

Norway Cup

WEEK 31



Invitation

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Welcome to Norway Cup - week 31

Bækkelagets Sportsklub and Dagbladet have the great pleasure of inviting your team to Norway Cup. This is the largest International Football Tournament in the world for Youths commencing in Oslo week 31 every year. The tournament is a melting pot with youths from the four corners of the world meeting fellow footballers and making new friends. Norway Cup is open to all clubs, who is affiliated through FIFA via their National Football Associations.

Facts

- 30.000 players and team leaders
- 1.400 teams
- 49 nations
- 3.800 matches
- 350 referees and 56 observers
- 780 national and international media-representatives
- 1.200 volunteers from the Organizing club
- 400 volunteers from our partners

Oslo

Within the boundaries there is wilderness and urban culture, shops and restaurants that you will not find any other place in Scandinavia. The Town Hall of Oslo is situated in the center, only a few hundred meters from the main street of the city, the Karl Johan Street, which houses the Norwegian Parliament, the Royal Castle, the National Theatre and the University. On the seaside of the Town Hall you find boats and shrimp trawlers selling their daily catch to the public. Oslo is reckoned as one of the worlds' foremost shipping towns. By the docks, still in a walking distance from the center, a large cruise fleet is visiting every summer. From the same docks there is only a 10 minutes drive to beautiful beaches with very clean water.

Oslo has raised many sports heroes, and has several internationally well known sports arenas, amongst them Bislet stadium for track and field, famous for 52 official World records. It has hosted both Grand Prix and Golden League since 1966. The legendary Holmenkollen skijump is just a short tram ride from the center. In 1952 Oslo hosted the Winter Olympic Games, an arrangement that was declared as the most spectacular Winter Olympics of its time. Oslo has arranged World Championships in skiing, Nordic disciplines, both in 1966 and 1982. World Championships in biathlon was the big happening in 2000. The yearly Holmenkollen Ski festival ends the winter season.

The Colorful Unity

is one of the causes closest to the heart of Norway Cup. It all started in 1979 with the Brazilian team Pequeninos do Jockey from Sao Paulo. Their first team arriving in Oslo consisted of street children from the slum. Today Pequeninos do Jockey is the most winning club in the history of Norway Cup with 17 gold medals.

In the eighties Norway Cup joined the Norwegian Football Association in a relief project in Tanzania. It was one of the first sports projects in the third world, and the work were aimed at disabled persons. In 1989 came another new project, Mathare Youth Sport Association from Kenya. It all began with 15-20 youths from the slums of Nairobi. Today it is a movement with more than 16 000 youths that participate in more than just football, for instance the fight against HIV/aids. The club has been nominated to the Nobel's Peace prize two years in a row for their work combining football with community life! One of the proudest moments in the history of Norway Cup was in 1995. For the first time ever a team from Israel played against a team from Palestine on a sporting arena - of course at the Ekeberg fields.

In 2003 Norway Cup broke yet another historical barrier. A Palestinian-Israeli team, named Peace Team, consisting of ten Israelis and ten Palestinian boys aged 12- 4 years of age, was participating in the world largest football tournament. For the first time in the history of Norway Cup a team from the war ridden country of Afghanistan participated in 2003, while we had new countries to add to our list with Gambia, Iran, Lebanon, Costa Rica and Mali in 2005.

The cradle of Norwegian women's football

From the very beginning of Norway Cup, in 1972, the girls were present. This is unique even for Norway, a model for women's liberation. The Norwegian Football Association (NFF) included woman football officially as late as 1976. "There is no doubt that Norway Cup has made a great contribution to the strong position women's football holds in Norway", says the Secretary General in NFF, Karen Espelund.

Festival and opening show

Norway Cup have a grand Opening Show at Ballsletta at Ekeberg with a number of famous artists both domestic and international and nearly 30.000 spectators.

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Norway Cup offer you

A-card

- 8 night at schools
- 3 meals a day
(Breakfast served at the school, lunch and dinner at Ekeberg Sports hall)
- Free transportation with Oslo Transportation System
- Free entrance to some museums
- Norway Cup T-shirt
- Team photo/diploma of participation for each player
- Free entrance to the outdoor swimming pools in Oslo
- Norway Cup Grand Opening Show
- Norway Cup's Multilanguage guides
- Mini-golf
- Disco (admittance card do not include entry fee)

H-card/Hotelcards

- 7 nights
- Equal rights as the A-card, but includes accomodation in hotel,
- Breakfast served at the hotel,
- The remaining meals will be served at Ekeberg Sports hall
 - H1 (single room)
 - H2 (double rooms)
 - H3 (three beds rooms)
 - H4 (four beds rooms)
 - H5 (five beds rooms)
 - H6 (six beds rooms)

Transportation

- Oslo Airport Gardermoen roundtrip
- Ship, train or bus roundtrip
- For arrival at other destinations, please ask for offer



Participation

Norway Cup is open to all clubs affiliated with FIFA through their National Football Association. You may only utilize 22 players per team and 4 leaders. A player can only participate in one team during the tournament.

Playing system

The teams entering the tournament are divided into groups of 4 or 5 teams. Each team plays a round robin. The two best teams in each group proceeds to the A-playoffs, where cup rules apply. The third placed team in each group proceeds to the B-playoffs where cup rules also applies. The winner of the qualifying group receives a plaque, and it is possible for the rest of the players to purchase plaques as well. If weather conditions and the state of the playing fields make play impossible, the Organizers may be forced to reschedule matches, move to other fields or the possible cancellation of matches.

Duration of matches

Class A and Q :	2 x 30 min. - 5 min. break
Class B, R and W:	2 x 25 min. - 3 min. break
Classes C, D, E, S, T and U:	2 x 20 min. - 3 min. break
Classes F and V :	2 x 15 min. - 3 min. break

Time schedule

The preliminary games are played from Sunday to Tuesday. The matches are played each day from 8 (Sunday 9) am to 8.30 pm. The play offs (cup rules) takes place from Wednesday on. The finals are played on Friday and Saturday.

VISA - IMPORTANT!

Due to the Schengen agreement, visa application must be submitted to the local Norwegian embassy at least 3 months ahead of time of departure. Please ask for special rules for teams requering visas.

INSURANCE!

All participants have to be covered with travel sickness- and home sending insurance. Without this insurance you will not be able to apply for visas.

Tournament regulations as well as further information regarding the tournament are posted on our internet pages:

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Opening Show

Photo: Lasse Mørkhagen



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