initially used by HAŠK, and the club became its tenant only in 1948, after the stadium

was rebuilt.<sup>[51]</sup> Before moving to Maksimir, the club played its home matches at the former Građanski Zagreb's stadium Stadion Koturaška. It is there that the club played its first official match on 23 June 1945. Its first match at the Stadion Maksimir was played on 19 September 1948 in front of a crowd of 40,000 spectators.<sup>[52]</sup>



Stadion Maksimir exterior

The design of Stadion Maksimir initially included a single grandstand in a shape of a horseshoe that faced the other, much smaller stand to the north.<sup>[52]</sup> The north stand was altered from the ground up in 1998, when it was replaced by a 10,965 all-seater stand, and also a building with 15,000 square meters of office space covered in a glazed façade. The north stand's capacity is nowadays reduced to 9,460 seats.<sup>[51]</sup> As for the original grandstand, it is now replaced by three separate stands, although their present-day design came about after a long and toilsome process of numerous renovations, which have started almost immediately after the stadium was rebuilt in 1948. Some of the best Croatian architects at the time, such as Vladimir Turina, Eugen Erlich and Franjo Neidhardt, worked on this project. Prior to Croatian secession from Yugoslavia, the restructuring of the stadium was never completed as thoroughly as it was planned, mostly because of an array of bureaucratic obstacles. Lastly, it was put in order for the 1987 Summer Universiade, but even then the final appearance of the stadium was less satisfactory than what was to be expected.<sup>[52]</sup>

Some progress was finally made in 1997 when seats were installed on both the east and south stands. Shortly before the 1999 Summer Military World Games, the west and also the largest stand of the stadium was renovated. It comprised 12,600 seats, and a VIP section with 718 seats that also included a presidential lodge.<sup>[51]</sup> By this time, the total maintenance expenses for Stadion Maksimir have climbed up to 362.4 million kuna. In 2006, the then-mayor of Zagreb Milan Bandić announced a project worth €150 million that would see Stadion Maksimir once again completely rebuilt.<sup>[53]</sup> By 2010, the taxpayers have vested another 288 million kuna on maintenance and restoration of the stadium, but no significant improvements were made.<sup>[54]</sup> The arranged reconstruction of Stadion Maksimir soon became an enormous financial problem for the city, and for a brief period of time Bandić was planning to call a referendum in which the citizens of Zagreb would decide whether to continue with investments into Stadion Maksimir, or rather to build a brand new Stadion Kajzerica.<sup>[55]</sup> The referendum was never held and both projects were ultimately abandoned in 2012.<sup>[56]</sup> Nevertheless, some crucial work was done between 2011 and 2013, when the club replaced all of the seats from the four existing stands, installed the under-soil heating, ameliorated the interior of the stadium,<sup>[57]</sup> and made some aesthetic adjustments, among others, to the colour of the stands and of the tartan track surrounding the pitch. Currently, Stadion Maksimir is listed as a 35,123 all-seater.<sup>[51]</sup>

## Supporters



Bad Blue Boys tifo display

Although the club had a good deal of followers since it was founded, its first organized group of supporters emerged only in 1986 under the name of *Bad Blue Boys* (often abbreviated *BBB*). On the BBB's official website it is stated that the name of the group was inspired by the 1983 film *Bad Boys*. After its founding, the group aroused great interest in Zagreb and its branches started appearing in all parts and neighbourhoods of the city. They also started being noted throughout Yugoslavia for their self-organized departures to the visiting matches of Dinamo Zagreb, desiring to voice their support for the club, and also for the City of Zagreb and Croatia.<sup>[58]</sup> During the team's home matches, the BBB traditionally situate themselves on the north stand of Stadion Maksimir.<sup>[59]</sup> The BBB and the rest of the club's supporters view Hajduk Split's supporters as their most notable rivals, or more specifically the former's ultras group, Torcida Split.<sup>[59]</sup>

The BBB are often accused of hooliganism,<sup>[60][61][62][63]</sup> which has already resulted in both UEFA and the Croatian Football Federation disciplinary bodies issuing financial punishments to Dinamo Zagreb on several occasions for the group's flagrantly unlawful and violent conduct.<sup>[64][65][66]</sup> This ill-suited behaviour includes property damage, fights with repressive apparati (both on and outside the stadiums), and flare throwing. In spite of all this, the BBB have been praised for their constant and exceptional support during Dinamo Zagreb's matches as well as their humanitarian work.<sup>[67]</sup>

## Club rivalries

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Dinamo's biggest rivals are Hajduk Split, and the matches between the two teams are referred to as "Eternal Derby" or "Croatian Derby."<sup>[68]</sup> Their rivalry can be traced back to the 1920s (<https://telesport.telegram.hr/kol/umne/price-iz-davnine/legenda-o-janjeicu/>) when Dinamo's predecessor HŠK Građanski played against Hajduk Split and riots on the field occurred. HŠK Građanski and Hajduk remained the biggest rivals till 1945, when Građanski was disbanded. After Dinamo inherited Građanski they continued their rivalry with Hajduk Split. Matches between the two clubs are recognized as the most anticipated event of Croatian club football,<sup>[69][70]</sup> which attracts the greatest number of spectators and most media attention of all the football matches in Croatia. It is considered as the battle of the north and south of Croatia.

There is also a rivalry with HNK Rijeka, which especially became fierce in 2010s when Rijeka became strongest challenger for title and cup.

In early 2020s, NK Osijek also became the contender after the Hungarian takeover, which led to bigger rivalry between clubs.

In Yugoslav times, major rivalries also included Serbian clubs Red Star Belgrade and Partizan. Even after the breakup of Yugoslavia the hatred still remained.<sup>[14]</sup>

Despite spending some time of their history playing in the same division as Dinamo, and being from same city, NK Zagreb and NK Lokomotiva are not considered major rivals by the fans.<sup>[59]</sup>

## Players

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### Current squad

*As of 13 February 2024<sup>[71]</sup>*

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

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player	No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
1	GK	CRO	Danijel Zagorac	18	DF	FRA	Ronaël Pierre-Gabriel
2	DF	IRN	Sadegh Moharrami	19	FW	CRO	Fran Brodić
3	DF	JPN	Takuya Ogiwara ( <i>on loan from Urawa Red Diamonds</i> )	20	MF	KOS	Arbër Hoxha
4	DF	CRO	Boško Šutalo	23	MF	CRO	Tibor Halilović
5	MF	MKD	Arijan Ademi ( <i>captain</i> )	25	MF	BIH	Petar Sučić
6	DF	FRA	Maxime Bernauer	27	MF	CRO	Josip Mišić
7	MF	CRO	Luka Stojković	28	DF	FRA	Kévin Théophile-Catherine
8	MF	CRO	Lukas Kačavenda ( <i>on loan from Lokomotiva</i> )	30	MF	JPN	Takuro Kaneko ( <i>on loan from Consadole Sapporo</i> )
9	FW	CRO	Bruno Petković	31	MF	CRO	Marko Bulat
10	MF	CRO	Martin Baturina	32	GK	BIH	Faris Krkalić
11	FW	AZE	Mahir Emreli	33	GK	CRO	Ivan Nevistić
13	DF	MKD	Stefan Ristovski	39	DF	CRO	Mauro Perković
14	MF	CRO	Marko Rog ( <i>on loan from Cagliari</i> )	55	DF	CRO	Dino Perić
15	DF	CRO	Moreno Živković	72	MF	CRO	Gabriel Vidović ( <i>on loan from Bayern Munich</i> )
17	FW	CRO	Sandro Kulenović	77	FW	CRO	Dario Špikić

## Other players under contract

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

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
18	FW	SUI	Josip Drmić

## Dual registration

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

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
92	MF	CRO	Jakov-Anton Vasilj ( <i>at Dubrava</i> )

## Out on loan

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

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player	No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
3	DF	CRO	Daniel Štefulj (at  Slaven Belupo until 19 June 2024)	41	FW	CRO	Gabrijel Rukavina (at  Gorica until 20 June 2024)
12	MF	CRO	Petar Bočkaj (at  Pafos until 19 June 2024)	42	MF	CRO	Luka Lukanić (at  Zrinjski Mostar until 19 June 2024)
17	FW	CRO	Fran Topić (at  Rudeš until 20 June 2024)	70	MF	BIH	Luka Menalo (at  Celje until 19 January 2025)
21	MF	CRO	Marko Brklijača (at  Aluminij until 18 January 2024)	97	FW	AUS	Deni Jurić (at  Koper until 20 June 2024)
24	MF	CRO	Marko Tolić (at  Slovan Bratislava until 30 June 2024)	—	MF	CRO	Ivan Šaranić (at  Dugopolje until 19 June 2024)
35	DF	CRO	Jakov Gurlica (at  Bravo until 30 June 2024)	—	MF	CRO	Marko Soldo (at  Gorica until 30 June 2024)
36	MF	CRO	Luka Vrbančić (at  Dubrava until 19 June 2024)				

## Academy

## Former players

The following is a list of former Dinamo players which have made significant contributions to the club while playing for its first team. The list is sorted in alphabetical order and in accordance with the specified inclusion criteria.<sup>[72][note 2]</sup> Players that were named in the club's "Best 11" squad are excluded from the list.

- Arijan Ademi
- Milan Badelj
- Filip Blašković
- Srećko Bogdan
- Marijan Brnčić
- Marcelo Brozović
- Snješko Cerin
- Igor Cvitanović
- Marijan Čerček
- Eduardo
- Mario Gavranović
- Amer Gojak
- Josip Gučmirtl
- Joško Gvardiol
- Luka Ivanušec
- Mateo Kovačić
- Andrej Kramarić

- Zlatko Kranjčar
- Dominik Livaković
- Lovro Majer
- Mario Mandžukić
- Dani Olmo
- Mislav Oršić
- Denijal Pirić
- Robert Prosinečki
- Mladen Ramljak
- Krasnodar Rora
- Sammir
- Zlatko Škorić
- Drago Vabec
- Mark Viduka
- Franjo Wölfel
- Slaven Zambata

## Best 11

In 2016, the best squad in history of Dinamo was chosen<sup>[73]</sup> by a group of experts, along with the club's fans, chose 11 of Dinamo Zagreb's former and current players to fit in an ideal squad in 4–4–2. Shown in brackets is a period in which the players played for the first team of the club.

## Goalkeeper

-  Dražen Ladić (1984–2000)

## Defenders

-  Rudolf Belin (1959–1970)
-  Velimir Zajec (1974–1984)
-  Ivica Horvat (1945–1957)
-  Tomislav Crnković (1950–1961)

## Midfielders

-  Luka Modrić (2000–2008)
-  Željko Perušić (1958–1965)
-  Zvonimir Boban (1983–1991)
-  Marko Mlinarić (1978–1987, 1995–1996)

## Forwards

-  Dražan Jerković (1954–1965)
-  Davor Šuker (1989–1991)

## Records

The following are lists of top players in terms of the number of appearances and goals for Dinamo Zagreb, as of 15 March 2023. The numbers include only official games.



Dinamo Zagreb's best 11 in history [73]

Most appearances

#	Player	Career	Apps
1	<u>Dražen Ladić</u>	1986–2000	468
2	<u>Arijan Ademi</u>	2010–2023 2023–present	378
3	<u>Mladen Ramljak</u>	1962–1973	337
4	<u>Marko Mlinarić</u>	1978–1987 1995–1996	307
5	<u>Srećko Bogdan</u>	1975–1985	303
6	<u>Zlatko Kranjčar</u>	1974–1983	301
6	<u>Drago Vabec</u>	1968–1977 1977–1979 1983–1984	301
8	<u>Sammir</u>	2007–2013 2017	294
9	<u>Filip Blašković</u>	1965–1976	289
10	<u>Edin Mujčin</u>	1995–2001 2002–2005	288

Top goalscorers

#	Player	Career	Goals
1	<u>Igor Cvitanović</u>	1989–1997 1999–2002	165
2	<u>Slaven Zambata</u>	1959–1969 1972–1973	148
3	<u>Dražan Jerković</u>	1954–1965	127
4	<u>Zlatko Kranjčar</u>	1973–1983	125
5	<u>Snježan Cerin</u>	1976–1986	116
6	<u>Željko Čajkovski</u>	1945–1956	100
7	<u>Franjo Wölfel</u>	1945–1953	96
8	<u>Eduardo da Silva</u>	2001–2007	92
9	<u>Mislav Oršić</u>	2018–2023	90
10	<u>Goran Vlaović</u>	1991–1994	89

# Personnel

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Position	Staff
Head coach	 Sergej Jakirović
Assistant head coaches	 Marko Salatović
Goalkeeping coach	 Gojko Mrčela
Fitness coaches	 Marin Ivančić
Technical director	 Marko Kuže
Physiotherapists	 Mario Rubinić  Sebastian Grgac  Josip Jurić  Ivan Zeba  Zlatko Mihalić
Kit managers	 Tomislav Ciglar  Ivan Vučković
Performance analyst	 Andelko Roguljić

Last updated: 26 March 2021

Source: GNK Dinamo Zagreb official website (<https://gnkdinamo.hr/hr/Momcadi/Prva-Momcad/#/>)

## Notes

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1. Only the initial fees of the transfers are taken into account.
2. At least one of the following inclusion criteria has to be met for a player to appear on the list.
  1. A player has made at least 250 appearances for the club in domestic league competitions.
  2. A player has scored at least 80 goals for the club in domestic league competitions.
  3. A player has made at least 50 appearances in official UEFA competitions.
  4. A player has scored at least 10 goals in official UEFA competitions.
  5. A player appeared in the [1967 Inter-Cities Fairs Cup Final](#).

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# HNK Cibalia

**Hrvatski nogometni klub Cibalia**, commonly known as **Cibalia Vinkovci** or simply **Cibalia**, is a [Croatian football club](#) from the town of Vinkovci in eastern Croatia. Cibalia currently play in the [Prva NL](#), Croatia's second tier league. Their stadium is located in the south part of their home town and can hold 10,000 spectators. The name Cibalia comes from the Roman settlement called *Colonia Aurelia Cibalae* which was the precursor of the present-day town of Vinkovci. In the period from 1945 to 1990 the club was called **NK Dinamo Vinkovci**.

## History

The club was founded in 1919 as *HGŽK Cibalia Vinkovci*, and in 1925 the team merged with local rivals RŠK Sloga. In the 1930s the club was coached by [Bane Sekulić](#), [Károly Nemes](#) and [Rajmond Breznik](#).<sup>[1]</sup> After World War II the club was banned by the new Communist regime. After the war re-established clubs Sloga and OFD Graničar merged and formed *NK Dinamo Vinkovci* which began competing within the Yugoslav football system. The club would see several humble decades before finally making it to the [Yugoslav First League](#) in 1982. They played in the top-tier league for five seasons until they were relegated to the [Yugoslav Second League](#) in 1987.

In 1990 the team returned its traditional name of *Cibalia*. The club spent much of the 1990s in the [Prva HNL](#), Croatian top level. It remained in the Prva HNL until the 2003–04 season when it was relegated to the [Druga HNL](#). The club was also penalized by UEFA in the same season with a deduction of six points for failure to fulfill financial obligations related to past player transfers. Nevertheless, in the 2004–05 season, Cibalia outdid all of its opponents in the second league by a large margin, won the promotion playoffs and returned to Prva HNL. It was in this season that they also had Croatian mixed martial arts legend [Mirko Filipović](#) play the final 8 minutes of a match vs HNK Vukovar.<sup>[2]</sup>

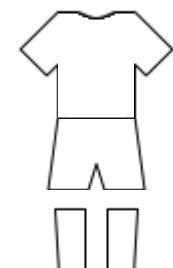
Cibalia also had some success playing in the [Croatian Cup](#), where it reached the final in 1999 (lost to [Osijek](#)) and semi-final in 2000, 2004, 2009, 2011, 2012 and 2013.

The 2009–10 season was Cibalia's best ever season in the top division of Croatian football. They finished third after giants [Dinamo Zagreb](#) and [Hajduk Split](#), having spent most of the season in second position. They qualified for the second qualifying round of the UEFA Europa League but eventually lost to Northern Irish side Cliftonville and exited the tournament.

Cibalia



<b>Full name</b>	Hrvatski nogometni klub Cibalia Vinkovci
<b>Nickname(s)</b>	<i>Nebesko plavi</i> (The Sky-blues)
<b>Founded</b>	7 May 1919 (as HGŽK Cibalia)
<b>Ground</b>	Stadion HNK Cibalia
<b>Capacity</b>	8,200
<b>Chairman</b>	Dea Lasić
<b>Manager</b>	Siniša Sesar
<b>League</b>	First League (II)
<b>2022–23</b>	3rd
<b>Website</b>	Club website ( <a href="http://www.hnk-cibalia.hr">http://www.hnk-cibalia.hr</a> )



Home colours

Away colours

Cibalia were relegated from the 1. HNL in 2018 and also faced bankruptcy.<sup>[3]</sup> They ended up being relegated directly to the third division, where they finished the season in first place and were promoted after receiving a second division license in May 2019.<sup>[4][5]</sup>

## Honours

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- Yugoslav Second League (West):
  - **Winners (1):** 1981–82
- Yugoslav Third League (SR Croatia):
  - **Winners (1):** 1974–75
- Yugoslav Cup
  - **Quarter-finals (1):** 1977
- Croatian First League:
  - **Third place (1):** 2009–10
- Croatian Second League:
  - **Winners (3):** 1997–98, 2004–05, 2015–16
- Croatian Third League (East):
  - **Winners (1):** 2018–19
- Croatian Cup:
  - **Runners-up (1):** 1999
- UEFA Intertoto Cup:
  - **Semi-finals (1):** 2003

## Supporters and Rivalries

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The club has a relatively large but local following. Their main supporter group are called *Ultras*.<sup>[6]</sup> Their main rivals are the group *Kohorta Osijek* from NK Osijek.<sup>[7]</sup>

## Current squad

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As of 1 March 2023

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

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player	No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
1	GK	CRO	Ivan Križanović	16	DF	CRO	Petar Rubić
2	DF	CRO	Karlo Išasegi	17	DF	CRO	Marin Belanić
4	DF	CRO	Josip Gačić	18	FW	CRO	Luka Bransteter
5	DF	CRO	Patrick Stanić	20	MF	CRO	Dominik Dogan
7	FW	CRO	Karlo Miljanić	22	FW	BIH	Robert Perić-Komšić
8	MF	NGA	Gerald Diyoke	23	DF	CRO	Bruno Unušić
10	MF	CRO	Andrija Bubnjar	26	DF	CRO	Marijan Oršolić
11	MF	CRO	Domagoj Jelavić	30	MF	CRO	Rene Šarić
12	GK	CRO	Filip Kovačević	40	MF	CRO	Šimun Mikolčić
13	FW	CRO	Jurica Babić	45	MF	CRO	Ivan Mihaljević
14	FW	CRO	Filip Jazvić	-	MF	CRO	Domagoj Stranput
				-		CRO	Luka Kalaica

## Recent seasons

Season	League										Cup	Europe / Other		Top league scorer(s)	
	Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos	Name		Goals			
1992	1. HNL	22	3	9	10	13	24	15	9th	DNQ		Josip Markovinović	3		
1992–93	1. HNL	30	11	9	10	31	30	31	5th	R2		Davor Čop	8		
1993–94	1. HNL	34	11	13	10	37	27	35	7th	R2		Josip Markovinović	8		
1994–95	1. HNL	30	9	10	11	26	33	37	10th	QF		Josip Markovinović	5		
1995–96	1. HNL	36	11	12	13	43	55	45	9th	R2		Goran Meštrović	6		
1996–97	1. HNL	30	11	0	19	35	56	33	13th ↓	R1		Antun Andričević & Ivica Marinčić	5		
1997–98	2. HNL	30	22	5	3	80	19	71	1st ↑	R1					
1998–99	1. HNL	32	10	7	15	34	44	26	9th	RU		Ivan Bošnjak	7		
1999–2000	1. HNL	33	11	12	10	42	39	45	6th	SF		Ivan Bošnjak	14		
2000–01	1. HNL	32	5	18	9	31	45	33	9th	R2	Intertoto Cup	R2	Mario Meštrović	7	
2001–02	1. HNL	30	9	9	12	34	37	36	10th	R1		Mladen Bartolović	6		

<u>2002–03</u>	<u>1. HNL</u>	32	12	7	13	39	44	43	5th	<u>QF</u>			<u>Mladen Bartolović</u>	9
<u>2003–04</u>	<u>1. HNL</u>	32	8	7	17	39	53	31	11th ↓	<u>SF</u>	Intertoto Cup	<u>SF</u>	<u>Zoran Ratković</u>	10
<u>2004–05</u>	<u>2. HNL</u>	32	21	8	3	65	23	65	1st ↑	<u>R1</u>			<u>Danijel Kuzmanović</u>	14
<u>2005–06</u>	<u>1. HNL</u>	32	9	10	13	33	47	37	9th	<u>R2</u>			<u>Mladen Križanović</u> <u>Aleksandar Stojanovski</u> <u>Ivan Žgela</u>	4
<u>2006–07</u>	<u>1. HNL</u>	33	9	5	19	33	53	32	10th	<u>QF</u>			<u>Zoran Zekić</u>	12
<u>2007–08</u>	<u>1. HNL</u>	33	11	7	15	40	48	40	8th	<u>QF</u>			<u>Željko Malčić</u>	12
<u>2008–09</u>	<u>1. HNL</u>	33	10	8	15	33	53	38	8th	<u>SF</u>			<u>Željko Malčić</u>	9
<u>2009–10</u>	<u>1. HNL</u>	30	16	9	5	46	20	57	3rd	<u>R1</u>			<u>Dino Kresinger</u>	9
<u>2010–11</u>	<u>1. HNL</u>	30	12	8	10	33	24	44	4th	<u>SF</u>	Europa League	<u>QR2</u>	<u>Dino Kresinger</u>	11
<u>2011–12</u>	<u>1. HNL</u>	30	13	6	11	35	35	45	5th	<u>SF</u>			<u>Mladen Bartolović</u>	8
<u>2012–13</u>	<u>1. HNL</u>	33	9	5	19	29	44	32	11th ↓	<u>SF</u>			<u>Tomislav Mazalović</u>	7
<u>2013–14</u>	<u>2. HNL</u>	33	18	5	10	41	39	59	2nd	<u>R2</u>			<u>Hrvoje Tokić</u>	16
<u>2014–15</u>	<u>2. HNL</u>	30	10	8	12	36	44	38	6th	<u>R2</u>			<u>Jakov Puljić</u>	16
<u>2015–16</u>	<u>2. HNL</u>	33	20	10	3	54	20	70	1st ↑	<u>R2</u>			<u>Frane Vitaić</u>	15
<u>2016–17</u>	<u>1. HNL</u>	36	4	9	23	26	79	21	9th	<u>R2</u>			<u>Frane Vitaić</u>	7
<u>2017–18</u>	<u>1. HNL</u>	36	6	8	22	36	75	26	10th ↓↓	<u>R2</u>			<u>Ivan Galić</u>	7
<u>2018–19</u>	<u>3. HNL</u>	30	21	5	4	67	24	68	1st ↑	<u>R1</u>			<u>Dominik Dogan</u>	16
<u>2019–20</u>	<u>2. HNL</u>	19	2	7	10	13	34	13	16th	<u>R1</u>			<u>Mate Bajić</u>	5
<u>2020–21</u>	<u>2. HNL</u>	34	15	6	13	50	43	51	4th	<u>R1</u>			<u>Gerald Diyoke, Filip Jazvić</u>	7
<u>2021–22</u>	<u>2. HNL</u>	30	11	8	11	44	42	41	6th	<u>R1</u>			<u>Domagoj Pušić, Filip Jazvić</u>	8

# European record

## Summary

Competition	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Last season played
UEFA Europa League	2	0	1	1	0	1	2010–11
UEFA Intertoto Cup	10	3	3	4	13	16	2003
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>17</b>	

Source: [8] Last updated on 10 September 2010

**Pld** = Matches played; **W** = Matches won; **D** = Matches drawn; **L** = Matches lost; **GF** = Goals for; **GA** = Goals against. Defunct competitions indicated in italics.

## By season

Season	Competition	Round	Opponent	Home	Away	Agg.
2000–01	Intertoto Cup	R1	FK Obilić	3–1	1–1	4–2
		R2	FC Tatabánya	0–0	2–3	2–3
2003–04	Intertoto Cup	R2	FC Shakhtyor	4–2	1–1	5–3
		R3	Tampere United	0–1	2–0	2–1
		SF	VfL Wolfsburg	1–4	0–4	1–8
2010–11	Europa League	QR2	Cliftonville	0–0	0–1	0–1

## Player records

- Most appearances in UEFA club competitions: **10 appearances**<sup>[9]</sup>
  - Jure Jurić
- Top scorers in UEFA club competitions: **3 goals**<sup>[9]</sup>
  - Ivan Maroslavac

## All-time total in the Prva HNL

	Points	Games	Wins	Draws	Losses	GF	GA
HNK Cibalia	515	438	129	128	181	470	587

## Historical list of coaches

- Bane Sekulić<sup>[1]</sup>

- Károly Nemes<sup>[1]</sup>

- [Rajmond Breznik](#)<sup>[1]</sup>
- [Dražan Jerković](#) (1975–76)
- [Otto Barić](#) (1976–79)
- [Ivan Marković](#)
- [Tonko Vukušić](#) (19xx-84)
- [Nedeljko Gugolj](#) (1984–8X)
- [Martin Novoselac](#) (1986–88)
- [Ivo Šušak](#) (1988–89)
- [Stipe Kedžo](#) (1989–90)
- [Tonko Vukušić](#) (1990-9x)
- [Mile Petković](#) (1992)
- [Stanko Mršić](#) (1993–95)
- [Davor Čop](#) (*interim*) (1994)
- [Tomislav Radić](#) (1995–96)
- [Davor Čop](#) (*interim*) (1995)
- [Mile Petković](#) (1996–97)
- [Tomislav Radić](#) (1997)
- [Tonko Vukušić](#) (1997–98)
- [Krasnodar Rora](#) (1998)
- [Mijo Ručević](#) (1998–99)
- [Srećko Lušić](#) (1999–2000)
- [Davor Čop](#) (2000–01)
- [Mile Petković](#) (2001–03)
- [Bruno Buhač](#) (*interim*) (2003)
- [Srećko Lušić](#) (2003)
- [Vjeran Simunić](#) (2003–04)
- [Davor Mladina](#) (2004–05)
- [Branko Karačić](#) (2005–06)
- [Igor Štimac](#) (2006)
- [Ivica Matković](#) (2006)
- [Mile Petković](#) (2006–07)
- [Srećko Lušić](#) (2007–08)
- [Stanko Mršić](#) (2008–11)
- [Siniša Jalić](#) (*interim*) (2011)
- [Samir Toplak](#) (2011–12)
- [Miroslav Bojko](#) (*interim*) (2012)
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- [Damir Petravić](#) (2013–14)
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- [Darko Jozinović](#) (21 Sep 2021 -19 Apr 22)<sup>[14]</sup>
- [Ivan Karaula](#) (19 Apr 2022 - Jun 22)<sup>[15]</sup>
- [Tomislav Radotić](#) (Jun 2022 –21 Jun 23)<sup>[16]</sup>
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# HNK Gorica

Coordinates: 45.72395°N 16.07317°E

**Hrvatski nogometni klub Gorica** (English: Croatian Football Club Gorica), commonly referred to as **HNK Gorica** or simply **Gorica**, is a Croatian football club based in the town of Velika Gorica, located just south of the Croatian capital Zagreb. They play their home matches at the Gradski stadion Velika Gorica, which has a capacity of 5,200.<sup>[2]</sup> They won the 2010–11 Croatian Second Football League title and were initially promoted to Croatian First Football League, but their top license was revoked.<sup>[3]</sup> The club regard themselves as the spiritual continuation of the former Prva HNL members **NK Radnik**, who went bankrupt and were dissolved in 2009. However, legally HNK Gorica is a distinct and separate club, and is not entitled to claim the history of the old NK Radnik.<sup>[4]</sup>

## History

There is a long lasting tradition of football in Velika Gorica and region of Turopolje. First organized clubs were founded during the 1930s but the most prominent football club, **NK Radnik**, was created in 1945, just after the end of World War II.

Radnik enjoyed average success during Yugoslavia, and its most impressive results came with independence of Croatia. With a newly built stadium for 1987 Summer Universiade Radnik were champions of the first ever Croatian second division. In doing so they were promoted to the highest level Croatian league. Radnik competed there for two seasons, 1992–93 and 1993–94. After being relegated, Radnik started a downfall, obtaining mediocre results which resulted in them playing in the fourth tier of Croatian league football for four seasons (from 2002 till 2006).

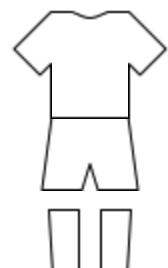
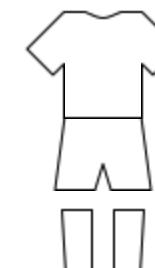
During 2009 Radnik got into serious financial troubles and only solution for preserving Velika Gorica's top and most popular football team was a merger with one of financially stable local football clubs. A perfect partner was found in **NK Polet** from nearby village Buševac. NK Polet had a long lasting football tradition and was a competitive member of Treća HNL. In summer of 2009, merging between NK Radnik and Polet was agreed and HNK Gorica was formed.<sup>[5]</sup> As a primal mission club stated winning the league title and reaching Croatian Second Football League after many years of absence. The goal was reached during the first season, Gorica won the Treća HNL West and achieved promotion to the Druga HNL for the 2010–11 season.

Before 2010–11 season it was stated that club's ambitions are not high and that everybody would be satisfied with top half finish. But as the season progressed, Gorica proved to be the best club in the league, this culminating with securing the title two rounds before the end of the season. As 2. HNL champion, Gorica earned

**Gorica**



<b>Full name</b>	Hrvatski nogometni klub Gorica (Football Club Gorica)
<b>Nickname(s)</b>	<i>Goričani, Turopoljci</i>
<b>Short name</b>	GOR
<b>Founded</b>	16 July 2009 (as merger of <u>NK Radnik</u> and <u>NK Polet Buševac</u> )
<b>Ground</b>	<u>Gradski stadion Velika Gorica</u>
<b>Capacity</b>	5,200 <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>President</b>	Nenad Črnko
<b>Head coach</b>	Dinko Jeličić
<b>League</b>	<u>SuperSport HNL</u>
<b>2022–23</b>	<u>SuperSport HNL</u> , 9th of 10
<b>Website</b>	Club website ( <a href="http://www.hnk-gorica.hr">http://www.hnk-gorica.hr</a> )



**Home colours** **Away colours** **Third colours**

a place in Croatia's first division, which was later denied after getting their top level license revoked.<sup>[6]</sup>

Gorica won the [2017–18 Croatian Second Football League](#) after which they were finally granted licence to play in the top tier after many years of being denied. Their league debut (as HNK Gorica) in the [2018–19 season](#) was one of the most surprising and impressing parts of the league, becoming the best league-debutants in history by winning 59 points, as well as beating European contenders [Hajduk Split](#) and [Osijek](#) twice and the vice-champions [Rijeka](#) three times, although still finishing 5th, just 3 points away from reaching the [Europa League](#) qualifying rounds. Many foreign players out of contract were bought for free before the season, which turned out to be remarkable signings, most notably [Łukasz Zwoliński](#), [Kristijan Lovrić](#) and [Iyayi Atiemwen](#), who was ranked third in the [2018 Prva HNL Player of the year](#) rankings and sold to [Dinamo Zagreb](#) over the 2019 transfer window for a record fee.<sup>[7]</sup>

## Current squad

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As of 9 February 2024<sup>[8]</sup>

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

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player	No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
5	DF	CRO	<a href="#">Mateo Leš</a>	22	DF	CRO	<a href="#">Mario Maloča</a>
6	MF	CRO	<a href="#">Marko Soldo (on loan from Dinamo Zagreb)</a>	23	MF	CRO	<a href="#">Luka Kapulica</a>
7	FW	CRO	<a href="#">Ante Matej Jurić</a>	25	DF	CRO	<a href="#">Krešimir Krizmanić</a>
8	MF	CGO	<a href="#">Merveil Ndockyt</a>	30	MF	CRO	<a href="#">Luka Brlek</a>
9	FW	NED	<a href="#">Sven Blummel</a>	31	GK	CRO	<a href="#">Ivan Banić</a>
10	MF	CRO	<a href="#">Jurica Pršir (2nd Captain)</a>	34	DF	CRO	<a href="#">Mario Matković</a>
11	FW	CRO	<a href="#">Lenny Ilečić</a>	41	FW	CRO	<a href="#">Gabrijel Rukavina (on loan from Dinamo Zagreb)</a>
12	GK	CRO	<a href="#">Jan Paolo Debijadi</a>	44	GK	CRO	<a href="#">Božidar Radošević</a>
13	DF	DEN	<a href="#">Alexander Munksgaard</a>	46	FW	MNE	<a href="#">Nikola Vujnović</a>
14	MF	CRO	<a href="#">Josip Mitrović</a>	77	MF	CRO	<a href="#">Valentino Majstorović</a>
15	MF	CRO	<a href="#">Filip Mrzljak (Captain)</a>	89	FW	SVN	<a href="#">Tim Matavž</a>
16	MF	MKD	<a href="#">Andrej Lazarov</a>	90	DF	CRO	<a href="#">Dino Štiglec</a>

## Out on loan

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

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player	No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
1	GK	CRO	Karlo Žiger (at  Sesvete until 30 June 2024)	19	FW	BRA	Caio Da Cruz (at  Radomlje until 30 June 2024)
17	MF	CRO	Vinko Skrbin (at  Tolmin until 30 June 2024})	45	DF	FRA	Nathan Cruce-Corcy (at  Mladost Ždralovi until 30 May 2024)
18	MF	CRO	Patrik Jug (at  Beltinci until 30 June 2024)				

## Youth academy

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

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player	No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
19	FW	SEN	Arona Fall	38	DF	CRO	Ino Vuko
29	FW	CRO	Lovro Nezirović	40	DF	SRB	Đuro Giulio Đekić
35	DF	CRO	Zvonimir Josić	88	MF	SEN	Sekou Matar Sagna

## Personnel

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Position	Staff
Head coach	Dinko Jeličić
Assistant coach	Mensur Mujdža
Assistant coach	Marko Krnjić
Goalkeeping coach	Siniša Klačurić
Goalkeeping coach	Tihomir Pereković
Fitness coach	Krešimir Šoš
Fitness coach	Matija Špičić
Analyst	
Physiotherapist	Domagoj Prnjak
Physiotherapist	Ivan Katić
Physiotherapist	Luka Puškić
Physiotherapist	Sonja Pasarić
Sport director	Mario Brkljača
Head scout	Grads Fühler
Scout	Filip Šelendić
Scout	Igor Krlić
Team manager	Matija Dvorniković
Technical director	Darko Blažinčić
Kit manager	Franjo Kovačić

# Academy personnel

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Position	Staff
Director of the football academy	 Slavko Perković
Head of academy and coach	 Marko Radenić
Academy coach	 Igor Čagalj
Academy coach	 Ivan Parlov
Goalkeeping coach	 Leonard Kovačić
Fitness coach	 Ivan Zagorec

## Honours

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- Druga HNL
  - Champions (2): 2010–11, 2017–18
- Treća HNL – West

- Champions (1): 2009–10

## Recent seasons

Season	League									Cup	Top goalscorer	
	Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos		Player	Goals
2009–10	3. HNL	34	25	4	5	63	20	79	1st ↑		Igor Hajduk	20
2010–11	2. HNL	30	20	4	6	54	21	64	1st		Boris Bajto	11
2011–12	2. HNL	28	10	10	8	27	24	40	7th		Tomislav Pek	6
2012–13	2. HNL	30	10	10	10	40	35	40	10th	R2	Domagoj Abramović	12
2013–14	2. HNL	33	13	6	14	32	33	45	7th	R1	Ivan Antolek, Robert Peričić	5
2014–15	2. HNL	30	13	12	5	46	26	51	3rd		Tomislav Kiš	12
2015–16	2. HNL	33	13	8	12	40	40	47	4th	R1	Benjamin Tatar	7
2016–17	2. HNL	33	15	12	6	53	31	57	2nd	PR	Benjamin Tatar	13
2017–18	2. HNL	33	18	8	7	44	29	62	1st ↑	R2	Henrik Ojamaa, Victoras Astafei	6
2018–19	1. HNL	36	17	8	11	57	46	59	5th		Łukasz Zwoliński	14
2019–20	1. HNL	36	12	13	11	44	48	49	6th	QF	Kristijan Lovrić	14
2020–21	1. HNL	36	17	8	11	60	47	59	5th	SF	Kristijan Lovrić	15
2021–22	1. HNL	36	12	9	15	43	50	45	6th	SF	Kristijan Lovrić, Anthony Kalik	7
2022–23	1. HNL	36	7	11	18	36	50	32	9th	R2	Toni Fruk	7

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# HNK Hajduk Split Reserves and Academy

**Academy Luka Kaliterna** is the youth team of **HNK Hajduk Split**. There are a total of ten age categories within the academy, the oldest being u-19 and youngest u-8.

From the 2014–15 season, **HNK Hajduk Split Reserves** was formed and replaced the U-19 team to compete in Croatia's reorganised Third Division. The newly formed reserve teams in Croatian football replaced U-19 teams, with the national U-19 competition dissolved before formed again the next year, during 2015–16 season. The new reserve teams are not able to play in the same division as their senior teams. Therefore, Hajduk II is ineligible for promotion to the Prva HNL and may progress only up to Druga HNL as long as the senior team is in Prva HNL. Reserve team is also not permitted to enter the Croatian Cup. The reserve team is intended to be the final step between the academy and the first team, and is made up of promising youngsters between the age of 18 and 21, with up to five players over the age of 21 eligible to play each week. Hajduk II team stopped existing at the end of season 20-21 due to high costs, and small benefit.<sup>[1]</sup>

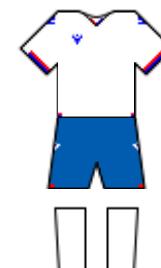
## Current squad (Hajduk U-19)

As of 8 February 2023

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

### Akademija Luka Kaliterna

Full name	Akademija HNK Hajduk "Luka Kaliterna"
Founded	18 March 1919
Ground	Stadion Poljud Training Ground 2
Capacity	2,000
Chairman	Lukša Jakobušić
Manager	Boro Primorac
Website	Club website ( <a href="https://hajduk.hr/eng/club/hajduk-l">https://hajduk.hr/eng/club/hajduk-l</a> l)



Home colours

Away colours

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player	No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
—	GK	UKR	Davyd Fesyük	—	MF	CRO	Marin Čalušić
—	GK	CRO	Borna Buljan	—	MF	CRO	Marko Capan
—	DF	USA	Mark Hrvojević	—	MF	CRO	Niko Kristian Sigur
—	DF	CRO	Luka Vušković	—	MF	CRO	Frane Bobanović
—	DF	CRO	Šimun Hrgović	—	MF	CRO	Ante Kavelj
—	DF	CRO	Mateo Jurić Petrašilo	—	MF	CRO	Duje Reić
—	DF	CRO	Niko Đolonga	—	MF	AUS	Noah Skoko
—	DF	CRO	Niko Pavić	—	FW	CRO	Lovre Lončar
—	DF	CRO	Tomislav Arković	—	FW	BIH	Ante Prusina
—	DF	CRO	Domagoj Begonja	—	FW	CRO	Mate Antunović
—	MF	CRO	Krešimir Nazor	—	FW	CRO	Jere Vrcić
—	MF	CRO	Antonio Klarić Kukuz	—	FW	CRO	Roko Brajković
—	MF	CRO	Luka Jurak	—	FW	CRO	Boško Jemo
—	MF	CRO	Vjeko Šemiga	—	FW	CRO	Nino Duić

## Players with multiple nationalities

-   Noah Skoko
-   Niko Sigur
-   Ante Prusina
-   Mark Hrvojević

## Out on loan

As of 1 February 2023

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

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player	No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
—	DF	CRO	Ivan Dominić ( <i>at KuPS until 12 August 2023</i> )	—	MF	CRO	Ivo Čengić ( <i>at Dugopolje until 30 June 2023</i> )
—	GK	CRO	Luigi Mišević ( <i>at Šibenik until 30 June 2023</i> )	—	FW	CRO	Leonardo Petrović ( <i>at Jadran LP until 30 June 2023</i> )

## Recent seasons

Season	League									Cup	Top goalscorer	
	Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos		Player	Goals
2017–18	1. HNL	22	16	2	4	62	29	50	2nd	QF	Jurica Bajić	14
2018–19	1. HNL	26	16	7	3	77	22	55	3rd	QF	Jurica Bajić, Ivan Šarić	9
2019–20	1. HNL	17	13	3	1	50	13	42	1st	SF	Marin Ljubičić	15
2020–21	1. HNL	26	24	1	1	81	13	73	1st	SF	Marin Ljubičić	25
2021–22	1. HNL	30	22	7	1	76	16	73	1st	SF	Filip Čuić	15
2022–23	1. HNL	16	12	2	2	36	11	38	2nd	SF	Jere Vrcić	7

## Current squad (Hajduk U-17)

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Some players are listed on both Hajduk U-19 and Hajduk U-17 teams as they play games for both teams.

As of 1 February 2023

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

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player	No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
—	GK	CRO	Ivan Bosančić	—	MF	AUS	Noah Skoko
—	GK	CRO	Toni Pažur	—	MF	CRO	Ivano Carević
—	GK	CRO	Raul Bezeljak	—	MF	CRO	Mateo Lekaj
—	GK	CRO	Marin Biočić	—	MF	CRO	Duje Reić
—	DF	CRO	Niko Fridl	—	MF	CRO	Ivano Ora
—	DF	CRO	Ivan Krstanović	—	FW	CRO	Marino Žeravica
—	DF	CRO	Duje Milišić	—	FW	CRO	Andro Marušić
—	DF	CRO	Toni Perajica	—	FW	CRO	Patrik Prodanović
—	DF	CRO	Roko Tudor	—	FW	CRO	Marin Kuzmanić
—	DF	AUS	Nicholas Zdrilić	—	FW	CRO	Bruno Durdov
—	DF	CRO	Marino Skelin	—	FW	CRO	Toma Žunić
—	MF	CRO	Dominik Tolja	—	FW	CRO	Lovre Lončar
—	MF	CRO	Luka Hodak	—	FW	CRO	Duje Matić
—	MF	CRO	Marin Čalušić				

## Recent seasons

Season	League										Cup	Top goalscorer	
	Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos	Player	Goals		
2013–14	1. HNL	30	19	4	7	61	35	61	3rd	Round of 16	Boris Rapaić	14	
2014–15	1. HNL	30	14	6	10	46	34	48	5th	SF	Ivan Delić	10	
2015–16	1. HNL	30	22	6	2	87	27	72	2nd	RU	Ivan Vujčić	20	
2016–17	1. HNL	30	22	3	5	97	31	69	2nd	RU	Michele Šego	22	
2017–18	1. HNL	23	19	3	1	84	25	60	1st	Finals	Ivan Šarić	21	
2018–19	1. HNL	15	10	5	0	34	9	35	2nd	QF	David Katuša	7	

## Current squad (Hajduk U-15)

As of 1 February 2023

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

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player	No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
—	GK	CRO	Roko Mašković	—	MF	CRO	Mateo Juričić
—	GK	CRO	Ivan Pocrnjić	—	MF	CRO	Marin Tapalović
—	GK	CRO	Josip Pandurić	—	MF	CRO	Davor Bistre
—	DF	CRO	Vice Rados	—	MF	CRO	Filip Bokan
—	DF	CRO	Ivano Papić	—	MF	CRO	Roko Jenjić
—	DF	CRO	Antonio Beidenegl	—	MF	CRO	Gabrijel Čirjak
—	DF	CRO	Mateo Čupić	—	MF	CRO	Gabrijel Vukičević
—	DF	CRO	Karlo Gabrilo	—	FW	CRO	Šime Perko
—	DF	CRO	Ante Bartulović	—	FW	CRO	Lovre Šuvar
—	MF	UKR	Iliya Kutiya	—	FW	UKR	Dmytro Zudin
—	MF	CRO	Silvio Ivanišević Dvornik	—	FW	AUS	Noah Ivan Slunjski
—	MF	CRO	Roko Vojvodić				

## Recent seasons

Season	League									Cup	Top goalscorer	
	Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos		Player	Goals
2014–15	1. HNL	30	23	6	1	90	16	75	2nd	RU	Jakov Blagaić	22
2015–16	1. HNL	30	19	7	4	78	23	64	2nd	Round of 16	Bruno Jenjić	23
2016–17	1. HNL	30	20	4	6	49	15	64	2nd	W	Marin Ljubičić	9
2017–18	1. HNL	26	19	3	4	57	11	60	2nd	Finals	Leonardo Petrović	23
2018–19	1. HNL	15	12	1	2	32	7	37	2nd	SF	Mislav Petrović	13

## Hajduk 2 recent seasons

Season	League									Top goalscorer	
	Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos	Player	Goals
2014–15	3. HNL South	34	18	5	11	65	42	59	5th	Ivan Prskalo	11
2015–16	3. HNL South	34	14	8	12	49	36	50	5th	Robert Jandrek	10
2016–17	3. HNL South	34	23	5	6	86	29	74	1st ↑	Deni Juric	15

Season	League									Top goalscorer	
	Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos	Player	Goals
2017–18	2. HNL	33	15	5	13	44	32	50	5th	Ivan Delić	9
2018–19	2. HNL	26	12	7	7	36	29	43	4th	Ivan Delić	7
2019–20	2. HNL	19	7	6	6	29	23	27	6th	Jurica Bajić	8
2020–21	2. HNL	34	11	8	15	58	60	41	15th	Ivan Sarić	13

## Key

League: **P** = Matches played; **W** = Matches won; **D** = Matches drawn; **L** = Matches lost; **F** = Goals for; **A** = Goals against; **Pts** = Points won; **Pos** = Final position.

## Current staff

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Updated 16 June 2023<sup>[2][3]</sup>

Staff	Job title
Boro Primorac	Head of Youth Academy
Goran Sablić	Head of Youth Academy Assistant
Hrvoje Vuković	Head of Youth Academy Assistant
Mate Radić	Talent scout
Vacant	Under-19 Manager
Luka Vučko	Under-18 Manager
Zvonimir Tomić	Under-17 Manager
Marko Sičić	Under-16 Manager
Zlatko Jerković	Under-15 Manager
Ivan Vukasović	Under-14 Manager
Roko Španjić	Under-13 Manager
Ivan Rako	Under-12 Manager
Ante Puljiz	Under-11 Manager
Danijel Vušković	Under-10 Manager
Josip Vardić	Under-9 Manager
Dejan Tomić	Under-8 Manager
Ivica Roguljić	Under-19 Goalkeeping coach
Hrvoje Sunara	U-18 and U-16 Goalkeeping coach
Mateo Bebić	U-14 and U-13 Goalkeeping coach
Goran Blažević	U-12 and U-11 Goalkeeping coach
Stjepan Radovančić	U-10 and U-8 Goalkeeping coach
Vinko Bego	Individual coach
Joško Španjić	Individual coach

## UEFA Youth League record

Season	Stage	Round	Opponent	Home	Away	Agg.
2021–22	Domestic Champions Path	.1R	Shkëndija	3–1	2–0	5–1
		2R	Minsk	3–0	1–1	4–1
		PO	Atlético Madrid	0–0 (2–3 p)		
2022–23	Domestic Champions Path	.1R	Gabala	3–0	2–1	5–1
		2R	Apolonia	3–1	3–0	6–1
		PO	Shakhtar Donetsk	1–0		
		R16	Manchester City	2–1		
		QF	Borussia Dortmund		1–1 (9–8 p)	
		SF	Milan		3–1	

# Honours

Honours	No.	Years
<b>Domestic leagues</b>		
 <b>Croatian U-18 Football League Champions</b>	22	1949, 1953, 1956, 1957, 1965, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1975, 1978, 1982, 1985, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1995, 1997, 1998, 2004, 2005, 2012 <sup>[4][5]</sup>
 <b>Croatian U-17 Football League Champions</b>	7	1995, 1996, 1997, 2001, 2004, 2005, 2012 <sup>[6]</sup>
 <b>Yugoslav U-18 Football League Champions</b>	5	1952, 1970, 1971, 1978, 1985 <sup>[7]</sup>
<b>Domestic cups</b>		
 <b>Yugoslav U-18 Cup</b> Winners	6	1970, 1971, 1972, 1977, 1979, 1980 <sup>[8]</sup>
<b>International</b>		
 <b>Kvarnerska rivijera U-18 (Rijeka, Croatia)</b> Winners	11	1953, 1958, 1972, 1979, 1980, 1988, 1990, 1994, 1997, 1998, 2000 <sup>[9]</sup>
 <b>Supercup Tournament U-18 (Bern, Switzerland)</b> Winners	1	1998 <sup>[10]</sup>
 <b>Hopes Tournament U-20 (Monthey, Switzerland)</b> Winners	2	1997, 1998 <sup>[11]</sup>
 <b>Jugend Cup U-17 (Bludenz, Vorarlberg, Austria)</b> Winners	1	1995 <sup>[12]</sup>
 <b>International Youth Friendly Tournament U-18 (San Giorgio, Italy)</b> Winners	2	1989, 1993 <sup>[13]</sup>
 <b>Primo torneo internazionale di calcio U-18 (Santa Teressa di Gallura, Sardegna, Italy)</b> Winners	1	1977
 <b>Tournament International Juniors U-19 (Croix, France)</b> Winners	2	1971, 1972 <sup>[14]</sup>

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# HNK Hajduk Split

**Hrvatski nogometni klub Hajduk Split**, commonly referred to as **Hajduk Split** (Croatian pronunciation: [xǎ̂ jdu:k splt]) or simply **Hajduk**, is a Croatian professional football club based in Split, that competes in the Croatian First League, the top tier in Croatian football. Since 1979, the club's home ground has been the 33,987-seater Stadion Poljud. The team's traditional home colours are white shirts with blue shorts and blue socks.

The idea to form a football club was started by group of Split students who were studying in Prague. After observing a game between Slavia and Sparta Prague, the group gathered at the U Fleků tavern and talked of creating a football club at home. When they returned to Split, they put their plan in motion and Hajduk was founded on 13 February 1911. Between the early 1920s and 1940, Hajduk regularly participated in the Kingdom of Yugoslavia national championship. Following World War II and the formation of the Yugoslav league system in 1946, Hajduk went on to spend the entire SFR Yugoslavia period at the top level. Following the breakup of Yugoslavia, the club joined the Croatian First League in its inaugural season in 1992, never having been relegated from its top tier. Hajduk is thus the only ex-Yugoslav side to have never been relegated from the top flight since the foundation of the original Yugoslavia, though a number of ex-Yugoslav clubs have long spells in the top flight dating to the SFR Yugoslavia era.

They are one of the most successful teams in Croatia and ex-Yugoslavia, having won nine Yugoslav and six Croatian league championships, in addition to nine Yugoslav and seven Croatian cup titles, and five Croatian supercup titles, without ever being relegated from its country's top football league.

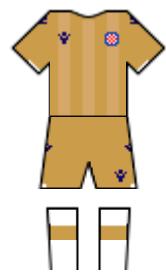
The club's golden era came in the 1970s, when they won four Yugoslav Leagues and five Yugoslav Cups. Hajduk is also the only club in Yugoslav football history that has won five-straight Yugoslav Cups (between 1972 and 1977), and also the only unbeaten champion (season 1950). Hajduk's biggest European achievements are appearances in three European Cup quarter-finals, one UEFA Cup semi-final and one Cup Winners' Cup semi-final.

The club's main rivals are Dinamo Zagreb, with matches between the two referred to as the "Eternal Derby". Hajduk Split fans are called Torcida Split, who are the oldest organized firm in Europe, being founded in 1950. The inspiration of the name were the Brazilian fans at the 1950 FIFA World Cup, which were called Torcida.

Hajduk Split



<b>Full name</b>	Hrvatski nogometni klub Hajduk Split
<b>Nickname(s)</b>	<i>Bili</i> (The Whites), <i>Majstori s mora</i> (Masters from the Sea)
<b>Short name</b>	HAJ
<b>Founded</b>	13 February 1911
<b>Ground</b>	<u>Stadion Poljud</u>
<b>Capacity</b>	33,987
<b>Owner</b>	<u>City of Split</u> (65.92%) <u>Naš Hajduk fan assoc.</u> (30.60%) Others (3.48%)
<b>President</b>	Lukša Jakobušić
<b>Head coach</b>	Mislav Karoglan
<b>League</b>	Croatian Football League
<b>2022–23</b>	Croatian Football League, 2nd of 10
<b>Website</b>	<u>Club website</u> ( <a href="http://www.hajduk.hr/">http://www.hajduk.hr/</a> )



Home colours   Away colours   Third colours

As of 2008, the club is a stock company, although not listed on the public stock exchange, with majority of the stock owned by the City of Split. It is one of two fan-owned sports teams in Croatia, having over 43,000 members in 2016,<sup>[1]</sup> and reaching 100,000 members in 2023. There are also over 50 Hajduk fan clubs situated mostly across Croatia and Germany, but as far as United States, Ireland and Australia.<sup>[2]</sup>

## History

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### Origins

The club was founded in the centuries-old pub U Fleků in Prague (then also part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire), by a group of students from Split: Fabjan Kaliterna, Lucijan Stella, Ivan Šakić and Vjekoslav Ivanišević.<sup>[3]</sup> They went to the pub following a match between AC Sparta and SK Slavia and decided it was time their own town founded a professional club. They all knew how popular the sport was in their home city of Split, and how well their friends can play.

The club was officially registered with the authorities on 13 February 1911.<sup>[4]</sup> While trying to come up with a name for the club (other options being "Velebit", "Uskok", "Marjan"...), the students went to their old teacher Josip Barać for advice and according to accounts, after enthusiastically storming into his office, he told them to take the name "Hajduk" which symbolized "that which is best in our people: bravery, humanity, friendship, love of freedom, defiance to powers, and protection of the weak. Be worthy of that great name".<sup>[5]</sup>

Hajduks were romanticized bandits that fought the rule of the Ottoman Turks. It is speculated that famed hajduk Andrijica Šimić, who triumphantly arrived in Split in 1902 to cheering crowds (after a long stint in an Austrian prison), was perhaps the inspiration for the name.<sup>[5]</sup> The founders subsequently designed the club's emblem, and a group of Catholic nuns from a monastery in Split, created copies which were distributed to fans.<sup>[6]</sup> Both the name and the checkered board on the crest were found provocative by the Monarchy, but it eventually allowed them having been convinced that a football club is a good way to train soldiers.<sup>[7]</sup>

Hajduk gathered the pro-Croat party of citizens of Split, Croat unionists or *puntari*. That is why the club specifically has the name "hrvatski nogometni klub" ("Croatian football club") and has the Croatian coat-of-arms in its crest. The club itself was against the Austrian-Hungarian government's policy of not allowing the unification of the Croatian provinces and keeping them separated (the government and the emperor did not allow the reunion of Dalmatia with the rest of Croatia). Hajduk's first opponent were Calcio Spalato, the club of an autonomist party from in Split, and the match ended with a 9–0 (6–0) victory for Hajduk. The first to score for Hajduk was Šime Raunig, legend has it – with his knee.<sup>[8]</sup>



Founding members of Hajduk, in the U Fleků inn in Prague



Before the match: Hajduk played HŠK Zrinjski Mostar on 13 August 1939, winning 3–2.

goalkeeper at the time).

In 1912, Hajduk played their first match in Zagreb against the HAŠK football club, and lost 3–2. The first international match against an eminent opponent was held in 1913 against Czech club Slavia Prague,<sup>[9]</sup> which at that time were one of the strongest squads in Europe. Hajduk ended up losing the match 1–13 (0–13). After the formation of the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes, Hajduk first entered the Yugoslav league in 1923, losing their first and only match that season against SAŠK. However, that same year while on tour in North Africa, Hajduk defeated Marseille 3–2 in their first international match, sparking mass celebrations in Split. The next year, the squad was considered so strong that 10 out of the 11 players which played an international friendly for Yugoslavia against Czechoslovakia were contracted to Hajduk (only exception being the goalkeeper, as Hajduk had an Italian

In 1926, in honour of the club's 15th birthday, composer Ivo Tijardović dedicated an operetta "*Kraljica baluna*" to the club, making it the only football club in the world to have its own operetta. Apart from national championship, from 1920 to 1936 Hajduk continuously competed in Dalmatian Championship, having won all but one of them.<sup>[10]</sup>

Hajduk reached their first period of glory in the late 1920s, when they won their first two Yugoslav championships (1927 and 1929), which earned them a slot in the Central European Cup.<sup>[11]</sup> Some of the best players in that period were Leo Lemešić and Vladimir Kragić, with Ljubo Benčić managed to become the best goalscorer of the 1927 season. Long-lasting coach of the team was one of clubs greats, Luka Kaliterna. During the 6 January Dictatorship the adjective "Croatian" in "Croatian Football Club" was forcibly replaced by the adjective "Yugoslav" to the dismay of the team. Furthermore, the 1930s proved disastrous for Hajduk, as they won no tournaments or championships, recording only a few successes in international matches.<sup>[12]</sup>

They did manage to win one title during the Banovina of Croatia era in 1940–41, with an impressive 14–3–1 record. As a Croatian champion the club was about to play the playoffs for Yugoslav championship, but with World War II emerging, the championship was never finished. During this time, Hajduk could have had a fantastic generation lead by young Frane Matošić, Ratko Kacijan, as well as prominent Czech international Jiří Sobotka.<sup>[13]</sup>

## World War II

In April 1941, during World War II, Yugoslavia was invaded, occupied and carved-up by the Axis powers, with Split being annexed directly into Italy. Residents and players were both opposed to the assimilation to Italy, thus the club ceased to compete in defiance throughout the occupation of Split, declining an offer to join the Italian first division under the name "AC Spalato". Instead, Benito Mussolini founded Societa Calcio Spalato, and renamed the club's home ground after his son's name.<sup>[13]</sup> After the capitulation of Italy in 1943, the Partisans temporarily liberated Split and disarmed the Italian garrison, but the German Army quickly re-occupied the city and granted it to the Independent State of Croatia (NDH) they had installed in Zagreb back in 1941. The attitude of the club did not change when the NDH authorities attempted to include Hajduk in the Independent State of Croatia Cup, as NDH earned resentment in Split for allying and partitioning them to Italy. With the Allies invading southern Italy and controlling the Mediterranean, the Adriatic islands became a haven for the resistance, prompting Hajduk's rebirth on one of them in 1944.

The club's players then joined the Partisan general headquarters on the island of Vis in the Adriatic. On 7 May 1944, on the Feast of Saint Domnius, the patron saint of Split, in presence of Partisan leader Josip Broz Tito's and British officers (one of them being Randolph Churchill)<sup>[14]</sup> Hajduk was formed again and began playing as the official football team of the Yugoslav resistance. They competed with Allied service football teams from across the Adriatic in Italy, where they famously played the British Army in a friendly match in Bari on 23 September, in front at least 40,000 spectators, losing 2–9.<sup>[15][16]</sup> The match is considered to be one of the most attended football games during the war years, with a rematch in liberated Split few years after (Hajduk won 1–0). At this time, the club leadership adopted the Partisans' red star as the badge on the white-and-blue club dress. During 1945, Hajduk embarked on a tourney through Egypt, Palestine, Lebanon, Syria and Malta. Traveling roughly 30,000 kilometers, and playing over 90 matches, the club won 74 of them, while at the same time Allied airplanes dropped fliers all over Europe prompting other football clubs to follow Hajduk example.<sup>[17]</sup> While in Beirut, Charles de Gaulle gave Hajduk the title of honorary team of Free France, the trophy being treasured ever since.

With its proficiency and its "unique Dalmatian spirit", the club reportedly impressed Tito, who frequently attended matches. After the war, he invited Hajduk to move to the Yugoslav capital Belgrade and become the official Yugoslav People's Army (JNA) team, but the club refused, wanting to continue to play in their hometown of Split.<sup>[15]</sup> One of their biggest future rivals, FK Partizan, were founded instead. However, Hajduk continued to enjoy the reputation of "Tito's favorite" long after the war, and it was because of the friendly relationship with the

resistance, it became one of the few Yugoslav football clubs (and the only prominent one) not to be disbanded after the war by the communist government (as was the case with a number of other clubs, especially prominent ones such as BSK, Građanski, Jugoslavija, Concordia, HAŠK and Slavija).

## Iconic 1950s

After World War II, Hajduk continued to play in the Yugoslav championship and its cup. In 1946, they won Croatian championship and established the magazine *Journal of Hajduk*. In 1948–49, Hajduk visited Australia and became the first team from Yugoslavia to play on all continents. The club won the 1950 Yugoslav championship without a single loss,<sup>[15]</sup> setting a record that no one managed to accomplish before the breakup of Yugoslavia 40 years later. On 28 October 1950, a day before a decisive match against one of its biggest rivals Red Star Belgrade (a 2–1 win), the official fan organization Torcida was founded.<sup>[18]</sup> It was created by engineering student Vjenceslav Žuvela, who chose the name after the enthusiastic Brazilian fans, and Torcida became the first organized group of supporters in Europe.<sup>[19]</sup> The following year, reconstruction of "Stari Plac" stadium was finished, and it homed the club for more than three decades.



Hajduk's squad in 1955, wearing the red star badge

Consequent seasons showed Hajduk's supremacy, but also the political manipulations to prevent them winning the championships. For one, Torcida was viewed as a hostile organization by the communist authorities, which posed a risk to the national consciousness of the new Yugoslavian state.<sup>[18]</sup> Hajduk's leadership was sanctioned, the team's captain expelled from the communist party, and Vjenceslav Žuvela imprisoned.<sup>[18]</sup> Also, during the winter break of the 1952–53 season, following an invitation from Juan Perón, Hajduk went on tour to South America and eventually extended their stay there.<sup>[20]</sup> This caused them to come home late, but instead of promised delay of games in the Championship, they faced defeat against BSK and a draw with Spartak Subotica as their youth team and couple of veteran players had to play them.<sup>[20]</sup> Although Hajduk later beat both Red Star (4–1) and Partizan (4–2) in Belgrade, Red Star became the champion by only a two-point margin.

Next season saw a similar occurrence, with players Vladimir Beara and Bernard Vukas arriving late for national team training and receiving a month-long ban from football. Without these essential players, Hajduk lost important matches and Dinamo Zagreb finished as champions. All this prompted club legend Frane Matošić to storm a meeting of the Yugoslav Football Association and say, "Have you at least a gram of integrity?"<sup>[21]</sup> On 3 April 1955 in Zagreb, Hajduk defeated Dinamo 6–0, recording its biggest win in the derby between the two largest Croatian clubs, and later won the championship. However, the Football Association of Yugoslavia qualified them to the European Mitropa Cup, while Partizan was chosen to participate in the inaugural European Cup.<sup>[21]</sup>

During the early 1950s, the club had one of its most iconic generation of players, winning three Yugoslav championships. Two such players – goalkeeper Vladimir Beara and Zagreb-born midfielder Bernard Vukas (called "Bajdo") – were called to represent Team Europe in friendly matches against Great Britain. In one of the matches, Vukas scored a hat-trick. Apart from them, Frane Matošić scored his 729 goals in 739 official and unofficial games, setting a club record likely never to be broken. Other famous players included Božo Broketa, Ljubomir Kokeza, Slavko Luštica and Lenko Grčić.

## Miserable 1960s and another Golden Generation

Generation of 1950s broke down after 1955 title, with Matošić retiring, Beara moving to Red Star Belgrade and Vukas to Italian club Bologna. The 1960s were remembered as some of the hardest times in Hajduk's history. In four seasons (1963 to 1966), the club finished no better than tenth and no better than fourth in the next half of the decade. In the 1965–66 season, due to the "Planinić affair" accusing Hajduk of rigging matches during those unsuccessful seasons, five points were deducted (down from the initial penalty of relegation), and Hajduk managed to stay in the top flight with much thanks to Petar Nadoveza, who managed to become the league's top

scorer with 21 goals. During this era, the club won just one trophy – the 1967 cup, which was also their first Yugoslav cup trophy and send the team to European Cup Winners' Cup the next year, their first appearance under UEFA-organized international competition.<sup>[22]</sup> Prominent players of the time included Ante Žanetić (member of 1960 World Soccer Team of the Year), Ivica Hlevnjak, Vinko Cuzzi and Andrija Anković.



Hajduk's red star logo  
from 1960 to 1990

From 1970 to 1980, Hajduk had achieved its most successful years in Yugoslavia. The new "Golden Generation" won five consecutive cups and four championships in the period from 1972 to 1979, accompanied by notable international success.<sup>[23]</sup> In 1971, and after a 16-year wait, Hajduk won the title after a memorable 4–3 away win over Partizan in a decisive match Hajduk were at one time behind 0–3. This unexpected success was achieved with a team of youngsters, and Nadoveza as a league top scorer yet another time. After winning their first out of five consecutive domestic cups in 1972, the team achieved first major international success, playing in the semi-finals of next year's Cup Winners' Cup against Leeds United. The team's manager at the time was one of Croatia's finest, Branko Zebec.

After Zebec left the club, he was replaced by the young and talented Tomislav Ivić, who would later become the club's coaching legend and one of the most successful managers in Europe, winning eight league titles in seven different countries.<sup>[24]</sup> The first three years under Ivić saw Hajduk win two Yugoslav titles and three cups. In 1976, Hajduk could have won a third-straight Double after defeating the top league team Partizan 6–1 away. However, there was a scandal in the last match of the season when Partizan defeated Olimpija after scoring in the 95th minute of the match (despite UEFA not yet introducing added time for another 20 years) after numerous dubious referee decisions during the match. With the season finishing, Ivić left Hajduk for Ajax, but would return two years later only to win another league title, the club's last in the former Yugoslavia.

During these years, Hajduk reached quarter-finals of both the European Cup and Cup Winners' Cup, with notable home wins against PSV (2–0), Arsenal (2–1) and Saint Etienne (4–1). Notable Hajduk and Yugoslav international players included goalkeepers Ivan Katalinić and Radomir Vukčević; defenders Ivan Buljan (1975 Yugoslav Footballer of the Year), Zoran Vujović, Dragan Holcer, Vilson Džoni, Luka Peruzović and Vedran Rožić; midfielders Jurica Jerković, Dražen Mužinić (1975 Yugoslav Footballer of the Year), Branko Oblak (1974 Ballon d'Or candidate); and strikers Ivica Šurjak (1976 Yugoslav Footballer of the Year) and Slaviša Žungul. The club's respected president at the time was Tito Kirigin.

## Poljud curse

In 1979, Hajduk moved to the newly designed stadium at Poljud, built to host the 1979 Mediterranean Games. However, the 1980s were noticeably less successful, as the club won only three Yugoslav cups before SFR Yugoslavia fell apart in 1991. The club's struggles were often linked to their new home stadium, which had athletic running track around the pitch, as opposed to Stari Plac, where supporters could cheer much closer to their team. The club's Inaugural season at Poljud saw Hajduk's most iconic official international match: the 1979–80 European Cup quarter-finals against eventual finalists Hamburger SV, and a 3–2 home win after losing 0–1 away. Later years saw Hajduk achieve memorable home wins against Valencia (4–1), Bordeaux (4–1), Marseille (2–0), Universitatea Craiova (1–0), Tottenham Hotspur (2–1) and a friendly win against Manchester United (6–0), considered to be United's biggest loss outside England. Hajduk also eliminated clubs such as Metz (5–1, 2–2), VfB Stuttgart (3–1, 2–2), Torino (3–1, 1–1), Dnipro Dnipropetrovsk (2–0, 1–0), Universitatea Craiova (0–1, 1–0, 3–1pen) and Sparta Prague (2–0, 0–1), reaching UEFA Cup semi-final in 1984 and quarter-final in 1986. In 1988, during a Cup Winners' Cup home match with Marseille, releasing tear gas from the crowd caused the game to be canceled at 2–0 for Hajduk to award Marseille a default 0–3 victory; Hajduk was also banned from all UEFA competitions for the next two years.<sup>[25]</sup>

Apart from international success, domestic results were not as impressive. Although Hajduk spent the entire decade near the top of the league table, competing with Dinamo Zagreb, Partizan and Red Star Belgrade to form what was known as the "Great Yugoslav Four", the club won no title before Croatia became independent. Prominent players of the time included goalkeepers Ivan Pudar and Zoran Simović (1983 Yugoslav Footballer of

the Year); defenders Boro Primorac, Branko Miljuš and Jerko Tipurić; midfielders Blaž Slišković (1985 Yugoslav Footballer of the Year), Ivan Gudelj (1982 Yugoslav Footballer of the Year), Zoran Vulić, Aljoša Asanović, Stipe Andrijašević, Dragutin Čelić; and striker Zlatko Vučović (1981 Ballon d'Or candidate).<sup>[26]</sup> By the end of the Yugoslav era, a young generation of future 1998 FIFA World Cup bronze medalists began playing for the club. These included Igor Štimac, Robert Jarni, Alen Bokšić, Nikola Jerkan and Slaven Bilić.

In the wake of national tensions which would eventually lead to Yugoslav Wars, during a tour in Australia, Hajduk restored its traditional emblem with the Croatian checkerboard, omitting the red star and sparking a massive crowd celebrations upon return. In September of that same year, a home match against Partizan would be cancelled in the 73rd minute due to the crowd entering the pitch and burning the Yugoslav flag. Later, on 8 May 1991, Hajduk won the last held Yugoslav Cup final, defeating that year's European champions Red Star in Belgrade with a goal scored by Bokšić. Tito's trophy for Yugoslav Cup winners was therefore awarded to Hajduk to stay in the club's permanent possession.<sup>[27]</sup>

## Champions League and financial breakdown

In the first four years of the HNL (the Croatian football league), Hajduk became far more successful than rivals Dinamo from Zagreb, winning three league titles, two domestic cups and two supercups, with the 1994–95 season still standing as the most successful since playing in independent Croatia. Hajduk entered that year's UEFA Champions League with a mix of young upcoming stars Milan Rapaić, Ivica Mornar, Tomislav Erceg, Goran Vučević and experienced players such as Igor Štimac, Zoran Vulić, Aljoša Asanović and Tonči Gabrić returning to assist them. After entering the group stage, Hajduk finished second behind Benfica, ahead of Steaua Bucureşti and Anderlecht, before losing in the quarter-finals to eventual champions Ajax (0–0, 0–3). Domestically, the club won its first and (as of yet) last double crown. However, even though the team was performing well, the club was financially poorly managed, accumulating a massive financial loss that led to blocking of club's account.



A Hajduk vs Dinamo match in Split

was financially poorly managed,

For the next five years, Hajduk stood in the shadow of wealthier and politically privileged rivals Dinamo Zagreb, and the Champions League was no longer realistically within reach. Between 1995 and 2000, the club won zero trophies. After continuous domestic and European failures, Hajduk fans began to seek the dismissal of administration officials and circulated the story about the possible privatization of the club, which at that time did not happen. While arch-rivals Dinamo (then called "Croatia Zagreb") won titles, Hajduk had problems with the registration of players for the league. Dissatisfaction among the fans grew so much that some broke into the club premises, causing a change in leadership and promises of new beginnings. After the death of the first Croatian president Franjo Tuđman, whom many saw as heavily preferring and financing Croatia Zagreb, 2001 saw Hajduk become champions once more after a memorable 4–2 win against Varteks in Varaždin, a match attended by far more Hajduk fans than locals. Unfortunately, financial conditions in the club were still dire, and the club was often on the precipice of bankruptcy and collapse.

And yet, even if operating with blocked account, chairman Branko Grgić boosted with promises of attractive signings and trophies. Although Hajduk did manage to win Cup in 2003 and league titles in 2004 and 2005, as well as sign Dinamo's promising young captain Niko Kranjčar and their legendary manager Miroslav Blažević, when finances and politically driven leadership finally broke down, so did the club's results. Hajduk spent rest of the decade finishing behind its rival, with numerous coaching and management changes and reorganizations, players of dubious quality and mediocre international performances, worst of which came after being eliminated by Shelbourne and 0–5 home loss to Debrecen. The election of new chairman Mate Peroš in June 2008, upon which he changed the entire professional staff and reorganized the administration, brought only temporary relief. Hajduk achieved first away win against Dinamo after five-and-a-half years (2–0), but again finished behind their arch-rivals, and reached Croatian Cup finals only to lose to Dinamo once again in a two-game thriller which saw two 3–0 wins by both teams, before Dinamo won 4–3 in penalty shootout. More importantly, the club's finances did not radically change until next season, when Hajduk became joint stock company owned

by the City of Split. Even if financially secure, newly appointed chairman Joško Svaguša continued the policy of expensive signings and unsustainable expenses to regain the club's former glory. In 2010, Hajduk won the Croatian Cup, its first trophy in five years, and later managed to qualify for the group stage of 2010–11 UEFA Europa League which was the first time since 1994 club secured a place in the group stages of UEFA competitions. Home wins against Dinamo Bucureşti (3–0), Unirea Urziceni (4–1) and Anderlecht (1–0) were, however, just a temporary reminiscence of former successes.

Notable players of 1990's and 2000's include goalkeepers Stipe Pletikosa, Danijel Subašić and Tonči Gabrić; defenders Igor Štimac, Igor Tudor and Darijo Srna; midfielders Milan Rapaić, Nenad Pralija, Dean Računica, Niko Kranjčar, Josip Skoko, Ivan Leko, Srđan Andrić and Senjad Ibričić; and strikers Ardian Kozniku, Nikola Kalinić and Tomislav Erceg.

On 13 February 2011, Hajduk commemorated its 100th anniversary with a massive celebration in Split and all of Croatia, with both Hajduk players and fans honouring the club. The entire city was decorated with Hajduk banners, flags, posters and paraphernalia, and there was a spectacular firework show over Split. Hajduk played a friendly game with Slavia Prague to honour Hajduk's Czech origins, losing 0–2.<sup>[28]</sup>

## Naš Hajduk

All this time supporters led by Torcida led a struggle to end what they considered to be politically driven management of the club, and install experts to save Hajduk. In 2009, they started an initiative called "Dite puka" (People's Child) that should have prompted fans to buy up the club's shares and gain control of the club, which at the time didn't happen. However, in July 2011, inspired by examples in Germany and Sweden and organized under the association "Naš Hajduk" (Our Hajduk), fans managed to gain rights of organizing elections for members of the club's supervisory board, making Hajduk only fan-owned football club in Croatian First League, and one of only two in former Yugoslavia (the other being nearby HNK Trogir).

In 2012, the club fell into yet another financial trouble caused by former Hajduk presidents, leaving it with more than 100 million kunas in debt, and one town meeting away from being bankrupt. After forming lines in front of the City Hall on 15 October 2012, fans convinced the town leaders to sign a loan insurance to the newly elected chairman Marin Brbić and start the club's long needed financial recovery. Since then, according to the club's annual financial report, Hajduk is under continuous financial and managerial recovery.<sup>[29][30][31]</sup> On 1 April 2015, Brbić was sacked by the club's supervisory board and on 18 May replaced by Ivan Kos.<sup>[32]</sup>

Notable successes include 2–0 away win over Internazionale and winning the 2012–13 Croatian Cup. By the end of 2016, the club numbered 43.339 members, more than any club in the region.<sup>[33]</sup>

## Stadium



Panoramic view of the Stadion Poljud

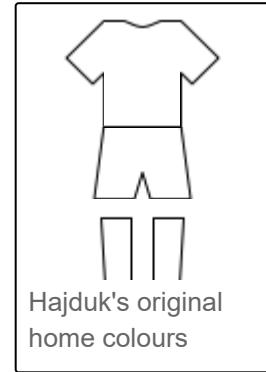
Hajduk's home ground is one of the two largest stadiums in Croatia, designed by architect Boris Magaš, chosen among 20 other projects in a 1975 competition. The stadium was built for the 1979 Mediterranean Games, but was also a venue for the 1990 European Athletics Championships and the 2010 IAAF Continental Cup. The stadium is affectionately known to the locals as the *Poljudska ljepotica* ("Poljud Beauty"). The largest crowd recorded was in 1980 at a match against Hamburger SV – 52,000 spectators. Two years later, after the stadium was fully completed, its capacity was increased to 62,000 for a derby against Dinamo Zagreb.

From 1911 to 1979, Hajduk played on a stadium called *Kod stare Plinare*, used today by *RK Nada* rugby club. The stadium's first name was *Krajeva njiva*, but after club moved to Poljud, the old ground has become known in Split as the *Stari Plac* or *Staro Hajdukovo* ("Old Hajduk's Place"). During this time, the stadium hosted a match between *Yugoslavia* and the *Netherlands* in the *UEFA Euro 1972* qualifying tournament. Hajduk supporters who would later reestablish the once forbidden name of *Torcida*, were situated in the east stands. 3,148 games were played on it, with 9,542 goals scored, 11 championships and six cups have been won.

## Crest and colours

### Colours

Hajduk played its first game in a strip with red and white vertical stripes, which symbolized the Croatian coat of arms. The former Austrian City Council did not want to be seen as partisan and would not allow club colors to be made up from the emergent Croatian tricolour. Hajduk changed its kit design to red and blue vertical stripes with white "Hajduk" written in the middle. 1914 saw the club choose a white shirt, blue shorts and socks; a combination that symbolizes white sails on a blue sea. The color white has since then become a symbol for the club, along with the nickname 'Bili' ('Whites').



Its away strip consists of red and blue shirts with vertical stripes (sometimes narrow, sometimes wide), blue shorts and socks, to symbolize the Croatian flag. From 2008 to 2011, the stripes were made horizontal. Although UEFA has not introduced compulsory registration of the third set of colours, one possibility was shirts of vertical red and white stripes, but were not adopted due to the resemblance of club colours of Red Star Belgrade. Third set of colours was therefore often a combination of first two (most often completely white outfit), until a new gray design, composed of small triangular fan flags was introduced in 2015.

At one time the main colours were to be a combination of navy blue, white with blue horizontal stripes, but this kit was only sporadically worn by goalkeepers Stipe Pletikosa and Danijel Subašić.

### Crest

Hajduk's crest consists of the *Croatian checkerboard* with 25 red and white checkers bordered by a circle of blue ribbon, with two white vertical lines on each side. The words *Hajduk* and *Split* are written above and below the checkerboard respectively. The symbolism of the white vertical lines is still under discussion, with theories such as being a symbol of the four founders, the equals sign or quotation marks.

The modern crest is almost identical to the one created in 1911. The original was designed by one of club's founders Vjekoslav Ivanišević. It was then taken to Ana, the sister of the Kaliterna brothers who took a drawing of the crest to a convent where nuns created 20–30 pieces by hand. The crest first appeared in public in 1926 during a performance of the *Tijardović* opera "*Kraljica baluna*" as part of the scenery.

However, Hajduk did not wear the original crest before World War II as it was not obligatory at the time. After the club's rebirth following the end of WWII the new crest became just a red star – a symbol of *anti-fascism* which Hajduk stood up for during the war. In 1960, a new crest was made, similar to the old one but with the red

star in the middle instead of the former red and white traditional checkerboard. In 1990, while on tour in Australia, the original crest was returned and has been used ever since.

## Shirt sponsors and manufacturers

Period	Kit manufacturer	Shirt sponsor
1995–1996	Diadora	Agrokor
1996–1997		Kaltenberg
1997–1999		Splitska banka
2000–2002	Umbro	Privredna banka Zagreb
2002–2006		Agrokor
2006–2010		INA
2010		NTL
2011		Konzum
2012		Atlas d.d. (only 3 times)
2013		Apfel (only Croatian Cup final)
2013–	Macron	Tommy

## Supporters

Hajduk Split supporters, Torcida, were formed on 28 October 1950 by a group of students in Zagreb, namely Ante Dorić, Ante Ivanišević and Vjenceslav Žuvela, and are the oldest organized supporters group in Europe. They took their name from the Brazilian fan group they idolized, which comes from the Portuguese 'torcer' which means 'to cheer on'. "Hajduk lives forever" is their slogan.

Torcida members and other fervent fans gather in the north stand at the Poljud stadium from where they support their club. The 'Heart of Hajduk' (Croatian: Hajdučko srce) is an annual football prize which was established in 1994 and is officially awarded by the Hajduk Split supporters' to the team's best performing player during the season. It is awarded during the annual futsal competition Torcida Cup.

In-between clubs Hajduk developed kinship with SK Slavia Prague.



Torcida fans decorating the stands of Poljud Stadium during the Eternal Derby in 2006

## In popular culture

Hajduk Split features as the central theme of the television series *Velo Misto* (1980) and is one of the only football clubs to have a period drama filmed about its history.

## Rivalries

Today, Hajduk's biggest rivals are Dinamo Zagreb, as the matches between the two teams are referred to as "Eternal Derby". Former major rivalries used to include Serbian clubs Crvena Zvezda and Partizan who along with Hajduk and Dinamo were part of the so-called Yugoslav *Big Four*, the biggest and most successful clubs in the former Yugoslavia.



Enthusiastic fans set off flares at Poljud during the Eternal Derby match

## Players

Croatian teams are restricted to fielding at most six foreign players in the first eleven during the domestic league and cup matches.<sup>[34]</sup> The squad list includes only the principal nationality of each player; players who also hold Croatian citizenship are specifically noted.

### Current squad

As of 6 February 2024<sup>[35]</sup>

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

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player	No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
3	DF	CRO	<u>Dominik Prpić</u>	20	DF	CRO	<u>Niko Sigur</u>
4	MF	CRO	<u>Ivan Perišić (on loan from Tottenham Hotspur)</u>	21	MF	USA	<u>Rokas Pukštas</u>
5	DF	CIV	<u>Ismaël Diallo</u>	22	FW	GER	<u>Leon Dajaku</u>
6	MF	CRO	<u>Mihail Žaper</u>	23	MF	CRO	<u>Filip Krovinović (3rd captain)</u>
7	MF	AUS	<u>Anthony Kalik</u>	24	DF	CRO	<u>Dino Mikanović</u>
8	MF	BEL	<u>Vadis Odjidja-Ofoe</u>	25	DF	CRO	<u>Filip Uremović</u>
9	FW	CRO	<u>Nikola Kalinić</u>	27	FW	MKD	<u>Aleksandar Trajkovski</u>
10	FW	CRO	<u>Marko Livaja (vice-captain)</u>	30	MF	HUN	<u>László Kleinheisler (on loan from Panathinaikos)</u>
11	MF	MAR	<u>Yassine Benrahou</u>	31	DF	CRO	<u>Zvonimir Šarlja</u>
13	GK	AUT	<u>Ivan Lučić</u>	70	FW	CRO	<u>Josip Brekalo (on loan from Fiorentina)</u>
17	DF	CRO	<u>Dario Melnjak</u>	77	MF	KOS	<u>Emir Sahiti</u>
18	DF	MAR	<u>Fahd Moufi</u>	91	GK	CRO	<u>Lovre Kalinić (captain)</u>
19	DF	CRO	<u>Josip Elez</u>	97	DF	POR	<u>Ferro</u>

### Players with multiple nationalities

- Emir Sahiti
- Anthony Kalik
- Ivan Lučić
- Yassine Benrahou
- Fahd Moufi
- Niko Sigur
- Leon Dajaku

-  [Vadis Odjidja-Ofoe](#)
-  [Tino Blaž Lauš](#)

## Dual registration

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

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player	No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
28	MF	 CRO	Roko Brajković ( <i>at  Solin</i>	88	MF	 CRO	Ivan Ćubelić ( <i>at  Solin</i>
40	GK	 CRO	Borna Buljan ( <i>at  Solin</i>	99	FW	 BIH	Filip Čuić ( <i>at  Solin</i>
—	MF	 CRO	Krešimir Nazor ( <i>at  Solin</i>	—	DF	 CRO	Niko Đolonga ( <i>at  Solin</i>
—	MF	 CRO	Ante Kavelj ( <i>at  Solin</i>	—	DF	 CRO	Mateo Jurić-Petrašilo ( <i>at  Solin</i>
—	FW	 CRO	Jere Vrcić ( <i>at  Solin</i>	—	DF	 CRO	Šimun Hrgović ( <i>at  Solin</i>

## Out on loan

As of 16 February 2024

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

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player	No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
1	GK	 CRO	Toni Silić ( <i>at  Sheriff Tiraspol until 30 June 2024</i>	66	MF	 BIH	Madžid Šošić ( <i>at  Radomlje until 30 June 2024</i>
23	MF	 CRO	Ivan Krolo ( <i>at  Radomlje until 30 June 2024</i>	—	GK	 CRO	Karlo Sentić ( <i>at  Ordabasy until 19 January 2025</i>
33	DF	 KOS	Elvis Letaj ( <i>at  Radomlje until 20 June 2024</i>	—	GK	 UKR	Davyd Fesyük ( <i>at  Zmijavci until 20 June 2024</i>
34	MF	 CRO	Marko Capan ( <i>at  Široki Brijeg until 30 June 2024</i>	—	DF	 CRO	Luka Vušković ( <i>at  Radomiak until 30 June 2024</i>
36	MF	 CRO	Tino Blaž Lauš ( <i>at  Koper until 30 June 2024</i>	—	FW	 CRO	Mate Antunović ( <i>at  Monza until 30 June 2024</i>

## Retired numbers

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

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
12	12	 CRO	<u>12th man (reserved for the club supporters)</u>

## Reserves

## Managers

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## Technical staff

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As of 23 October 2023<sup>[36]</sup><sup>[37]</sup>

Staff	Job title
 Mindaugas Nikoličius	Sporting director
 Mislav Karoglan	Head coach
 Dragan Blatnjak	Assistant coach
 Jure Ivanković	Assistant coach
 Goran Karoglan	Assistant coach
 Darko Franić	Goalkeeper coach
 Šime Veršić	Fitness coach
 Antonio Plenča	Fitness coach
 Stjepan Badrov	Team manager
 Antonio Sebežević	Video Analyst
 Bruno Baćina	Video Analyst
 Miro Čolak	Kit Manager
 Zlatko Piteša	Kit Manager
 Ante Bandalović, dr.med.	Head of medical staff
 Tomislav Barić, dr.med.	Doctor
 doc.dr.sc. Vladimir Ivančev, dr.med.	Doctor
 Boris Bećir, dr.med.	Doctor
 Ante Turić, dr.med.	Doctor
 Marko Kordić, dr.med.	Doctor
 Marin Popović, dr.dent.med.	Dentist
 Josip Gruica	Head of physiotherapy staff
 Filip Brnas	Physiotherapist
 Nikola Šarić	Physiotherapist
 Tomislav Džeko	Physiotherapist
 Ivan Gršković	Physiotherapist
 Dragana Olujić	Nutritionist

## Club statistics and records

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Vedran Rožić holds the club's overall official games appearance record by playing in 390 matches over the course of 12 seasons from 1972 to 1984. Hajduk's all-time leading scorer in all competitions is Frane Matošić, scoring 211 official goals for the club, while Zlatko Vujović is all-time leading goalscorer in European competition with 19 goals.

Hajduk's record home attendance is 62,000 during a Yugoslav Championship match against Dinamo Zagreb on 28 February 1982. The record modern (all-seated) attendance is 38,000 for a match against Dinamo Zagreb on 22 February 2009.

Hajduk's first competitive game was a 9–0 victory against Calcio Spalato. 14–0 win over Slavija Sarajevo in 1934 was their largest league win during Yugoslav era. In Prva HNL club's largest league win was 10–0 against Radnik in 1994, while their biggest defeat was against Varteks in 2001, losing 1–5. Hajduk's biggest victory in European competitions was 8–0 against Gøtu Ítróttarfelag in 2002, while their heaviest defeat, 0–6, came against Ajax in 1993.<sup>[38]</sup>

## UEFA club coefficient ranking

### 2023–22 season

Rank	Team	Points
146	 <u>BATE Borisov</u>	9.500
147	 <u>Maribor</u>	9.500
148	  <u>Shamrock Rovers</u>	9.500
<b>149</b>	  <b>Hajduk Split</b>	<b>9.000</b>
150	 <u>Aris</u>	9.000
151	 <u>Lincoln Red Imps</u>	9.000
152	 <u>Standard Liège</u>	9.000

As of 8 October 2023

Source: [UEFA.com \(https://www.uefa.com/nationalassociations/uefarankings/club/#/yr/2022\)](https://www.uefa.com/nationalassociations/uefarankings/club/#/yr/2022)

## Honours

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Hajduk won two Kingdom of Yugoslavia championships, seven Yugoslav championships,<sup>[39]</sup> six Croatian championships,<sup>[40]</sup> as well as nine Yugoslav Cup titles,<sup>[41]</sup> seven Croatian Cup titles<sup>[42]</sup> and five Croatian Super Cup titles.<sup>[43]</sup> Abroad, the club has reached five European quarterfinals: three times in European Cup (now UEFA Champions League), once in UEFA Cup and once in Cup Winners' Cup, as well as two European semifinals: Cup Winners' Cup in 1973, and UEFA Cup in 1984.<sup>[44]</sup>

### Domestic (40)

#### Croatian football league system

##### ▪ Croatian First League

- **Winner (6):** 1992, 1993–94, 1994–95, 2000–01, 2003–04, 2004–05

##### ▪ Croatian Cup

- **Winner (8):** 1992–93, 1994–95, 1999–2000, 2002–03, 2009–10, 2012–13, 2021–22, 2022–23

##### ▪ Croatian Super Cup

- **Winner (5):** 1992, 1993, 1994, 2004, 2005

##### ▪ Banovina of Croatia

- **Winner (1):** 1940–41<sup>[40]</sup>

## ▪ Socialist Republic of Croatia

- Winner (2): 1945, 1946<sup>[40][45]</sup>

## Yugoslav football league system

### ▪ Yugoslav First League

- Winner (9): 1927, 1929, 1950, 1952, 1954–55, 1970–71, 1973–74, 1974–75, 1978–79

### ▪ Yugoslav Cup

- Winner (9): 1966–67, 1971–72, 1972–73, 1973–74, 1975–76, 1976–77, 1983–84, 1986–87, 1990–91

## Doubles

- League and Cup: 1973–74, 1994–95
- League and Super Cup: 1992, 1994, 2004, 2005
- Cup and Super Cup: 1993

## Best results in European competitions

Season	Achievement	Notes
<b>European Cup / UEFA Champions League</b>		
1976	Quarter-final lost to  PSV	2–0 in Split, 0–3 in Eindhoven
1980	Quarter-final lost to  Hamburger SV	0–1 in Hamburg, 3–2 in Split
1995	Quarter-final lost to  Ajax	0–0 in Split, 0–3 in Amsterdam
<b>UEFA Cup / Europa League</b>		
1984	Semi-final lost to  Tottenham Hotspur	2–1 in Split, 0–1 in London
1986	Quarter-final lost to  Waregem	1–0 in Split, 0–1 in Waregem (4–5 penalties)
<b>UEFA Cup Winners' Cup</b>		
1973	Semi-final lost to  Leeds United	0–1 in Leeds, 0–0 in Split
1978	Quarter-final lost to  Austria Wien	1–1 in Split, 1–1 in Vienna (0–3 penalties)

## Notable wins

Season	Match	Score
<b>Champions League / European Cup</b>		
1974–75	Hajduk –  Saint-Étienne	4 – 1
1975–76	Hajduk –  PSV	2 – 0
1979–80	Hajduk –  HSV	3 – 2
1994–95	Hajduk –  Legia Warsaw	4 – 0
1994–95	Hajduk –  Anderlecht	2 – 1
1994–95	Hajduk –  Steaua	1 – 0
2001–02	Hajduk –  Mallorca	1 – 0
<b>Cup Winners' Cup</b>		
1991–92	Hajduk –  Tottenham Hotspur	1 – 0
1993–94	Hajduk –  Ajax	1 – 0
<b>Europa League / UEFA Cup</b>		
1978–79	Hajduk –  Rapid Wien	2 – 0

1978–79 Hajduk –  Arsenal	<b>2 – 1</b>
1981–82 Hajduk –  Stuttgart	<b>3 – 1</b>
1981–82 Hajduk –  Valencia	<b>4 – 1</b>
1982–83 Hajduk –  Bordeaux	<b>4 – 1</b>
1983–84 Hajduk –  Universitatea Craiova	<b>1 – 0</b>
1983–84 Hajduk –  Sparta Prague	<b>2 – 0</b>
1983–84 Hajduk –  Tottenham Hotspur	<b>2 – 1</b>
1985–86 Hajduk –  Torino	<b>3 – 1</b>
1985–86 Hajduk –  Dnipro Dnipropetrovsk	<b>2 – 0</b>
2010–11 Hajduk –  Anderlecht	<b>1 – 0</b>
2012–13 Hajduk –  Internazionale	<b>2 – 0</b>

## Presidents

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HNK Hajduk Split presidents since 1997

Name	From–To
Željko Kovačević	1997–2000
Branko Grgić	2000–2007
Željko Jerkov	2008
Mate Peroš	2008–2009
Joško Svaguša	2009–2010
Josip Grbić	2010–2011
Hrvoje Maleš	2011–2012
Marin Brbić	2012–2016
Marijana Bošnjak (interim)	2016
Ivan Kos	2016–2018
Jasmin Huljaj	2018–2019
Marin Brbić	2019–2020
Lukša Jakobušić	2020–

## Awards

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- **May, 1945:** Charter of honorable team of Free France, personally signed by Charles de Gaulle.<sup>[46]</sup>
- **September, 1945:** Order of Merits for the People with Silver Rays.
- **September, 1945:** Order of Brotherhood and Unity with Golden Wreath.
- **1980:** "Youth Trophy" by Croatian Football Federation.
- **1986:** State Sports Award "Franjo Bučar".

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- Official website (<http://hajduk.hr/eng/>) (in English and Croatian)
  - HNK Hajduk Split (<http://www.uefa.com/teamsandplayers/teams/club=52359/profile/index.html>) at [UEFA](#)
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# HNK Orijent

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

## History

### Orient

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

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

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

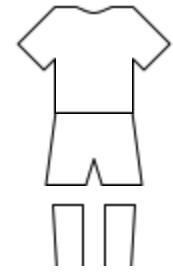
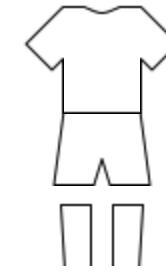
## Names

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

**HNK Orijent**



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



**Home colours**

**Away colours**

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



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

## Honours

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

## Current squad

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

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

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

## Out on loan

As of 16 February 2024

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

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

## Notable players

### Notable managers

-  Ivan "Đalma" Marković (1962)
-  Ivan "Đalma" Marković (1968 – 69)
-  Marcel Žigante (1973 – 74)
-  Josip Skoblar (1979 – 81)
-  Ivan "Đalma" Marković (1982 – 84)
-  Marijan Brnčić (1987 – 89)
-  Miloš Hrstić (1988 – 89)
-  Velimir Naumović (1989 – 91)
-  Mladen Vranković (1991 – 92)

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

## Seasons

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

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

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2014–15	<u>1. ŽNL</u>	28	18	5	1	65	18	59	1st ↑	
2015–16	<u>4. HNL Rijeka</u>	30	11	7	12	42	45	40	8th	
2016–17	<u>4. HNL Rijeka</u>	30	10	12	8	49	36	42	8th	
2017–18	<u>4. HNL Rijeka</u>	29	20	4	5	58	24	64	2nd ↑	
2018–19	<u>3. HNL West</u>	34	21	5	8	72	47	68	3rd ↑	

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

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# HNK Rijeka

**Hrvatski nogometni klub Rijeka** (English: Croatian Football Club Rijeka), commonly referred to as **NK Rijeka** or simply **Rijeka**, is a Croatian professional football club from the city of Rijeka.

HNK Rijeka competes in Croatia's top division, Supersport HNL, of which they have been members since its foundation in 1992. During the reconstruction of Stadion Kantrida, their traditional home ground, they have been based at Stadion Rujevica. Rijeka's traditional home colours are all white.

The club was founded in 1904, with the football team being active at last since 1906,<sup>[2][3]</sup> and following the tumultuous political changes that swept the border city of Rijeka in the following decades, it changed its name to U.S. Fiumana in 1926, to **S.C.F. Quarnero** in 1946,<sup>[4]</sup> to **NK Rijeka** in 1954,<sup>[5]</sup> and finally HNK Rijeka in 1995.<sup>[6][7][8]</sup> Rijeka is the third-most successful Croatian football club, having won one Croatian First League title, two Yugoslav Cups, six Croatian Cups, one Croatian Super Cup, Serie C 1940–41, the Italian Federal Cup 1927–28 and the 1977–78 Balkans Cup.

## History

### 1906–1926

The club was founded in mid-April 1904 as *Club Sportivo Olimpia* by Antonio Marchich, Aristodemo Susmel, Agesilao Satti, Carlo Colussi, Romeo and Alessandro Mitrovich when the city of Rijeka was part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire as a Corpus Separatum of the Hungarian Crown. The club was founded as a tennis-lawn, football, swimming, cycling and athletics club.<sup>[9]</sup> The first activities of the club's football section recorded by the chronicles happened the 25th November 1906, with historians still investigating the football activities in the earlier years. This date is, therefore, currently considered the official beginning of HNK Rijeka as a football club.<sup>[7][2]</sup> This also makes Rijeka the oldest still active association football club on the territory of today's Republic of Croatia.

While many clubs in town and the region often had specific ethnic leanings, Olimpia intentionally had a very international soul, with Italian, Croatian, Hungarian, and German players all playing and working with each other in unison.<sup>[10]</sup> The oldest line-up known from Rijeka's pioneer years was: Duimovic, Smoivar, Penka, Brosnich, R. Mittrovich, Lenardon, Satti, Novodnik, A. Mittrovich, Paulovatz, Cittovich (captain). Initially, the club played its matches on the main Scoglietto square, in front of the local Honved HQ, but moved to Kantrida stadium during the following decade (and the stadium changed its name to Campo Sportivo Olympia). Initially, Olimpia played in black and white garments, but in the 1910s, the club also used a fully white kit.

HNK Rijeka



<b>Full name</b>	Hrvatski nogometni klub Rijeka (Croatian Football Club Rijeka)
<b>Nickname(s)</b>	<i>Riječki bijeli</i> ( <i>Rijeka's Whites</i> )
<b>Short name</b>	RIJ, RJK
<b>Founded</b>	1906
<b>Ground</b>	<u>Stadion Rujevica</u>
<b>Capacity</b>	8,279 <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Owner</b>	Damir Mišković, via Teanna Limited (70%) City of Rijeka (30%)
<b>President</b>	Damir Mišković
<b>Head coach</b>	Željko Sopić
<b>League</b>	<u>SuperSport HNL</u>
<b>2022–23</b>	SuperSport HNL, 4th of 10
<b>Website</b>	Club website ( <a href="http://www.nk-rijeka.hr/">http://www.nk-rijeka.hr/</a> )



Home colours

Away colours



One of the first historic derbies between Olimpia and Doria at the Kantrida stadium, during the 1910s.



One of the last Olympia-Gloria matches before their merger, on 30 November 1924.

During the following years, Olimpia will be joined by several other local football clubs from the city of Rijeka and will continue the legacy of Fiumei Atletikai Club as the main city club, when Atletico discontinued its football section in the course of the 1910s.<sup>[11]</sup> Among the many clubs being founded in town during these years, a side, in particular, will soon rise as fierce arch-rival to Olimpia: Doria (later renamed into *CS Gloria*) arose from the proletarian classes and the humble old town dwellers of the industry-rich port town on the Adriatic. While *Olimpia* was associated with the wealthier classes, mostly players from working-class families performed for *Gloria*; therefore, the club found most of its sympathisers among the poorer part of the population.<sup>[12]</sup> Olimpia was renamed into *Olympia* on 9 January 1918 during a meeting of its board and the new president became the Fiuman writer Antonio de Schlemmer, possibly as an anti-irredentist move. During these years, it achieved its first major local and international successes: it became the champion of the Free State of Fiume championship in 1921, and it won several Julian March and North-Eastern Italian championships in the following years, soon becoming the strongest side in the Alpe-Adria region.

## 1926–1943

On 2 September 1926, following Mussolini's reforms of the FIGC and the 1924 Fiume putsch led by Italian fascists, which brought to the annexation of the independent Free State of Fiume to Italy, Olympia was forced to merge

with its arch-rival Gloria into the Unione Sportiva Fiumana. Pietro Pasquali was picked as the new president of the club. Two years later, Fiumana won its first national trophy when it reached first place in the Italian Federal Cup.

The following season saw the club playing in the Italian Serie A, with some of the biggest Italian clubs such as Ambrosiano (today's Inter, also forced into a brand image change by the new regime), Juventus and Napoli played at the Kantrida stadium (renamed to Stadio Borgomarina in those years). Despite a decent performance in Serie A, the city, now impoverished by the annexation and cut off from its natural economic hinterland, was not in the financial position to compete with the biggest cities in Italy and following these successes, the club had to see many of its stars signed by major Italian sides. During most of the 1930s and 1940s, the club competed in the second and third tier of the Italian competitions. At the reopening of a refurbished Kantrida (then renamed Stadio del Littorio) in 1935, Fiumana hosted AS Roma. In June 1941, it became champion of the newly created Italian Serie C.



Players and management celebrating the 1927-28 Federal Cup victory.

Serie C's last season before the fall of fascist Italy in 1943 saw Fiumana end in third place. Mostly from workers' families, the players leaned heavily toward the partisan movement, often joining it outright. They didn't participate in the Italian Social Republic championships and the Adriatic Littoral championship set up by the German occupational force. Nonetheless, the players kept playing several matches with other local clubs and against sides organised or brought in by the German occupational authorities. Worth mentioning are the excessive celebrations for some victories against the German sides that brought several players to be imprisoned and sent to various concentration camps in Germany, and a last ceremonial game between the old legends of Olympia and Gloria that was held on 15 June 1944 while allied planes were bombing the city's surroundings.<sup>[10]</sup> Most Fiumana players joined the partisan movement and helped the Yugoslav liberation movement, with many ending up in imprisonment and being sent to concentration camps.

## 1943–1954

Following the liberation of the city from the Nazi occupation and the subsequent occupation by Yugoslav troops, and due to the uncertain future status of the city during the long Paris peace conference, the club resumed its activities in the post-war period under the slightly rebranded name of *Rappresentativa Sindacale Fiumana*. It went on playing several games against the most notable teams of the newly constituted Yugoslav state, beating Dinamo Zagreb 4–2, Akademičar Zagreb 7–2 and Metalac Beograd 2–0.<sup>[10]</sup> During the interim post-war year, and before the first edition of the Yugoslav First League, R.S. Fiumana played against some of its future Balkan rivals. The authorities also set up an unofficial city tournament among factories named after Fiumana's late captain Giovanni Maras, who died heroically in partisan combat on the nearby Mount Risnjak.<sup>[13]</sup> Despite Maras and most of his colleagues' partisan allegiance and the many hardships endured by them in Nazi concentration camps, the name Fiumana came soon to be considered too Italian for a city that the Yugoslav occupational authorities were trying to annex by force before the official peace treaty could be signed.

As in most other cities in Yugoslavia, in 1946 the communist authorities established a new identity for the city's most representative club in order for it to take part in the upcoming Yugoslav championship<sup>[8]</sup> and rebranded and restructured the club into **Società Cultura Fisica Quarnero (S.C.F. Quarnero)**, which later added also the bilingual title **Sportsko Društvo Kvarner**.<sup>[4][14][15][16]</sup> The new name followed the geographic neutral naming conventions requested to local councils by the central authorities in Belgrade in order to approve the reestablishment of the local sport club activities and to participate in competitions. The initiative came from Ettore Mazzieri, the city's sports commissioner for the Yugoslav military administration and a previous Fiumana manager. The first match with the Quarnero identify was played on 7 August 1946, bringing revenge against Hajduk Split for the loss from the previous year. The club began the new course with a resounding 2–0 against the best Yugoslav side of the time.<sup>[17]</sup> Quarnero initially continued to play in the Fiumana *amaranto* colours, but started switching colours after the first few championships games, and continued appearing with new kits every few matches until season 1957–58. Luigi Sošić and, in particular, Giovanni Cucera took over the role of the first post-war president, shaping the new communist direction of the club. At the same time, all former Fiumana players and staff carried on playing in the renamed club for the next few years before the Italian exodus slowly forced many of them to leave the city after the season 1947–48. As all clubs in Yugoslavia had to transform general sports clubs following the Stalinist model imposed by Belgrade in 1945,<sup>[8]</sup> S.C.F. Quarnero incorporated 11 other sections in addition to football, including boxing, fencing, basketball and tennis. The international tennis champion Orlando Sirola started his career at the club before his exile.<sup>[10]</sup>

The authorities in Belgrade soon decided that Rijeka's club should be invited to participate in the first Yugoslav First League in 1946–47 as an external guest, representing the occupied Zone B of the Julian March region, but only after a play-off with the Pula-based club Unione Sportiva Operaia. When the city of Rijeka was assigned to Yugoslavia in February 1947, and Tito broke all ties with Stalin in 1948, most Yugoslav clubs underwent a further re-organisation. Thus, in 1948, Quarnero became once again an all-football club, and the name was also modified into *Società Calcio Quarnero – Nogometni Klub Kvarner*. During the early period playing in Yugoslavia's competitions, Kvarner reached moderate success in various national and local leagues. Still, the club was relegated at the end of their inaugural season in the Yugoslav First League in 1946–47 due to a purely political decision to favour Ponziana, after Quarnero had already secured its stay in the first league during the season. Upon securing Rijeka for Yugoslavia, the Belgrade authorities were now trying to pander to Trieste's residents through sport in the hope of annexing also that city to Yugoslavia.<sup>[18]</sup>

The club continued to play with mixed results in Yugoslav football's second and third divisions. The club achieved mediocre results over the next ten years, concurrently with Rijeka's autochthonous population slowly leaving hometown over the years. Consequently, the club lost many of its best players because many opted to leave Yugoslavia and move overseas.

In 1954, following rising ethnic tensions around the Trieste Crisis and the subsequent elimination of all forms of bilingualism in the city, paired with a desire to have a brand more recognizable and associated the club was further renamed into *NK Rijeka*.<sup>[19]</sup>

Given the political interferences in the club's life and the continuous mistreatment of ethnic Italians, many of Quarnero's best players were forced to join the Fiuman exodus, and the club lingered between the second and third tier of the Yugoslav competition for the next several years. Following new Italian-Yugoslav tensions that arose during the Trieste Crisis, and the subsequent *de facto* abolition of the city's full bilingual rights by the communist authorities in Belgrade,<sup>[20]</sup> the club changed its name once again, into the now completely monolingual *NK Rijeka* (Rijeka Football Club) on 2 July 1954, giving up onto the Italian language in its brand image for the first time in the club's history. Rijeka started to use a white kit for the second time in its history in a match in Šibenik in the 1957–58 second league season. During the previous seasons, the kit colours were constantly changing, depending on what was available to the management at any given time and what the sponsors could offer.<sup>[21]</sup> The main kit remained white since. Rijeka returned to the First League in 1958 and remained in the top tier for 11 consecutive seasons until 1969, when it got relegated once again to the Yugoslav Second League.<sup>[22]</sup> Despite finishing at the top in four (out of five) seasons of the second league, due to three failed promotion play-off attempts, the club only gained promotion back to the top tier in 1974. Rijeka remained in the top tier until the breakup of Yugoslavia in 1991, with varying but improving results.<sup>[22]</sup>

The club's greatest successes during this period are two Yugoslav Cup titles in 1978 and 1979 and a runner-up finish in 1987, when Rijeka lost the final in the penalty shoot-out.<sup>[23]</sup> The club never managed to finish the season higher than fourth place in the Yugoslav First League. In 1984, the club came closest to a Yugoslav championship title, finishing only two points behind Red Star Belgrade. Rijeka were also the best placed Croatian club in the Yugoslav First League in 1965, 1984 and 1987.<sup>[24]</sup>

## 1991–present

Following the breakup of Yugoslavia in 1992, Rijeka joined the Croatian First Football League in its inaugural season. In 1995, the club changed its name to *HNK Rijeka*, adding the prefix "Croatian" to its name, following the example of many other clubs during the Croatian War for Independence. Today, Rijeka remains one of only four founding member clubs of the HNL to have never been relegated and is regarded as one of the country's top three clubs. Since the Croatian independence, the club won its first-ever league title in 2017, ending Dinamo Zagreb's run of 11 consecutive titles, and was a runner-up in seven different seasons.<sup>[25]</sup> Rijeka has also won six Croatian Cups, including back-to-back titles in 2005 and 2006 and most recently in 2019 and 2020. The club also won the cup in 2014 and in 2017, which helped them secure a historic Double in that year.<sup>[26]</sup>



Players and staff celebrating their 2006 Croatian Cup win

A refereeing error denied Rijeka their first championship title in the final round of the 1998–99 season. With one match to play, Rijeka was one point ahead of Croatia Zagreb, needing a home win against Osijek to secure the title. With the match tied at 1–1, in the 89th minute, Rijeka forward Admir Hasančić converted a cross by Barnabás Sztipánovics. However, moments later, assistant referee Krečak raised his flag, and referee Šupraha disallowed Rijeka's winning goal for an alleged offside.<sup>[27]</sup> Following an investigation, 3D analysis revealed Hasančić was not, in fact, in an offside position, and that Rijeka was wrongfully denied their first championship title.<sup>[28][29]</sup> An investigation by Nacional revealed Franjo Tuđman, the president of the Republic of Croatia and an ardent Croatia Zagreb supporter, earlier in 1999 ordered the country's intelligence agencies to spy on football referees, officials and journalists, to ensure the Zagreb club wins the league title.<sup>[29]</sup>

## HNK Rijeka in the European competitions

Rijeka participated in UEFA competitions on 23 occasions, including 11 consecutive appearances since 2013–14. The greatest success was the quarter-final of the 1979–80 European Cup Winners' Cup, where they lost to Italian giants Juventus 2–0 on aggregate.<sup>[30]</sup> The most memorable result in Europe was the home win (3–1) against eventual winners Real Madrid in the 1984–85 UEFA Cup.<sup>[31]</sup> Controversially, in the return leg at Santiago

Bernabéu Stadium, which Rijeka lost 3–0, three of their players were sent off. Madrid scored their first goal from a dubious penalty in the 67th minute with Rijeka already down to ten men. Over the next ten minutes, two additional Rijeka players were sent off, most notably Damir Desnica. While Desnica received the first yellow card because he did not stop play after Schoeters blew his whistle, the second yellow was issued because he allegedly insulted the referee. However, unbeknownst to the referee, Desnica had been a deaf-mute since birth.<sup>[24]</sup> With Rijeka reduced to eight players, Madrid scored two additional goals, progressed to the next round and eventually won the trophy.

In 2013, after winning 4–3 on aggregate against VfB Stuttgart, Rijeka qualified for the 2013–14 UEFA Europa League group stage.<sup>[32][33]</sup> Rijeka also participated in the 2014–15 UEFA Europa League group stage, where they defeated Feyenoord and Standard Liège and drew with title-holders and eventual winners Sevilla.<sup>[34][35][36]</sup> In 2017, Rijeka reached the 2017–18 UEFA Champions League play-off, where they lost 3–1 on aggregate to Greek champions Olympiacos, and automatically qualified for the 2017–18 UEFA Europa League group stage. In the group stage, they recorded a famous home win (2–0) against AC Milan.<sup>[37]</sup> In 2020–21 Rijeka reached the group stages of the Europa League for the fourth time in eight years but once again failed to progress to the knockout stages.

## Private ownership

In February 2012, Gabriele Volpi – an Italian businessman and the founder of Orlean Invest, as well as the owner of football club Spezia and water polo club Pro Recco – injected much-needed capital into the club. With the privatization process complete by September 2013, Volpi, through Dutch-based Stichting Social Sport Foundation, owned 70% of the club, with the City of Rijeka in control of the remaining 30%.<sup>[38][39]</sup> On 29 December 2017 it was announced that chairman Damir Mišković, through London-based Teanna Limited, acquired the majority stake in the club from Stichting Social Sport Foundation.<sup>[40][41]</sup>

## Record transfers

In January 2015, Rijeka sold their star striker Andrej Kramarić to Leicester City for a club-record £9.7 million transfer fee.<sup>[42]</sup>

## Historical names

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- 1904 – **C.S. Olimpia** (*Club Sportivo Olimpia*)
- 1918 – **C.S. Olympia** (*Club Sportivo Olympia*)
- 1926 – **U.S. Fiumana** (*Unione Sportiva Fiumana*), after merger with C.S. Gloria
- 1945 – **R.S. Fiumana** (*Rappresentativa Sindacale Fiumana*)
- 1946 – **S.C.F. Quarnero** (*Società Cultura Fisica Quarnero*), after rebranding to partake in the Yugoslav football championships system
- 1948 – **S.C. Quarnero - N.K. Kvarner** (*Società Calcio Quarnero - Nogometni Klub Kvarner*)
- 1954 – **N.K. Rijeka** (*Nogometni Klub Rijeka*)
- 1995 – **H.N.K. Rijeka** (*Hrvatski Nogometni Klub Rijeka*)

## Stadium

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The club initially played at the Honved training field in front of today's Popular University of Rijeka in the central Sciglietto suburb of Rijeka. During the 1920s, the club was allowed to build a new and, at the time, modern facility in Sciglietto, and toward the end of the decade, it started using Stadion Kantrida as its primary field, naming it *Campo Sportivo Olympia*. Kantrida was the club's traditional home ground for over 95 years (with a short hiatus between 1947 and 1951 due to refurbishing) until July 2015. Since August 2015, Rijeka has been based at the newly built Stadion Rujevica, a modern all-seater with a capacity of 8,279. Stadion Rujevica is



The Kantrida stadium in season 1921–22. At the time, the field was named Campo Sportivo Olimpia, as per the club's original name.

part of Rijeka's new training centre and is the club's temporary home ground. Following the club's move to Rujevica, plans emerged to build a new, state-of-the-art, all-seater Stadion Kantrida.<sup>[43][44]</sup> The project was on hold for close to a decade as the club was seeking funding and co-investors to make the project viable. In December 2023, plans were unveiled that, in addition to the stadium, investors plan to build a commercial complex, which may include three residential highrise towers and a hotel, with a total cost exceeding €100 million. The new Kantrida stadium



Rujevica stadium, NK Rijeka's current home.

will be located at the previous location but rotated 90 degrees from the previously proposed location, facing north-south. The facility is designed to accommodate 12,000 to 14,000 spectators and will meet UEFA's fourth-category standards.<sup>[45]</sup>

## Support

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Rijeka's ultras group is called *Armada Rijeka*, or simply Armada. The group has been active since 1987, but some forms of organised (albeit not registered as associations) support were present and following the club already in the decades before, with the earliest reported in the 1920s.

During most home matches, the majority of the seats are occupied by season ticket holders. For the 2023–24 season, the club has more than 5,500 season ticket holders and 14,400 members.

## Rivalries

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Rijeka's greatest rivalry nowadays is with Hajduk Split. Since 1946, the Adriatic derby has been contested between the two most popular Croatian football clubs from the Adriatic coast, Rijeka and Hajduk. Other rivalries exist with other major clubs in Croatia Dinamo Zagreb and a milder with Osijek. The primary regional derby is with Istra Pula. The origins of the Rijeka–Pula rivalry date back to the clashes between Fiumana and Grion Pola.

since the late 1920s. The city derby with Orijent is probably the oldest, with its roots in the clashes between CS Olimpia and CS Gloria against Orijent and the other more successful in those early years Sušak-based club, Victoria.

## Kit manufacturers and shirt sponsors

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Period	Kit manufacturer	Shirt partner
1998–1999	<u>Adidas</u>	
1999–2002	Kronos	<u>INA</u>
2002–2003	Torpedo	
2003–2004		<u>Lero</u>
2004–2005	<u>Legea</u>	
2005–2006		<u>INA</u>
2006–2008	<u>Kappa</u>	<u>Croatia Osiguranje</u>
2008–2012	<u>Jako</u>	
2012–2014	<u>Lotto</u>	—
2014–2016	<u>Jako</u>	
2017–2018		<u>Sava Osiguranje</u>
2018–2023	<u>Joma</u>	
2023–		<u>Favbet</u>

## Players

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### Current squad

As of 13 February 2024<sup>[46]</sup>

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

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player	No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
1	GK	CRO	Nediljko Labrović ( <i>captain</i> )	23	DF	CRO	Alen Grgić
3	DF	CRO	Bruno Goda	24	FW	CRO	Mirko Marić ( <i>on loan from Monza</i> )
4	MF	CRO	Niko Janković	25	MF	CRO	Veldin Hodža
5	DF	CRO	Niko Galešić	26	DF	BIH	Stjepan Radeljić
6	DF	CRO	Matej Mitrović	28	DF	CRO	Ivan Smolčić
7	MF	USA	Steven Juncaj	30	FW	CRO	Bruno Bogojević
9	FW	COL	Jorge Obregón	32	DF	CRO	Marijan Čabralja
12	MF	ZAM	Emmanuel Banda	47	MF	SRB	Damjan Pavlović
13	GK	BIH	Martin Zlomisljić	66	DF	AUT	Emir Dilaver
16	MF	SVN	Dejan Petrović	77	DF	POR	Danilo Veiga
18	MF	ALB	Lindon Selahi	87	FW	CRO	Marco Pašalić
20	FW	CRO	Marko Pjaca	89	FW	CRO	Franjo Ivanović
21	MF	CRO	Toni Fruk	99	FW	GUI	Momo Yansané

## Other players under contract

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

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
—	GK	NGA	David Nwolokor

## Dual registration

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

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player	No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
14	FW	CRO	Niko Gajzler ( <i>at</i> CRO Orijent)	—	DF	CRO	Noel Bodetić ( <i>at</i> CRO Orijent)
16	FW	CRO	Dominik Simčić ( <i>at</i> CRO Orijent)	—	MF	CRO	Antonio Galešić ( <i>at</i> CRO Orijent)
45	GK	SRB	Aleksa Todorović ( <i>at</i> CRO Orijent)	—	MF	CRO	Karlo Valjan ( <i>at</i> CRO Orijent)

## Out on loan

As of 16 February 2024

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

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player	No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
15	DF	CRO	Anton Krešić (at  CFR Cluj until 30 June 2024)	55	DF	CRO	Duje Dujmović (at  Šibenik until 19 June 2024)
27	MF	BIH	Silvio Ilinković (at  Zrinjski Mostar until 18 June 2024)	92	FW	AUT	Marco Djuricin (at  Spartak Trnava until 19 June 2024)
29	MF	CRO	Andro Babić (at  Posušje until 19 June 2024)	99	MF	FRA	Naïs Djourahra (at  Leganés until 19 June 2024)
48	DF	CRO	Tino Agić (at  Cibalia until 20 June 2024)	—	DF	CRO	Mateo Pavlović (at  Rudeš until 19 June 2024)

## Club officials and technical staff

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Position	Staff
President	Damir Mišković
Vice-president	Dean Šćulac Zlatan Hreljac
General director	Igor Butorac
Administrative director	Marina Vela
Director of finance	Marina Cesarac Dorčić
Director of communications	Alen Fućak
Director of football	Srećko Juričić
Sporting director	Darko Raić-Sudar
Sporting director (assistant)	Antonini Čulina
Academy director	Luka Pavlović
Club secretary	Milica Alavanja
Press secretary	Sandra Nešić
Power of attorney	Vlatko Vrkić
Head coach	Željko Sopić
Assistant coach	Radomir Đalović Dario Grabušić
Team manager	Alen Rivetti
Performance analyst	Rade Ljepojević
Chief scout	Ranko Buketa
Fitness coach	Ivan Ćuković
Goalkeeping coach	Mario Jozić
Team doctor	Nataša Bakarić Boban Dangubić
Physiotherapist	Marin Polonijo Matija Čargonja Matej Lulić
Kit manager	Denis Miškulin

# Notable players

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To appear in this section a player must have satisfied ***all*** of the following three criteria:

- (1) player has at least 100 appearances in official matches, including first division (Yugoslav First League and Croatian First Football League), domestic cup (Yugoslav Cup, Croatian Cup and Croatian Supercup) and UEFA club competitions;
- (2) player has scored at least 20 goals in official matches if forward, 5 if midfielder and no goal requirement if defender or goalkeeper in first division (Yugoslav First League and Croatian First Football League), domestic cup (Yugoslav Cup, Croatian Cup and Croatian Supercup) and UEFA club competitions; and
- (3) player has played at least one international match for their national team while under contract with Rijeka.
- Otherwise, also included are 30 of the club's top scorers and most capped players in the first division.

-  [Ezio Loik](#)
-  [Rodolfo Volk](#)
-  [Mario Varglien](#)
-  [Giovanni Varglien](#)
-  [Luigi Ossoinach](#)
-  [Andrea Kregar](#)
-  [Giovanni Maras](#)
-  [Ernő Egri Erbstein](#)
-  [Ferenc Molnár](#)
-  [Balassa Béla](#)
-  [Alexander Gorgon](#)
-  [Senad Brkić](#)
-  [Admir Hasančić](#)
-  [Zoran Kvržić](#)
-  [Héber Araujo dos Santos](#)
-  [Fredi Bobic](#)
-  [Filip Bradarić](#)
-  [Elvis Brajković](#)
-  [Antonio Čolak](#)
-  [Dario Knežević](#)
-  [Andrej Kramarić](#)
-  [Mate Maleš](#)
-  [Matej Mitrović](#)
-  [Mladen Mladenović](#)
-  [Roberto Paliska](#)
-  [Dubravko Pavličić](#)
-  [Mladen Romić](#)
-  [Daniel Šarić](#)
-  [Leonard Zuta](#)
-  [Radomir Đalović](#)
-  [Marko Vešović](#)
-  [Roman Bezjak](#)

-  [Josip Drmić](#)
-  [Mario Gavranović](#)
-  [Radojko Avramović](#)
-  [Marijan Brnčić](#)
-  [Boško Bursać](#)
-  [Nikica Cukrov](#)
-  [Damir Desnica](#)
-  [Adriano Fegić](#)
-  [Nenad Gračan](#)
-  [Tonči Gulin](#)
-  [Miloš Hrstić](#)
-  [Janko Janković](#)
-  [Marijan Jantoljak](#)
-  [Srećko Juričić](#)
-  [Miodrag Kustudić](#)
-  [Vladimir Lukarić](#)
-  [Sergio Machin](#)
-  [Danko Matrljan](#)
-  [Nikica Milenković](#)
-  [Andelo Milevoj](#)
-  [Velimir Naumović](#)
-  [Petar Radaković](#)
-  [Zvjezdan Radin](#)
-  [Milan Radović](#)
-  [Mauro Ravnić](#)
-  [Milan Ružić](#)
-  [Miroslav Šugar](#)
-  [Edmond Tomic](#)
-  [Bruno Veselica](#)
-  [Mladen Vranković](#)
-  [Nedeljko Vukoje](#)

## All-time Best 11

According to a 2005–07 survey of former players (older than 40 years of age) and respected journalists, Marinko Lazzarich found that the best all-time team of Rijeka is as follows:

1. Jantoljak, 2. Milevoj, 3. Hrstić, 4. Radaković, 5. Radin, 6. Juričić, 7. Lukarić, 8. Gračan, 9. Osojnak, 10. Naumović, 11. Desnica.<sup>[47]</sup>

Rijeka's daily, *Novi list*, in 2011 declared the following 11 players as Rijeka's best all time team:

1. Jantoljak, 2. Šarić, 3. Radin, 4. Juričić, 5. Hrstić, 6. Loik, 7. Radaković, 8. Mladenović, 9. Naumović, 10. Skoblar, 11. Desnica.<sup>[48]</sup>

## Best 11 (2010–20)

In 2020, the club's fans voted to select the best squad over the past decade to fit in a 4–2–3–1 formation:

Prskalo – Ristovski, Župarić, Mitrović, Zuta – Kreilach, Moisés – Vešović, Andrijašević, Sharbini – Kramarić.

Manager: Kek.<sup>[49]</sup>

## Historical list of coaches

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-  Karoly Bela (September 1926 – July 27)
-  Delfino Costanzo Valle (August 1927 – July 29)
-  Imre Emmerich Poszonyi (August 1929 – July 32)
-  Luigi Ossoinak (August 1932 – July 33)
-  Andrea Kregar (August 1933 – July 36)
-  Eugen Payer (August 1936 – July 38)
-  Marcello Mihalich (August 1938 – July 40)
-  Angelo Piccalunga (August 1940 – July 42)
-  Artur Kolisch (August 1942 – 44)
-  Hans Bloch (July 1946 – August 46)
-  Jozo Matošić (August 1946 – August 47)
-  Ivan Smojver &  Ante Vukelić (September 1947 – October 47)
-  Franjo Glaser (October 1947 – July 48)
-  Zvonko Jazbec (September 1948 – December 48)
-  Franjo Glaser (January 1949 – December 50)
-  Slavko Kodrnja (January 1951 – December 51)
-  Ljubo Benčić (January 1952 – August 52)
-  Nikola Duković (September 1952 – April 53)
-  Antun Lokošek (May 1953 – December 53)
-  Ratimir Čabrić (January 1954 – July 54)
-  Franjo Glaser (August 1954 – July 56)
-  Nikola Duković (September 1956 – July 57)
-  Milorad Ognjanov (September 1957 – October 59)
-  Luka Kaliterna (November 1959 – May 60)
-  Stojan Osojnak (May 1960 – June 61)

-  Ostoja Simić (June 1961 – May 62)
-  Angelo Ziković (August 1962 – December 62)
-  Virgil Popescu (January 1963 – September 64)
-  Stojan Osojnak (October 1964 – June 67)
-  Vladimir Beara (May 1967 – November 68)
-  Angelo Ziković (November 1968 – June 70)
-  Ilijas Pašić (June 1970 – June 71)
-  Stevan Vilotić (June 1971 – June 72)
-  Marcel Žigante (June 1972 – May 73)
-  Ivica Šangulin (May 1973 – June 74)
-  Gojko Zec (June 1974 – June 76)
-  Dragutin Spasojević (June 1976 – April 79)
-  Marijan Brnčić (*interim*) (April 1979 – June 79)
-  Miroslav Blažević (June 1979 – January 81)
-  Marijan Brnčić (January 1981 – April 83)
-  Josip Skoblar (May 1983 – December 86)
-  Mladen Vranković (January 1987 – June 89)
-  Vladimir Lukarić (June 1989 – January 91)
-  Nikola "Pape" Filipović (January 1991)
-  Mladen Vranković (February 1991)
-  Željko Mudrović (March 1991 – June 91)
-  Marijan Jantoljak (June 1991 – November 92)
-  Srećko Juričić & Mile Tomljenović (November 1992)
-  Srećko Juričić (January 1993 – June 94)
-  Zvjezdan Radin (June 1994 – March 95)
-  Mladen Vranković (April 1995)
-  Josip Skoblar (April 1995 – June 95)
-  Marijan Jantoljak (June 1995 – September 95)
-  Ranko Buketa (*interim*) (September 1995 – October 95)
-  Josip Skoblar (October 1995 – November 95)
-  Miroslav Blažević &  Nenad Gračan (January 1996 – June 96)
-  Luka Bonačić (June 1996 – August 96)
-  Ivan Kocjančić (*interim*) (August 1996)
-  Branko Ivanković (August 1996 – March 98)
-  Nenad Gračan (March 1998 – November 2000)
-  Boris Tičić (*interim*) (November 2000 – December 2000)
-  Predrag Stilinović (December 2000 – 1 May)
-  Ivan Katalinić (May 2001 – 2 May)
-  Zlatko Kranjčar (May 2002 – 2 November)
-  Mladen Mladenović (November 2002 – 3 March)
-  Vjekoslav Lokica (March 2003 – 3 July)
-  Ivan Katalinić (July 2003 – 4 May)
-  Elvis Scoria (1 July 2004 – 30 September 2005)
-  Dragan Skočić (1 October 2005 – 30 September 2006)
-  Milivoj Bračun (1 October 2006 – 13 March 2007)
-  Josip Kuže (12 March 2007 – 4 June 2007)
-  Zlatko Dalić (1 June 2007 – 30 June 2008)
-  Mladen Ivančić (7 July 2008 – 8 October 2008)

- Stjepan Ostojić (*interim*) (4 October 2008 – 13 October 2008)
- Robert Rubčić (13 October 2008 – 21 September 2009)
- Zoran Vulić (22 September 2009 – 10 November 2009)
- Nenad Gračan (10 November 2009 – 6 November 2010)
- Elvis Scoria (7 November 2010 – 16 June 2011)
- Alen Horvat (20 June 2011 – 4 October 2011)
- Ivo Ištuk (4 October 2011 – 18 March 2012)
- Dragan Skočić (19 March 2012 – 30 April 2012)
- Mladen Ivančić (*interim*) (30 April 2012 – 2 May 2012)
- Elvis Scoria (2 May 2012 – 24 February 2013)
- Matjaž Kek (27 February 2013 – 6 October 2018)
- Igor Bišćan (9 October 2018 – 22 September 2019)
- Simon Rožman (23 September 2019 – 27 February 2021)
- Goran Tomić (1 March 2021 – 27 May 2022)
- Dragan Tadić (20 June 2022 – 16 August 2022)
- Fausto Budicin (*interim*) (16 August 2022 – 5 September 2022)
- Serse Cosmi (5 September 2022 – 13 November 2022)
- Sergej Jakirović (30 November 2022 – 21 August 2023)
- Darko Raić-Sudar (*interim*) (22 August 2023 – 25 August 2023)
- Željko Sopić (25 August 2023 – )

Source: [50][51]

## Winning managers

Name	Nationality	Honours	Total
Matjaž Kek	Slovenia	2013–14 Croatian Cup, 2014 Croatian Super Cup, 2016–17 Croatian First League, 2016–17 Croatian Cup	4
Dragutin Spasojević	Yugoslavia	1977–78 Yugoslav Cup, 1977–78 Balkans Cup	2
Delfino Costanzo Valle	Italy	1926–27 Italian Federal Cup	1
Marijan Brnčić	Yugoslavia	1978–79 Yugoslav Cup	1
Elvis Scoria	Croatia	2004–05 Croatian Cup	1
Dragan Skočić	Croatia	2005–06 Croatian Cup	1
Igor Bišćan	Croatia	2018–19 Croatian Cup	1
Simon Rožman	Slovenia	2019–20 Croatian Cup	1

## Presidents

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- Antonio Carlo de Schlemmer 1918–1920
- Antonio Marcich 1920–1921
- Pietro Pasquali 1921–1923
- Clemente Marassi 1923–1925
- Nino Host-Venturi 1925–1926
- Giovanni Stiglich 1926–1928

- Ramiro Antonini 1928–1929
- Oscar Sperber 1929–1931
- Costanzo Delfino 1931–1936
- Alessandro Szemere 1936–1937
- Eugenio Zoncada 1937–1938
- Alessandro Andreanelli 1938–1939
- Giuseppe Ianetti 1939–1940
- Alessandro Andreanelli 1940–1941
- Carlo Descovich 1941–1942
- Andrea Gastaldi 1942–1945
- Luigi Sošić, 1946
- Giovanni Cucera, 1946–1948
- Ambrosio Stečić, 1948–1952
- Dr. Zdravko Kučić, 1953–1954
- Milorad Doričić, 1955–1956
- Milan Blažević, 1957–1959
- Stjepan Koren, 1960–1963
- Milorad Doričić, 1964–1969
- Vilim Mulc, 1969–1971
- Davor Sušanj, 1971
- Ljubo Španjol, 1972–1978
- Zvonko Pošćić, 1978–1979
- Nikola Jurčević, 1980
- Marijan Glavan, 1981
- Davor Sušanj, 1981–1984
- Stjepko Gugić, 1985–1986
- Dragan Krčelić, 1986–1989
- Želimir Gruičić, 1989–1991
- Darko Čargonja, 1991–1992
- Josip Lokmer, 1993–1994
- Krsto Pavić, 1994–1995
- Hrvoje Šarinić, 1995–1996
- Franjo Šoda, 1996–1997
- Prof. Žarko Tomljanović, 1997–2000
- Hrvoje Šarinić, Dr. Ivan Vanja Frančišković, Robert Ježić, 2000
- Robert Ježić, 2000
- Sanjin Kirigin, 2000–2002
- Duško Grabovac, 2002–2003
- Robert Ježić, 2003–2008
- Dr. Ivan Vanja Frančišković, 2008–2009
- Ivan Turčić, 2009–2011
- Robert Komen, 2011–2012
- Damir Mišković, 2012–

# Seasons, statistics and records

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## Honours

Rijeka has won one Croatian First Football League title, two Yugoslav Cups and six Croatian Cups, one Italian Coppa Federale. In European competitions, the club has reached the quarter-final of the Cup Winners' Cup in 1979–80, UEFA Cup Round of 32 in 1984–85, and group stages of the UEFA Europa League in 2013–14, 2014–15, 2017–18 and 2020–21. The club has also won the 1977–78 Balkans Cup.<sup>[52]</sup>

### Domestic

#### Croatia

- **Croatian First League**

- **Winners (1):** 2016–17
- Runners-up (7): 1998–99, 2005–06, 2013–14, 2014–15, 2015–16, 2017–18, 2018–19

- **Croatian Cup**

- **Winners (6):** 2004–05, 2005–06, 2013–14, 2016–17, 2018–19, 2019–20
- Runners-up: (2) 1993–94, 2021–22

- **Croatian Super Cup**

- **Winners (1):** 2014
- Runners-up (3): 2005, 2006, 2019

#### Yugoslavia

- **Yugoslav Second League**

- **Winners (6):** 1952, 1957–58, 1969–70, 1970–71, 1971–72, 1973–74

- **Yugoslav Cup**

- **Winners (2):** 1977–78, 1978–79
- Runners-up: 1986–87

#### Italy

- **Italian Coppa Federale**

- **Winners (1):** 1927–28

- **Italian North-East league**

- **Winners (1):** 1923–24
- Runners-up: 1924–25

- **Italian Third League**

- **Winners (1):** 1940–41

- **Julian March Championship**

- **Winners (2):** 1921–22, 1922–23

- **Friuli and Julian March Cup**

- **Winners (1):** 1922–23

## Free State of Fiume

- **Fiuman championship**
  - **Winners (1):** 1920–21
- **Fiuman-Julian Cup**
  - **Winners (1):** 1921

## Austria-Hungary

- **Grazioli Cup**
  - Runners-up: 1919

## International

- **Balkans Cup**
  - **Winners:** 1977–78
  - Runners-up: 1979–80
- **The Atlantic Cup:**
  - **Winners:** 2017

Source:<sup>[53]</sup> Last updated 31 July 2020.

## Rankings

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### UEFA club coefficient ranking

The following data indicates Rijeka's coefficient rankings through the years.<sup>[54]</sup>

(As of 1 November 2021), Source:<sup>[55]</sup>

Rank	Team	Points
94	 Midtjylland	16.000
95	 R. Standard de Liège	16.000
<b>96</b>	 <b>Rijeka</b>	<b>15.000</b>
97	 Rosenborg BK	15.000
98	 Hapoel Be'er Sheva	14.000

## European record

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### By competition

Competition	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Last season played
UEFA Champions League	8	2	2	4	10	11	<u>2017–18</u>
<i>UEFA Cup / UEFA Europa League</i>	68	26	17	25	98	86	<u>2020–21</u>
UEFA Europa Conference League	14	7	3	4	24	14	<u>2023–24</u>
<i>UEFA Cup Winners' Cup</i>	10	3	3	4	8	9	<u>1979–80</u>
<i>UEFA Intertoto Cup</i>	4	1	1	2	3	5	<u>2008</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>125</b>	

Source: uefa.com (<http://www.uefa.com/teamsandplayers/teams/club=52356/profile/history/index.html>), Fully up to date on 31 August 2023.

**Pld** = Matches played; **W** = Matches won; **D** = Matches drawn; **L** = Matches lost; **GF** = Goals for; **GA** = Goals against. Defunct competitions indicated in *italics*.

### By ground

Ground	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD
<b>Home</b>	52	27	12	13	86	50	+36
<b>Away</b>	52	12	14	26	57	75	-18
<b>Total</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>+18</b>

Source: uefa.com (<http://www.uefa.com/teamsandplayers/teams/club=52356/profile/history/index.html>), Fully up to date on 31 August 2023.

**Pld** = Matches played; **W** = Matches won; **D** = Matches drawn; **L** = Matches lost; **GF** = Goals for; **GA** = Goals against.

### By season

Non-UEFA competitions are listed in *italics*.

[show] Season	Competition	Round	Opponent	Home	Away	Agg.
1962–63	<i>Intertoto Cup</i>	Group B3	Rot-Weiß Oberhausen	2–1	3–4	1st out of 4
			Basel	5–1	2–2	
			PSV	3–1	3–2	
		QF	Dozsa Pecs	2–2	1–2	3–4
1965–66	<i>Intertoto Cup</i>	Group B1	Motor Jena	0–3	1–3	4th out of 4
			Tatran Prešov	0–0	1–3	
			Szombierki Bytom	0–3	1–0	
1974–75	<i>Mitropa Cup</i>	Group A	Tatabánya	3–1	1–3	2nd out of 3
			Wacker Innsbruck	1–3	0–0	
1977	<i>Intertoto Cup</i>	Group 6	Frem Kobenhavn	2–2	0–2	3rd out of 4
			Ruch Chorzów	0–1	4–2	
			Grazer AK	1–1	3–0	
1978	<i>Balkans Cup</i>	Group B	Skënderbeu	6–0	0–1	1st out of 3
			Aris Thessaloniki	2–0	2–1	
		Final	Jiul Petroșani	4–1	0–1	4–2
1978–79	<i>UEFA Cup Winners' Cup</i>	R1	Wrexham	3–0	0–2	3–2
		R2	Beveren	0–0	0–2	0–2
1979–80	<i>Balkans Cup</i>	Group A	PAS Giannina	2–1	3–1	1st out of 3
			Partizani Tirana	3–0	1–4	
		Final	Sportul Studentesc	1–1	0–2	1–3
1979–80	<i>UEFA Cup Winners' Cup</i>	R1	Germinal Beerschot	2–1	0–0	2–1
		R2	Lokomotíva Košice	3–0	0–2	3–2
		QF	Juventus	0–0	0–2	0–2
1984–85	<i>UEFA Cup</i>	R1	Real Valladolid	4–1	0–1	4–2
		R2	Real Madrid	3–1	0–3	3–4
1985–86	<i>Mitropa Cup</i>	SF	Debreceni	0–1†		–
		3rd Pl.	Sigma Olomouc	3–2†		–
1986–87	<i>UEFA Cup</i>	R1	Standard Liège	0–1	1–1	1–2

Season	Competition	Round	Opponent	Home	Away	Agg.
1999–00	UEFA Champions League	QR2	Partizan	0–3	1–3	1–6
2000–01	UEFA Cup	QR	Valletta	3–2	5–4 (aet)	8–6
		R1	Celta Vigo	0–1 (aet)	0–0	0–1
2002	UEFA Intertoto Cup	R1	St Patrick's Athletic	3–2	0–1	3–3 (a)
2004–05	UEFA Cup	QR2	Gençlerbirliği	2–1	0–1	2–2 (a)
2005–06	UEFA Cup	QR2	Litex Lovech	2–1	0–1	2–2 (a)
2006–07	UEFA Cup	QR1	Omonia	2–2	1–2	3–4
2008	UEFA Intertoto Cup	R1	Renova	0–0	0–2	0–2
2009–10	UEFA Europa League	QR2	Differdange	3–0	0–1	3–1
		QR3	Metalist Kharkiv	1–2	0–2	1–4
2013–14	UEFA Europa League	QR2	Prestatyn Town	5–0	3–0	8–0
		QR3	Žilina	2–1	1–1	3–2
		PO	VfB Stuttgart	2–1	2–2	4–3
		Group I	Vitória de Guimarães	0–0	0–4	4th out of 4
			Real Betis	1–1	0–0	
			Lyon	1–1	0–1	
2014–15	UEFA Europa League	QR2	Ferencváros	1–0	2–1	3–1
		QR3	Víkingur	4–0	5–1	9–1
		PO	Sheriff Tiraspol	1–0	3–0	4–0
		Group G	Standard Liège	2–0	0–2	3rd out of 4
			Sevilla	2–2	0–1	
			Feyenoord	3–1	0–2	
2015–16	UEFA Europa League	QR2	Aberdeen	0–3	2–2	2–5
2016–17	UEFA Europa League	QR3	İstanbul Başakşehir	2–2	0–0	2–2 (a)
2017–18	UEFA Champions League	QR2	The New Saints	2–0	5–1	7–1
		QR3	Red Bull Salzburg	0–0	1–1	1–1 (a)
		PO	Olympiacos	0–1	1–2	1–3
	UEFA Europa League	Group D	AEK Athens	1–2	2–2	3rd out of 4

Season	Competition	Round	Opponent	Home	Away	Agg.
			Milan	2–0	2–3	
			Austria Wien	1–4	3–1	
2018–19	UEFA Europa League	QR3	Sarpsborg 08	0–1	1–1	1–2
2019–20	UEFA Europa League	QR3	Aberdeen	2–0	2–0	4–0
		PO	Gent	1–1	1–2	2–3
2020–21	UEFA Europa League	QR3	Kolos Kovalivka	2–0 (aet)	—	—
		PO	Copenhagen	—	1–0	—
		Group F	Napoli	1–2	0–2	4th out of 4
			Real Sociedad	0–1	2–2	
			AZ	2–1	1–4	
2021–22	UEFA Europa Conference League	QR2	Gżira United	1–0	2–0	3–0
		QR3	Hibernian	4–1	1–1	5–2
		PO	PAOK	0–2	1–1	1–3
2022–23	UEFA Europa Conference League	QR2	Djurgårdens IF	1–2	0–2	1–4
2023–24	UEFA Europa Conference League	QR2	Dukagjini	6–1	1–0	7–1
		QR3	B36 Tórshavn	2–0	3–1	5–1
		PO	Lille	1–1 (aet)	1–2	2–3

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Note: List includes matches played in competitions not endorsed by UEFA.

<sup>†</sup> Matches played at neutral ground in Ascoli and Pisa, Italy.

## Player records

- Most appearances in UEFA club competitions: **38 appearances**<sup>[57]</sup>
  - [Zoran Kvržić](#)
  - [Ivan Tomečak](#)
- Top scorer in UEFA club competitions: **8 goals**<sup>[57]</sup>
  - [Andrej Kramarić](#)

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- Official
  - Official website (<https://nk-rijeka.hr/>) (in English and Croatian)
  - team profile (<http://www.uefa.com/teamsandplayers/teams/club=52356/profile/index.html>) on *UEFA.com*
- Unofficial
  - Hoću Ri (<http://www.hocuri.com/>) (in Croatian)
  - Forza Fiume (<http://www.forza-fiume.com/>) (in Croatian)
- Supporters
  - Armada Rijeka official website (<http://www.armada-rijeka.hr/>) (in Croatian)



# HNK Šibenik

**Hrvatski nogometni klub Šibenik** (English: Croatian Football Club Šibenik), better known as **HNK Šibenik** or simply **Šibenik** (pronounced [ʃibeni:k]), is a Croatian professional football club based in Šibenik. It competes in the Prva NL, the second tier of the Croatian football pyramid,<sup>[1]</sup> and plays their home matches at the Stadion Šubićevac, which has a capacity of 3,412.<sup>[2]</sup>

## History



Železničar Maribor vs Šibenik in the Yugoslav Second League, September 1969.

The club was formed in 1932 under the name **Radničko sportsko društvo Šibenik** (*Workers' Sport Association Šibenik*). The first president, Dr Martin Čičin-Šain, was only appointed to this role during the first board meeting, which was held in August 1933. They played in a stadium in the town area of Crnica, next to the La Dalmatiense factory. The playing field was officially opened on 31 May 1936. The first matches played were part of a 1936 tournament between Šibenik, Osvit, Split and AŠK. Around the same time the first registered football club in Šibenik was also formed. This club was called Osvit and it was responsible for the construction of Šubićevac Stadium.

The club played its first official league match in 1946 under the name FD Šibenik and the very next year it was crowned the champion of the Dalmatia region. The club's new home ground was opened on 1 May 1948 and bore the name of "the people's hero", Rade Končar. In the 1950–51 season, Šibenik finished top of the Croatian Republic League and gained promotion to the Yugoslav Second League for the first time in its history. However, they were relegated immediately and it was not until 1954–55 that they returned to the second division. In 1957 the club made it to the semi-final of the Yugoslav Cup.

In 1983 Šibenik made it back to the Yugoslav Second League, where they played in the West Division, composed from 18 clubs from Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and SAP Vojvodina. In their first season (1983–84) they finished fourth, while in the 1984–85 season they came close second, only three points behind the champion Čelik Zenica, thus falling short of winning promotion to the Yugoslav First League. This was their best result in the Yugoslav Second League ever. After holding the middle position of the table for the next couple of seasons, Šibenik finished fifth in the 1987–88 season. They defended their fifth place in the 1988–89 season, the first Yugoslav Second League season which featured a unified format instead of two divisions (West and East), as well as in the 1989–90 season.

## HNK Šibenik



<b>Full name</b>	Hrvatski nogometni klub Šibenik
<b>Nickname(s)</b>	<i>Narančasti</i> (The Oranges)
<b>Short name</b>	ŠIB
<b>Founded</b>	1 December 1932 (as RSD Šibenik)
<b>Ground</b>	Stadion Šubićevac
<b>Capacity</b>	3,412
<b>President</b>	Željko Karajica
<b>Head coach</b>	Mario Carević
<b>League</b>	Prva NL
<b>2022–23</b>	SuperSport HNL, 10th of 10 (relegated)
<b>Website</b>	Club website ( <a href="http://www.hnk-sibenik.hr">http://www.hnk-sibenik.hr</a> )



Home colours

Away colours

Šibenik played in the Croatian First League for twelve consecutive seasons, from 1992 until 2003. In 2006 the club finished first in the Croatian Second League's southern division and returned to the first league. In the 2009–10 season, Šibenik finished fourth in domestic league, which was their best result ever, and thus qualified for the 2010–11 UEFA Europa League first qualifying round for the first time in its history. They were eliminated in the second qualifying round by Anorthosis Famagusta 2–3 on aggregate.

In the 2011–12 season, the club finished fourteenth and were relegated to the second league. In the following season, Šibenik finished fourth but due to financial difficulties, they were once again relegated to the third league. In the 2013–14 season, Šibenik finished in second place with their marksman Miro Slavica scoring 30 goals to take out the league's top goalscorer award, but failed to lead his side to promotion.

At the end of the 2014–15 season, Šibenik gained promotion to the second league, topping the third league – south. Mirko Labrović took over as manager in 2015. They finished close second to Cibalia in the 2015–16 season, failing to beat them in the last match of the season and thus failing to win direct promotion to the first tier by only one point. Šibenik played against Istra 1961 in the relegation play-offs on 29 May and 1 June 2016. Both matches ended 1–1 and Šibenik lost the play-off after penalty shootout.

In the 2018–19 season, Šibenik finished a close second to Varaždin, and again played relegation play-offs over Istra 1961. The first match played in Šibenik ended 1–1 but in the second match played on Stadion Aldo Drosina, Istra beat them by a scoreline of 0–2. On 6 May 2020, by a decision of the Croatian Football Federation to suspend the 2019–20 Croatian Second League season, Šibenik was promoted to the first tier after eight seasons.<sup>[1]</sup>

## Honours

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- Yugoslav Third League (South):
  - **Winners (3):** 1950–51, 1975–76, 1982–83
- Croatian Second Football League:
  - **Winners (2):** 2005–06, 2019–20<sup>[1]</sup>
  - **Runners-up (2):** 2015–16, 2018–19
- Croatian Cup:

- Runners-up (2): 2009–10,<sup>[3]</sup> 2022–23

## Recent seasons

Season	League									Cup	European competitions	Top goalscorer	
	Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos			Player	Goals
1992	1. HNL	22	2	7	13	18	41	11	12th			Mile Petković, Dean Računica	4
1992–93	1. HNL	30	4	8	18	21	45	16	16th	QF		Ismet Mulavdić	6
1993–94	1. HNL	34	12	8	14	36	42	32	13th	R2		Ylli Shehu	7
1994–95	1. HNL	30	9	10	11	44	46	37	9th	R2		Ylli Shehu	22
1995–96	1. A HNL	36	15	6	15	44	43	51	7th	R2		Mate Baturina	11
1996–97	1. A HNL	30	11	8	11	35	30	41	7th	R1		Robert Banden, Ylli Shehu	6
1997–98	1. HNL	32	9	8	15	35	45	34	9th	R1		Joško Popović	9
1998–99	1. HNL	32	12	5	15	48	59	41	8th	R2		Joško Popović	21
1999–2000	1. HNL	33	8	10	15	33	50	34	9th	R2		Klaudio Vuković	12
2000–01	1. HNL	32	12	7	13	40	40	43	7th	R2		Paul Matas	12
2001–02	1. HNL	30	10	6	14	33	36	36	11th	R2		Mate Dragičević	12
2002–03	1. HNL	32	8	7	17	37	53	31	12th ↓	R2		Ivan Bulat	9
2003–04	2. HNL South	32	15	4	13	45	42	49	4th	R1			
2004–05	2. HNL South	32	13	12	7	42	26	48 <sup>(-3)</sup>	4th	R1		Ivan Božić	12
2005–06	2. HNL South	32	21	6	5	71	38	69	1st ↑	R1		Ivan Božić	14
2006–07	1. HNL	33	14	7	12	50	47	49	4th	R2		Marko Kartelo	10
2007–08	1. HNL	33	9	12	12	34	52	39	10th	R2		Frane Vitaić, Ermin Zec	8

<u>2008–09</u>	<u>1. HNL</u>	33	13	7	13	44	35	46	6th	<u>R1</u>			<u>Ermin Zec</u>	14
<u>2009–10</u>	<u>1. HNL</u>	30	14	8	8	34	37	50	4th	<u>RU</u>			<u>Ermin Zec</u>	11
<u>2010–11</u>	<u>1. HNL</u>	30	8	11	11	37	38	35	12th	<u>R2</u>	<u>Europa League</u>	<u>QR2</u>	<u>Mehmed Alispahić</u>	11
<u>2011–12</u>	<u>1. HNL</u>	30	6	9	15	27	40	27	14th ↓	<u>R1</u>			<u>Stipe Bačelić-Grgić</u>	4
<u>2012–13</u>	<u>2. HNL</u>	30	13	10	7	42	31	48	4th ↓	<u>R1</u>			<u>Franjo Tepurić</u>	12
<u>2013–14</u>	<u>3. HNL South</u>	34	21	8	5	73	27	71	2nd	<u>R1</u>			<u>Miro Slavica</u>	30
<u>2014–15</u>	<u>3. HNL South</u>	34	23	5	6	78	25	74	1st ↑	<u>R2</u>			<u>Igor Prijić</u>	14
<u>2015–16</u>	<u>2. HNL</u>	33	20	9	4	54	21	69	2nd	<u>R2</u>			<u>Theophilus Solomon</u>	11
<u>2016–17</u>	<u>2. HNL</u>	33	12	9	12	32	33	45	7th	<u>R2</u>			<u>Miro Slavica</u>	9
<u>2017–18</u>	<u>2. HNL</u>	33	11	9	13	39	43	42	7th	<u>R2</u>			<u>Davor Kukec</u>	7
<u>2018–19</u>	<u>2. HNL</u>	26	13	7	6	38	25	46	2nd	<u>R2</u>			<u>Prince Ampem</u>	7
<u>2019–20</u>	<u>2. HNL</u>	19	13	2	4	26	15	41	1st ↑	<u>QF</u>			<u>Luka Juričić</u>	8
<u>2020–21</u>	<u>1. HNL</u>	36	9	8	19	32	47	35	6th	<u>R2</u>			<u>Deni Jurić</u>	11
<u>2021–22</u>	<u>1. HNL</u>	36	9	5	22	46	75	32	8th	<u>R2</u>			<u>Ivan Delić, Marin Jakoliš</u>	10
<u>2022–23</u>	<u>HNL</u>	36	5	12	19	24	56	27	10th ↓	<u>RU</u>			<u>Ivan Dolček</u>	5

## Key

League: **P** = Matches played; **W** = Matches won; **D** = Matches drawn; **L** = Matches lost; **F** = Goals for; **A** = Goals against; **Pts** = Points won; **Pos** = Final position;

Cup: **R1** = First round; **R2** = Round of 16; **QF** = Quarter-final; **SF** = Semi-final; **RU** = Runner-up; **W** = Competition won;

## European record

### Summary

Competition	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Last season played
UEFA Europa League	4	2	1	1	5	3	2010–11
Total	4	2	1	1	5	3	

Last updated on 10 September 2010.<sup>[4]</sup>

**Pld** = Matches played; **W** = Matches won; **D** = Matches drawn; **L** = Matches lost; **GF** = Goals for; **GA** = Goals against

## By season

Season	Competition	Round	Opponent	Home	Away	Agg.	
2010–11	Europa League	QR1	 Sliema Wanderers	0–0	3–0	3–0	
		QR2	 Anorthosis	0–3 (aet)	2–0	2–3	

## Players

### Current squad

As of 18 February 2024<sup>[5]</sup>

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

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player	No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
1	GK	 CRO	Antonio Đaković	19	FW	 CRO	Ivan Delić
2	DF	 CRO	Bruno Brajković	21	MF	 ESP	Iker Pozo
4	DF	 CRO	Josip Gačić	22	FW	 CRO	Toni Kolega
5	DF	 CRO	Duje Dujmović ( <i>on loan from Rijeka</i> )	23	FW	 COL	Carlos Torres
7	MF	 CRO	Josip Majić	24	DF	 CRO	Roberto Punčec
9	FW	 CRO	Ivan Božić	28	MF	 CRO	Ivan Roca
10	MF	 CRO	Stipe Bačelić-Grgić	29	DF	 BIH	Kemal Osmanković
11	FW	 CRO	Ivan Laća	34	DF	 CRO	Ivan Cvijanović ( <i>on loan from Osijek</i> )
15	DF	 CRO	Ivan Bikić	44	MF	 CRO	Robert Marijanović
16	DF	 CRO	Kristijan Pavičić	55	DF	 AUT	Stefan Perić
17	FW	 MKD	David Toshevski ( <i>on loan from Austria Klagenfurt</i> )	74	GK	 CRO	Luigi Mišević
18	MF	 CRO	Lovre Kulušić				

## Personnel

### Coaching staff

As of 31 January 2023<sup>[6]</sup>

Position	Staff
Director of football	 Hrvoje Kulušić
Head coach	 Damir Čanadi
Assistant coaches	 Armin Alibegović  Mirko Hrgović  Ivo Šupe
Goalkeeper coach	 Marko Mihaljević
Fitness coaches	 Frane Cinotti  Ante Rak
Physiotherapists	 Ivan Čular  Duje Protega  Mario Petrović
Team manager	 Josip Maleš
Analyst	 Armin Alibegović

## Notable players

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The following HNK Šibenik players have been capped at full international level. Years in brackets indicate their spells at the club.

-  [Petar Nadoveza](#) (1959–1963)
-  [Krasnodar Rora](#) (1962–1964)
-  [Nikica Cukrov](#) (1971–1975)
-  [Petar Nikezić](#) (1982–1984)
-  [Dean Računica](#) (1986–1992)
-  [Slaven Bilić](#) (1988–1989)
-  [Tomislav Erceg](#) (1990–1991)
-  [Mate Baturina](#) (1993–1996)
-  [Ylli Shehu](#) (1994–1995)
-  [Mario Jurić](#) (1995–1999, 2007)
-  [Amarildo Zela](#) (1996–1997)
-  [Ivica Križanac](#) (1997–1998)
-  [Joško Popović](#) (1997–1999)
-  [Gordon Schildenfeld](#) (2001–2007)
-  [Mate Maleš](#) (2003–2007)
-  [Ante Rukavina](#) (2004–2007)
-  [Nikola Kalinić](#) (2006–2007)
-  [Ermin Zec](#) (2007–2010)
-  [Mehmed Alispahić](#) (2008–2011, 2016–2017, 2017–2018)
-  [Samir Duro](#) (2009)
-  [Daniel Georgievski](#) (2010–2012)
-  [Todor Todoroski](#) (2019–2021)
-  [Sandesh Jhingan](#) (2021–2022)

## Coaching history

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-  [Ivica Šangulin](#) (1983–1985)
-  [Petar Nadoveza](#) (1985–1986)
-  [Đorđe Milić](#) (1986–1987)
-  [Milan Ribar](#) (1987–1988)
-  [Žarko Nedeljković](#) (1988–1989)

-  [Mladen Vranković](#) (1989–1990)
-  [Nikica Cukrov](#) (1990–1992)
-  [Franjo Džidić](#) (1992–1993)
-  [Krasnodar Rora](#) (1993)
-  [Branko Tucak](#) (1993–1994)
-  [Ivica Matković](#) (1993–1994)
-  [Ivica Šangulin](#) (1994–1995)
-  [Rajko Magić](#) (1995)
-  [Željko Maretić](#) (1995–1996)
-  [Vinko Begović](#) (1996–1997)
-  [Željko Maretić](#) (1997–1998)
-  [Ivan Buljan](#) (1998)
-  [Stipe Kedžo](#) (1998)
-  [Rajko Magić](#) (1998–1999)
-  [Stanko Mršić](#) (1999)
-  [Anđelko Godinić](#) (1999)
-  [Goran Krešimir Vidov](#) (1999)
-  [Željko Maretić](#) (1999–2000)
-  [Vjekoslav Lokica](#) (2000)
-  [Milo Nižetić](#) (2000–2001)
-  [Vjekoslav Lokica](#) (2001–2002)
-  [Franko Bogdan](#) (2002)
-  [Stanko Mršić](#) (2002–2003)
-  [Luka Bonačić](#) (2003)
-  [Franko Bogdan](#) (2003–2004)
-  [Milan Petrović](#) (2004)
-  [Petar Bakotić](#) (2004–2005)
-  [Ivan Pudar](#) (2005–2007)
-  [Anel Karabeg](#) (2007)
-  [Ivica Kalinić](#) (2007–2009)
-  [Anđelko Godinić](#) (interim) (2009)
-  [Branko Karačić](#) (2009–2010)
-  [Anđelko Godinić](#) (interim) (2010)
-  [Vjekoslav Lokica](#) (2010–2011)
-  [Goran Tomić](#) (2011–2013)
-  [Ivo Šupe](#) (2013)
-  [Damir Petravić](#) (2013)
-  [Ivan Bulat](#) (interim) (2013)
-  [Nikica Cukrov](#) (2013–2014)
-  [Damir Petravić](#) (2014)
-  [Mirko Labrović](#) (2014–2016)
-  [Krešimir Sunara](#) (2016)
-  [Goran Tomić](#) (2016)
-  [Ivan Katalinić](#) (2016)
-  [Anđelko Godinić](#) (2016)
-  [Stipe Balajić](#) (2016–2017)
-  [Zoran Slavica](#) (2017)
-  [Borimir Perković](#) (2017–2019)

-  [Krunoslav Rendulić](#) (2019–2021)
-  [Sergi Escobar](#) (2021)
-  [Mario Rosas](#) (2021–2022)
-  [Ferdo Milin](#) (2022)
-  [Marko Kartelo](#) (interim) (2022)
-  [Marko Kartelo](#) (2022)
-  [Ivica Matas](#) (interim) (2022)
-  [Dean Računica](#) (2022)
-  [Damir Čanadi](#) (2022)
-  [Mario Cvitanović](#) (2022–2023)
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# List of football clubs in Croatia

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This is a list of association football clubs located in Croatia, sorted by league and division within the Croatian football league system, as of the 2019–20 season. A total of 98 clubs compete in the top three tiers of the Croatian football pyramid, divided as follows:

- Croatian First Football League (also known as **Prva HNL** or **1. HNL**, with 10 clubs)
- Croatian Second Football League (also known as **Druga HNL** or **2. HNL**, with 16 clubs)
- Croatian Third Football League (also known as **Treća HNL** or **3. HNL**, with five regional subdivisions – Centre (16 clubs), East (16 clubs), North (12 clubs), South (16 clubs) and West (12 clubs) – for a total of 72 clubs)

## First Division

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Club	City / town	Founded in	UEFA Ranking
<u>GNK Dinamo Zagreb</u>	<u>Zagreb</u>	1911	34
<u>HNK Gorica</u>	<u>Velika Gorica</u>	1934	-
<u>HNK Hajduk Split</u>	<u>Split</u>	1911	141
<u>HNK Šibenik</u>	<u>Šibenik</u>	1932	-
<u>NK Istra 1961</u>	<u>Pula</u>	1948	-
<u>NK Lokomotiva</u>	<u>Zagreb</u>	1914	229
<u>NK Osijek</u>	<u>Osijek</u>	1947	140
<u>HNK Rijeka</u>	<u>Rijeka</u>	1904	94
<u>NK Slaven Belupo</u>	<u>Koprivnica</u>	1907	-
<u>NK Varaždin</u>	<u>Varaždin</u>	2012	-

## Second Division

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Club	City / town
<u>NK BSK</u>	<u>Bijelo Brdo</u>
<u>HNK Cibalia</u>	<u>Vinkovci</u>
<u>NK Croatia</u>	<u>Zmijavci</u>
<u>GNK Dinamo Zagreb II</u>	<u>Zagreb</u>
<u>NK Dubrava</u>	<u>Zagreb</u>
<u>NK Dugopolje</u>	<u>Dugopolje</u>
<u>HNK Hajduk Split II</u>	<u>Split</u>
<u>NK Hrvatski Dragovoljac</u>	<u>Zagreb</u>
<u>NK Kustošija</u>	<u>Zagreb</u>
<u>NK Međimurje</u>	<u>Čakovec</u>
<u>HNK Orijent 1919</u>	<u>Rijeka</u>
<u>NK Osijek II</u>	<u>Osijek</u>
<u>NK Rudeš</u>	<u>Zagreb</u>
<u>NK Sesvete</u>	<u>Zagreb</u>
<u>NK Solin</u>	<u>Solin</u>

Club	City / town
NK Inter	Zaprešić

## Third Division

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### Centre

Club	City / town
NK Bistra	Bistra
NK Dugo Selo	Dugo Selo
NK Gaj	Mače
NK HAŠK	Zagreb
NK Karlovac 1919	Karlovac
NK Kurilovec	Velika Gorica
NK Lučko	Zagreb
NK Lukavec	Lukavec
NK Maksimir	Zagreb
NK Petrinja	Petrinja
NK Ponikve	Zagreb
NK Ravnice	Zagreb
HNK Segesta	Sisak
NK Trešnjevka	Zagreb
NK Trnje	Zagreb
NK Vrapče	Zagreb
NK Vrbovec	Vrbovec
NK Zagorec	Krapina

### East

Club	City / town
NK Bedem	Ivankovo
NK Belišće	Belišće
NK Čepin	Čepin
HNK Đakovo Croatia	Đakovo
NK Graničar	Županja
NK Kutjevo	Kutjevo
NK Marsonia	Slavonski Brod
NK NAŠK	Našice
NK Oriolik	Oriovac
NK Slavija	Pleternica

<b>Club</b>	<b>City / town</b>
NK Slavonija	Požega
NK Sloga	Nova Gradiška
NK Vihor	Jelisavac
HNK Vukovar '91	Vukovar
NK Vuteks-Sloga	Vukovar
NK Zrinski	Jurjevac Punitovački

## North

<b>Club</b>	<b>City / town</b>
NK Bjelovar	Bjelovar
NK Graničar	Đurđevac
NK Koprivnica	Koprivnica
NK Mladost	Ždralovi
NK Papuk	Orahovica
NK Podravac	Virje
NK Podravina	Ludbreg
NK Polet	Sveti Martin na Muri
NK Radnik	Križevci
NK Rudar	Mursko Središće
NK Varteks	Varaždin
NK Virovitica	Virovitica

## South

<b>Club</b>	<b>City / town</b>
NK GOŠK	Dubrovnik
NK Hrvace	Hrvace
NK Jadran Luka Ploče	Ploče
NK Junak	Sinj
NK Kamen	Ivanbegovina
NK Neretva	Metković
NK Neretvanac	Opuzen
HNK Primorac	Biograd na Moru
HNK Sloga	Mravince
RNK Split	Split
NK Urania	Baška Voda
NK Uskok	Klis
NK Vodice	Vodice

Club	City / town
NK Zadar	Zadar
NK Zagora	Unešić
BŠK Zmaj	Blato

## West

Club	City / town
NK Crikvenica	Crikvenica
NK Grobničan	Čavle
NK Jadran	Poreč
NK Krk	Krk
NK Nehaj	Senj
NK Novigrad	Novigrad
NK Opatija	Opatija
NK Pazinka	Pazin
NK Rovinj	Rovinj
NK Rudar	Labin
NK Uljanik	Pula
NK Vinodol	Novi Vinodolski

## Women's First Division

Club	City / town
ŽNK Agram	Zagreb
ŽNK Katarina Zrinski	Čakovec
ŽNK Marjan	Split
ŽNK Neretva	Metković
ŽNK Osijek	Osijek
ŽNK Pregrada	Pregrada
ŽNK Rijeka	Rijeka
ŽNK Split	Split
ŽNK Trnava	Goričan
ŽNK Viktorija	Slavonski Brod

## External links

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# NK BSK Bijelo Brdo

**NK BSK Bijelo Brdo** is a Croatian football club based in the village of Bijelo Brdo in eastern Slavonia. As of the 2022–23 season they compete in the First Football League.

## History

According to RSSSF, the club was re-founded in 2002 playing at the Croatian fifth level.<sup>[1]</sup>

As winners of the regional Osijek-Baranja County Cup, they entered the preliminary round of the 2010–11 Croatian Cup. After beating NK Mladost Petrinja they progressed through to the first round proper, in which they were knocked out by NK Varaždin. They secured promotion to the Treća HNL East after winning the 4.HNL East group, and then won the 2011–12 Treća HNL East group with an undefeated record over 29 games (one team folded at mid-season).<sup>[2]</sup> However they did not obtain a license for the second league and were not promoted.

BSK was finally promoted to the newly expanded second division in 2018.<sup>[3]</sup> This was their debut season in the second tier.<sup>[4]</sup>

## Current squad

As of 23 April 2023

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

BSK Bijelo Brdo



**Full name** Nogometni klub BSK Bijelo Brdo

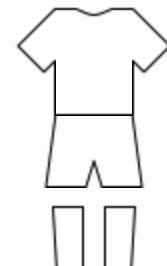
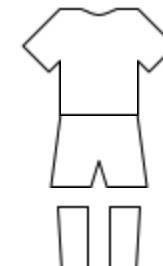
**Founded** 1935

**Ground** Igralište BSK

**Manager** Denis Krstanović

**League** First League (II)

**2022–23** 4th



Home colours

Away colours

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player	No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
1	GK	CRO	Ilija Đilas	17	DF	CRO	Luka Mihaljević
3	MF	SRB	Bogdan Pecarski	18	DF	CRO	Adam Benić
4	DF	CRO	Dorian Rudić	19	DF	CRO	Bruno Župan
5	DF	CRO	Luka Zebec ( <i>on loan from Osijek</i> )	22	MF	NGA	Michael Isaiah
7	FW	CMR	Sunday Jang Junior	23	DF	SRB	Marko Dobrijević
8	MF	SRB	Lazar Vujanić	24	DF	SRB	Dušan Pecarski
9	FW	CRO	Nikola Nešić	27	DF	CRO	Josip Tomašević
10	FW	HUN	Sinan Sinanovic	28	MF	CRO	Matija Mišić
11	MF	AUS	Marc Tokich	29	MF	CRO	Dario Pudić
12	GK	AUS	Dawson Bojanić	31	FW	CRO	Stjepan Plazonja
13	FW	CRO	Ivan Baković	—	FW	CRO	Nebojša Popović
14	MF	CRO	Mateo Mendeš	—	MF	CRO	Tomislav Šorša

## Honours

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### Treća HNL – East:

- **Winners (1):** 2011–12

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# NK Croatia Zmijavci

**Croatia Zmijavci** is a professional football club from Zmijavci, Split-Dalmatia County, Croatia, currently playing in the second division Druga HNL after their 2019 promotion.<sup>[1]</sup>

Zmijavci are one of several Dalmatian football teams with a development agreement with Hajduk Split, the largest football club in the area, having signed on in 2016.<sup>[2]</sup>

## History

Zmijavci were founded in 1974, and were known as **NK Kujundžuša** until 1991.<sup>[3]</sup>

In the 2017–18 season, Croatia Zmijavci placed in the round of 16 of the Croatian Cup.<sup>[4]</sup> Zmijavci then won the 2017–18 Treća HNL south division, but refused promotion to the second division.<sup>[5]</sup> They received a license for the 2019–20 Druga HNL and were promoted after finishing second in the 2018–19 Treća HNL.<sup>[6]</sup>

## Players

### Current squad

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

**Croatia Zmijavci**



**Full name** Nogometni klub Croatia Zmijavci

**Founded** 23 February 1974

**Ground** ŠRC Marijan Šuto

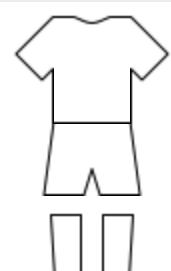
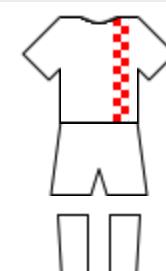
**Capacity** 1,000

**Chairman** Zdravko Gabelica

**Manager** Marijan Karoglan

**League** First League (II)

**2022–23** 7th



**Home colours**

**Away colours**

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player	No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
1	GK	CRO	Mario Gudelj	19	FW	GEO	Revaz Kobidze
2	MF	CRO	Antonio Perić	20	MF	CRO	Juraj Ljubić
4	DF	CRO	Nikola Šalinović	21	MF	CRO	Antonio Kasalo
5	DF	CRO	Domagoj Čulina	22	DF	CRO	Ivan Todorić
8	MF	CRO	Gojko Gadže	23	DF	CRO	Patrick Klančir
10	MF	CRO	Mijo Šabić	24	FW	CRO	Marin Jonjić
11	FW	CRO	Nikola Pavlović	33	FW	CMR	Landry Kamga
12	GK	CRO	Jozo Vukman	—	DF	BIH	Filip Musa
13	DF	CRO	Ante Blažević	—	GK	CRO	Leon Gudelj
14	DF	CRO	Marko Šuto	—	MF	BIH	Blaž Čale
15	DF	CRO	Dino Šimunić	—	DF	CRO	Mario Nikolić
17	MF	CRO	Ivan Brkić	—	MF	CRO	Luka Radić

## Honours

- Treća HNL South: 2017–18

## Notable managers

- Mislav Karoglan (2016)<sup>[7]</sup>
- Vik Lalić (2020–present)
- Krešimir Režić

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# NK Dubrava

**NK Dubrava Tim Kabel** is a [Croatian football club](#) based in the city of Zagreb. The club's biggest success was playing in [1.HNL](#) in the [1993–94 season](#).<sup>[1]</sup> The club gets its name from the eastern Zagreb neighborhood it plays in of Dubrava, and its sponsor, Tim Kabel, a supplier of cables.

## History

The club was founded in 1945 by members of HAŠK, Građanska and Concordija football clubs, playing entirely in the lower leagues and undergoing a series of name changes.<sup>[2]</sup>

In 1992, NK Dubrava hosted the [Albania national football team](#) in what was the only second appearance of a national team in Croatia. The game finished 0–0.<sup>[3]</sup>

After winning the 1993 second division title, NK Dubrava appeared in the 1993–94 Prva HNL, the top flight of Croatian football, but were relegated after finishing 17th of 18 teams. They did manage to defeat [Dinamo Zagreb](#) 1–0.<sup>[3]</sup> The club was led by future Croatia national team coach [Ante Čačić](#) until 1993.<sup>[3]</sup>

In 2013, Dubrava reorganised their board of directors. They are known for their youth programs and host a youth tournament every year.<sup>[2]</sup>

## Current squad

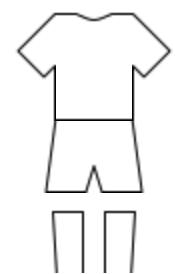
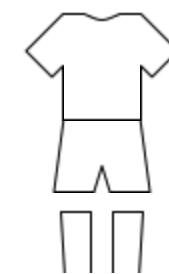
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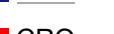
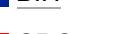
### NK Dubrava Tim Kabel



<b>Full name</b>	NK Dubrava Tim Kabel
<b>Founded</b>	1945
<b>Ground</b>	SRC Grana Klaka
<b>Capacity</b>	1,000
<b>Chairman</b>	Roko Ivanović
<b>Manager</b>	Damir Milinović
<b>League</b>	<a href="#">First League (II)</a>
<b>2022–23</b>	9th



**Home colours**      **Away colours**

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player	No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
1	GK	 CRO	Tin Šarkanj	18	MF	 CRO	Branimir Cavar
2	DF	 CRO	Josip Palić	19	FW	 CRO	Jan Rauzan
3	DF	 CRO	Nikola Jakovljevic	20	MF	 KOR	Jong-yun On
4	DF	 CRO	Nikola Barisic	21	FW	 CRO	Josip Ivan Zorica
5	DF	 CRO	Tin Ljubanović	23	MF	 CRO	Lovro Dobrić
6	DF	 CRO	Toma Palić	26	DF	 NGA	Ferdinand Ikenna
8	MF	 CRO	Marko Ivanović	27	MF	 CRO	Mate Pavlović
9	FW	 GHA	Patrick Kesse	44	GK	 CRO	Fran Terihaj
10	FW	 CRO	Petar Petriško	—	DF	 CRO	Ivan Bosnjak
11	MF	 NGA	Peter Agba	—	MF	 BIH	Franjo Bilić
12	GK	 CRO	Matko Kramer	—	MF	 CRO	Fran Vukelic
14	MF	 CRO	Luka Kekez				
15	DF	 CRO	Ivan Dominić				
17	FW	 CRO	Dragan Juranović				

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## External links

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- Official website (<http://www.nkdubrava.hr/>)

# NK Dugopolje

**NK Dugopolje** is a professional Croatian professional football club based in the town of Dugopolje on the outskirts of Split, a city on the Adriatic coast. They were founded in 1952, and they currently play in the Prva nogometna liga (English: First football league), commonly **Prva NL** or **1. NL**, is the second tier of the football league system in Croatia.

## History

The club was founded in 1952 as **NK Proleter**.<sup>[1]</sup>

The 2009–10 season was a successful one for Dugopolje as they finished top of the 3. HNL South and were promoted to the Croatian Second Football League. In their first season in the second division of Croatian football, Dugopolje finished eighth out of a total of 16 teams. In the following season, Dugopolje finished first, qualifying for promotion to the Prva HNL, the first division of football in Croatia, but were denied a licence for the top division due to numerous issues and remained in the second league.<sup>[2]</sup> The 2012–13 season witnessed a large restructuring of football in Croatia during which 7 out of 16 teams were to be relegated to accommodate for a reduction in the number of contestants in the 1st division from 16 to 12. Dugopolje prevailed, finishing 8th, two places clear of relegation. In the 2013–14 season, with a reduced number of teams in the top and second division, the competition was much stronger than previously and Dugopolje struggled and barely avoided relegation.

Dugopolje fell into financial trouble in 2018 due to lower funding from the municipality. A Brazilian business consortium offered an investment, but was rejected by the club's board.<sup>[3]</sup>

## Stadium

**Dugopolje**



**Full name** Nogometni klub  
Dugopolje

**Founded** 1952

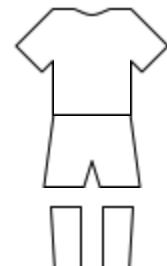
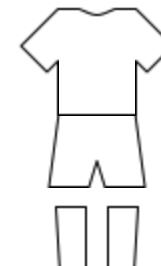
**Ground** Stadion Hrvatski  
vitezovi

**Capacity** 5,200

**Manager** Davor Mladina

**League** First League (II)

**2022–23** 10th



**Home colours**

**Away colours**

Since 2009, Dugopolje host their home matches at the newly built *Stadion Hrvatski vitezovi* (English: Croatian Knights Stadium), with a capacity of 5,200. The stadium meets strict UEFA standards and holds a licence for UEFA competitions.<sup>[4]</sup>

## Recent seasons

Season	Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos	Cup	Player	Goals
	League										Top goalscorer	
2005–06	3. HNL South	34	14	11	9	49	31	53	4th			
2006–07	3. HNL South	34	18	5	11	52	34	59	2nd			
2007–08	3. HNL South	34	15	6	13	44	36	51	6th			
2008–09	3. HNL South	34	12	3	19	44	45	39	13th			
2009–10	3. HNL South	32	22	5	5	63	15	71	1st			
2010–11	2. HNL	30	10	11	9	39	30	41	8th		Hrvoje Balić	9
2011–12	2. HNL	28	17	6	5	50	27	57	1st	PR	Alen Guć	16
2012–13	2. HNL	30	14	4	12	39	42	46	8th		Ivica Žuljević	13
2013–14	2. HNL	33	10	8	15	37	41	38	10th		Ivica Žuljević, Josip Serdarušić	6
2014–15	2. HNL	30	7	13	10	27	32	34	7th		Ante Vitaić	7
2015–16	2. HNL	33	11	7	15	38	41	40	7th		Ivan Bubalo	10
2016–17	2. HNL	33	12	10	11	36	32	46	6th		Mario Sačer	7
2017–18	2. HNL	33	13	7	13	34	37	46	6th		Ivan Prtajin, Josip Špoljarić	6
2018–19	2. HNL	26	13	4	9	29	26	43	5th		Ante Živković	5
2019–20	2. HNL	19	7	4	8	30	31	25	10th		Matej Jukić	7
2020–21	2. HNL	34	13	9	12	49	45	48	8th		Igor Cerina	9
2021–22	2. HNL	30	11	7	12	40	46	40	10th		Ivan Brnić	11

# Current squad

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As of 19 February 2023

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

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player	No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
1	GK	CRO	Miro Varvodić	17	DF	CRO	Filip Mekić ( <i>on loan from Varaždin</i> )
2	DF	CRO	Duje Marin Bulić	18	FW	CRO	Ivan Rodić
4	MF	CRO	Roko Kurtović	19	DF	ALB	Neshat Murati
5	DF	CRO	Igor Čerina	20	DF	CRO	Gregor Gulišija
6	DF	CRO	Stipe Vladušić	21	FW	BIH	Branko Đukić ( <i>on loan from Istra 1961</i> )
7	FW	COL	Carlos Torres ( <i>on loan from Šibenik</i> )	22	DF	CRO	Špiro Peričić
8	MF	CRO	Marin Ljubičić	23	MF	CRO	Dominik Balić
10	FW	CRO	Boris Rapaić	24	MF	CRO	Mateo Bašić
11	FW	BRA	Caio Da Cruz ( <i>on loan from Gorica</i> )	25	MF	CRO	Marko Domančić
12	GK	CRO	Marko Grgur Pelivan	27	MF	CRO	Ante Kovačević
14	FW	CRO	Ivo Čengić ( <i>on loan from Hajduk Split</i> )	28	MF	CRO	Filip Rosić
15	MF	CRO	Karlo Lusavec ( <i>on loan from Varaždin</i> )	29	MF	CRO	Mihael Mlinarić ( <i>on loan from Slaven Belupo</i> )
16	DF	CRO	Petar Mikulić				

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# NK Hrvatski Dragovoljac

**Nogometni klub Hrvatski dragovoljac** (English: Football Club Hrvatski dragovoljac), commonly referred to as **NK Hrvatski dragovoljac** or simply **Hrvatski dragovoljac**, is a Croatian football club based in the Novi Zagreb neighbourhood of the country's capital city of Zagreb. The team's fans are known as the "Black Warriors" (Croatian: *Crni ratnici*). The club's home ground is Stadion NŠC Stjepan Spajić, which has a capacity of 5,000.

## History

The club was founded in 1975 as **NK Trnsko '75**, with its name being changed to **ONK Novi Zagreb** in 1976 and **NK Novi Zagreb** in 1990.

When the Croatian War of Independence began in 1991, many of the club's members volunteered to fight. In honour of those who fought and those who lost their lives in the war, the club was renamed **Hrvatski Dragovoljac** (Croatian Volunteer) when they resumed play in 1994. They also adopted a new logo incorporating black as the team's colour.

In 1995, the club won promotion to the former Croatian First B-League, where they finished first and qualified for the championship play-off of the Prva HNL in 1996, finishing fifth in the end. In 1997, the club reached the third place in the Prva HNL and qualified for the UEFA Intertoto Cup, a success they repeated in the following two seasons with fourth and fifth-place finishes.

## Name changes

- NK Trnsko '75 (1975–1976)
- ONK Novi Zagreb (1976–1990)
- NK Novi Zagreb (1990–1994)
- NK Hrvatski Dragovoljac (1994–present)

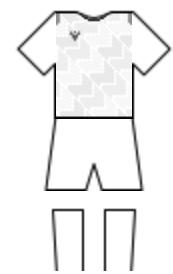
## Honours

- Croatian Second League

## Hrvatski dragovoljac



<b>Full name</b>	Nogometni klub Hrvatski dragovoljac
<b>Nickname(s)</b>	<i>Crni</i> (The Blacks)
<b>Founded</b>	1975; 45 years ago (as <i>NK Trnsko '75</i> )
<b>Ground</b>	Stadion NŠC Stjepan Spajić
<b>Capacity</b>	5,000 5,350
<b>Chairman</b>	Marinko Perić
<b>Manager</b>	Krešimir Sunara
<b>League</b>	First League (II)
<b>Website</b>	Club website ( <a href="https://nk-hrvatskidragovolja.c.hr/">https://nk-hrvatskidragovolja.c.hr/</a> )



Home colours

Away colours

- Champions (2): 1994–95 (West), 2012–13

## Recent seasons

Season	League									Cup	Other competitions	Top goalscorer		
	Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos			Player	Goals	
1992–93	RNL NSZR								1st ↑					
1993–94	3. HNL Centre	30	15	9	6	56	28	39	4th ↑					
1994–95	2. HNL West	36	30	5	1	83	12	95	1st ↑					
1995–96	1. HNL	28	14	5	9	38	34	47	5th	R1		Predrag Jurić	13	
1996–97	1. A HNL	30	13	10	7	51	37	49	3rd	SF		Dragan Vukoja	19	
1997–98	1. HNL	32	14	8	10	38	30	50	4th		UEFA Intertoto Cup	GS	Mario Bazina	12
1998–99	1. HNL	32	8	8	16	27	42	32	5th	R2	UEFA Intertoto Cup	R1	Mario Bazina	7
1999–2000	1. HNL	33	8	9	16	36	58	33	10th	R2	UEFA Intertoto Cup	R1	Vlatko Đolonga	10
2000–01	1. HNL	32	8	9	15	35	57	33	11th	QF			Marin Lalić	7
2001–02	1. HNL	30	9	7	14	34	45	34	13th ↓	R2			Marin Lalić	13
2002–03	2. HNL South	32	10	4	18	44	63	34	6th	R1				
2003–04	2. HNL South	32	11	9	12	36	35	42	8th	R1				
2004–05	2. HNL South	32	17	8	7	62	39	59	2nd	R1			Srđan Lakić	24
2005–06	2. HNL South	32	13	9	10	48	39	48	8th	R2			Edo Flego	9
2006–07	2. HNL	30	18	4	8	60	25	58	4th	R2			Ivan Lišnić	13
2007–08	2. HNL	30	19	7	4	60	28	64	2nd				Mladen Križanović	11
2008–09	2. HNL	30	13	10	7	38	36	49	6th	R2			Niko Tokić, Danijel Zlatar	5

2009–10	<u>2. HNL</u>	26	11	9	6	33	21	42	3rd ↑	<u>PR</u>		Ivan Begović	6
2010–11	<u>1. HNL</u>	30	5	8	17	24	55	33	16th ↓	<u>R1</u>		Velimir Švarić	4
2011–12	<u>2. HNL</u>	28	10	10	8	36	37	40	8th	<u>R1</u>		Ivan Božić, Velimir Švarić	9
2012–13	<u>2. HNL</u>	30	16	5	9	39	25	53	1st ↑			Josip Marošević	9
2013–14	<u>1. HNL</u>	36	7	9	20	41	61	30	10th ↓			Stipe Bačelić-Grgić	10
2014–15	<u>2. HNL</u>	30	8	9	13	30	42	33	10th			Vice Kendeš	5
2015–16	<u>2. HNL</u>	33	11	7	15	29	39	40	10th			Vice Kendeš, Niko Tokić	6
2016–17	<u>2. HNL</u>	33	9	9	15	30	39	36	10th			Valentino Majstorović	5
2017–18	<u>2. HNL</u>	33	8	10	15	37	48	34	11th			Valentino Majstorović	11
2018–19	<u>2. HNL</u>	26	7	6	13	23	29	27	12th			Valentino Majstorović	7
2019–20	<u>2. HNL</u>	19	7	5	7	21	26	26	9th			Vinko Petković	7
2020–21	<u>2. HNL</u>	34	16	11	7	49	39	59	1st ↑			Valentino Majstorović	7
2021–22	<u>1. HNL</u>	36	4	7	25	31	75	19	10th ↓			Valentino Majstorović	6
2022–23	<u>1.NL</u>	33	4	10	19	32	59	22	12th ↓			Toni Vinogradac	7

## Key

1st	2nd	↑	↓
Champions	Runners-up	Promoted	Relegated

Top scorer shown **in bold** when he was also top scorer for the division.

- P = Played
- W = Games won
- D = Games drawn
- L = Games lost
- F = Goals for
- A = Goals against
- Pts = Points

- 1. HNL = Prva HNL
- 2. HNL = Druga HNL
- 3. HNL = Treća HNL

- GS = Group Stage
- PR = Preliminary round
- R1 = Round 1
- R2 = Round 2
- QF = Quarter-finals
- SF = Semi-finals
- RU = Runners-up

▪ Pos = Final position

▪ W = Winners

# Players

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## Current squad

As of 23 April 2023<sup>[1]</sup>

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

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player	No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
1	GK	CRO	Mario Marić ( <i>captain</i> )	19	DF	CRO	Josip Filipović
2	DF	CRO	Bartul Markovina	20	DF	CRO	Ivan Žutić
3	DF	SRB	Adnan Islamović	21	MF	BRA	Marcello Pistelli
4	MF	CRO	Luka Išlić ( <i>on loan from Lokomotiva Zagreb</i> )	22	DF	CRO	Dominik Braun ( <i>on loan from Dinamo Zagreb</i> )
5	DF	CRO	Fran Kobetić	23	MF	CRO	Filip Pobi
6	MF	SRB	Vanja Marković	24	FW	CRO	Bruno Zdunić ( <i>on loan from Lokomotiva Zagreb</i> )
9	FW	CRO	Toni Vinogradac	26	MF	CRO	Mihovil Šutalo
12	GK	CRO	Jan Paolo Debijadi	27	DF	BIH	Ivan Marić
13	FW	GHA	Seth Amoateng	28	FW	CRO	Mario Veljača ( <i>on loan from Lokomotiva Zagreb</i> )
15	DF	CRO	Kristijan Čabradić ( <i>on loan from Lokomotiva Zagreb</i> )	29	MF	CRO	Branimir Ćavar
16	DF	CHN	Luo Hanbowen	30	MF	CRO	Ive Bilić
17	FW	CRO	Ivan Lendrić	35	MF	CRO	Antonio Perić
18	DF	CRO	Uwem Alexander ( <i>on loan from Osijek</i> )	97	GK	CRO	Antonio Tuta

## Out on loan

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

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
—	DF	CRO	<u>Stipe Vulikić</u> (at <i>Perugia</i> until 30 June 2023)

## European record

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### Summary

Competition	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Last season played
<i>UEFA Intertoto Cup</i>	8	4	0	4	10	13	<u>1999</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	

Source: uefa.com (<http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/clubs/club=69081/index.html>), Last updated on 10 September 2010

**Pld** = Matches played; **W** = Matches won; **D** = Matches drawn; **L** = Matches lost; **GF** = Goals for; **GA** = Goals against. Defunct competitions indicated in italics.

### By season

Season	Competition	Round	Opponent	Home	Away	Agg.
1997–98	<i>Intertoto Cup</i>	Group 2	 Bastia	0–1	—	—
			 Silkeborg	—	0–5	—
			 Ebbw Vale	4–0	—	—
			 GAK	—	3–1	—
1998–99	<i>Intertoto Cup</i>	R1	 Lyngby Boldklub	1–4	1–0	2–4
1999–2000	<i>Intertoto Cup</i>	R1	 Newry City F.C.	1–0	0–2	1–2

### Player records

- Most appearances in UEFA club competitions: **8 appearances**<sup>[2]</sup>
  -  Nikica Miletić
- Top scorers in UEFA club competitions: **2 goals**<sup>[2]</sup>
  -  Mario Bazina
  -  Neno Katulić

### Notable coaches

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-  Branko Tucak (1998–1999)
-  Milivoj Bračun (2000)
-  Gordan Ciprić (2006–07)
-  Stjepan Čordaš (2007)
-  Vjekoslav Lokica (2007–2008)
-  Albert Pobor (2008–2009)
-  Damir Mužek (2009–2010)
-  Davor Mladina (2010)
-  Damir Biškup (*interim*) (2010)
-  Ivan Pudar (2010)

-  [Davor Mladina](#) (2010–2011)
-  [Damir Biškup](#) (2011)
-  [Stjepan Čordaš](#) (2011)
-  [Zdenko Glumac](#) (2011)
-  [Dinko Vulelija](#) (2011)
-  [Krešimir Sunara](#) (2011–2013)
-  [Krešimir Ganjto](#) (2013)
-  [Davor Mladina](#) (2013–2014)
-  [Roy Ferenčina](#) (2014–2015)
-  [Besnik Prenga](#) (2015)
-  [Iztok Kapušin](#) (2015)
-  [Dean Klafurić](#) (2019)

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# NK Inter Zaprešić

**Nogometni klub Inter Zaprešić** was a Croatian professional football club based in Zaprešić, a town northwest of the capital Zagreb.

The team were nicknamed *Keramičari* (The ceramics makers), because they were sponsored by a ceramics factory through much of their history) or *Div iz predgrađa* (The giant from the suburb). The team's colours are yellow and blue. Home games at Ivan Laljak-Ivić Stadium. On 20 July 2022, Inter has dissolved due to financial issues.<sup>[2]</sup>

## History

### Early years and "Jugokeramika"

The club was originally established in 1929 as **NK Sava**.<sup>[3]</sup> In 1932 the name was changed to **NK Jelačić**. After the end of WW2 the club was renamed **NK Zaprešić**. The club kept that name until 1962, when they were renamed **Jugokeramika**, after their main sponsor, a local ceramics factory. That same year the club's ground, ŠRC Zaprešić, was built and opened. The club's first notable success came in the 1980s under the tenure of manager Zorislav Srebrić (1985–1990).<sup>[3]</sup> Up until then the club had spent their entire existence in lower-level leagues, but in 1987 they managed to reach the finals of the qualifying playoff for promotion to the Yugoslav Second League (which they lost against fellow Croatian side Šparta from Beli Manastir).<sup>[3]</sup> In 1987 the east stand of the ground was built, and Jugokeramika's home served as one of the venues for the 1987 Summer Universiade football tournament.

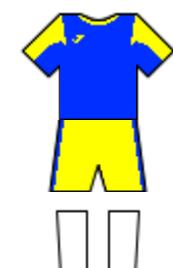
### "Inker" era

Following Croatia's independence in 1991, Jugokeramika (the factory) changed its name to "Inker" (an acronym for *Industrija keramike*, Eng: *Ceramics Industry*) and the club followed suit, adopting the name **NK Inker Zaprešić**. The club participated in the inaugural season of the newly established Croatian championship and finished fourth, but more memorable was their 1992 Croatian Cup win. The team was managed by Ilija Lončarević and notable players of the cup-winning squad included Croatian internationals Ivan Cvjetković, Krunoslav Jurčić and Zvonimir Soldo.<sup>[4]</sup> Although this meant that Inker had qualified for the Cup Winners' Cup, Croatian clubs couldn't participate in European competitions due to the ongoing war, so Inker missed out on their first ever chance to participate in continental competitions. However, the club holds the distinction of playing the first ever international club match hosted by a Croatian club since Croatian independence, a friendly against Sturm Graz played in February 1992, and they were also the first Croatian side to play abroad, when they played a friendly against Brighton & Hove Albion in England in the summer of 1991.<sup>[3]</sup> In the following years the club's performances rapidly declined and in 1997 they were

### Inter Zaprešić



Full name	Nogometni klub Inter Zaprešić
Nickname(s)	<i>Keramičari</i> (The Ceramists), <i>Div iz predgrađa</i> (The Giant from the Suburb)
Short name	INT
Founded	25 June 1929 (as NK Sava)
Dissolved	21 July 2022
Ground	Stadion ŠRC Zaprešić
Capacity	5,228 <sup>[1]</sup>
President	Branko Laljak



Home colours

Away colours

relegated to 2.HNL, and in 1999 further down to 3. HNL. The year 2000 proved to be a turning point, and in 2001 they bounced back to second level and in 2003 club got promoted back to top level by winning its first Druga HNL title.

## League success

In 2003 their main sponsor, the ceramics factory Inker, ceased sponsoring the club, so the club was renamed once again, to **Inter Zaprešić**. In the 2004–05 season they finished runners-up in the league, which is still their record-high finish. The following season Inter finally debuted in European competitions, but were knocked out in their first tie by Serbian side Red Star 7–1 on aggregate in the second qualifying round of the 2005–06 UEFA Cup, with Srđan Pecelj scoring Inter's only European goal to date.<sup>[5]</sup> Inter's success between 2002 and 2005 was largely helped by players who were loaned from Croatian powerhouse Dinamo Zagreb (such as Luka Modrić, Vedran Čorluka and Eduardo), so Inter's fortunes changed again once again after they were recalled to Dinamo. They slipped down to second level in 2006, but managed to win promotion immediately in the 2006–07 season when club won its second Drugा HNL title. The following years were a struggle and the main goal was to preserve Prva HNL status except in 2010–11 when the club surprisingly finished 5th overall. In 2013, they slipped down, for the third time in their history, to Drugа HNL.

## Recent years

In 2014, club hired Samir Toplak. Primary goal was to secure promotion, which Toplak accomplished by winning club's third Drugа HNL title and got promoted to Prva HNL. Following season, club exceeded expectations by finishing 5th. Successful campaign was led by Ilija Nestorovski, who scored 25 league goals making him the league's top scorer. In 2019, in the eve of COVID-19 pandemic, club started restructuring to a sports stock company.<sup>[6]</sup> New ownership structure sacked Toplak after five and a half years in charge, longest serving Prva HNL coach to this date, and appointed Željko Petrović.<sup>[7]</sup> As pandemic reached Croatia, restructuring was never completed. Pandemic, ownership turmoil and managerial changes took effect on team performance which finished last in 2019–20 Prva HNL campaign, ending a 5-year top flight spell.

## Name changes

- NK Sava (1929–1932)
- HŠK Jelačić (1932–1945)
- NK Zaprešić (1945–1962)
- NK Jugokeramika (1962–1991)
- NK Inker Zaprešić (1991–2003)
- NK Inter Zaprešić (2003–2022)

## Supporters

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Because of Zaprešić's geographic proximity to Zagreb, the hometown of GNK Dinamo Zagreb, Inter Zaprešić always struggled to attract people to games. Nevertheless, throughout the years, a group of fans managed to organise themselves into the supporters group called Divlje Svinje (Wild Pigs).<sup>[8]</sup>

## History

In the 1990s, some members of Bad Blue Boys who wanted a new challenge came together and cheered using the flares during the game of Inter Zaprešić. Few days later, the picture of them was released in daily newspapers and the event is known as the day when Wild Pigs were formed.<sup>[8]</sup> More and more people were joining the group on a game to game basis. In 1991, Wild Pigs were formally registered as a citizen association in Zaprešić.

At the end of the 1996–97 season, Inter Zaprešić was relegated to a lower level and members of Wild Pigs started to give up with organised support and those left did not have enough patience and will to go on. As more and more members were leaving the group, eventually it has fallen apart.

At the end of the 2002–03 season, Inter Zaprešić came back to the top tier of Croatian football after playing 6 years in lower divisions. That was the spark needed for forming Wild Pigs once again. During 2004–05, Inter Zaprešić was a contender for the national championship which was the huge boost to fanbase and membership of the group. Several records were broken that year for the club, especially in attendance category.

Just a year after, at the end of 2005–06 season, Inter Zaprešić was relegated once again to lower division. The existence of the group was in question, just like in 1997. But this time, the group did not fall apart.<sup>[8]</sup>

## Reviving the group

In 2012/13, the group was revived by younger fans who organised cheering during the first home game in the second part of season. Eventually, club had support in every home and away game. At the end of the season, Inter Zaprešić was relegated to a lower division, but Wild Pigs continued with their effort to support the team.

## Honours

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- **Croatian First League**

- Runners-up (1): 2004–05<sup>[9]</sup>

- **Croatian Second League**

- Winners (3): 2002–03, 2006–07, 2014–15

- **Croatian Cup**

- Winners (1): 1992

- **Croatian Super Cup**

- Runners-up (1): 1992

## Recent seasons

Season	League									Cup	European competitions	Top goalscorer		
	Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos			Player	Goals	
1992	1. HNL	22	10	6	6	37	19	26	4th	W		Igor Čalo	7	
1992–93	1. HNL	30	9	9	12	35	31	27	9th	SF		Ivan Cvjetković	6	
1993–94	1. HNL	34	17	8	9	48	34	42	4th	R2		Renato Jurčec	11	
1994–95	1. HNL	30	11	6	13	41	41	39	7th	R2		Renato Jurčec	12	
1995–96	1. HNL	36	9	11	16	36	53	43(5)	13th	QF		Tomislav Žitković	8	
1996–97	1. HNL	30	6	3	21	22	65	21	16th ↓	QF		Siniša Odorjan	8	
1997–98	2. HNL	32	21	4	7	62	29	67	4th	R1				
1998–99	2. HNL	36	3	5	28	25	103	14	19th ↓	R1				
1999–00	3. HNL	28	11	4	13	50	47	37	6th	R1				
2000–01	3. HNL	30	22	0	8	88	43	66	2nd ↑	QF				
2001–02	2. HNL	30	11	8	11	46	40	41	8th	R2				
2002–03	2. HNL	32	23	3	6	79	30	72	1st ↑	R2				
2003–04	1. HNL	32	11	9	12	40	38	42	8th	R1		Ivica Karabogdan	10	
2004–05	1. HNL	32	15	9	8	44	39	54	2nd	R1		Bernard Gulić Davor Piškor Zoran Zekić	5	
2005–06	1. HNL	32	8	7	17	30	53	31	12th ↓	R2	UEFA Cup	QR2	Tomislav Gondžić	6
2006–07	2. HNL	30	21	5	4	60	28	68	1st ↑	QF			Bernard Gulić	19
2007–08	1. HNL	33	8	9	16	27	59	33	11th	QF			Davor Kukec	6
2008–09	1. HNL	33	9	9	15	41	50	36	9th	R2			Ilija Sivonjić	8

<u>2009–10</u>	<u>1. HNL</u>	30	10	3	17	36	50	33	13th	<u>R2</u>			Mario Grgurović Miroslav Šarić	5
<u>2010–11</u>	<u>1. HNL</u>	30	12	6	12	31	35	42	5th	<u>R2</u>			Aleksandar Trajkovski	4
<u>2011–12</u>	<u>1. HNL</u>	30	11	5	14	33	33	38	11th	<u>R2</u>			Ante Budimir Tomislav Šarić	6
<u>2012–13</u>	<u>1. HNL</u>	33	8	11	14	36	41	35	10th ↓	<u>R1</u>			Mislav Oršić	12
<u>2013–14</u>	<u>2. HNL</u>	33	16	5	12	47	32	53	3rd	<u>QF</u>			Ilija Nestorovski	22
<u>2014–15</u>	<u>2. HNL</u>	30	17	7	6	48	25	58	1st ↑	<u>R1</u>			Ilija Nestorovski	23
<u>2015–16</u>	<u>1. HNL</u>	36	11	14	11	39	48	47	5th	<u>QF</u>			Ilija Nestorovski	25
<u>2016–17</u>	<u>1. HNL</u>	36	5	13	18	26	57	28	8th	<u>QF</u>			Jakov Puljić	11
<u>2017–18</u>	<u>1. HNL</u>	36	11	10	15	44	63	43	7th	<u>QF</u>			Komnen Andrić Vlatko Blažević	8
<u>2018–19</u>	<u>1. HNL</u>	36	9	4	23	40	84	31	8th	<u>SF</u>			Komnen Andrić	10
<u>2019–20</u>	<u>1. HNL</u>	36	3	8	25	32	72	17	10th ↓	<u>QF</u>			Serder Serderov	9
<u>2020–21</u>	<u>2. HNL</u>	34	12	9	13	49	41	45	10th	<u>R1</u>			Martín Šroler	9
<u>2021–22</u>	<u>2. HNL</u>	34	13	9	8	34	29	48	3th	<u>R1</u>			Dominik Rešetar	9

### Key

League: **P** = Matches played; **W** = Matches won; **D** = Matches drawn; **L** = Matches lost; **F** = Goals for; **A** = Goals against; **Pts** = Points won; **Pos** = Final position;

Cup / Europe: **PR** = Preliminary round; **QR** = Qualifying round; **R1** = First round; **R2** = Second round; **Group** = Group stage; **QF** = Quarter-final; **SF** = Semi-final; **RU** = Runner-up; **W** = Competition won;

## European record

### Summary

Competition	Plid	W	D	L	GF	GA	Last season played
<u>UEFA Cup</u>	2	0	0	2	1	7	<u>2005–06</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	

## By season

Season	Competition	Round	Opponent	Home	Away	Agg.
2005–06	UEFA Cup	QR2	 Red Star Belgrade	1–3	0–4	1–7

## Player records

- Top scorers in UEFA club competitions: **1 goal**<sup>[5]</sup>
  - Srđan Pecelj

## Current squad

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As of 13 April 2022<sup>[10]</sup>

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

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player	No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
1	GK	 CRO	Luka Ivan Lukic	17	FW	 CRO	Mateo Plehan
3	MF	 CRO	Branimir Barišić	20	DF	 CRO	Luka Uzelac
4	DF	 CRO	Luka Jelenic	23	MF	 CRO	Ilan Pejić
5	FW	 KSA	Abdulah Bader A Mahbub	24	FW	 CRO	Dominik Rešetar
6	DF	 CRO	Ivan Nekić	25	MF	 CRO	Marko Uzelac
8	MF	 CRO	Ivan Jajalo	26	DF	 KSA	Bandar Derwish W Ahmed
9	FW	 CRO	Matija Kanceljak	27	FW	 CRO	Filip Soldo
10	MF	 CRO	Nikola Rak	28	MF	 CRO	Tomislav Mazalović
11	MF	 CRO	Lovro Banovec	29	MF	 CRO	Sacha Marasović
12	GK	 CRO	Ivan Križanović	31	DF	 CRO	Luka Leon Kovač
13	DF	 CRO	Nino Vukasović ( <i>on loan from Dinamo Zagreb</i> )	33	DF	 ARG	Gonzalo Gamarra ( <i>on loan from Slaven Belupo</i> )
15	DF	 CRO	Luka Dumančić	35	GK	 CRO	Fran Gelo
16	MF	 CRO	Damir Magdić	-	MF	 SVN	Rai Rudonja

## Notable players

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Years in brackets indicate their spells at the club.

-  Ivan Cvjetković (CRO) (2005–06)
-  Ivan Radeljić (BIH) (2005–06)
-  Zoran Zekić (CRO) (2005–06)
-  Ante Budimir (CRO) (2011–12)

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| (1991–93)                                      | (2003–04; 2004–05)                      | 2006)  | 2013)  |
| ▪ <u>Krunoslav Jurčić</u> (CRO) (1991–93)      | ▪ <u>Želimir Terkeš</u> (BIH) (2003–04) | ▪ <u>Petar Krpan</u> (CRO) (2006–07)           | ▪ <u>Nikola Pokrivač</u> (CRO) (2013)        |
| ▪ <u>Zvonimir Soldo</u> (CRO) (1991–94)        | ▪ <u>Klemen Lavrič</u> (SLO) (2004)     | ▪ <u>Ivan Santini</u> (CRO) (2006–07)          | ▪ <u>Nikola Šafarić</u> (CRO) (2015)         |
| ▪ <u>Jozo Bogdanović</u> (CRO) (1992–95)       | ▪ <u>Hrvoje Čale</u> (CRO) (2004–05)    | ▪ <u>Dejan Lovren</u> (CRO) (2006–08)          | ▪ <u>Ilija Nestorovski</u> (MKD) (2013–16)   |
| ▪ <u>Nermin Šabić</u> (BIH) (1994–95)          | ▪ <u>Vedran Ćorluka</u> (CRO) (2004–05) | ▪ <u>Marijo Dodik</u> (BIH) (2008–09)          | ▪ <u>Jakov Filipović</u> (CRO) (2016–17)     |
| ▪ <u>Željko Adžić</u> (CRO) (1996–97)          | ▪ <u>Luka Modrić</u> (CRO) (2004–05)    | ▪ <u>Nino Bule</u> (CRO) (2008–09)             | ▪ <u>Jakov Puljić</u> (CRO) (2016–17)        |
| ▪ <u>Eduardo</u> (CRO) (2002–03)               | ▪ <u>Damir Krznar</u> (CRO) (2004–10)   | ▪ <u>Saša Balić</u> (MNE) (2009–12)            | ▪ <u>Komnen Andrić</u> (SER) (2017–19; 2020) |
| ▪ <u>Tomislav Dujmović</u> (CRO) (2003–05)     | ▪ <u>Vedran Ješe</u> (CRO) (2005–06)    | ▪ <u>Matej Delač</u> (CRO) (2009–10)           | ▪ <u>Josip Brezovec</u> (CRO) (2018–19)      |
| ▪ <u>Srđan Pecelj</u> (BIH) (2003–05; 2008–10) | ▪ <u>Veldin Karić</u> (CRO) (2005–07)   | ▪ <u>Aleksandar Trajkovski</u> (MKD) (2010–11) | ▪ <u>Ivan Kelava</u> (CRO) (2018–19)         |

## Technical staff

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As of April 2022<sup>[11]</sup>

Position	Staff
Sporting director	Đuro Bago
Head coach	Borimir Perković
Assistant coach	Tomislav Gondžić
	Igor Bubnjić
	Viktor Novačić
Goalkeeping coach	Dragutin Pavalic
First team doctor	Tomislav Vlahović
	Marko Matoic
	Dejan Blažević
Physiotherapist	Nikola Štok
	Nikola Fotivec
Academy coach	Srećko Bogdan

## Recent coaching history

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-  [Josip Kuže \(CRO\)](#) (July 2003 – May 2004)
-  [Srećko Bogdan \(CRO\)](#) (July 2004 – June 2006)
-  [Ante Čačić \(CRO\)](#) (October 2006 – August 2007)
-  [Milivoj Bračun \(CRO\)](#) (August 2007 – October 2008)
-  [Borimir Perković \(CRO\)](#) (October 2008 – April 2010)
-  [Ilija Lončarević \(CRO\)](#) (April 2010 – April 2012)
-  [Borimir Perković \(CRO\)](#) (April 2012 – March 2013)
-  [Rajko Magić \(CRO\)](#) (March 2013 – November 2013)
-  [Damir Mužek \(CRO\)](#) (November 2013 – April 2014)
-  [Samir Toplak \(CRO\)](#) (April 2014 – January 2020)
-  [Željko Petrović \(MNE\)](#) (January 2020 – April 2020)<sup>[12]</sup>
-  [Tomislav Ivković \(CRO\)](#) (April 2020 – March 2021)
-  [Ilija Lončarević \(CRO\)](#) (March 2021 – June 2021)
-  [Mirko Labrović \(CRO\)](#) (June 2021 – September 2021)

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# NK Istra 1961

**Nogometni klub Istra 1961** (English: Istra 1961 Football Club), commonly referred to as **NK Istra 1961**, or simply **Istra 1961** or **Istra**, is a Croatian professional football club based in Pula, that competes in the Croatian First League.

It is a common opinion amongst many people that *Istra 1961* was founded in 1961 by merging two clubs from Pula, NK Uljanik and NK Pula, forming NK Istra. However, NK Istra is not the same club as NK Istra 1961. NK Istra 1961, then named NK Uljanik, was founded in 1964. NK Istra were competing in Prva HNL since the first season, but were relegated in the 1996–97 season to Druga HNL. They were promoted back to Prva HNL in the 1998–99 season, but they were relegated again in the next season, never coming back to Prva HNL. Meanwhile, NK Uljanik was in the shadow of NK Istra, but they were promoted to Prva HNL in the 2003–04 season and are the best club in Pula since then. NK Istra, now under the name NK Istra Pula, is competing in Prva ŽNL, the fifth football level in Croatia. The greatest club success was in the 2002–03 season when they finished runners-up in the Croatian Cup, losing to Hajduk Split 5–0 on aggregate.

In the 2004–05 season, the club changed its name into NK Pula 1856, because 1856 was the year that the Austro-Hungarian Empire made Pula the port of its arsenal and the shipyard Uljanik was opened. Also in the same year, it competed in the Prva HNL for the first time. In 2005, it was renamed again to NK Pula Staro Češko due to a sponsorship contract with the brewery Daruvarska pivovara (Staro Češko is a beer brand). Just one year later, the name was once again changed, this time to NK Pula. Again, just a year later in the middle of 2007, the name was changed for the fifth time in as many years, to NK Istra 1961. The change of name came after an ultimatum from the local fans Demoni who said the club would have their support only if the club changed its name and club colours to the traditional city colours (yellow and green). After renaming club was sold in 2011 to a Russian who achieved promotion for the club and sold it in 2015. NK Istra 1961<sup>[2]</sup> was bought by an American investment group in 2015. The NK Istra academy system consistently competes for top spots in the rankings.

Nk Istra 1961 has a rich fan history. The group of die hard fans are referred to as the Demoni, and are known for their explosive chants and celebrations as well as their extreme pride for the club. In summer 2018, club's ownership changed once again, this time to Basque consortium Baskonia - Alavés Group which acquired the majority share package and became sole owner of NK Istra 1961.<sup>[3]</sup>

Its crest features the city's Roman arena in Pula, as well as the old team crest. Istra 1961 play their home matches at the recently renovated Stadion Aldo Drosina, which has a capacity of approximately 10,000 spectators.

## History

The first incarnation of NK Istra was NK Uljanik, a club founded by the Pula shipyard Uljanik in 1948. The first club success was in 1959–60 when they qualified to the Yugoslav Second League. In 1961 NK Uljanik merged with NK Pula

Istra 1961



<b>Full name</b>	Nogometni klub Istra 1961 (Istra 1961 Football Club)
<b>Nickname(s)</b>	Verudeži Zeleno-žuti (The Green-Yellows)
<b>Short name</b>	Istra, IST
<b>Founded</b>	1948
<b>Ground</b>	Stadion Aldo Drosina
<b>Capacity</b>	8,900 <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Owner</b>	Baskonia-Alavés Group
<b>President</b>	Branko Devide Vincenti
<b>Head coach</b>	Paolo Tramezzani
<b>League</b>	SuperSport HNL
<b>2022–23</b>	SuperSport HNL, 5th of 10
<b>Website</b>	Club website ( <a href="http://www.nkistra.com">http://www.nkistra.com</a> )



Home colours

Away colours

to form NK Istra 1961. The club stopped functioning shortly thereafter, but was restarted by Silvan Farangua and Ivan Čehić in 1964, when they played in the Pula county league.<sup>[4]</sup>

After the founding of an independent Croatia, the club played in the Druga HNL between 1993 and 1998, when they dropped down to Treća HNL. In 2001 they became the champions of Treća HNL and returned to Druga HNL.<sup>[5]</sup>

Two years later in the 2002–03 season, under the leadership of manager Elvis Scoria, Istra played in the final of the Croatian Cup, losing to Hajduk Split. It is the only time, in the history of Croatian football, that a Druga HNL league club played in the cup final.<sup>[6]</sup>

In season 2003–04 the club was managed by Igor Pamić. He managed to win the Druga HNL South, and beat Medimurje (0–2, 2–0) in the play-offs, after penalties.

The club played first league football for the first time in their history in the 2004–05 season, and managed their first Prva HNL win against Osijek in the fourth gameweek. The club lost only one game at home, but failed to win a single away game. They finished tenth, and won the play-offs to remain in the first league.

In 2005–06 the club president Gianni Rossando was replaced by Orsat Zovko. After a bad season start manager Pamić was replaced by Milivoj Bračun. The new manager managed a streak of good results.<sup>[7]</sup> In the second half of the season Bračun resigned from the managerial position and was succeeded by Krunoslav Jurčić. The club finished in the season in seventh place.

During the summer manager Jurčić was fired, and replaced by Stjepan Deverić. Unstatisfied with the board, Deverić left before the start of the season.<sup>[8]</sup> Branko Tucak became the new manager. After a string of bad results and clashed with the players, he was replaced by Krunoslav Jurčić. Bad results, compounded with a poor financial situation threatened the club with shutdown.<sup>[9]</sup> The intervention of the Istria governor and arrival of new sponsors managed to save the club, while the new president became Darko Jergović.<sup>[10]</sup>

Pula finished the 2006–07 season in eleventh place, and lost the play-offs to Zadar (3–0, 2–3). They would then return to the Druga HNL.<sup>[11][12]</sup>

Valdi Šumberac was appointed as the first manager. During this time, Istra was adopted by Demoni, who became the club's first group of ultras. At the end of August 2007 the club appointed Elvis Scoria as the new manager, while Šumberac remained as an assistant manager. Istra finished the season in the third place. However, the club finished the 2008–09 season as the champions of the Druga HNL and were promoted to the Prva HNL.<sup>[13]</sup>

NK Istra achieved their best domestic success in the 2013–14 season, when they reached the semifinal of the Croatian Cup.<sup>[14]</sup>

In June 2018, NK Istra was bought by the Baskonia-Alaves Group, who acquired the majority stake in the club, buying a total of 85% of the shares.<sup>[15][16]</sup>

On 14 April 2021, Istra 1961 repeated the success of the 2013–14 season, qualifying for the final of the Croatian Cup, with a 3–2 home victory over Rijeka in the semifinal. They fell 6–3 to Dinamo Zagreb in the final.

On 26 November 2023, Istra 1961 broke record for number of people attending their home game at Stadion Aldo Drosina. The attendance were 8,606 people at the stadium that holds the capacity of 8,900. [17]

## Recent seasons

Season	League									Cup	Top goalscorer	
	Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos		Player	Goals
1992	3. HNL West B	14	4	8	2	21	9	16	3rd			
1992–93	3. HNL West	30	16	7	7	56	32	39	1st	R1		
1993–94	2. HNL South	30	7	7	16	21	43	21	14th			
1994–95	2. HNL West	36	12	8	16	40	48	44	13th			
1995–96	2. HNL West	34	18	8	8	58	36	62	5th			
1996–97	2. HNL West	30	19	6	5	65	21	63	3rd			
1997–98	2. HNL West	30	12	7	11	42	31	43	6th			
1998–99	3. HNL West	30	13	7	10	33	35	46	3rd			
1999–00	3. HNL West	30	17	6	7	56	30	57	3rd	R1		
2000–01	3. HNL West	30	17	11	2	73	26	62	1st ↑			
2001–02	2. HNL South	30	17	8	5	57	26	59	2nd	PR		
2002–03	2. HNL South	32	20	7	5	63	31	67	2nd	RU		
2003–04	2. HNL South	32	18	8	6	59	33	62	1st ↑	QF		
2004–05	1. HNL	32	7	14	11	28	31	35	10th	QF	Josip Jerneić, Vedran Stošić	6
2005–06	1. HNL	32	13	6	13	44	36	45	7th	R1	Stiven Rivić	12
2006–07	1. HNL	33	6	11	16	28	40	29	11th ↓	R1	Marko Radas, Almir Halilović	5
2007–08	2. HNL	30	17	7	6	42	14	58	3rd	R1	Saša Šest	8
2008–09	2. HNL	30	18	6	6	46	20	60	1st ↑	R1	Mohamed Kalilou Traoré	9
2009–10	1. HNL	30	9	8	13	31	40	35	11th	R2	Asim Šehić	15
2010–11	1. HNL	30	9	4	17	24	44	31	15th	QF	Siniša Linić	5

2011–12	<u>1. HNL</u>	30	11	9	10	35	33	42	9th	<u>QF</u>	Sandi Križman	7
2012–13	<u>1. HNL</u>	33	11	11	11	35	32	44	6th	<u>R2</u>	Goran Roce	11
2013–14	<u>1. HNL</u>	36	12	8	16	45	56	44	6th	<u>SF</u>	Dejan Radonjić	9
2014–15	<u>1. HNL</u>	36	7	14	15	36	59	35	9th	<u>QF</u>	Dejan Radonjić	16
2015–16	<u>1. HNL</u>	36	4	12	20	23	58	24	9th	<u>R2</u>	Stefan Nikolić	5
2016–17	<u>1. HNL</u>	36	10	9	17	33	49	39	6th	<u>R2</u>	Goran Roce	8
2017–18	<u>1. HNL</u>	36	6	9	21	28	60	27	9th	<u>QF</u>	<i>Five players</i>	3
2018–19	<u>1. HNL</u>	36	6	7	23	31	73	25	9th	<u>R2</u>	Ramón Mierez	9
2019–20	<u>1. HNL</u>	36	5	10	21	27	59	25	9th	<u>R2</u>	Mario Ćuže	7
2020–21	<u>1. HNL</u>	36	7	8	21	27	52	29	9th	<u>RU</u>	Matej Vuk	6
2021–22	<u>1. HNL</u>	36	7	10	19	42	67	31	9th	<u>QF</u>	Dion Drena Beljo	15
2022–23	<u>1. HNL</u>	36	11	13	12	36	38	46	5th	<u>R2</u>	Ante Erceg	11

## Key

1st	2nd	↑	↓
Champions	Runners-up	Promoted	Relegated

Top scorer shown **in bold** when he was also top scorer for the division.

- P = Played
- W = Games won
- D = Games drawn
- L = Games lost
- F = Goals for
- A = Goals against
- Pts = Points
- Pos = Final position
- PR = Preliminary round
- R1 = Round 1
- R2 = Round 2
- QF = Quarter-finals
- SF = Semi-finals
- RU = Runners-up
- W = Winners

## Current squad

As of 14 February 2024<sup>[18]</sup>

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

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player	No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
1	GK	CRO	Marijan Čorić	21	GK	CRO	Lovro Majkić
2	DF	CRO	Luka Hujber	22	MF	CRO	Matej Vuk
4	MF	CRO	Frano Mlinar	23	DF	CRO	Moris Valinčić
5	DF	FIN	Ville Koski	27	MF	CRO	Ivan Čalušić
7	MF	CRO	Slavko Blagojević	30	MF	CRO	Marin Žgomba
8	MF	CRO	Mario Čuić	34	DF	SRB	Mladen Devetak ( <i>on loan from Palermo</i> )
9	FW	BIH	Hamza Jaganjac ( <i>on loan from Adana Demirspor</i> )	35	MF	CRO	Antonio Maurić
11	FW	CRO	Mateo Lisica	37	FW	CRO	Lorenzo Travaglia
13	DF	AUT	Dario Marešić	40	GK	CRO	Jan Paus-Kunšt
14	FW	SWE	Emmanuel Ekong ( <i>on loan from Empoli</i> )	45	DF	CRO	Ante Majstorović
15	FW	VEN	Darwin Matheus	50	FW	CRO	Ante Erceg
16	MF	UKR	Oleksandr Petrusenko	70	FW	NGA	Salim Fago Lawal
17	DF	NED	Terrence Douglas	75	FW	FRA	Elias Filet
20	DF	MDA	Iurie Iovu	97	DF	BIH	Advan Kadušić

## Dual registration

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

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player	No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
36	MF	BIH	Irfan Ramić ( <i>at Jadran Poreč</i> )	99	GK	CRO	Marino Bulat ( <i>at Jadran Poreč</i> )
44	FW	CRO	Tomislav Glavan ( <i>at Jadran Poreč</i> )				

## Out on loan

As of 16 February 2024

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

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player	No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
6	MF	CRO	Tomislav Duvnjak ( <i>at  Sesvete until 19 June 2024</i> )	33	DF	CRO	Luka Bradarić ( <i>at  Dugopolje until 19 June 2024</i> )
12	GK	CRO	Carlo Jurak ( <i>at  Uljanik until 19 June 2024</i> )	77	MF	SVK	Sebastian Nebyla ( <i>at  Jablonec until 19 June 2024</i> )

## Records

The following are lists of top players in terms of number of appearances and goals for Istra 1961 in the Croatian First Football League, as of 3 June 2023.<sup>[19]</sup>

**Bold** denotes players still playing for Istra 1961.

## Most appearances

#	Player	Career	Apps
1	<u>Slavko Blagojević</u>	2012–2014 2020–present	145
	Goran Roce	2009–2013 2016–2017 2018	144
3	Einar Galilea	2019–2023	131
4	<u>Vanja Iveša</u>	2004–2007 2015–2017 2018	130
5	<u>Šime Gržan</u>	2016–2018 2019–2021	112
6	Mislav Anđelković	2006–2013	103
7	Nikola Prelčec	2009–2013 2016–2018	95
8	<u>Fausto Budicin</u>	2006–2007 2011–2014	89
	Antonio Ivančić	2018–2022	89
10	<u>Asim Šehić</u>	2004–2006 2009–2012	87

## Top goalscorers

#	Player	Career	Goals
1	<u>Asim Šehić</u>	2004–2006 2009–2012	30
2	Goran Roce	2009–2013 2016–2017 2018	29
3	Dejan Radonjić	2013–2015	25
4	<u>Sandi Križman</u>	2012–2014 2015	17
5	<u>Šime Gržan</u>	2016–2018 2019–2021	16
6	Dion Drena Beljo	2021–2022	15
7	<u>Ante Erceg</u>	2022-present	11
	Stiven Rivić	2005–2006 2012	11
9	<u>Slavko Blagojević</u>	2012–2014 2020–present	10
	Josip Jerneić	2003–2006 2006–2008	10
11	Stipe Bačelić-Grgić	2012–2013	9
	Antonio Ivančić	2018–2022	9
	Ramón Miérez	2018–2019	9

## Kit manufacturers and shirt sponsors

Period	Kit manufacturer	Shirt partner
2007–2010	<u>Legea</u>	Puljanka
2011–2012	<u>Jako</u>	Croatia Osiguranje
2012	<u>Puma</u>	Croatia Osiguranje
2013–2016	<u>Errea</u>	Croatia Osiguranje
2016–2018	<u>Nike</u>	Croatia Osiguranje
2018–2021	<u>Kelme</u>	Croatia Osiguranje
2021–2023	<u>Kelme</u>	Germania Sport
2024–present	<u>Joma</u>	Germania Sport

## Honours

### ▪ Croatian Second Football League

- **Winners (2): 2003–04, 2008–09**

### ▪ Croatian Third Football League

- **Winners (1): 2000–01**

### ▪ Croatian Cup

- Runners-up: 2002–03, 2020–21

- Semi-finals: 2013–14

## Historical list of coaches

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*incomplete list*

-  Ozren Nedoklan (1959–1960)
-  Vukašin Višnjevac
-  Elvis Scoria (2002-2004)
-  Igor Pamić (2004 – Oct 2, 2005)
-  Milivoj Bračun (Oct 2, 2005 – Mar 11, 2006)
-  Branko Tucak (Jul 2006 – Aug 20, 2006)
-  Krunoslav Jurčić (Sep 1, 2006 – Jan 1, 2007)
-  Nenad Gračan (Jan 1, 2007 - May 13, 2007)
-  Stanko Mršić (May 13, 2007 - Oct 29, 2007)
-  Elvis Scoria (30 October 2007 – 2 November 2009)
-  Valdi Šumberac (2 November 2009 – 27 February 2010)
-  Zoran Vulić (28 February 2010 – 22 May 2010)
-  Ante Miše (22 May 2010 – 2 August 2010)
-  Robert Jarni (4 August 2010 – 19 September 2010)
-  Davor Lasić (interim) (19 September 2010 – 5 October 2010)
-  Zoran Vulić (6 October 2010 – 21 March 2011)
-  Igor Pamić (29 March 2011 – 5 October 2015)
-  Robert Rubčić (interim) (5 October 2015 – January 2016)
-  Andrej Panadić (January 2016 – 18 July 2016)
-  Goran Tomić (26 July 2016 – 1 December 2016)
-  Darko Raić-Sudar (interim) (1 December 2016 – 30 December 2016)
-  Marijo Tot (30 December 2016 – 19 May 2017)<sup>[20]</sup>
-  Darko Raić-Sudar (interim) (19 May 2017 – 31 May 2017)<sup>[20]</sup>
-  Darko Raić-Sudar (1 June 2017 – 1 June 2018)<sup>[21]</sup>
-  Manolo Márquez (1 June 2018 – 18 September 2018)
-  Curro Torres (19 September 2018 – 27 October 2018)
-  Krunoslav Rendulić (28 October 2018 – 4 March 2019)
-  Igor Cvitanović (4 March 2019 – 10 June 2019)
-  Ivan Prelec (15 June 2019 – 24 August 2020)
-  Fausto Budicin (26 August 2020 – 12 February 2021)
-  Danijel Jumić (12 February 2021 – 11 June 2021)
-  Gonzalo García (16 June 2021 – 7 June 2023)
-  Mislav Karoglan (11 June 2023 – 8 August 2023)
-  David Català (14 August 2023 – 6 February 2024)
-  Paolo Tramezzani (8 Feb 2024 –)

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- Istra 1961 profile (<http://www.sportnet.hr/Nogomet/Klubovi/Istra1961>) at Sportnet.hr (in Croatian)
- istrasport.eu – article (<https://www.istrasport.eu/srusen-rekord-na-stadionu-aldo-drosina-hajduk-slavio-u-utakmici-koju-cemo-pamtit-samo-po-tribinama>)

# NK Kustošija

NK Kustošija is a [Croatian](#) professional football club based in Zagreb. It was founded in 1929.

As of the 2017–18 season, the club's senior team participates in the [2. HNL](#). Kustošija also have a football school attached to the club, where a number of children of famous Croatians have trained due to its location in the center of Zagreb.<sup>[1]</sup>

## History

Kustošija were founded as **Metalac** and played in the second Yugoslavian leagues for parts of the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s.

Kustošija participated in the 2013–14 Croatian Cup, winning in the preliminary round but losing 5–1 to [Hajduk Split](#) in the first round.<sup>[2]</sup>

Kustošija won the [4. HNL](#) center division in 2015–16 to gain promotion to the [3. HNL](#) after spending a number of years in lower leagues. The team promoted from the Croatian sixth division to the second division within five years after Vladimir Babić became chairman.<sup>[3]</sup>

## Current squad

*As of 19 February 2023*

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

**NK Kustošija**



**Full name** Nogometni Klub Kustošija

**Founded** 1929

**Ground** Kustošija

**Capacity** 2,550

**Chairman** Vladimir Babić

**Manager** Petra Mandić

**League** First League (II)

**2022–23** 11th



**Home colours**

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player	No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
1	GK	CRO	Giovanni Jerolimov	16	FW	CRO	Ivan Stjepanović
2	DF	CRO	Ante Oreč	17	MF	CRO	Roko Ivanković
4	DF	CRO	Jakov Gogić	18	FW	CRO	Mihovil Geljić
5	DF	CRO	Fran Vujnović	19	DF	CRO	Frane Runjić
6	MF	ITA	Alessio Tonon ( <i>on loan from Dinamo Zagreb</i> )	20	DF	CRO	Ante Kozina
7	MF	CRO	Ante Vukadinović	21	DF	CRO	Marko Lipovac
8	MF	CRO	Filip Borovac	23	DF	CRO	Luka Smoljo
9	FW	CRO	Andrej Šaronja	26	MF	CRO	Marino Kukoč ( <i>on loan from Rijeka</i> )
10	MF	CRO	Filip Dujmović	27	DF	CRO	Patrik Klančir ( <i>on loan from Gorica</i> )
11	FW	CRO	Šimun Grgić	28	DF	CRO	Hugo Ravlić
12	GK	BIH	Faris Krkalić ( <i>on loan from Dinamo Zagreb</i> )	30	MF	CRO	Ivan Đaković
13	MF	CRO	Mario Babić				
15	DF	CRO	Filip Šušković Jakopac ( <i>on loan from Lokomotiva Zagreb</i> )				

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# NK Lokomotiva Zagreb

**Nogometni klub Lokomotiva Zagreb** (English: Lokomotiva Zagreb Football Club), commonly known as **Lokomotiva Zagreb** or simply **Lokomotiva**, is a Croatian professional football club based in Zagreb. It competes in the Croatian First Football League, the country's top division. Founded in 1914, the club's only period of success came in the late 1940s and early 1950s before spending most of the following five decades in lower-level leagues.

Between 2007 and 2009 they won three consecutive promotions to rise from the fourth level to the first in the Croatian football league system. They hosted their home matches at Stadion Maksimir for a couple of years before moving to Stadion Kranjčevićeva, as their own ground **Igralište na Kajzerici** in the Novi Zagreb's **Kajzerica** neighbourhood is unsuitable for the top-level football.

## History

NK Lokomotiva was founded as **ŽŠK Victoria** (Željezničarski športski klub "Victoria") in 1914.

After World War I, the name of the club was changed to Željezničar, under which they competed between the two wars. At that time, they were mostly in the shadow of the city's bigger clubs **Gradanski**, **Concordia** and **HAŠK**. They played in the first level only in the 1940–41 season.

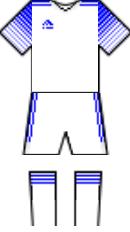
In 1945, the club was renamed Lokomotiva and soon their most productive years followed. They continuously played for 8 seasons (1947–1955) in the Yugoslav First League with the best league result in 1952, when they finished third, behind Hajduk Split and Red Star Belgrade.<sup>[2]</sup> Some of the players at that time were Vladimir Čonč, Vladimir Firm, Drago Hmelina, Franjo Beserdi and Oto Bobek, younger brother of legendary Stjepan Bobek. They won Yugoslav Second League in 1956, but were relegated again from the First League in the summer of 1957 and never returned to the Yugoslav top flight again. They played in the Yugoslav Second League until 1970 and then also in the Yugoslav Inter-Republic League in the last years before the dissolution of Yugoslavia.

After Croatian independence and the formation of the **Prva HNL** in 1991, Lokomotiva played in the lower leagues of Croatian football, mostly spending their time in the **Treća HNL**. In 2006, before relegation to the fourth division, Lokomotiva became the feeder team for **Dinamo Zagreb**. This sparked a story of one of the most incredible rises through the leagues in Croatian football. Lokomotiva gained promotion in each of the next three seasons, finishing first in the **Cetvrti HNL** in the 2006–07 season, second in the **Treća HNL** in the 2007–08 season, and third in the **Druga HNL** in the 2008–09 season.

The promotion from the second to the first division of Croatian football in 2009 meant that in the 2009–10 season, Lokomotiva would be back in the top flight for the first time after 52 years. The side recovered from a poor start in the league and finished in a respectable 8th position out of 16 teams, with notable victories 4–2 away against **NK Zagreb**, home 3–0 over **Rijeka**, and 2–1 over **Hajduk Split**. Their top scorer, **Nino Bule**, finished with 14 goals.

Due to rules against second sides being in the same division, they legally split their connection to **Dinamo Zagreb**. To meet the criteria for the **Prva HNL**, they played their games at **Stadion Maksimir** before moving on to **Stadion Kranjčevićeva** which is now the club's home.<sup>[3]</sup> The club's base and youth teams area are located in **Kajzerica** neighborhood, at a ground known as **Igralište na Kajzerici**, which itself was a prominent motorcycle speedway stadium in the 1960s.<sup>[4][5][6]</sup>

The 2012–13 season was one of the best in recent history for Lokomotiva. They finished in second place ahead of clubs such as **Rijeka**, **Hajduk Split** and **RNK Split**. Young star **Andrej Kramarić**, on loan from **Dinamo Zagreb**, finished second in the scoring charts with 15 goals. With the second-place finish, Lokomotiva qualified for the 2013–14 UEFA Europa League second qualifying

Lokomotiva	
	
<b>Full name</b>	Nogometni klub Lokomotiva Zagreb (Lokomotiva Zagreb Football Club)
<b>Nickname(s)</b>	<i>Lokosi</i>
<b>Short name</b>	LOK
<b>Founded</b>	1 May 1914 as ŽŠK Victoria
<b>Ground</b>	Stadion Kranjčevićeva
<b>Capacity</b>	5,350 <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>President</b>	Miroslav Gluhinić
<b>Head coach</b>	Silvije Čabraja
<b>League</b>	SuperSport HNL
<b>2022–23</b>	SuperSport HNL, 7th of 10
<b>Website</b>	Club website ( <a href="http://www.nklokomotiva.hr/">http://www.nklokomotiva.hr/</a> )
	
<b>Home colours</b>	<b>Away colours</b>

round. In their first European encounter, the side faced FC Dinamo Minsk, losing on the away goals rule after winning 2–1 away from home, but losing 3–2 at home.

Lokomotiva established itself as a 1. HNL side, finishing between 4th and 6th place for the next six seasons. The club managed its first European aggregate victory over Airbus UK Broughton F.C. in the 2015–16 UEFA Europa League and navigating three stages of qualifying rounds in the 2016–17 UEFA Europa League, before losing 4–2 to Belgian Pro League side K.R.C. Genk in the playoff round.

In the 2019–20 season, which was interrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic, Lokomotiva had the best season in its history, finishing in second place in the league<sup>[7]</sup> and finishing as runners-up in the Croatian Football Cup, losing 1–0 to Rijeka in the final.<sup>[8]</sup> With Croatia's improved UEFA Ranking, this meant that Lokomotiva went into the 2020–21 UEFA Champions League qualifying rounds for the first time in its history, where it drew SK Rapid Wien in the second qualifying round.<sup>[9]</sup>

## Name changes

- **ŽŠK Victoria** (1914–1919)
- **ŠK Željezničar** (1919–1941)
- **HŽŠK** (1941–1945)
- **FD Lokomotiva** (1945–1946)
- **FD Crvena Lokomotiva** (1946–1947)
- **NK Lokomotiva** (1947–present)

## Honours

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### Croatian football league system

- **Croatian First League**
  - *Runners-up* (2): 2012–13, 2019–20
- **Croatian Second League**
  - *Third place* (1): 2008–09
- **Croatian Cup**
  - *Runners-up* (2): 2012–13, 2019–20

### Yugoslav football league system

- **Yugoslav First League**
  - *Third place* (1): 1952
- **Yugoslav Second League**
  - ***Champions* (1): 1955–56**
  - *Runners-up* (2): 1957–58, 1958–59

## Crest and colours

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### Kit manufacturers and shirt sponsors

Period	Kit manufacturer	Shirt sponsor	Ref
2014-15	Nike	-	[10]
2015-17		Croduct	
2017-19		-	
2019-22		-	
2022-23	Macron	-	[10]
2023-24		Favbet	

# Players

## Current squad

As of 23 February 2024<sup>[11]</sup>

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

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player	No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
1	GK	CRO	Nikola Čavlina	18	FW	CRO	Antonio Baždarić
3	DF	CRO	Matej Matić	19	FW	CRO	Marin Šotišek
4	DF	CRO	Marin Leovac	20	DF	CRO	Branimir Kalaica
5	DF	ALB	Jon Mersinaj	21	FW	CRO	Viktor Kanižaj
7	MF	CRO	Silvio Goričan	22	DF	CRO	Karlo Bartolec
8	MF	CRO	Robert Mudražija	23	MF	MKD	Feta Fetai
9	FW	CRO	Duje Čop	24	FW	MNE	Balša Tošković
10	MF	CRO	Fabijan Krivak	26	DF	CRO	Fran Žilinski
12	GK	CRO	Krunoslav Hendija	27	DF	CRO	Marko Vranjković
13	MF	BIH	Blaž Bošković	28	FW	CRO	Ivan Canjuga
14	MF	BIH	Mateo Marić	29	MF	MNE	Vladan Bubanja
15	DF	KOS	Art Smakaj	30	DF	CRO	Ivan Kukavica
16	FW	KOS	Lirim Kastrati <i>(on loan from Fehérvár)</i>	31	GK	CRO	Zvonimir Šubarić
17	FW	MKD	Dashmir Elezi				

## Dual registration

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

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player	No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
3	DF	CRO	Matej Matić <i>(at Jarun)</i>	—	GK	CRO	Luka Savatović <i>(at Jarun)</i>
10	MF	CRO	Fabijan Krivak <i>(at Jarun)</i>	—	DF	CRO	Ivor Ribar <i>(at Karlovac 1919)</i>
13	MF	BIH	Blaž Bošković <i>(at Jarun)</i>	—	FW	CRO	Marko Batur <i>(at Karlovac 1919)</i>
26	DF	CRO	Fran Žilinski <i>(at Jarun)</i>	—	FW	CRO	Lovro Stanić <i>(at Karlovac 1919)</i>
—	GK	CRO	Duje Biuk <i>(at Jarun)</i>				

## Out on loan

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

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player	No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
11	MF	CRO	Lukas Kačavenda (at <u>Dinamo Zagreb</u> until 20 June 2024)	—	DF	CRO	Vinko Bičanić (at <u>Jarun</u> until 14 June 2024)
21	MF	CRO	Gabriel Groznica (at <u>Koper</u> until 30 June 2024)	—	MF	CRO	Luka Išlić (at <u>Kustošija</u> until 14 June 2024)

## Recent seasons

Season	League									Cup	European competitions		Top league scorer	
	Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos				Player	Goals
2006–07	4. HNL	30	25	2	3	94	31	77	1st ↑				Jurica Jeleć	16
2007–08	3. HNL	34	28	2	4	105	32	86	2nd ↑				Robert Mesić	34
2008–09	2. HNL	30	18	5	7	50	30	59	3rd ↑				Mateo Poljak	8
2009–10	1. HNL	30	12	6	12	35	38	42	8th				Nino Bule	14
2010–11	1. HNL	30	8	9	13	24	37	33	14th	R1			Nino Bule	11
2011–12	1. HNL	30	12	8	10	33	33	44	7th				Andrej Kramarić	5
2012–13	1. HNL	33	16	9	8	54	38	57	2nd	RU			Andrej Kramarić	15
2013–14	1. HNL	36	15	7	14	57	59	52	5th		Europa League	QR2	Ante Budimir	14
2014–15	1. HNL	36	13	7	16	59	68	46	4th	QF			Domagoj Pavičić	8
2015–16	1. HNL	36	16	4	16	56	53	52	4th	QF	Europa League	QR2	Franko Andrijašević	12
2016–17	1. HNL	36	12	8	16	41	38	44	5th	QF	Europa League	PO	Josip Ćorić	6
2017–18	1. HNL	36	14	9	13	47	48	51	5th	SF			Lovro Majer	11
2018–19	1. HNL	36	13	10	13	51	43	49	6th	QF			Dejan Radonjić	8
2019–20	1. HNL	36	19	8	9	57	38	65	2nd	RU			Lirim Kastrati Marko Tolić	11
2020–21	1. HNL	36	7	9	20	29	60	30	8th	R2	Champions League	QR2	Josip Pivarić	6
											Europa League	QR3		
2021–22	1. HNL	36	12	13	11	55	50	49	5th	QF			Marko Dabro	13
2022–23	1. HNL	36	11	10	15	45	50	43	7th	QF			Sandro Kulenović	9

## European record

# Summary

Competition	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Last season played
UEFA Champions League	1	0	0	1	0	1	
<i>UEFA Cup</i> UEFA Europa League	15	7	4	4	27	28	
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>29</b>	

Source: uefa.com (<http://www.uefa.com/uefaeuropaleague/clubs/club=60514/index.html>), Last updated on 7 September 2022

**Pld** = Matches played; **W** = Matches won; **D** = Matches drawn; **L** = Matches lost; **GF** = Goals for; **GA** = Goals against. Defunct competitions indicated in italics.

## Record by season

Season	Competition	Round	Opponent	Home	Away	Agg
2013–14	UEFA Europa League	QR2	Dinamo Minsk	2–3	2–1	4–4 (a)
2015–16	UEFA Europa League	QR1	Airbus UK Broughton	2–2	3–1	5–3
		QR2	PAOK	2–1	0–6	2–7
2016–17	UEFA Europa League	QR1	UE Santa Coloma	4–1	3–1	7–2
		QR2	RoPS Rovaniemi	3–0	1–1	4–1
		QR3	FC Vorskla Poltava	0–0	3–2	3–2
		PO	KRC Genk	2–2	0–2	2–4
		QR2	Rapid Wien	0–1		
2020–21	UEFA Champions League	QR3	Malmö FF		0–5	

## Personnel

### Coaching staff

Position	Staff
Coach	Silvije Čabralja
Assistant coaches	Damir Ferenčina Renato Šaka
Goalkeeping coach	Darko Horvat
Fitness Coach	Marko Sukreški
Doctors	Miroslav Gluhinić Frane Bukvić
Technical director	Igor Cvetković
Physiotherapists	Igor Bartolović Marko Grubić Ivan Rendulić

Last updated: 31 July 2021

Source: NK Lokomotiva official website (<https://nklokomotiva.hr/strucni-stozer>)

## Historical list of coaches

- Bogdan Cuvaj (1946-1952)
- August Bivec
- Slavko Kodrnja
- Mirko Kokotović

-  [Hermenegildo Kranjc](#)
-  [Ivan Medarić](#)
-  [Sreten Ćuk](#) (2007 – Dec 30, 2008)
-  [Ilija Lončarević](#) (Jan 1, 2009 – Mar 6, 2009)
-  [Željko Pakasin](#) (C) (Mar 7, 2009 – Apr 29, 2009)
-  [Roy Ferenčina](#) (Apr 29, 2009 – Oct 3, 2010)
-  [Ljupko Petrović](#) (Oct 3, 2010 – Mar 14, 2011)
-  [Krunoslav Jurčić](#) (Mar 14, 2011 – May 26, 2011)
-  [Marijo Tot](#) (Jun 1, 2011 – Oct 29, 2011)
-  [Ante Čačić](#) (Oct 31, 2011 – Dec 23, 2011)
-  [Tomislav Ivković](#) (Dec 23, 2011 – May 11, 2015)
-  [Marko Pičić](#) (C) (May 11, 2015 – Jun 3, 2015)
-  [Ante Čačić](#) (Jun 3, 2015 – Sep 21, 2015)
-  [Sreten Ćuk](#) (Sep 21, 2015 – May 30, 2016)
-  [Valentin Barišić](#) (May 30, 2016 – Jul 6, 2016)
-  [Mario Tokić](#) (C) (Jul 6, 2016 – Jul 25, 2016)
-  [Tomislav Ivković](#) (Jul 25, 2016 – Nov 14, 2016)
-  [Mario Tokić](#) (Nov 14, 2016 – Dec 5, 2017)
-  [Draženka Prskalo](#) (C) (Dec 5, 2017 – Dec 27, 2017)
-  [Goran Tomić](#) (Dec 27, 2017 – Jan 9, 2021)
-  [Jerko Leko](#) (Jan 9, 2021 – Mar 13, 2021)
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# NK Međimurje

**NK Međimurje** is a Croatian football club based in Čakovec. The club is named after Međimurje, the region in northern Croatia where the city of Čakovec is located.

The club plays their home games at the Stadion SRC Mladost, Čakovec, which has a total capacity of approximately 6,000. The club's supporters' group is known as the Angels.

## History

The club was founded in June 2003 and started to compete in the Croatian Second League, where they replaced **NK Omladinac**, a club based in the Čakovec suburb of Novo Selo Rok. They finished top of the league at the end of the 2003–04 season, clinching promotion to the Croatian First League.

They started their first season in the top flight with three defeats in their opening three matches, before beating Zagreb 1–0 on the road on Day 4 to clinch their first win of the season. However, they continued to experience very little success after that, only grabbing two further wins in the following 18 matches and being bottom of the table as the league split into two groups in March 2005. Their performance improved in the bottom-6 group, the Relegation League, where they had a streak of seven games undefeated and finished in second to last place, overtaking Zadar on the final day of the season.

In their second top-flight season in 2005–06, they once again found themselves bottom of the table in March, although with five wins and only one point fewer than both Inter Zaprešić and Slaven Belupo. After three defeats in their opening three matches in the Relegation League, they managed a streak of seven games undefeated and overtook Inter Zaprešić after beating them on the penultimate day of the season. Međimurje secured their top-flight status after a 4:0 win against Cibalia on the final day, and avoided the relegation play-off because their opponent, NK Belišće, was not licensed.<sup>[1][2]</sup>

In 2006–07, they experienced mixed fortunes in their opening seven games, but then managed four consecutive wins and even found themselves in fourth place after the 11th round. They eventually finished the season in 9th place, their best result in the top flight, with 11 wins in 33 matches. The 2007–08 season, however, brought very little success and they found themselves bottom of the table for the majority of the season. They eventually finished rock-bottom, with only 15 points and mere three wins from 33 matches, 18 points behind the 11th-place Inter Zaprešić, and were relegated to the Croatian Second League.

In 2008–09, they finished fifth in the Croatian Second League, but were nevertheless directly promoted back to the Croatian First League for the 2009–10 season as the league was expanded to 16 teams and Slavonac CO, who finished above them, decided to withdraw from the top flight after failing to secure a proper stadium as their home ground.<sup>[3]</sup>

## NK Međimurje



<b>Full name</b>	Nogometni Klub Međimurje Čakovec
<b>Nickname(s)</b>	Crveno-Crni (The Red and Blacks)
<b>Short name</b>	NK Međimurje
<b>Founded</b>	8 June 2003
<b>Ground</b>	Stadion SRC Mladost, Čakovec
<b>Capacity</b>	6,000
<b>Chairman</b>	Rajko Toplek
<b>Manager</b>	Antun Jukić
<b>League</b>	Third League (IV)
<b>2023–24</b>	7th
<b>Website</b>	Club website ( <a href="http://nk-medjimurje.hr/">http://nk-medjimurje.hr/</a> )

In the first half of the 2009–10 season, they performed well at home, recording five wins and two draws in nine matches, but poor performance on the road (they lost all eight away matches) saw them start the second half of the season in 13th place, just above the relegation zone. Despite winning two away matches in the second half of the season, a series of draws and defeats (including a crushing 5–1 defeat at home to [Rijeka](#)) saw them dropping into the relegation zone with six matches left. A 4–1 defeat at [Hajduk Split](#) on the penultimate day of the season confirmed their 15th-place finish and relegation back to the second division. The 4–1 loss was later investigated for match fixing allegations.<sup>[4]</sup>

In the 2010–2011 season, they finished seventh in the Croatian Second League, they finished strong in the last six games but that was not enough to return to Croatian First League. During the season they had three managers. In Croatian Football Cup they lost to HNK Rijeka in the away match 1:0 in the last 16 round.

The 2011–2012 season was tough for the former first-division club marking their first relegation to third-level football in Croatia. Međimurje employed four managers during the season.

Međimurje then performed well in the third division for a number of years, but were never promoted because the club did not meet the financial criteria for the second division. The seasons 2012–2013 and 2013–2014 marked success in the Croatian Third League North, finishing in 2nd in 2013 and in 1st in 2014. The period of success continued in the next three consecutive seasons. In 2014–2015, 2015–2016, and 2016–2017 they finished third, first and first in Croatian Third League East, led by manager Mario Kovačević.

The club were finally promoted in 2017–18, when they were managed by Matija Kristić.

Season 2018–2019 was first season in Croatian Second League after six seasons in third level football in Croatia. They started very well, and after six rounds they were in second position behind NK Varaždin. After the sixth round, they were in a battle to avoid relegation and they succeeded in the last round with a win in the home match against NK Zadar.

The 2019–2020 season was cancelled due to the worldwide pandemic of Coronavirus (COVID-19), and before the pandemic started they were in 10th place of 16 teams in the Croatian Second League. The manager at the start of the season was Matija Kristić but he was sacked after the third round, and was succeeded by young manager Damir Lepen-Jurak.

In the 2020–21 season, NK Međimurje signed former player of NK Međimurje Goran Vincetić. The season started excellently, after twelve rounds they were second behind NK Hrvatski Dragovoljac but then Coronavirus cases were found in the team players, so the team was in isolation for two weeks. The team performed poorly in the last four matches with all four lost. Goran Vincetić was sacked mid-season and former manager of NK Međimurje Mario Kovačević was hired. Kovačević started badly with the team so he was also sacked after only five games. Davor Mladina was also hired but he only lasted two games with both losses. In late March Marijan Uršanić stepped down as president and August Jesenović was appointed as the new president. He hired Marko Lozo as the new manager, but he also did not make good results so he was sacked after a 1:6 loss against HNK Hajduk II. The last two fixtures was led by Nikola Goričanec who was the assistant coach to all four managers this season. After a long season, NK Međimurje was relegated to the third division.

In 2021–22 the team had a good start in the Croatian Third League group North, but a bad second half of the season almost meant they lost out on promotion. However, the club qualified for the new third division by defeating NK Hrvatski Vitez 3:0.<sup>[5]</sup> Even with promotion, the club lost the county cup for the first time in 5 seasons.

## Northern Derby

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During seasons when they are both in the same league (generally 3. HNL or 2. HNL), Međimurje have contested the Northern Derby with NK Varaždin.<sup>[6]</sup>

## Current squad

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As of 4 February 2023

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

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player	No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
1	GK	AUS	Oliver Kalac	13	DF	CRO	Marijan Fotak
2	FW	CRO	Jan Marcijuš	14		CRO	Đorđe Magdelinić
2		JPN	Yuto Kato	14		CRO	Stjepan Balić
3		JPN	Hiroki Matsumoto	15	DF	CRO	Mihael Zorica
3	DF	CRO	Fran Cerovčec	18		CRO	Daniel Tom Kraljević
5		CRO	Edo Novak	20	DF	BRA	Joao Carlos Farias do Nascimento
6	DF	CRO	Ivan Težački	21	DF	CRO	Daniel Turk
7	FW	ALB	Eldis Kraja	22	MF	CRO	Ivan Kegelj
8	MF	CRO	Marko Haračić	23	DF	CRO	Matej Bacinger
9	FW	CRO	Petar Havojić	23		CRO	Joško Rendulić
10	MF	CRO	Jozef Kuqi	24	MF	AUS	Kristian Popovic
11		CRO	Ivan Đaković	26	MF	CRO	Dominik Arambašić
12	GK	CRO	Vito Hozjan	29	FW	CRO	Mauro Benko
12	GK	CRO	Bruno Petrčić				

## Personnel

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Position	Staff
Manager	Antun Jukić
Assistant coach	Velimir Žganec
Goalkeeping coach	Damir Vugrinec
Fitness coach	
Technical director	Hrvoje Goričanec
Doctor	Mario Vinko
Physiotherapist	Mia Milak
Physiotherapist	Mura Janušić
Kit manager	

## Club honours

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- Croatian Second League

- Winners (1): 2003–04

#### ▪ Croatian Third League North

- Winners (1): 2013–14
- Runners-up (2): 2012–13

#### ▪ Croatian Third League East

- Winners (2): 2015–16, 2016–17
- Third place (3): 2014–15, 2017–18

## Seasons

Season	League										Cup	European competitions	Top goalscorer	
	Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos	Player			Goals	
2003–04	2. HNL	32	21	6	5	70	28	69	1st↑	DNQ				
2004–05	1. HNL	32	9	6	17	29	52	33	11th	R2			Ivica Žuljević	12
2005–06	1. HNL	32	9	9	14	40	51	36	11th	R2			Igor Mostarlić	11
2006–07	1. HNL	33	11	4	18	40	60	37	9th	R1			Davor Piškor	10
2007–08	1. HNL	33	3	6	24	37	81	15	12th↓	R1			Edin Šaranović	7
2008–09	2. HNL	30	16	2	12	61	34	50	5th↑	R1			Marijan Vuka	19
2009–10	1. HNL	30	8	5	17	37	61	29	15th↓	R1			Bojan Golubović	13
2010–11	2. HNL	30	12	6	12	53	49	42	7th	R2			Mario Garba	12
2011–12	2. HNL	28	5	7	16	31	60	22	13th↓	PR			David Puclin	5
2012–13	3. HNL North	30	21	4	5	58	21	67	2nd	DNQ			Mustafa Menzil	10
2013–14	3. HNL North	30	20	6	4	90	25	65	1st	R2			Stjepan Kokot	21
2014–15	3. HNL East	30	16	6	8	56	29	54	3rd	R1			Mario Sačer	11
2015–16	3. HNL East	28	20	4	4	60	13	64	1st	DNQ			Toni Petrović	20
2016–17	3. HNL East	30	20	4	6	58	26	64	1st	R1			Nenad Erić	22
2017–18	3. HNL East	30	17	5	8	61	35	56	3rd↑	PR			Filip Škvorc	23
2018–19	2. HNL	26	6	7	13	26	42	25	13th	R1			Mario Munivrana	8
2019–20	2. HNL	19	6	5	8	26	26	23	11th	PR			Stjepan Šimičić	6
2020–21	2. HNL	34	9	7	18	44	85	34	18th↓	DNQ			Stjepan Igrec	10
2021–	3. HNL	27	13	3	11	45	47	42	5th↑	PR			Filip Škvorc	15

<u>22</u>	<u>North</u>											
<u>2022–23</u>	<u>2. NL</u>	30	4	3	23	22	72					
16th↓	<u>PR</u>											
<u>2023–24</u>	<u>3. NL</u>								<u>DNQ</u>			

## Key

1st	2nd	↑	↓
Champions	Runners-up	Promoted	Relegated

Top scorer shown **in bold** when he was also top scorer for the division.

- P = Played
- W = Games won
- D = Games drawn
- L = Games lost
- F = Goals for
- A = Goals against
- Pts = Points
- Pos = Final position

- 1. HNL = Croatian First League
- 2. HNL = Croatian Second League
- 3. HNL = Croatian Third League

- PR = Preliminary round
- R1 = Round 1
- R2 = Round 2
- QF = Quarter-finals
- SF = Semi-finals
- RU = Runners-up
- W = Winners

## Historical list of coaches

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-  Dragutin Naranđa (2003–2004)
  -  Drago Vabec (2004)
  -  Miljenko Dovečer (2004–2006)
  -  Albert Pobor (2006)
  -  Stanko Mršić (2006–2007)
  -  Boško Anić (2007)
  -  Željko Orehovec (a.i.) (2007)
  -  Miljenko Dovečer (2007–2008)
  -  Stjepan Čordaš (2008)
  -  Mario Kovačević (a.i.) (2008)
  -  Mladen Vuk (2008–2009)
  -  Mario Čutuk (2009)
  -  Srećko Bogdan (2009–2010)
  -  Hrvoje Goričanec (a.i.) (2010)
  -  Vjeran Simunić (2010)
  -  Miljenko Dovečer (2010–11)
  -  Hrvoje Goričanec (a.i.) (2011)
  -  Dražen Biškup (2011–2014)
  -  Mario Kovačević (2014–15 Jul 2017)
  -  Rade Herceg (15 Jul 2017–28 Aug 2017)<sup>[7]</sup>
  -  Matija Kristić (2017–1 Sep 2019)<sup>[8]</sup>
  -  Damir Lepen Jurak (2019–2020)
  -  Goran Vincetić (2020)
  -  Mario Kovačević (30 Dec 2020–9 Mar 2021)<sup>[9]</sup>
  -  Davor Mladina (9 Mar 2021–29 Mar 2021)<sup>[10]</sup>
  -  Marko Lozo (29 Mar 2021–17 May 2021)<sup>[11]</sup>
  -  Nikola Goričanec (17 May 2021–15 Mar 2022)<sup>[12]</sup>
  -  Goran Vincetić (15 Mar 2022–Jun 2022)<sup>[13]</sup>
  -  Ivica Solomun (27 Jun 2022–2 Sep 2022)<sup>[14]</sup>
  -  Zoran Ivančić (2 Sep 2022–21 Sep 2022)<sup>[15]</sup>
  -  Davor Vugrinec (a.i.) (21 Sep 2022–28 Sep 2022)<sup>[16]</sup>
  -  Igor Budija (28 Sep 2022–ongoing)
- [17]

## Youth academy

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Position	Staff
President of Football School	 Bruno Matotek
Vice-president of Football School	 Nikola Horvat
Head of Academy	 Damir Lepen
Goalkeeping coach	 Dean Šafarić
Juniori	 Daniel Novak
Kadeti	 Neven Bujanić
Pioniri	 Karlo Kosalec
Pioniri 2	 Velimir Žganec

Mlađi Pioniri 1	 Neven Hlišć
Mlađi Pioniri 2	 Damir Lepen
Limači 1	 Danijel Marčec
Limači 2	 Marinko Horvat
Početnici	 Kristijan Srpak
Predpočetnici	 Luka Ujlaki
Vrtići	 Dean Posavec

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# NK Osijek

**Nogometni klub Osijek** (English: Osijek Football Club), commonly referred to as **NK Osijek** or simply **Osijek** (Croatian pronunciation: [ôsije:k]), is a Croatian professional football club from Osijek. Founded in 1947, it was the club from Slavonia with the most seasons in the Yugoslav First League and, after the independence of Croatia in 1992, it is one of the four clubs that have never been relegated from the Croatian First League, the others being Dinamo Zagreb, Hajduk Split and Rijeka.

## History

### 1947–1976

The precursor to NK Osijek was founded on 27 February 1945 as NK Udarnik on the tradition of banned JŠK Slavija Osijek, which was founded in 1916 and played in the first jugoslav league 7 times between 1923 and 1941. Already in 1946, the club is merged with Jedinstvo, and changes its name to **NK Slavonija**. The conventional birthday of the club is considered to be the following year on the February 27, 1947, when NK Slavonija and Nk Bratstvo merge to form the **FK Proleter**.<sup>[1]</sup> The first match played under that name comes the 16th of March of that same year, when Proleter beats city-rivals Mladost by five goals to nil. The first competition in which the club participated in was the Osječko Okružno Prvenstvo, along with four other teams. The club got into the second national league soon after. Proleter achieved placement into the Yugoslav First League in 1953, having won the so-called Croato-Slovenian League. The best players from that side were Andrija Vekić, Franjo Rupnik, Dionizije Dvornić and Franjo Majer. Proleter played in the First League for three seasons, but were then relegated to the second division.

Proleter moved to current Gradski vrt stadium in autumn 1958 and changed its name to **Slavonija** as part of the unifying process of the boxing, athletics and Olympic lifting club in a newly founded sports association in 1962. It still plays in the second league. Five years later the association is disbanded and the club took on the name **NK Osijek**. The then-colours red and blue were switched to current colours blue and white.

In 1970, Osijek wins the 2nd North League championship, however, Borac Banja Luka beat them in the promotion play-offs. A year later, Bijelo-plavi try for promotion again, winning in a penalty shoot-out against Rijeka, but end up being stopped by Vardar.

The next time Osijek reached the promotion play-offs was in 1973. NK Osijek made it to the final round, beating FC Prishtina. Following their victory, NK Osijek was set to meet NK Zagreb at Stadion Maksimir in Zagreb. A record-

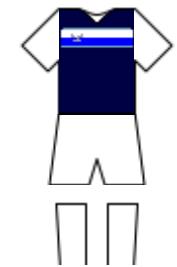
Osijek



<b>Full name</b>	Nogometni klub Osijek (Osijek Football Club)
<b>Nickname(s)</b>	<u>Bijelo-plavi</u> (The White and blues)
<b>Short name</b>	OSI
<b>Founded</b>	27 February 1947
<b>Ground</b>	<u>Opus Arena</u>
<b>Capacity</b>	13,005
<b>Owner</b>	NK OS d.o.o. (97.07%) Others (2.93%)
<b>President</b>	Ferenc Sakalj
<b>Manager</b>	Zoran Zekić
<b>League</b>	<u>SuperSport HNL</u>
<b>2022–23</b>	SuperSport HNL, 3rd of 10
<b>Website</b>	<u>Club website</u> ( <a href="http://www.nk-osijek.hr">http://www.nk-osijek.hr</a> )



Home colours



Away colours

breaking 64,129 tickets were sold with approximately 20,000 of them going to Osijek supporters. NK Zagreb proved victorious on the day, winning via a penalty shoot-out following a 2–2 draw after 90 minutes, Osijek denied promotion for a third time in four years.

## 1977–1991

In 1977, NK Osijek finally secured its return to the top flight by taking out the league championship.

NK Osijek managed to stay competitive in the Yugoslav League up until the Croatian War of Independence, except for the season of 1979–80, when Osijek fought back into the premier league after failing to stay in it. The club was present in the second part of the First League ladder in the 80s, except for 1984, when the team placed 6th, headed by Davidović, Lulić, Džeko, Lepinjica, Rakela, Karačić and the team captain Kalinić. In 1989, the team placed 8th with Davor Šuker leading the line for the side scoring 18 goals, taking out the league's best goalscorer award. Šuker is the only player in NK Osijek history to take out the award. During the last season of the YFL, NK Osijek finished ninth.

## 1992–1999

After the dissolution of SFR Yugoslavia, the Croatian First Football League was formed and the first season was played in 1992. Due to the war, it was a shortened season played from February to June. NK Osijek was unable to play in Osijek due to the war, so they had to play in the cities of Đakovo, Donji Miholjac and Kutjevo. Osijek finished the 1992 Croatian First League season in 3rd placed, six points behind NK Zagreb and nine behind league champions Hajduk Split. Osijek's top goalscorer was Robert Špehar, who finished the season with nine goals.

NK Osijek quickly became one of the top 4 Croatian football teams. One of Osijek's best ever seasons came in the 1994–95. The Bijelo plavi finished in third place, only six points behind first-placed Hajduk. Špehar scored 23 goals to become the league's top goalscorer. The greats of NK Osijek during that time were—a part from Špehar—Žitnjak, Lulić, Beljan, Ergović, Rupnik, Beširević, Bičanić and Labak.

As a result of the third-placed finish, NK Osijek qualified for the 1995–96 UEFA Cup. Osijek faced Slovan Bratislava in the preliminary round, going down 6–0.

Osijek finished third in the 1997–98 Croatian First League, qualifying for the 1998–99 UEFA Cup. Osijek came up against Anderlecht. After a famous 3–1 victory at home in front of 15,000 supporters, Osijek lost 2–0 in Belgium and were knocked-out on away goals. In 1998–99, Osijek attained its first trophy, the Croatian Cup, following a victory over Cibalia 2–0. A year later, West Ham United was playing away in Gradski vrt, headed by Frank Lampard, Rio Ferdinand, Trevor Sinclair, Paolo Di Canio, Paulo Wanchope and Igor Štimac.

## 2000–2015

In the 2000–01 UEFA Cup, NK Osijek beat Brøndby 2–1 (2–1, 0–0) and Rapid Wien 4–1 (2–1, 2–0). In the 3rd round, Osijek beat Slavia Prague 2–0 at home, but lost 5–1 in Prague. Osijek finished third in the league once more. In the 2001–02 UEFA Cup, Osijek progressed past Dinaburg on away goals, beat Gorica in the first round, but then lost 3–5 to AEK Athens. In the 2003–04 HNL, Osijek had the first and second highest goalscorers in the division with Špehar scoring 18 and Goran Ljubojević scoring 16. The club then went through a long phase of mid-table finishes and mediocre results.

NK Osijek was almost relegated during the 2013–14 season. On the final match day, Josip Barišić managed to score and keep Osijek afloat against Hrvatski dragovoljac. Osijek changed coaches on four occasions throughout the season. The following season, Osijek once again finished one position above the relegation play-off spot, finishing one point ahead of Istra 1961.

## 2015–present

In September 2015, Zoran Zekić was appointed as the first team head coach, replacing Dražen Besek.<sup>[2]</sup>

With the club facing bankruptcy, Osijek went into private ownership for the first time in its history in February 2016 with Hungarian oligarch Lőrinc Mészáros and Croatian entrepreneur Ivan Meštrović buying a majority of shares in the club.<sup>[3]</sup> The duo went about stabilizing the club, improving the squad and bringing back ambition to the city and supporters. Much of the debt was restructured and paid off, securing the short-term and long-term future of Osijek.<sup>[4]</sup>

On 27 February 2017, the club celebrated its 70th anniversary in the Osijek theater.<sup>[5]</sup> In the 2016–17 season, Osijek finished 4th, which was their highest league finish in nearly 10 years.<sup>[6]</sup> The 4th place finish led to Osijek participating in the qualifying phase of the 2017–18 UEFA Europa League; with the club staging an extremely successful run to the play-off round, beating Santa Coloma, Luzern and PSV, the former champions of Europe, who won the 1987–88 edition.<sup>[7][8][9][10][11][12]</sup> The club's run was ended following a 1–2 home loss to Austria Wien, and despite the club winning the second leg 1–0, Osijek were eliminated on the away goals rule. Despite being eliminated, Osijek were praised and congratulated by Croatian press, fans and media for their historic run.<sup>[13][14]</sup>

In the 2017–18 season, Osijek finished 4th again, securing a place in the UEFA competition. Osijek beat Petrocub Hînceşti 2–1 at home after drawing the first leg in Moldova 1–1, and faced Rangers in the second qualifying round of the 2018–19 UEFA Europa League. Osijek lost the home leg 1–0.<sup>[15]</sup>

After a bad start to the 2020–21 season, during which Osijek managed only a single point after the first three games of the season, manager Ivica Kulešević was sacked.<sup>[16]</sup> On 5 September 2020, Osijek appointed Nenad Bjelica as the new club manager.<sup>[17]</sup>

On 9 September 2020, it was announced that Lőrinc Mészáros was no longer the formal co-owner of the club, with the private investment fund BETA taking over his shares in NK OS d.o.o. The reason being that Mészáros was also the owner of Puskás Akadémia FC, and UEFA rules forbade two clubs owned by the same person from participating in European competitions, should they have both qualified.<sup>[18]</sup>

## Stadium

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NK Osijek plays its home games at Gradske vrt, where it played its first game on the 7 September 1958, against Sloboda. It was officially opened in 1980.

The current design was made in the year 1979. The upper western tribune is unfinished to this day. The current capacity lies at 18,856 spectator seats, with 980 of them being for standing audiences. Before the club had transferred to Gradske vrt, Osijek played on a pitch next to the river Drava.

In April 2018, NK Osijek president Ivan Meštrović released plans for the new Pampas Stadium.<sup>[19]</sup> A new state of art stadium will be built at the Pampas neighbourhood in Osijek as part of the new NK Osijek training centre. The capacity of the new stadium will be 12,000, with all of the seats covered. The stadium will be UEFA category four and will be finished in June 2021. During the stadium construction, NK Osijek will play their home games at the current Gradske vrt stadium, which is in the future going to be used as the main stadium for the NK Osijek B squad.

## Supporters

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The fan club of NK Osijek is called **Kohorta** (cohort, named after the Roman army unit composed of 360 soldiers). It was founded in 1972 under the name **Šokci**, and carries the name Kohorta since 1988. Kohorta is usually situated on the eastern tribune of Gradski vrt. Its seat is in the University street in Tvrđa, Osijek.<sup>[20]</sup>

Osijek is the third most supported football club in Croatia with 5% of population supporting it.<sup>[21]</sup>



Kohorta fans at the stands of Stadion Gradski vrt before the match against PSV in 2017

## Rivalries

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The Slavonian derby match is between the two largest Croatian football clubs from eastern Croatia, Osijek and Cibalia. Each new match between these two great rivals, means a great match on the field, but also in the stands.

Osijek–Rijeka derby is the name given to matches between Osijek and HNK Rijeka. On Croatian First Football League all time table Rijeka and Osijek are on the third and fourth place. Rijeka and Osijek are with Dinamo Zagreb and Hajduk Split the only four clubs that have never been relegated from the Croatian First League. Osijek and Rijeka are third and fourth best supported football clubs in Croatia. Osijek is supported by 5% and Rijeka by 4% of population.<sup>[21]</sup>

## Kit manufacturers and sponsors

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Period	Provider	Sponsor
1996–1998	Diadora	Gradska banka
1998		
1999	Umbro	Panturist
1999–2000		Veritas osiguranje
2000–2001	Puma	Osijek Koteks
2001–2002	Diadora	Osječko pivo
2002–2004	S9	T Mobile
2004–2005	Legea	
2005–2006	Macron	T-com
2006–2008	Kappa	
2008–2010	Legea	Croatia osiguranje
2010–2011	Kappa	
2011–2015	Jako	
2016–2017	Nike	Osječko 1664 <sup>[22]</sup>
2017–2020	Nike	Dobro, Mészáros és Mészáros Kft. <sup>[23]</sup>
2020–	2Rule <sup>[24]</sup>	Mészáros és Mészáros Kft., Stadler

## Honours

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Osijek has won one Croatian Cup. In European competitions, the club has reached the third round of the UEFA Cup in 2000–01, the second round of the Intertoto Cup in 2006, the third place of the Mitropa Cup in 1981–82 and play-off round of the UEFA Europa League in 2017–18.

## Domestic

### Croatian football league system

- Croatian First League

- Runners-up (1): 2020–21

- Croatian Cup

- Winner (1): 1998–99
  - Runners-up (1): 2011–12

### Yugoslav football league system

- Yugoslav Second League

- Winner (5): 1952–53, 1969–70, 1972–73, 1976–77, 1980–81

## Best results in European competitions

Season	Achievement	Notes
<u>UEFA Cup / Europa League</u>		
<u>2000–01</u>	<b>Third round</b>	lost to  Slavia Prague 2–0 in Osijek, 1–5 in Prague
<u>2017–18</u>	<b>Play-off round</b>	lost to  Austria Wien 1–2 in Osijek, 1–0 in Sankt Pölten

## Notable wins

Season	Match	Score
<b>Europa League / UEFA Cup</b>		
1998–99	Osijek –  Anderlecht	3 – 1
2000–01	Osijek –  Rapid Wien	2 – 1
2000–01	Osijek –  Slavia Prague	2 – 0
2017–18	Osijek –  PSV	1 – 0

## Recent seasons

Season	League									Cup	European competitions	Top goalscorer		
	Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos			Player	Goals	
1992	1. HNL	22	12	3	7	33	28	27	3rd	QF		Robert Špehar	9	
1992–93	1. HNL	30	11	7	12	40	42	29	6th	QF		Alen Petrović	10	
1993–94	1. HNL	34	12	11	11	56	58	35	8th	R2		Antun Labak	16	
1994–95	1. HNL	30	16	11	3	65	30	59	3rd	SF		Robert Špehar	23	
1995–96	1. A HNL	32	16	4	12	51	32	52	4th	QF	UEFA Cup	QR	Igor Pamić	17
1996–97	1. A HNL	30	12	5	13	40	38	41	8th	SF		Dumitru Mitu	10	
1997–98	1. HNL	32	14	6	12	42	38	48	3rd	R1		Petar Krpan	10	
1998–99	1. HNL	32	14	6	12	51	39	48	4th	W	UEFA Cup	QR2	Stanko Bubalo	10
1999–00	1. HNL	33	15	8	10	55	49	53	3rd	QF	UEFA Cup	R1	Stanko Bubalo	13
2000–01	1. HNL	32	17	6	9	61	47	57	3rd	SF	UEFA Cup	R3	Nenad Bjelica, Marijan Vuka	9
2001–02	1. HNL	30	11	4	15	45	48	37	8th	SF	UEFA Cup	R2	Milan Pavličić	9
2002–03	1. HNL	32	10	9	13	32	51	39	8th	QF		Milan Pavličić	11	
2003–04	1. HNL	32	11	6	15	50	57	39	4th	QF		Robert Špehar	18	
2004–05	1. HNL	32	9	14	9	41	45	41	8th	SF		Karlo Primorac	11	
2005–	1. HNL	32	13	5	14	31	48	44	4th	QF		Josip	6	

06												Balatinac		
2006–07	1. HNL	33	11	10	12	42	45	43	6th	R2	Intertoto Cup	R2	Stjepan Jukić	9
2007–08	1. HNL	33	16	6	11	43	34	54	3rd	R2			Vedran Nikšić	8
2008–09	1. HNL	33	10	11	12	40	41	41	7th	R1			Josip Barišić	8
2009–10	1. HNL	30	13	8	9	49	36	47	5th	QF			Josip Barišić, Ivan Miličević, Vedran Nikšić	8
2010–11	1. HNL	30	9	12	9	31	29	39	8th	QF			Ivan Miličević	5
2011–12	1. HNL	30	11	10	9	45	38	43	8th	RU			Antonio Perošević	7
2012–13	1. HNL	33	9	12	12	25	33	39	7th	QF	Europa League	QR2	Antonio Perošević, Zoran Kvržić	4
2013–14	1. HNL	36	8	9	19	38	64	33	8th	QF			Josip Barišić	6
2014–15	1. HNL	36	10	6	20	42	59	36	8th	R2			Antonio Perošević, Aljoša Vojnović	6
2015–16	1. HNL	36	7	13	16	27	49	34	8th	QF			Antonio Perošević	6
2016–17	1. HNL	36	20	6	10	52	37	66	4th	SF			Muzafer Ejupi	14
2017–18	1. HNL	36	14	14	8	53	38	56	4th	QF	Europa League	PO	Haris Hajradinović	9
2018–19	1. HNL	36	18	8	10	61	36	62	3rd	SF	Europa League	QR2	Mirko Marić	18
2019–20	1. HNL	36	17	11	8	47	29	62	4th	SF	Europa League	QR2	Mirko Marić	20
2020–21	1. HNL	36	23	8	5	59	25	77	2nd	QF	Europa League	QR2	Ramón Miérez	22
2021–22	1. HNL	36	19	12	5	49	29	69	3rd	SF	Conference League	QR3	Mihael Žaper, Mijo Caktaš	5
2022–23	1. HNL	36	13	11	12	46	41	50	3rd	QF	Conference League	QR2	Ramón Miérez	12

## Key

League: P = Matches played; W = Matches won; D = Matches drawn; L = Matches lost; F = Goals for; A = Goals against; Pts = Points won; Pos = Final position;

Cup / Europe: **PR** = Preliminary round; **QR** = Qualifying round; **R1** = First round; **R2** = Second round; **QF** = Quarter-final; **SF** = Semi-final; **RU** = Runner-up; **W** = Competition won;

## European competitions

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### Summary

Competition	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Last season played
<i>UEFA Cup / UEFA Europa League</i>	37	18	3	16	45	48	<u>2020–21</u>
UEFA Europa Conference League	9	4	2	3	10	14	<u>2023–24</u>
<i>UEFA Intertoto Cup</i>	2	0	2	0	2	2	<u>2006</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>64</b>	

Source: [25] Fully up to date on 3 August 2023.

**Pld** = Matches played; **W** = Matches won; **D** = Matches drawn; **L** = Matches lost; **GF** = Goals for; **GA** = Goals against. Defunct competitions indicated in italics.

## By season

Season	Competition	Round	Opponent	Home	Away	Agg.
1995–96	UEFA Cup	QR	Slovan Bratislava	0–2	0–4	0–6
1998–99	UEFA Cup	QR2	Anderlecht	3–1	0–2	3–3 (a)
1999–2000	UEFA Cup	R1	West Ham United	1–3	0–3	1–6
2000–01	UEFA Cup	R1	Brøndby	0–0	2–1	2–1
		R2	Rapid Wien	2–1	2–0	4–1
		R3	Slavia Prague	2–0	1–5	3–5
2001–02	UEFA Cup	QR	Dinaburg	1–0	1–2	2–2 (a)
		R1	Gorica	1–0	2–1	3–1
		R2	AEK Athens	1–2	2–3	3–5
2006–07	Intertoto Cup	R2	Ethnikos Achna	2–2	0–0	2–2 (a)
2012–13	Europa League	QR1	FC Santa Coloma	3–1	1–0	4–1
		QR2	Kalmar FF	1–3	0–3	1–6
2017–18	Europa League	QR1	UE Santa Coloma	4–0	2–0	6–0
		QR2	Luzern	2–0	1–2	3–2
		QR3	PSV Eindhoven	1–0	1–0	2–0
		PO	Austria Wien	1–2	1–0	2–2 (a)
2018–19	Europa League	QR1	Petrocub Hînceşti	2–1	1–1	3–2
		QR2	Rangers	0–1	1–1	1–2
2019–20	Europa League	QR2	CSKA Sofia	1–0	0–1	1–1 (3–4 p)
2020–21	Europa League	QR2	Basel	1–2		
2021–22	Europa Conference League	QR2	Pogoń Szczecin	1–0	0–0	1–0
		QR3	CSKA Sofia	1–1	2–4	3–5
2022–23	Europa Conference League	QR2	Kyzylzhar	0–2	2–1	2–3
2023–24	Europa Conference League	QR2	Zalaegerszeg	1–0	2–1	3–1
		QR3	Adana Demirspor	3–2	1–5	4–7

Last updated on 17 August 2023.

## Player records

- Most appearances in UEFA club competitions: **18 appearances** [26]

- Petar Bočkaj, Mile Škorić
- Top scorers in UEFA club competitions: **4 goals**<sup>[26]</sup>
- Muzafer Ejupi

# Players

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## Current squad

As of 11 February 2024<sup>[27]</sup>

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

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player	No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
3	DF	 POR	<a href="#">André Duarte</a>	31	GK	 CRO	<a href="#">Marko Malenica</a>
4	DF	 CRO	<a href="#">Krešimir Vrbanac</a>	34	FW	 CRO	<a href="#">Anton Matković</a>
5	DF	 ARM	<a href="#">Styopa Mkrtchyan</a>	35	DF	 CRO	<a href="#">Luka Zebec</a>
6	MF	 CRO	<a href="#">Darko Nejašmić</a>	36	MF	 BIH	<a href="#">Nail Omerović</a>
7	MF	 CRO	<a href="#">Vedran Jugović</a>	37	FW	 CRO	<a href="#">Luka Branšteter</a>
8	FW	 CRO	<a href="#">Kristian Fućak</a>	38	GK	 CRO	<a href="#">Franko Kolić</a>
13	FW	 ARG	<a href="#">Ramón Miérez</a>	39	FW	 CRO	<a href="#">Domagoj Bukvić</a>
15	GK	 CRO	<a href="#">Marko Barešić</a>	41	FW	 BIH	<a href="#">Amar Zahirović</a>
17	DF	 CRO	<a href="#">Šime Gržan</a>	42	DF	 BRA	<a href="#">Renan Guedes</a>
18	MF	 ALB	<a href="#">Enis Çokaj (on loan from Panathinaikos)</a>	43	MF	 CRO	<a href="#">Dominik Babić</a>
20	DF	 CRO	<a href="#">Marin Prekodravac</a>	44	FW	 CRO	<a href="#">Kristijan Lovrić</a>
22	DF	 CRO	<a href="#">Roko Jurišić</a>	55	DF	 UKR	<a href="#">Oleksandr Drambayev (on loan from Shakhtar Donetsk)</a>
23	MF	 CRO	<a href="#">Petar Brlek</a>	66	MF	 SUI	<a href="#">Petar Pušić</a>
24	FW	 CRO	<a href="#">Filip Živković</a>	98	MF	 CRO	<a href="#">Šimun Mikolčić</a>
28	DF	 CRO	<a href="#">Slavko Bralić</a>	99	FW	 SVK	<a href="#">Ladislav Almási (on loan from Baník Ostrava)</a>

## Out on loan

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

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player	No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
1	GK	 CRO	Tin Sajko (at  Jarun until 30 June 2024)	34	DF	 CRO	Ivan Cvijanović (at  Šibenik until 30 June 2024)
16	FW	 MNE	Nikola Janjić (at  Komárno until 30 June 2024)	41	DF	 GRE	Stefanos Evangelou (at  Zalaegerszeg until 29 June 2024)
27	FW	 CRO	Vinko Petković (at  Rudeš until 30 June 2024)				

## Personnel

Position	Staff
Head coach	 Zoran Zekić
Assistant coach	 Mario Kuić
Assistant coach	 Ivo Smoje
Assistant coach	 Želimir Mešnjak
Goalkeeping coach	 Filip Šušnjara
Fitness coach	 Marin Vučko
Video analyst	 Robin Krasniqi
Sporting director	 José Boto
Director of football	 Hrvoje Barišić
Chief of medical staff	 Lovro Marinčić
Doctor	 Ivan Lovrić
Doctor	 Neven Raguž
Doctor	 Igor Perković
Physiotherapist	 Milan Marković
Physiotherapist	 Frano Dušić
Physiotherapist	 Marko Ovničević
Physiotherapist	 Nikola Ivković
Kit manager	 Željko Vincek
Kit manager	 Ivica Vincek
Kit manager assistant	 Zoran Stranjak

Last updated: 7 October 2023

Source: NK Osijek official website (<https://nk-osijek.hr/momcad/prva-momcad/strucni-stozer/>)

## Football school

The football school of NK Osijek was founded in 1982 as the youth school. It was set in motion by Andrija Vekić, with the wish to recruit and create great players and coaches alike by creating a good and competitive atmosphere. Many players considered to be high-level were in that school.

## Notable players

## To appear in this section a player must have:

- Played at least 150 league games for the club;
- Scored at least 50 league goals for the club; or
- Played at least one international match for their national or olympic team while playing for NK Osijek.

Years in brackets indicate their spells at the club.

-  [Franjo Rupnik](#) (1947–51)
-  [Ljupko Petrović](#) (1967–79)
-  [Ratomir Dujković](#) (1977–80)
-  [Ivica Miljković](#) (1977–80)
-  [Mustafa Hukić](#) (1978–81)
-  [Ivica Grnja](#) (1972–82)
-  [Jasmin Džeko](#) (1980–84, 1985–89)
-  [Vlado Kasalo](#) (1983–87)
-  [Davor Šuker](#) (1984–89)
-  [Robert Špehar](#) (1988–92, 1994–95, 2002–04)<sup>[28]</sup>
-  [Miroslav Bičanić](#) (1989–92, 1994–96)<sup>[29]</sup>
-  [Bakir Beširević](#) (1992–94, 1994–02)<sup>[30]</sup>
-  [Nenad Bjelica](#) (1992–93, 1999–01)
-  [Davor Rupnik](#) (1992–98)<sup>[31]</sup>
-  [Damir Vuica](#) (1992–94, 1997–02, 2005–08)<sup>[32]</sup>
-  [Petar Krpan](#) (1993–98, 2001)<sup>[33]</sup>
-  [Mario Galinović](#) (1993–02)<sup>[34]</sup>
-  [Ivo Ergović](#) (1994–01)<sup>[35]</sup>
-  [Ronald Grnja](#) (1994–04)<sup>[36]</sup>
-  [Stjepan Vranješ](#) (1992–99)
-  [Ivica Beljan](#) (1994–96, 1997–00)<sup>[37]</sup>
-  [Igor Pamić](#) (1995–96)<sup>[38]</sup>
-  [Nermin Šabić](#) (1996–97)
-  [Dumitru Mitu](#) (1996–02)<sup>[39]</sup>
-  [Jurica Vranješ](#) (1997–00)<sup>[40]</sup>
-  [Josip Balatinac](#) (1997–06)<sup>[41]</sup>
-  [Stanko Bubalo](#) (1998–00)<sup>[42]</sup>
-  [Mato Neretljak](#) (2000–02)<sup>[43]</sup>
-  [Marin Skender](#) (2003–09)<sup>[44]</sup>
-  [Valentin Babić](#) (2004–09, 2013–14)<sup>[45]</sup>
-  [Ivo Smoje](#) (2005–09, 2010–13)<sup>[46]</sup>
-  [Josip Barišić](#) (2005–11, 2013–14)<sup>[47]</sup>
-  [Tomislav Šorša](#) (2006–16, 2017–20)<sup>[48]</sup>
-  [Domagoj Vida](#) (2006–10)<sup>[49]</sup>
-  [Vedran Jugović](#) (2007–13, 2019– )
-  [Hrvoje Kurtović](#) (2008–16)<sup>[50]</sup>
-  [Mile Škorić](#) (2008–11, 2013–23)<sup>[51]</sup>
-  [Zoran Kvržić](#) (2010–13)
-  [Antonio Perošević](#) (2010–17)

-  [Borna Barišić](#) (2013–15, 2016–18)
-  [Nikola Matas](#) (2014–18)
-  [Mateo Barać](#) (2016–18)
-  [Muzafer Ejupi](#) (2016–19)
-  [Mihail Caimacov](#) (2018–21)
-  [Mirlind Daku](#) (2018–23)
-  [Ivica Ivušić](#) (2019–23)
-  [László Kleinheisler](#) (2019–23)
-  [Damjan Bohar](#) (2020–22)
-  [Ádám Gyurcsó](#) (2021)
-  [Mario Jurčević](#) (2020–23)
-  [Adrian Leon Barišić](#) (2018–23)
-  [Styopa Mkrtchyan](#) (2023–)
-  [Jovan Manev](#) (2023–24)

## Historical list of coaches

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-  [Viktor Šter](#)
-  [Blagoje Marjanović](#) (1952–1953)
-  [Franjo Glaser](#)
-  [Zorko Hlavač](#)
-  [Mato Kasač](#)
-  [Vladimir Beara](#)
-  [Sima Milovanov](#)
-  [Gustav Lechner](#) (1945–49)
-  [Ernest Dubac](#) (1951–55)
-  [Bernard Hügl](#) (1955–56)
-  [Milan Antolković](#) (1972–73)
-  [Miljenko Mihić](#) (1978–79)
-  [Milan Đuričić](#) (1979–80)
-  [Josip Duvančić](#) (1980–83)
-  [Milan Đuričić](#) (1983–85)
-  [Ljupko Petrović](#) (1985–87)
-  [Milan Đuričić](#) (1987)
-  [Stjepan Čordaš](#) (1989)
-  [Tonko Vukušić](#) (1990)
-  [Šaban Jasenica](#) (1990)
-  [Ivica Grnja](#) (1991)
-  [Stjepan Čordaš](#) (1992–93)
-  [Vlado Bilić](#) (1993)
-  [Ivica Grnja](#) (1993–94)
-  [Ivo Šušak](#) (1993–95)
-  [Ivica Matković](#) (1995–96)
-  [Ante Čačić](#) (1995–96)
-  [Ivan Katalinić](#) (1995–96)
-  [Goran Popović](#) (1996–97)
-  [Luka Bonačić](#) (1996–97)

-  Milan Đuričić (1997–99), (Jun 2002 – Aug 2002)
-  Stanko Poklepović (1998–00), (Nov 2002–03)
-  Pavo Strugačevac (1999)
-  Stanko Mršić (1999–01)
-  Vlado Bilić (2000–02)
-  Vjekoslav Lokica (2001–02)
-  Miroslav Blažević (2001–02)
-  Nenad Gračan (2002–03)
-  Branko Karačić (2003–04)
-  Stjepan Čordaš (2004–05)
-  Ivo Šušak (July 1, 2005 – Nov 13, 2006)
-  Miroslav Žitnjak (2006–07)
-  Ilija Lončarević (Nov 14, 2006 – Sept 26, 2008)
-  Tomislav Steinbrückner (Sept 26, 2008 – Aug 16, 2010)
-  Branko Karačić (Aug 16, 2010 – May 2, 2011)
-  Vlado Bilić (May 3, 2011 – March 31, 2012)
-  Stanko Mršić (March 31, 2012 – May 13, 2013)
-  Miroslav Žitnjak (*interim*) (May 13, 2013 – June 4, 2013)
-  Tomislav Steinbrückner (June 4, 2013 – Aug 18, 2013)
-  Davor Rupnik (Aug 19, 2013 – Oct 21, 2013)
-  Ivica Kulešević (Oct 21, 2013 – Feb 27, 2014)
-  Tomislav Rukavina (Feb 27, 2014 – Feb 11, 2015)
-  Ivo Šušak (Feb 11, 2015 – June 1, 2015)
-  Dražen Besek (June 14, 2015 – Sept 1, 2015)
-  Zoran Zekić (Sept 1, 2015– Mar 29, 2019)
-  Dino Skender (Mar 29, 2019 – Sept 21, 2019)
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# NK Rudeš

**Nogometni Klub Rudeš** (English: Football Club Rudeš), commonly referred to as **NK Rudeš** or simply **Rudeš**, is a Croatian football club founded in 1957 in Zagreb's neighbourhood of Rudeš. The club competes in SuperSport HNL.

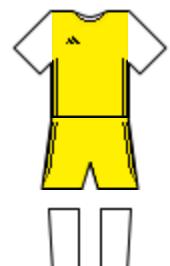
## History

Being a lower league club through most of its history, Rudeš achieved promotion to the Croatian Second Football League in 2009, where it quickly established itself as one of the most stable clubs and a regular top table finisher. In the 2016–17 season, Rudeš clinched the title, earning promotion to the Croatian First Football League for the 2017–18 season.

**NK Rudeš**



<b>Full name</b>	Nogometni klub Rudeš
<b>Short name</b>	RUD
<b>Founded</b>	1957
<b>Ground</b>	Stadion Kranjčevićeva (HNL), ŠC Rudeš (Lower leagues)
<b>Capacity</b>	6,000, 1612
<b>Chairman</b>	Josip Šimunić
<b>Manager</b>	Davor Mladina
<b>League</b>	SuperSport HNL
<b>2022–23</b>	1st (promoted)
<b>Website</b>	Club website ( <a href="https://nk-rudes.hr/">https://nk-rudes.hr/</a> )



**Home colours** **Away colours** **Third colours**

In May 2017, Rudeš signed a ten-year partnership deal with Spanish club Deportivo Alavés, with Rudeš acting as a feeder club. However, the agreement was terminated after the first year.<sup>[1]</sup>

## Recent seasons

Season	Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos	Cup	Player	Goals
											Top goalscorer	
1999–00	4. HNL Zagreb	30	10	8	12	52	65	38	10th			
2000–01	4. HNL Zagreb	30	11	5	14	56	76	38	9th			
2001–02	4. HNL Zagreb	30	9	9	12	48	49	36	10th			
2002–03	4. HNL Zagreb	28	21	3	4	56	15	66	1st ↑			
2003–04	3. HNL Centre	30	17	11	2	60	24	62	2nd			
2004–05	3. HNL Centre	32	18	5	9	54	28	59	2nd	R1		
2005–06	3. HNL Centre	30	15	4	11	52	39	49	8th			
2006–07	3. HNL West	34	15	7	12	49	40	52	5th		Marko Tadić	10
2007–08	3. HNL West	34	15	8	11	47	40	53	5th		Ivan Zelenika	12
2008–09	3. HNL West	34	22	10	2	63	24	76	1st ↑		Igor Raić	28
2009–10	2. HNL	26	10	7	9	38	38	37	7th		Igor Raić	13
2010–11	2. HNL	30	15	7	8	52	39	52	4th	R1	Marko Tadić	14
2011–12	2. HNL	28	11	8	9	42	33	41	6th	R2	Mario Ćubel	10
2012–13	2. HNL	30	14	8	8	47	30	48	3rd		Anto Gudelj	11
2013–14	2. HNL	33	14	5	14	45	36	47	4th		Miroslav Konopek	11
2014–15	2. HNL	30	10	12	8	36	28	42	4th		Four players	4
2015–16	2. HNL	33	12	10	11	50	43	46	5th		Ivan Jakov Džoni	8
2016–17	2. HNL	34	17	9	7	43	27	60	1st ↑	R2	Tomislav Havojić	9
2017–18	1. HNL	36	10	10	16	41	62	40	8th	QF	Mario Budimir	13

Season	Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos	Cup	Player	Goals
	League										Top goalscorer	
2018–19	1. HNL	36	3	5	28	26	80	14	10th ↓		Tomislav Štrkalj	5
2019–20	2. HNL	19	8	5	6	25	20	29	5th	R1	Deni Jurić	10
2020–21	2. HNL	34	15	12	7	52	41	57	2nd	R2	Besart Abdurahimi	12
2021–22	2. HNL	30	17	5	8	56	27	56	2nd	R2	Martin Sekulić	13
2022–23	2. HNL	33	19	7	7	56	26	64	1st ↑	QF	Tomislav Gudelj	11

## First-team squad

As of 24 February 2024<sup>[2]</sup>

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

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player	No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
2	DF	CRO	Dominik Mihaljević	20	FW	CRO	Roko Brajković
4	DF	CRO	Luka Pavković	22	MF	CRO	Mihael Stipić
5	DF	AUS	Tomislav Mrčela	23	MF	BIH	Riad Mašala
6	MF	CRO	Tomislav Srbljinović	24	FW	CRO	Dominik Rešetar
7	FW	CRO	Matko Babić	25	FW	CRO	Jan Doležal
8	MF	CRO	Ante Čorić	26	DF	AUS	Fran Karačić
10	FW	MNE	Aleksa Latković	27	MF	CRO	Luka Pasarićek
11	MF	ALB	Eros Grezda	29	MF	BIH	Edin Šehić
12	GK	CRO	Eugen Ciban	34	MF	CRO	Karlo Špeljak ( <i>on loan from Celje</i> )
13	MF	CRO	Vanja Vukmanović	44	GK	CRO	Matej Marković
14	FW	CRO	Vinko Petković ( <i>on loan from Osijek</i> )	90	DF	CRO	Mateo Pavlović ( <i>on loan from Rijeka</i> )
18	DF	FRA	Aboubacar Camara	99	GK	CRO	Mario Marić
19	FW	CRO	Fran Topić ( <i>on loan from Dinamo Zagreb</i> )				

## Dual registration

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

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
1	GK	 CRO	Karlo Kralj ( <i>at Kustošija</i> )

## Out on loan

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

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
13	MF	 CRO	Vanja Šare ( <i>at Sesvete until 14 June 2024</i> )

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- [Official website](https://nk-rudes.hr/) (<https://nk-rudes.hr/>) (in Croatian)

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# NK Sesvete

**NK Sesvete** is a [Croatian](#) football club based in the [Sesvete](#) district of the city of [Zagreb](#).

## History

### Radnik Sesvete

Until 8 July 2013 club was known as *Radnik Sesvete* when it changed its name to the current one. Since the 2011–12 season they play in [Druga HNL](#), Croatia's second level, after winning promotion in the 2010–11 season. It was the club's fifth consecutive promotion since the 2006–2007 season when they played in City of Zagreb's 3rd league (nation's 7th level).

Since 2010 NK Sesvete is [Dinamo Zagreb](#)'s [feeder team](#) and numerous Dinamo's youth players are sent here on loan.

## Current squad

As of 5 February 2023

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

Sesvete



**Full name** Nogometni Klub Sesvete

**Founded** 1941

**Ground** Stadion Sv. Josip Radnik

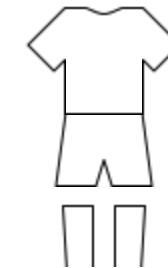
**Capacity** 1,200

**Chairman** Pero Karatović

**Manager** Rajko Vidović

**League** First League (II)

**2022–23** 1st



Home colours

Away colours

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player	No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
1	GK	CRO	Dominik Picak	18	DF	BIH	Neven Laštro
2	DF	CRO	Nino Vukasović	19	FW	CHN	Haoran Li
4	DF	CRO	Dino Musulin	20	DF	CRO	Marin Brigić
5	DF	CRO	Tin Kulenović	21	MF	CRO	Matej Adžić
7	FW	CRO	Josip Ivan Zorica	23	FW	CRO	Filip Cvitanović
8	MF	CRO	Mateo Dunić	24	MF	CRO	Marko Pranjić
9	MF	CRO	Toni Barišić	28	FW	CRO	Leon Petrović
10	MF	CRO	Mateo Topić	29	MF	CRO	Marko Krznarić
11	FW	CRO	Ivan Abramović	30	DF	CRO	Martin Puček
12	GK	CRO	Petar Jelavić	36	MF	CRO	Dominik Šuart
12	GK	CRO	Patrik Prša	45	FW	CRO	Tin Janušić
13	MF	CRO	Sven Opačić	92	DF	FRA	Mody Mamadou Boune
17	FW	CRO	Tomislav Turčin				

## External links

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- Official website (<http://www.nksesvete.hr/>) (in Croatian)
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# NK Slaven Belupo

**Nogometni klub Slaven Belupo** (English: Slaven Belupo Football Club), often referred to as **NK Slaven Belupo**, **Slaven Belupo** or simply **Slaven**, and known internationally as **NK Slaven Koprivnica**, is a Croatian professional football club based in the city of Koprivnica in the north of Croatia. They play their home matches at Gradski stadion in Koprivnica.

## History

The first football club in Koprivnica was founded in June 1907, when a student team was formed and named *Dački nogometni klub*, which is Croatian for *Students' Football Club*. The name Slaven first appeared when a sports club named *HŠK Slaven* was founded by the members of the Friedrich family on 20 August 1912 and this is considered to be the foundation date of the present-day club. The club won the Croatian championship in 1920, which was one of the Yugoslav regional championships. Slaven was subsequently renamed *HŠK Victorija*, but disbanded six years later due to financial difficulties. Subsequently, the city of Koprivnica was without a football club for four years, between 1926 and 1930.

Between 1930 and 1945, the club was known as *HŠK Koprivnica*, *HŠK Danica* and *RNHŠK Sloga*, before the name Slaven returned with the foundation of *FD Slaven*. From 1953, the club was known as *SD Podravka*, before being renamed to *NK Slaven* in 1958. The name Slaven remains until today, with occasional changes to the name of the club's principal sponsors. The club was thus known as *NK Slaven Bilokalnik* between 1992 and 1994, after which it was changed to its current name following a sponsorship agreement with the Koprivnica-based pharmaceutical company Belupo.

Slaven gained their first promotion to the Prva HNL in 1997 and have never been relegated. In 2000, they finished fifth in the Prva HNL and qualified for the UEFA Intertoto Cup. In their first Intertoto Cup appearance, they managed to reach the third round of the competition before being eliminated by Czech club Sigma Olomouc after losing 2–0 at home and getting a goalless draw on the road. One year later, they repeated the success and were eliminated by renowned English club Aston Villa with a 3–2 aggregate defeat. In their next two Intertoto Cup appearances, they were even more successful as they reached the semifinals of the competition on both occasions. They were eliminated after losing to renowned clubs Stuttgart from Germany and Lille from France, respectively. Their last Intertoto Cup appearance in 2005 ended in the third round with a 4–0 aggregate defeat to Spanish club Deportivo La Coruña, having lost the first leg by 1–0<sup>[1]</sup> and the second leg by 0–3.<sup>[2]</sup>

Slaven Belupo heads the all-time Intertoto Cup table being the most successful team in history of this tournament.<sup>[3]</sup>

In 2007, the club reached the Croatian Cup final for the first time, after defeating defending Cup holders HNK Rijeka 3–2 on aggregate. In the final, they lost to Dinamo Zagreb 2–1 on aggregate. Despite having lost the final, Slaven qualified for the UEFA Cup for the first time in their history, since Dinamo had already qualified for the UEFA Champions League by virtue of having won the Prva HNL.

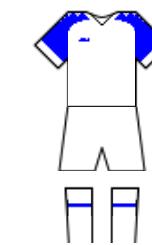
Slaven reached the second qualifying round of the 2007–08 UEFA Cup, defeating Albanian side Teuta Durrës 8–4 on aggregate before being eliminated after a 4–2 aggregate defeat to Turkish club Galatasaray.<sup>[4]</sup> In 2008, Slaven finished runners-up in the Croatian league, which remains their best domestic result to date.<sup>[5]</sup>

On 28 August 2008 Slaven Belupo qualified for the 2008–09 UEFA Cup by beating Aris of Greece 2–1 on aggregate, thereby achieving arguably the best result in the history of the club.<sup>[6][7]</sup>

## Slaven Belupo Koprivnica



<b>Full name</b>	Nogometni klub Slaven Belupo
<b>Nickname(s)</b>	<u>Farmaceuti</u> (The Pharmacists)
<b>Short name</b>	SLB
<b>Founded</b>	1907
<b>Ground</b>	<u>Gradski stadion Ivan Kušek-Apaš</u>
<b>Capacity</b>	3,134
<b>President</b>	Robert Markulin
<b>Head coach</b>	<u>Roy Ferenčina</u>
<b>League</b>	<u>SuperSport HNL</u>
<b>2022–23</b>	<u>SuperSport HNL</u> , 8th of 10
<b>Website</b>	<u>Club website</u> ( <a href="https://nk-slaven-belupo.hr/">https://nk-slaven-belupo.hr/</a> )



Home colours   Away colours   Third colours

Slaven finished 3rd in the 2011–12 1. HNL, qualifying for the 2012–13 UEFA Europa League. After defeating Portadown 10–2 on aggregate they bowed out to Spanish giants Athletic Bilbao 4–3 on aggregate.

In 2016, Slaven defeated HNK Rijeka 4–2 on aggregate in the 2015–16 Croatian Football Cup semi-final, reaching the final for the second time in their history.

## Supporters

In 2023 group of fans organized themselves into a fan group under the name *Podravske štuke* (Podravska pike).

## Players

### Current squad

As of 23 February 2023<sup>[8]</sup>

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

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player	No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
1	GK	 CRO	Matija Jesenović	19	FW	 CRO	Tomislav Štrkalj
5	DF	 KOS	Bujar Pllana	20	DF	 CRO	Filip Hlevnjak
6	DF	 CRO	Tomislav Božić	22	FW	 CRO	Ante Šuto
7	FW	 BIH	Matej Šakota	23	DF	 CRO	Daniel Štefulj (on loan from Dinamo Zagreb)
9	FW	 CRO	Robert Murić	25	GK	 CRO	Ivan Sušak
10	MF	 CRO	Benedik Mičić	29	DF	 CRO	Vinko Medimorec
11	MF	 CMR	Samuel Nongoh (on loan from Adana Demirspor)	30	MF	 GHA	Michael Agbekporu
13	MF	 CRO	Ivan Lepinjica	32	GK	 CRO	Ivan Čović
14	MF	 CRO	Adrian Liber	33	DF	 CRO	Antonio Bosec
16	DF	 CRO	Luka Ćurković	55	DF	 CRO	Marco Boras
17	MF	 MDA	Mihail Caimacov	—	MF	 CRO	Ivan Jelić Balta (on loan from Sarajevo)

### Dual registration

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

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
18	DF	 CRO	Filip Krušelj (at Mladost Ždralovi)

### Out on loan

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

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player	No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
2	DF	AUT	Gabriel Eskinja (at Zrinski Osječko 1664 until 30 May 2024)	12	GK	CRO	Antun Marković (at Karlovac 1919 until 18 June 2024)

## Recent seasons

[show] Season	League									Cup	European competitions	Top league scorer		
	Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos			Player	Goals	
1992	3. HNL North	14	7	2	5	30	19	16	3rd ↑					
1992–93	2. HNL North	30	11	6	13	47	52	28	10th					
1993–94	2. HNL North	30	14	5	11	53	38	33	6th					
1994–95	2. HNL North	30	17	6	7	68	25	57	3rd	R1				
1995–96	2. HNL North	30	25	2	3	81	13	77	1st ↑	R2				
1996–97	1B. HNL	30	16	6	8	51	26	54	2nd ↑	R2				
1997–98	1. HNL	32	11	5	16	31	56	38	9th	R2		Josip Markovinović	6	
1998–99	1. HNL	32	10	9	13	39	44	39	7th	SF		Zoran Slišković	7	
1999–00	1. HNL	33	12	13	8	34	34	49	5th	QF		Marijo Dodik	13	
2000–01	1. HNL	32	11	11	10	39	37	44	5th	R2	Intertoto Cup	R3	Marijo Dodik	16
2001–02	1. HNL	30	11	9	10	34	36	41	6th	R1	Intertoto Cup	R3	Miljenko Kovačić	9
2002–03	1. HNL	32	12	4	16	37	36	40	7th	R2	Intertoto Cup	SF	Marijo Dodik	12
2003–04	1. HNL	32	10	10	12	37	39	40	9th	R2		Srebrenko Posavec	11	
2004–05	1. HNL	32	12	9	11	37	41	45	6th	QF	Intertoto Cup	SF	Ivica Karabogdan	10
2005–06	1. HNL	32	10	11	11	46	48	41	8th	QF	Intertoto Cup	R3	Marijo Dodik, Igor Musa, Bojan Vručina	8
2006–07	1. HNL	33	14	7	12	40	37	49	5th	RU			Bojan Vručina	11
2007–08	1. HNL	33	16	6	11	45	29	54	2nd	QF	UEFA Cup	QR2	Stjepan Poljak	8
2008–09	1. HNL	33	16	7	10	46	39	55	4th	QF	UEFA Cup	R1	Bojan Vručina	14
2009–10	1. HNL	30	11	10	9	44	45	43	7th	QF	Europa League	QR3	Mateas Delić	6
2010–11	1. HNL	30	10	10	10	34	30	40	7th	SF			Leon Benko	8

Season	League									Cup	European competitions	Top league scorer	
	Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos			Player	Goals
2011–12	1. HNL	30	14	10	6	41	27	52	3rd	R2		Leon Benko	7
2012–13	1. HNL	33	10	9	14	35	50	39	8th	SF	Europa League	QR3	Davor Vugrinec
2013–14	1. HNL	36	7	11	18	46	65	32	9th	SF			Davor Vugrinec
2014–15	1. HNL	36	11	9	16	38	49	42	6th	R2			Marko Mirić
2015–16	1. HNL	36	10	12	14	41	42	42	7th	RU			Muzafer Ejupi
2016–17	1. HNL	36	9	11	16	36	45	38	7th	QF			Héber, Mirko Ivanovski
2017–18	1. HNL	36	11	10	15	35	45	43	6th	R2			Mirko Ivanovski
2018–19	1. HNL	36	7	16	13	41	53	37	7th	QF			Ivan Krstanović
2019–20	1. HNL	36	10	9	17	34	51	39	7th	SF			Ivan Krstanović
2020–21	1. HNL	36	7	13	16	36	53	34	7th	QF			Ivan Krstanović
2021–22	1. HNL	36	9	9	18	35	54	36	7th	QF			Ivan Krstanović
2022–23	1. HNL	36	10	13	13	27	46	43	8th	SF			Arber Hoxha

## European record

### Summary

Competition	Plid	W	D	L	GF	GA	Last season played
UEFA Cup / Europa League	20	10	2	8	48	24	2012–13
Intertoto Cup	34	17	7	10	50	29	2005
<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>53</b>	

Source: uefa.com (<http://www.uefa.com/footballeurope/club=64321/domestic.html>), Last updated on 9 August 2012

**Plid** = Matches played; **W** = Matches won; **D** = Matches drawn; **L** = Matches lost; **GF** = Goals for; **GA** = Goals against

### By result

Overall	Plid	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD
<b>Home</b>	27	18	4	5	65	21	+44
<b>Away</b>	27	9	5	13	33	32	+1
<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>+45</b>

## By season

[show] Season	Competition	Round	Opponent	Home	Away	Agg
2000–01	Intertoto Cup	R1	Glenavon	3–0	1–1	4–1
		R2	Zagłębie Lubin	0–0	1–1	1–1 (a)
		R3	Sigma Olomouc	1–1	0–1	1–2
2001–02	Intertoto Cup	R1	Anorthosis	7–0	2–0	9–0
		R2	Bastia	1–0	1–0	2–0
		R3	Aston Villa	2–1	0–2	2–3
2002–03	Intertoto Cup	R1	OD Trenčín	5–0	1–3	6–3
		R2	Belenenses	2–0	1–0	3–0
		R3	Marek Dupnitsa	3–1	3–0	6–1
		SF	VfB Stuttgart	0–1	1–2	1–3
2004–05	Intertoto Cup	R1	Hibernians	3–0	1–2	4–2
		R2	Villaznia	2–0	0–1	2–1
		R3	Spartak Trnava	0–0	2–2	2–2 (a)
		SF	Lille	1–1	0–3	1–4
2005–06	Intertoto Cup	R1	Drava Ptuj	1–0	1–0	2–0
		R2	Gloria Bistrița	3–2	1–0	4–2
		R3	Deportivo La Coruña	0–3	0–1	0–4
2007–08	UEFA Cup	QR1	Teuta	6–2	2–2	8–4
		QR2	Galatasaray	1–2	1–2	2–4
2008–09	UEFA Cup	QR1	Marsaxlokk	4–0	4–0	8–0
		QR2	Aris Thessaloniki	2–0	0–1	2–1
		R1	CSKA Moscow	1–2	0–1	1–3
2009–10	Europa League	QR1	Birkirkara	1–0	0–0	1–0
		QR2	Milano Kumanovo	8–2	4–0	12–2
		QR3	Tromsø	0–2	1–2	1–4
2012–13	Europa League	QR2	Portadown	6–0	4–2	10–2
		QR3	Athletic Bilbao	2–1	1–3	3–4

Last updated on 9 August 2012

## Player records

- Most appearances in UEFA club competitions: **34 appearances**<sup>[9]</sup>
- Petar Bošnjak

- Top scorers in UEFA club competitions: **14 goals**<sup>[9]</sup>

-  [Marijo Dodik](#)

## Notable players

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To appear in this section a player must have:

- Played at least 150 league games for the club;
- Scored at least 50 league goals for the club; or
- Played at least one international match for their national team while playing for NK Slaven Belupo.

Years in brackets indicate their spells at the club.

-   [Roy Ferenčina](#) (1997–2005)<sup>[10]</sup>
-  [Marijo Dodik](#) (1998–2007)<sup>[11]</sup>
-  [Petar Bošnjak](#) (1999–2008)<sup>[12]</sup>
-  [Srebrenko Posavec](#) (2000–05, 2006–10)<sup>[13]</sup>
-  [Bojan Vručina](#) (2004–10, 2011–12)<sup>[14]</sup>
-  [Silvio Rodić](#) (2005–14)<sup>[15]</sup>
-  [Mateas Delić](#) (2006–10, 2012–16, 2018–)<sup>[16]</sup>
-  [Vedran Purić](#) (2008–2018)<sup>[17]</sup>
-  [Fidan Aliti](#) (2016–2017)<sup>[18]</sup>
-  [Nikola Katić](#) (2016–2018)

## Historical list of coaches

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-  [Ivan Bedi](#) (1996–1997)
-  [Miroslav Buljan](#) (1997)
-  [Marijan Vlak](#) (1998)
-  [Luka Bonačić](#) (1999–00)
-  [Mladen Frančić](#) (2000–01)
-  [Dražen Besek](#) (2001–02)
-  [Rajko Magić](#) (2002–03)
-  [Ivan Bedi](#) (2003–04)
-  [Milo Nižetić](#) (2004)
-  [Branko Karačić](#) (2004–05)
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-  [Mile Petković](#) (2008–09)
-  [Milivoj Bračun](#) (2009)
-  [Zlatko Dalić](#) (2009–10)
-  [Mile Petković](#) (2010–11)
-   [Roy Ferenčina](#) (2011–13)
-  [Roman Sović](#) (2013)
-  [Ivan Katalinić](#) (2013)
-  [Mladen Frančić](#) (2013–14)
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-  [Ante Čacić](#) (2014–15)
-  [Željko Kopić](#) (2015–17)
-  [Tomislav Ivković](#) (2017–18)
-  [Ivica Sertić](#) (2018–19)
-   [Tomislav Stipić](#) (2019–21)

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# NK Solin

**NK Solin** is a Croatian football club based in the town of Solin, near Split, playing in the 1. NL, the Croatian second division.

## History

Arguably the team's greatest success was winning the 1980–81 Croatian league, which earned Solin promotion to the 1981–82 Yugoslav Second League. They would play two seasons in the second division.<sup>[1]</sup>

The club was named **MAR Solin** from 1991 to 1994 and **NK Solin Kaltenberg** from 1995 to 1997.<sup>[2]</sup>

As of 2019, the club have played in the 2.HNL for all but two seasons since Croatian independence.

## Players

### Current squad

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

**Solin**



<b>Full name</b>	Nogometni klub Solin
<b>Founded</b>	1919
<b>Ground</b>	Stadion pokraj Jadra
<b>Capacity</b>	3,500
<b>Chairman</b>	Miroslav Dugeč
<b>Head coach</b>	Mirko Labrović
<b>League</b>	First League (II)
<b>2022–23</b>	8th
<b>Website</b>	Club website ( <a href="http://www.nksolin.hr/">http://www.nksolin.hr/</a> )



**Home colours**

**Away colours**

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player	No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
1	GK	CRO	Borna Buljan	15	FW	CRO	Josip Vučković
2	DF	CRO	Marin Karabatić	15	FW	CRO	Josip Vučković
3	DF	CRO	Luka Dumančić	16	DF	CRO	Šimun Hrgović
4	DF	CRO	Mateo Tomić	17	FW	CRO	Kristijan Zagorec
5	DF	CRO	Nino Majdov	18	MF	CRO	Lovre Borovičkić ( <i>on loan from Lokomotiva</i> )
6	DF	CRO	Luka Džaja	20	FW	CRO	Dino Klarić
7	DF	HUN	Gergő Lovrencsics	21	DF	BEN	Philippe Ainadou
8	MF	CRO	Luka Dadić	22	DF	CRO	Niko Đolonga
10	MF	CRO	Antonio Kaćunko	—	DF	BIH	Mladen Blažević
11	FW	CRO	Dino Kapitanović	—	MF	CRO	Roko Brajković
12	GK	CRO	Ivan Kargotić	—	MF	CRO	Ivan Ćubelić
13	FW	CRO	Vicko Ožegović				

## Recent seasons

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Season	League									Cup
	Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos	
1992	2. HNL South	14	10	3	1	23	7	23	1st	
1992–93	2. HNL South	30	16	11	3	39	20	43	3rd	
1993–94	2. HNL South	30	6	12	12	35	39	24	12th	
1994–95	2. HNL South	32	16	9	7	54	27	57	3rd	
1995–96	2. HNL South	30	16	9	5	50	24	57	3rd	
1996–97	2. HNL South	34	15	8	11	56	36	53	9th	R1
1997–98	2. HNL South	32	18	9	5	51	25	63	3rd	
1998–99	2. HNL	36	14	6	16	49	49	48	11th	
1999–2000	2. HNL	32	15	6	11	53	42	51	8th	
2000–01	2. HNL	34	14	9	11	44	46	51	7th	
2001–02	2. HNL South	30	13	9	8	44	24	48	5th	
2002–03	2. HNL South	32	11	8	13	45	47	41	5th	
2003–04	2. HNL South	32	15	3	14	56	47	48	5th	
2004–05	2. HNL South	32	14	8	10	54	53	50	3rd	
2005–06	2. HNL South	32	13	6	13	60	50	45	9th	
2006–07	2. HNL	30	16	5	9	58	33	53	5th	
2007–08	2. HNL	30	10	7	13	46	48	37	12th	
2008–09	2. HNL	30	14	5	11	37	31	47	7th	

2009–10	<u>2. HNL</u>	26	10	10	6	29	22	40	5th	
2010–11	<u>2. HNL</u>	30	13	6	11	35	33	45	6th	
2011–12	<u>2. HNL</u>	28	10	5	13	35	45	35	11th	
2012–13	<u>2. HNL</u>	30	14	9	7	43	39	51	2nd	
2013–14	<u>2. HNL</u>	33	7	13	13	26	47	34	11th ↓	
2014–15	3. HNL South	34	19	11	4	63	30	68	2nd	
2015–16	<u>3. HNL South</u>	34	21	5	8	46	26	68	1st ↑	
2016–17	<u>2. HNL</u>	33	16	7	10	40	36	55	3rd	<u>R2</u>
2017–18	<u>2. HNL</u>	33	9	7	17	31	48	34	9th	
2018–19	<u>2. HNL</u>	26	5	13	8	24	31	28	10th	

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# NK Varaždin (2012)

**Nogometni klub Varaždin**, commonly referred to as **NK Varaždin** or simply **Varaždin**, is a Croatian professional football club based in Varaždin, that competes in the Croatian Football League, the top tier of Croatian football.

## History

The club was founded as FC Varaždin Football School (Croatian: *NK Varaždin Škola nogometa, Varaždin ŠN*) as a phoenix club of NK Varaždin (1931–2015) in 2012 after the latter's suspension;<sup>[1]</sup> the club was dissolved during the second part of the 2011–12 season due to high financial debt. Legally, the two clubs' track records and honours are kept separate by the Croatian Football Federation, but the 2012 club is a continuation of the older club, which did return to competition in 2013, overlapping with the life of Varaždin ŠN. However, the older club finally declared bankruptcy and dissolved in 2015, leaving the name NK Varaždin available once again.<sup>[2]</sup>

After steadily progressing through the levels of the Croatian football league system, NK Varaždin competed in the top division for the first time in the 2019–20 season, where they finished in eighth place.<sup>[3]</sup> However, they were relegated the following season after finishing bottom of the table.<sup>[4]</sup>

## Players

### Current squad

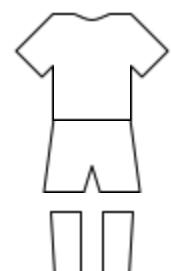
As of 25 February 2024<sup>[5]</sup>

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

**NK Varaždin**



<b>Full name</b>	Nogometni klub Varaždin
<b>Founded</b>	1 July 2012
<b>Ground</b>	Stadion Varteks
<b>Capacity</b>	8,818
<b>President</b>	Dražen Vitez
<b>Head coach</b>	Mario Kovačević
<b>League</b>	Croatian Football League
<b>2022–23</b>	Croatian Football League, 6th of 10
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://nk-varazdin.hr/">Club website (https://nk-varazdin.hr/)</a>



**Home colours**

**Away colours**

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player	No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
1	GK	CRO	Oliver Zelenika	20	MF	SUI	David Mistrafović
5	DF	MTN	Lamine Ba	21	GK	CRO	Domagoj Mamić
6	DF	CRO	Ivan Nekić	22	FW	CRO	Marko Dabro
7	FW	CRO	Jurica Poldručić	23	MF	CRO	Marin Pilj
8	MF	CRO	Igor Postonjski	24	MF	CRO	Mario Marina
9	FW	CRO	Domagoj Drožđek	25	DF	CRO	Antonio Boršić
10	MF	CRO	Leon Belcar	26	DF	CRO	Luka Jelenić
11	FW	CRO	Michele Šego	27	FW	CRO	Tomislav Gudelj
12	GK	CRO	Josip Silić	28	MF	CRO	Luka Škaričić
13	MF	CRO	Leonard Vuk	29	FW	CRO	Niko Domjanić
14	MF	CRO	Karlo Lusavec	30	FW	CRO	Ante Vukušić
17	MF	MKD	Dimitar Mitrovski	31	GK	CRO	Kruno Bašić
19	FW	MNE	Marko Vukčević	32	MF	CRO	Nick Ocvirek

## Out on loan

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

No.	Pos.	Nation	Player	No.	Pos.	Nation	Player
15	FW	CRO	Lovro Banovec (at  Sesvete until 15 June 2024)	—	MF	CRO	Bruno Bujan (at  Beltinci until 15 June 2024)
16	FW	CRO	Noa Vugrinec (at  Dubrava until 9 June 2024)	—	MF	CRO	Ivan Težački (at  Beltinci until 15 June 2024)
—	DF	CRO	Hrvoje Crnčec (at  Cibalia until 15 June 2024)	—	FW	CRO	Karlo Perić (at  Sesvete until 15 June 2024)

## Season-by-season record

Season	League										Cup	European competitions	Top scorer	
	Division	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	Pos.	Player			Player	Goals
2012–13	2. ŽNL Varaždin County East	22	14	3	5	71	24	45	3rd	DNQ				
2013–14	2. ŽNL Varaždin County East	22	14	4	4	62	24	46	3rd ↑	DNQ				
2014–15	1. ŽNL Varaždin County	30	21	5	4	81	38	68	1st ↑	DNQ				
2015–16	3. HNL East	30	10	4	16	40	47	34	11th	DNQ				
2016–17	3. HNL East	30	18	6	6	53	27	60	2nd ↑[1]	R32				
2017–18	2. HNL	33	18	7	8	50	32	61	2nd	R32				
2018–19	2. HNL	26	16	3	7	40	30	51	1st ↑	R16		Leon Benko	22	
2019–20	1. HNL	36	9	9	18	29	50	36	8th	R16		Domagoj Drožđek Dejan Glavica	6	
2020–21	1. HNL	36	6	10	20	30	61	28	10th ↓	R16		Jorge Obregón	7	
2021–22	2. HNL	30	19	6	5	56	29	63	1st ↑	R16		Igor Postonjski Michele Šego	7	
2022–23	HNL	36	12	10	14	41	51	46	6th	R16		Fran Brodić	12	

Key

- DNQ = Did not qualify
- R32 = Round of 32
- R16 = Round of 16

## Notes

1. <sup>a</sup> : Although NK Međimurje finished top of the 2016–17 3. HNL East, they did not apply for promotion, so runners-up NK Varaždin gained promotion to 2. HNL.

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# RNK Split

**Radnički nogometni klub Split** ("Workers' Football Club of Split") commonly known as **RNK Split**, is a Croatian professional football club based in the city of Split.

## History

The club had a strong fanbase in the Split's shipyard. The club was founded on 16 April 1912 as Anarch, but has had several names like Borac, Jug, HAŠK, Dalmatinac, and Arsenal since then.

During the Spanish Civil War, RNK Split organized an unsuccessful expedition of his volunteers for the fight on the side of the anti-fascist coalition against Francisco Franco's forces.

In World War II, the club became well-known because 120 of its players were killed fighting on the side of Josip Broz Tito's Partisans, fighting against Axis forces.<sup>[2]</sup>

After achieving three consecutive promotions from 2008 to 2010, the club went from playing in Croatia's fourth tier to playing in the Croatian First League, Croatia's top division.

In the team's first season in the top flight in the 2010–11 season, they achieved a very respectable third spot. Because of its finish that season, they qualified to play for Europe for the first time in the club's existence and entered into the 2011–12 UEFA Europa League second qualifying round where they met Slovenian side Domžale. They won 5–2 on aggregate and in the third qualifying round they were drawn against Premier League side Fulham, whom they lost to 2–0 on aggregate.

In the 2014–15 season, the club managed to reach the Europa League playoff round after defeating Mika, Hapoel Be'er Sheva and Chornomorets Odesa, but lost 1–0 on aggregate to Italian Serie A side Torino.

## Crest and colours

Founded as *HRŠD "Anarch"*, the club's first colors were black (the color of Anarchists). HRŠD stood for *Hrvatsko radničko športsko društvo* (*Croatian Workingmen's Sports Society*). In 1933, as influence of "red" (organized labour, Social democrat and Communist) youth grew stronger, the club changed its colors to all red and its name to *Radnički nogometni klub Split* (*Workingmen's Football Club Split*).

During SFR Yugoslavia RNK Split played in the top football division four times, but did not win a Championship or Cup title. The biggest success in the Yugoslav Cup was in the season of 1960–61, when they lost in the semi-finals against the Macedonian team Vardar in the game on Vardar's home stadium.

## Honours

- **1. HNL Third place (1):**
  - 2010–11
- **Croatian Football Cup Runners-up (1):**
  - 2014–15
- **Yugoslav Second League Winner (2):**
  - 1956–57 (Zone I), 1959–60 (West)
- **Croatian Republic Football League Winner (1):**
  - 1983–84 (South)
- **2. HNL Winner (3):**
  - 1996–97 (South), 1997–98 (South), 2009–10
- **3. HNL Winner (1):**
  - 1999–2000 (South)



- 2008–09 (South)

#### ▪ 4. HNL Winner (1):

- 2007–08 (South)

## Recent seasons

Season	Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos	Cup	Competition	Round	Player	Goals
											Other competitions		Top goalscorer	
	League													
1992	2. HNL South	14	8	4	2	19	8	20	3rd					
1992–93	2. HNL South	30	17	10	3	58	15	44	2nd	R1				
1993–94	2. HNL South	30	12	6	12	53	42	30	6th					
1994–95	2. HNL South	32	15	10	7	51	34	55	4th	R2				
1995–96	2. HNL South	30	10	10	10	51	34	40	7th					
1996–97	2. HNL South	36	25	5	6	73	25	80	1st					
1997–98	2. HNL South	32	21	5	6	52	19	68	1st	R2				
1998–99	2. HNL	36	17	8	11	60	34	59	5th					
1999–00	2. HNL	32	6	8	18	29	68	26	15th ↓	R1				
2000–01	3. HNL South	28	10	5	13	28	37	35	10th					
2001–02	3. HNL South	30	12	4	14	55	48	40	9th					
2002–03	3. HNL South	28	7	9	12	30	44	30	15th ↓					
2003–04	1. ŽNL S-D	26	13	3	10	46	31	42	5th					
2004–05	1. ŽNL S-D	32	12	10	10	52	41	46	7th					
2005–06	1. ŽNL S-D	36	15	9	12	52	40	54	9th					
2006–07	4. HNL South-A	28	12	6	10	46	34	42	2nd					
2007–08	4. HNL South-A	30	21	4	5	87	25	67	1st ↑			Antonio Milardović	21	
2008–09	3. HNL South	34	23	8	3	79	20	77	1st ↑			Ante Žužul	28	
2009–10	2. HNL	26	16	5	5	56	26	53	1st ↑	R1		Ante Žužul	12	
2010–11	1. HNL	30	16	5	9	38	22	53	3rd			Bojan Golubović	6	
2011–12	1. HNL	30	14	8	8	43	32	50	4th	R2	Europa League	QR3	Duje Čop	8
2012–13	1. HNL	33	15	7	11	49	37	52	5th	R2			Ante Rebić	10
2013–14	1. HNL	36	14	10	12	41	41	52	4th				Mate Bilić	9

Season	Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Pos	Cup	Competition	Round	Player	Goals
	League										Other competitions		Top goalscorer	
2014–15	1. HNL	36	9	14	13	42	49	41	7th	RU	Europa League	PO	Sokol Cikalleshi	10
2015–16	1. HNL	36	10	16	10	28	29	46	6th				Dražen Bagarić	8
2016–17	1. HNL	36	3	9	24	12	52	18	10th ↓	SF			Sandro Ugrina	3
2017–18	3. HNL South	30	15	8	7	59	39	53	4th	R1			Pjero Antunović, Marin Bakić	11
2018–19	3. HNL South	30	9	11	10	51	44	38	13th	R1			Drago Gabrić	25
2019–20	3. HNL South	18	10	3	5	38	22	33	2nd	R1				
2020–21	3. HNL South	32	14	9	9	51	40	51	3rd	R1			Ivan Primorac	11
2021–22	3. HNL South	34	15	7	12	52	40	52	6th				Krešimir Luetić	19

## Key

- P = Played
- W = Games won
- D = Games drawn
- L = Games lost
- F = Goals for
- A = Goals against
- Pts = Points
- Pos = Final position
- 1. HNL = Croatian First League
- 2. HNL = Croatian Second League

- 3. HNL = Croatian Third League
- 4. HNL = Croatian Fourth League
- 1. ŽNL = First County League
- S-D = Split-Dalmatia
- R1 = Round 1
- R2 = Round 2
- QF = Quarter-finals
- SF = Semi-finals
- RU = Runners-up
- W = Winners

## European record

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### Summary

Competition	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Last season played
Europa League	12	5	5	2	12	7	2014–15
Total	12	5	5	2	12	7	

Source: [uefa.com \(http://www.uefa.com/footballeurope/club=64321/domestic.html\)](http://www.uefa.com/footballeurope/club=64321/domestic.html), Last updated on 28 August 2014

**Pld** = Matches played; **W** = Matches won; **D** = Matches drawn; **L** = Matches lost; **GF** = Goals for; **GA** = Goals against

### By result

Overall	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD
Home	6	4	2	0	9	2	+7
Away	6	1	3	2	3	5	-2
Total	12	5	5	2	12	7	+5

## By season

Season	Competition	Round	Opponent	Home	Away	Agg
2011–12	UEFA Europa League	QR2	Domžale	3–1	2–1	5–2
		QR3	Fulham	0–0	0–2	0–2
		QR1	Mika	2–0	1–1	3–1
	UEFA Europa League	QR2	Hapoel Be'er Sheva	2–1	0–0	2–1
		QR3	Chornomorets Odesa	2–0	0–0	2–0
		PO	Torino	0–0	0–1	0–1

## Historical list of managers

- Luka Kaliterna (1940–41), (1946–47), (1954–58)
- Frane Matošić (1959–61)
- Luka Kaliterna (1961–62)
- Frane Matošić (1963–64)
- Ivo Radovniković (1963–64)
- Ozren Nedoklan (1965–66)
- Luka Kaliterna (1966–67)
- Tomislav Ivić (1967–68)
- Ljubomir Kokeza (1968)
- Stanko Poklepović (1969)
- Ljubomir Kokeza (1970–71)
- Stanko Poklepović (1971–72)
- Lenko Grčić (1972–73)
- Zlatomir Obradov (1975)
- Zlatko Papec (1978–80)
- Vladimir Beara (1980–81)
- Zlatko Papec (1981–82)
- Vinko Begović (1986–87)
- Mićun Jovanić (1991)
- Vjeran Simunić (1999–00)
- Stipe Milardović (2007–08)
- Milo Nižetić (2008–09)
- Tonči Bašić (2009–10)
- Ivan Katalinić (2010–11)
- Tonči Bašić (2011–12)
- Zoran Vulić (2012–13)
- Goran Sablić (*interim*) (2013)
- Stanko Mršić (2013–14)
- Ivan Matić (2014)
- Zoran Vulić (2014–15)
- Goran Sablić (2015–16)
- Vjekoslav Lokica (2016–17)
- Bruno Akrapović (2017)
- Ivan Pudar (2017–2018)
- Armando Marenzi (2018–2020)
- Ivan Radeljić (2020–2022)
- Ivan Tomičić (Mar 2022–Sep 22)<sup>[3]</sup>
- Damir Vučić (Sepp 2022–Feb 23)<sup>[4]</sup>
- Ivan Čaić (Feb 2023–)<sup>[5]</sup>

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## External links

- Official website (<https://rnksplit.hr/>)
- RNK Split profile (<http://www.uefa.com/teamsandplayers/teams/club=2601166/profile/index.html>) at [UEFA.com](#)
- RNK Split (<https://int.soccerway.com/teams/croatia/nk-split/2619/>) at [Soccerway](#)
- Slaven Žužul blog (<http://slavenzuzul.wordpress.com/>) (in Croatian)

# Second Football League (Croatia)

The **Drugarnogometna liga** (English: Second football league),<sup>[1][2][3]</sup> 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.<sup>[4]</sup>

## 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.<sup>[5]</sup>

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.<sup>[6]</sup>

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> <sup>[1]</sup>	<u>Koprivnica</u> †	-
2000–01	<u>Trnje</u> <sup>S</sup>	<u>Uljanik Pula</u> <sup>S</sup>	<u>Metalac Osijek</u> <sup>N</sup>	<u>GOŠK</u> <u>Dubrovnik</u> <sup>S</sup>	<u>Podravac</u> <sup>N</sup>	-
2001–02	<u>Napredak VM</u>	<u>Opatija</u>	<u>Dilij</u> <sup>N</sup>	<u>Primorac</u> <u>Stobreč</u>	<u>Mladost Prelog</u>	-
2002–03	<u>Segesta</u> <sup>S</sup>	<u>Žminj</u>	<u>Slavonija Požega</u> N	<u>Mosor</u>	<u>Virovitica</u> <sup>N</sup>	-
2003–04	<u>Naftaš</u> <sup>S</sup>	<u>Draga</u>	<u>Višnjevac</u>	<u>Mosor</u> <sup>S</sup>	<u>Bjelovar</u> <sup>N</sup>	-
2004–05	<u>Karlovac</u> <sup>S</sup>	<u>Istra Pula</u>	<u>Graničar</u> <sup>N</sup>	<u>Konavlijanin</u>	<u>Mladost Molve</u> <sup>N</sup>	-
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> <sup>[2]</sup>	-	<u>Lokomotiva</u> , <u>Međimurje</u> , <u>Junak Sinj</u>
2008–09	-	<u>Rudeš</u> †	<u>Grafičar</u> <u>Vodovod</u> <sup>[3]</sup>	<u>RNK Split</u> †	-	<u>Lučko</u> , <u>Vukovar</u> '91
2009–10	-	<u>Gorica</u> †	<u>Lipik</u> <sup>[4]</sup>	<u>Dugopolje</u> †	-	<u>HAŠK</u> , <u>MV</u> <u>Croatia</u>
2010–11	-	<u>Radnik Sesvete</u> †	<u>Podravina</u> <sup>[5]</sup>	<u>Raštane</u> <sup>[6]</sup>	-	-
2011–12	-	<u>Zelina</u> †	<u>BSK Bijelo</u> <u>Brdo</u> <sup>[7]</sup>	<u>Raštane</u> <sup>[6]</sup>	<u>Mladost</u> <u>Ždralovi</u> <sup>[8]</sup>	<u>Primorac 1929</u>
2012–13	<u>Segesta</u> †	<u>Grobničan</u> <sup>[10]</sup>	<u>Slavonija</u> <sup>[11]</sup>	<u>Val</u> <sup>[13]</sup>	<u>Mladost</u> <u>Ždralovi</u> <sup>[12]</sup>	-
2013–14	<u>Maksimir</u> <sup>[14]</sup>	<u>Opatija</u> <sup>[14]</sup>	<u>BSK Bijelo</u> <u>Brdo</u> <sup>[14]</sup>	<u>Imotski</u> †	<u>Međimurje</u> <sup>[14]</sup>	<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> <sup>[15]</sup>	<u>Međimurje</u> <sup>[16]</sup>	<u>Hajduk II</u> †	-	<u>Varaždin</u> † <u>Kustošija</u> †
2017–18	-	<u>Vinogradar</u> <sup>[17]</sup>	<u>Osijek II</u> †	<u>Croatia</u> <u>Zmijavci</u> <sup>[18]</sup>	-	<u>BSK Bijelo Brdo</u> † <u>Međimurje</u> † <u>Zadar</u> †
2018–19	-	<u>Vinogradar</u> <sup>[19]</sup>	<u>Cibalia</u> †	<u>Junak Sinj</u> <sup>[20]</sup>	-	<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

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1. <sup>a</sup> : 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. <sup>a</sup> : 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. <sup>a</sup> : 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. <sup>a</sup> : 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. <sup>a</sup> : 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. <sup>a</sup> : 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. <sup>a</sup> : 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. <sup>a</sup> : 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. <sup>a</sup> : 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. <sup>a</sup> : 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. <sup>a</sup> : 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. <sup>a</sup> : 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. <sup>a</sup> : HNK Val lose against Segesta in play-off.
14. <sup>a</sup> : 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. <sup>a</sup> : 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. <sup>a</sup> : 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. <sup>a</sup> : 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. <sup>a</sup> : 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. <sup>a</sup> : 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. <sup>a</sup>: 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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# Split city derby

**Split city derby** (*Croatian: Splitski gradski derbi*) or **Derby of St. Duje** (town's patron saint) is the name given to matches between Hajduk and RNK, two clubs from the Adriatic city of Split. The teams are supported by their fanbases called Hajduk's Torcida and Split's Crveni đavoli. Games are played on two nearby stadiums, Poljud and Park Mladeži.

## History

Derby between Hajduk and Split dates back to the days of Kingdom of Yugoslavia in the early 1920s after clubs were founded only one year apart. The first match between the two was an exhibition on 16 Mar 1919 between Hajduk and Anarh, ending in 11-0 Hajduk win. While today's RNK Split was in those times often dissolved, renamed or joined with other Split teams (over the years team was called *Anarh, JNSK Jug, Split ŠK, Borac BŠK, HAŠK Split, Vicko Krstulović, Arsenal*) Hajduk maintained its name and home ground, providing a field for their matches until Park mladeži was built in 1955. Teams regularly met during this period, playing friendly games and Split Championship. Between 1920 and 1941, clubs played 24 official and close to 50 friendly matches, with Hajduk winning almost all of them.

Following the end of World War II, both clubs were dissolved and joined anti-fascist movements. Split players were also active soldiers during the Spanish Civil War. After the war ended, both were reactivated, and continued their tradition which now spans to over 100 friendly games. First official league meeting came after Split qualified for their first league appearance in 1957–58 season. Split won a home game 2-0, but was eventually eliminated, only to return three years later for one more season. Their managers at time were one of Hajduk's greats Luka Kaliterna and Frane Matošić.<sup>[1]</sup> Before Yugoslavia fell apart teams met in Yugoslav Cup couple of times, with Hajduk winning every game and achieving far memorable results.

Since Croatian independence, Hajduk joined Croatia's top tier, while Split played lower divisions. Teams met in 1992–93 Croatian Cup in a surprising 3-0 Split win at Poljud, only to see Hajduk winning 2nd game 4-0 and go to the next round. For the next 18 years, only friendlies were occasionally played before Split earned their first elite division promotion for 2010–11 season. In the last few years, Hajduk went through financial and organisational changes, and with Split playing their best football in recent history, derbies became more leveled than ever before. Today, Split is going through a financial crisis while Hajduk became more stabilised but in the derbies, they are still equally matched.

## Results

The most recent derby was played on 31 July 2016 in Park Mladeži, in the 29th round of the 2016–17 Prva HNL season. It ended in a 1–0 Hajduk's win, with Franck Ohandza's only scorer.<sup>[2]</sup>

### Splitski gradski derbi

<b>Other names</b>	Derbi svetog Duje
<b>Location</b>	Split, Croatia
<b>Teams</b>	Hajduk and RNK
<b>First meeting</b>	16 March 1919 (unofficial)
<b>Latest meeting</b>	Hajduk 5–2 Split (2016–17 Croatian League) 26 April 2017
<b>Statistics</b>	
<b>Meetings total</b>	71 (27 league)
<b>Most wins</b>	Hajduk (47)
<b>Top scorer</b>	Leo Lemešić (16 goals)
<b>Largest victory</b>	Hajduk 12–0 Split 1926 Split Championship (14 Mar 1926)

Competition	Played	Hajduk wins	Draws	Split wins	Hajduk goals	Split goals
<b>Split championship (1923–1936)</b>						
Split Championship	24	23	0	1	117	9
<b>Totals</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Yugoslav championship (1946–1991)</b>						
Yugoslav League	4	1	2	1	5	5
Yugoslav Cup	6	5	1	0	16	2
<b>Yugoslavia totals</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Other official games (1920–1992)</b>						
Domestic league qualifying	6	5	0	1	27	9
1940-41 Croatian League	2	1	1	0	10	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Croatian championship (1992–present)</b>						
Prva HNL	23	11	10	2	30	15
Croatian Cup	6	2	1	3	8	8
<b>Croatia totals</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>All Time</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>49</b>

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## Key

	Match ended in a draw
	Hajduk win
	Split win

## 1920–1941

M	Date	Competition	Ground	Score	Hajduk scorers	RNK scorers
1	18 Apr 1920	Split Championship	Stari plac	0–1		?
2	3 Oct 1920	Split Championship	Stari plac	5–1	Gazdić (3), Radić, Tagliafero	?
3	13 Mar 1921	Split Championship	Stari plac	0–3	Radić, Tagliafero, Pilić	
4	20 Nov 1921	Split Championship	Stari plac	1–0	Borovčić-Kurir	
5	15 May 1922	Split Championship	Stari plac	0–5	M.Bonačić (3), Radić, Tagliafero	
6	22 Oct 1922	Split Championship	Stari plac	8–0	Hochmann (3), Rodin (2), Š.Poduje (2), Borovčić-Kurir	
7	31 May 1923	Split Championship	Stari plac	1–3	Rodin (2), Benčić	?

M	Date	Competition	Ground	Score	Hajduk scorers	RNK scorers
8	18 Nov 1923	Split Championship	Stari plac	6–1	Benčić (2), A.Bonačić (2), Borovčić-Kurir	?
9	30 Mar 1924	Split Championship	Stari plac	1–6	A.Bonačić (2), V.Poduje, Šore, Borovčić-Kurir, Benčić	?
10	1 Nov 1924	Split Championship	Stari plac	11–1	M.Bonačić (7), Radić (2), Borovčić-Kurir, Š.Poduje	?
11	1 Mar 1925	Split Championship	Stari plac	0–5	M.Bonačić (2), Machiedo, Borovčić-Kurir	
12	24 Jan 1926	Split Championship	Stari plac	0–1	Benčić	
13	14 Mar 1926	Split Championship	Stari plac	12–0	Lemešić (4), Benčić (3), Radić (3), Devivi, Š. Poduje	
14	3 Oct 1926	Split Championship	Stari plac	3–0		
15	20 Mar 1927	Split Championship	Stari plac	8–1	Benčić (4), M.Bonačić (3), Dumanić	?
16	27 Nov 1927	Split Championship	Stari plac	3–0		
17	21 Oct 1928	Split Championship	Stari plac	3–0		
18	8 May 1929	Split Championship	Stari plac	3–0	J.Bonačić (2), Radovniković-Težoro	
19	24 Nov 1929	Split Championship	Stari plac	4–1	Kragić, Mikačić, Lemešić	?
20	23 Feb 1930	Split Championship	Stari plac	7–0	Benčić (3), Lemešić (2), Kragić, Mikačić, A.Bakotić	
21	11 Nov 1930	Split Championship	Stari plac	6–0	A.Bakotić, Rodin, Š.Poduje, Kragić, Lemešić	
22	17 Apr 1932	Split Championship	Stari plac	0–7	Lemešić (3), Kragić (2), Ružić, Lin	
23	5 Aug 1934	Div 1 (qual)	Stari plac	1–2	Kragić	?
24	9 Sep 1934	Div 1 (qual)	Stari plac	5–1	Kragić (2), Lemešić (2), Dešković	?
25	12 Apr 1936	Split Championship	Stari plac	0–3	Kragić, F.Matošić, Radovniković-Težoro	
26	17 May 1936	Split Championship	Stari plac	3–1	F.Matošić, Jukić	?
27	8 Jan 1939	Cup (round of 16)	Stari plac	2–0	F.Matošić (2)	
28	15 Jan 1939	Cup (round of 16)	Stari plac	0–0		
29	8 Oct 1939	Div 1 (qual)	Stari plac	2–5	J.Matošić (3), Kacijan (2)	?

M	Date	Competition	Ground	Score	Hajduk scorers	RNK scorers
30	24 Mar 1940	Div 1 (qual)	Stari plac	8–3	Čapeta (4), Lemešić (3), Sobotka	?
31	15 Dec 1940	Banate of Croatia Championship	Stari plac	1–1	Kacijan	?
32	19 Mar 1941	Banate of Croatia Championship	Stari plac	9–0	F.Matošić (3), Batinić (2), Sobotka (2), Alujević, J.Matošić	

**Note:** Home team's score always shown first

## 1945–1992

M	Date	Competition	Ground	Score	Hajduk scorers	RNK scorers
33	10 Feb 1946	Croatian Championship (qual.)	Stari plac	0–2	Batinić, Viđak	
34	17 Feb 1946	Croatian Championship (qual.)	Stari plac	6–1	F.Matošić (2), V.Andrijašević (2), Lokošek, I.Radovniković	?
35	15 Dec 1957	Div 1	Stari plac	2–2	Krstulović, Žanetić	?
36	27 Apr 1958	Div 1	Park mladeži	2–0		Alujević (2)
37	20 Nov 1960	Div 1	Stari plac	1–1	Z.Bego	?
38	14 May 1961	Div 1	Park mladeži	0–2	Anković (2)	
39	20 Nov 1963	Cup (round of 32)	Stari plac	1–0	Anković	
40	2 Dec 1970	Cup (round of 32)	Stari plac	2–1	Nadoveza, Smolčić	?
41	23 Feb 1972	Cup (round of 32)	Stari plac	6–1	Šimek (2), Gluić (2), Hlevnjak, Jovanić	?
42	29 Aug 1973	Cup (round of 16)	Park mladeži	0–5	Mijač (3), Jurišić (2)	

**Note:** Home team's score always shown first

## 1992–

M	Date	Competition	Ground	Score	Hajduk scorers	RNK scorers	Attendance	Report
43	23 Sep 1992	Cup (round of 32)	Poljud	0–3		Filipović, Perković, Škopljanc	500	<a href="http://hrnogomet.com/kup/utakmica.php?id=15&amp;tab=1">HRnogomet.com (http://hrnogomet.com/kup/utakmica.php?id=15&amp;tab=1)</a>
44	7 Oct 1992	Cup (round of 32)	Park mladeži	0–4	T.Erceg (2), S.Andrijašević, Jeličić		5,000	<a href="http://hrnogomet.com/kup/utakmica.php?id=16&amp;tab=2">HRnogomet.com (http://hrnogomet.com/kup/utakmica.php?id=16&amp;tab=2)</a>
45	29 Aug 2010	1. HNL	Park mladeži	1–1	Vukušić	Golubović	5,500	<a href="http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=5083">HRnogomet.com (http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=5083)</a>
46	12 Mar 2011	1. HNL	Poljud	3–1	Andrić (2), Vukušić	Vejić (o.g.)	8,000	<a href="http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=5203">HRnogomet.com (http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=5203)</a>
47	28 Aug 2011	1. HNL	Park mladeži	1–1	Tomasov	Obilinović	4,200	<a href="http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=5323">HRnogomet.com (http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=5323)</a>
48	10 Mar 2012	1. HNL	Poljud	0–0			12,000	<a href="http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=5443">HRnogomet.com (http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=5443)</a>
49	29 Jul 2012	1. HNL	Poljud	1–0	F.Andrijašević		12,000	<a href="http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=5528">HRnogomet.com (http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=5528)</a>
50	28 Oct 2012	1. HNL	Park mladeži	0–1	Vršajević		4,000	<a href="http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=5594">HRnogomet.com (http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=5594)</a>
51	31 Oct 2012	Cup (round of 16)	Poljud	2–1	Caktaš, Sušić	Rebić	4,000	<a href="http://hrnogomet.com/kup/utakmica.php?id=1124">HRnogomet.com (http://hrnogomet.com/kup/utakmica.php?id=1124)</a>
52	4 May 2013	1. HNL	Park mladeži	2–1	Kouassi	A.Erceg (2)	1,500	<a href="http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=5694">HRnogomet.com (http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=5694)</a>
53	28 Jul 2013	1. HNL	Park mladeži	0–3	Caktaš, Glumac (o.g.), Maglica		5,000	<a href="http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=5729">HRnogomet.com (http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=5729)</a>

M	Date	Competition	Ground	Score	Hajduk scorers	RNK scorers	Attendance	Report
54	5 Oct 2013	1. HNL	Poljud	0–0			7,000	<a href="http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=5774">HRnogomet.com (http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=5774)</a>
55	8 Feb 2014	1. HNL	Park mladeži	1–2	Pašalić (2)	Glavina	2,500	<a href="http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=5819">HRnogomet.com (http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=5819)</a>
56	13 Apr 2014	1. HNL	Poljud	1–0	Pašalić		6,000	<a href="http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=5864">HRnogomet.com (http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=5864)</a>
57	20 Sep 2014	1. HNL	Park mladeži	1–1	Maglica	Galović	3,000	<a href="http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=5937">HRnogomet.com (http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=5937)</a>
58	7 Dec 2014	1. HNL	Poljud	2–1	Ibriks (o.g.), Milić	Jukić	8,000	<a href="http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=5982">HRnogomet.com (http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=5982)</a>
59	4 Apr 2015	1. HNL	Poljud	1–2	Milevskyi	Rog, Cikalleshi	6,000	<a href="http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=6027">HRnogomet.com (http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=6027)</a>
60	8 Apr 2015	Cup (SF)	Poljud	1–1	Sušić	A.Erceg	6,000	<a href="http://hrnogomet.com/kup/utakmica.php?id=1248&amp;tab=1">HRnogomet.com (http://hrnogomet.com/kup/utakmica.php?id=1248 &amp;tab=1)</a>
61	22 Apr 2015	Cup (SF)	Park mladeži	1–0		Cikalleshi	3,500	<a href="http://hrnogomet.com/kup/utakmica.php?id=1250&amp;tab=2">HRnogomet.com (http://hrnogomet.com/kup/utakmica.php?id=1250 &amp;tab=2)</a>
62	29 May 2015	1. HNL	Park mladeži	1–1	Maloku	Vidović	2,500	<a href="http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=6072">HRnogomet.com (http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=6072)</a>
63	19 Jul 2015	1. HNL	Poljud	0–0			10,594	<a href="http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=6084">HRnogomet.com (http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=6084)</a>
64	27 Sep 2015	1. HNL	Park mladeži	0–2	Vlašić, Caktaš		3,000	<a href="http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=6129">HRnogomet.com (http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=6129)</a>
65	12 Dec 2015	1. HNL	Poljud	0–0			7,000	<a href="http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=6174">HRnogomet.com (http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=6174)</a>
66	3 Apr 2016	1. HNL	Park mladeži	0–0			3,500	<a href="http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=6220">HRnogomet.com (http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=6220)</a>

M	Date	Competition	Ground	Score	Hajduk scorers	RNK scorers	Attendance	Report
								<a href="http://t.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=6219">t.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=6219</a> )
67	31 Jul 2016	1. HNL	Park mladeži	0–1	Ohandza		3,000	<a href="http://HRnogomet.com(http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=6269)">HRnogomet.com(<a href="http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=6269">http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=6269</a>)</a>
68	16 Oct 2016	1. HNL	Poljud	2–1	Futács, Bašić	Pešić	7,276	<a href="http://HRnogomet.com(http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=6314)">HRnogomet.com(<a href="http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=6314">http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=6314</a>)</a>
69	30 Nov 2016	Cup (QF)	Park mladeži	2–1 (aet)	Barry	Ugrina, Pešić	2,435	<a href="http://HRnogomet.com(http://hrnogomet.com/kup/utakmica.php?id=1342)">HRnogomet.com(<a href="http://hrnogomet.com/kup/utakmica.php?id=1342">http://hrnogomet.com/kup/utakmica.php?id=1342</a>)</a>
70	19 Feb 2017	1. HNL	Park mladeži	1–1	A.Erceg	Pešić	3,068	<a href="http://HRnogomet.com(http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=6359)">HRnogomet.com(<a href="http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=6359">http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=6359</a>)</a>
71	26 Apr 2017	1. HNL	Poljud	5–2	Vlašić, Nižić, A.Erceg, Said, Ohandza	Tomičić, Ugrina	5,450	<a href="http://HRnogomet.com(http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=6404)">HRnogomet.com(<a href="http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=6404">http://hrnogomet.com/hnl/utakmica.php?id=6404</a>)</a>

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## Player and manager records

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### Top scorers 1919–1992

#### 16 goals

-  Leo Lemešić (Hajduk)

#### 15 goals

-  Ljubomir Benčić (Hajduk)
-  Mirko Bonačić (Hajduk)

#### 9 goals

-  Vladimir Kragić (Hajduk)
-  Frane Matošić (Hajduk)

#### 8 goals

-  Vinko Radić (Hajduk)

#### 5 goals

-  Šime Poduje (Hajduk)

-  [Janko Rodin \(Hajduk\)](#)

## Top scorers 1992–

Updated up to the last derby played on 26 April 2017

### 5 goals

-  [Ante Erceg \(Split, Hajduk\)](#)

### 3 goals

-  [Mijo Caktaš \(Hajduk\)](#)
-  [Mario Pašalić \(Hajduk\)](#)
-  [Ivan Pešić \(Split\)](#)

### 2 goals

-  [Srđan Andrić \(Hajduk\)](#)
-  [Sokol Cikalleshi \(Split\)](#)
-  [Tomislav Erceg \(Hajduk\)](#)
-  [Anton Maglica \(Hajduk\)](#)
-  [Franck Ohandza \(Hajduk\)](#)
-  [Tino-Sven Sušić \(Hajduk\)](#)
-  [Sandro Ugrina \(Split\)](#)
-  [Nikola Vlašić \(Hajduk\)](#)
-  [Ante Vukušić \(Hajduk\)](#)

## Players who have scored in Split city derby for both clubs

-  [Ante Erceg](#)

## Players who have played for both clubs (senior career)

-  [Mate Bilić](#)
-  [Duje Čop](#)
-  [Zvonimir Deranja](#)
-  [Ante Erceg](#)
-  [Dalibor Filipović](#)
-  [Tomislav Glumac](#)
-  [Juraj Grizelj](#)
-  [Mirko Hrgović](#)
-  [Janko Janković](#)
-  [Frane Lojić](#)
-  [Filip Marčić](#)
-  [Artem Milevskyi](#)

-  [Goran Milović](#)
-  [Srđan Mladinić](#)
-  [Jure Obšivač](#)
-  [Mirko Oremuš](#)
-  [Ivan Pešić](#)
-  [Ivica Pirić](#)
-  [Nenad Pralija](#)
-  [Ivan Radeljić](#)
-  [Predrag Šimić](#)
-  [Ivan Tomičić](#)
-  [Ivan Anton Vasilij](#)
-  [Josip Vuković](#)

## Managers who have worked at both clubs

-  [Lenko Grčić](#)
-  [Ivan Katalinić](#)
-  [Frane Matošić](#)

-  [Jozo Matošić](#)
-  [Ozren Nedoklan](#)
-  [Stanko Poklepović](#)
-  [Ivo Radovniković](#)
-  [Zoran Vulić](#)

## Head-to-head league results

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	<u>57–58</u>	<u>60–61</u>	<u>10–11</u>	<u>11–12</u>	<u>12–13</u>	<u>13–14</u>	<u>14–15</u>	<u>15–16</u>	<u>16–17</u>
<b>No. of teams</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
Hajduk	3	9	2	2	4	3	3	3	3
RNK	11	11	3	4	5	4	7	6	10

The table lists the place each team took in each of the seasons.

## See also

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- [Eternal derby](#)
- [Adriatic derby](#)
- [Dalmatian derby \(Hajduk Split vs Šibenik\)](#)
- [Dinamo–Rijeka derby](#)

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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](#).<sup>[1]</sup>

## 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.<sup>[2]</sup>

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

<b>Founded</b>	1991 (as Treća HNL)
<b>Country</b>	 <a href="#">Croatia</a>
<b>Confederation</b>	UEFA
<b>Number of teams</b>	74 (in 5 groups)
<b>Level on pyramid</b>	4
<b>Promotion to</b>	<a href="#">2. NL</a>
<b>Relegation to</b>	<a href="#">1. ŽNL</a>
<b>Domestic cup(s)</b>	<a href="#">Hrvatski kup</a>
<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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