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Competition Presentation

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The logo represents 2 symbols at the same time:

- a star
- a ball

The teams compete in 6-a-side football (Socca6) to be crowned world club champions. This is the symbol of inspiration for SOCCA Champions League creatives.

What is all about

The SOCCA Champions League unites socca teams in the most professionally organised amateur event, conducted by the world's highest authority in small-sided football, the International Socca Federation.

SOCCA connects those people that love small sided football and transforms them to real ambassadors.

SOCCA gives the most organised and highest performing teams from each country the opportunity to be selected to compete at an international level and become...

BIG socca clubs.

Which teams receive the participation license?

All teams who participate in SOCCA Champions League need to secure a licence, signed by Socca and their National Association.

Socca Champions league combines 2 kinds of licensed teams:

- **The winning teams**

(Teams that are at the top 8 positions of the local league)

- **The contract teams**

(Teams that are selected by the National Associations or the ISF because of their history, organisation, engagement, marketing or potential, regardless of their position in the league)

In 2019, each national association may award Champions league licences to up to 6 teams (either winning or contract teams).

If a national association wishes to submit a higher number of teams, they can apply to ISF and ISF will decide if it will provide extra wild cards to further teams from the same country.



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Marketing of all teams

Winning and contract teams can be selected to take part in the Champions League if they have strong potential to become big brand names across the world. It is important that any team offered a position as a contract team is already well known, has a following, and has experience in marketing themselves, so that they can operate like an international brand.

Team Logo: Each team needs to have a logo. SOCCA will approve this logo or will propose design improvements to this logo which will be covered by SOCCA.

Team's Social Media: Each team must have a social media profile, and must make several posts per month.

Socca Website & social media: The teams will be promoted in SOCCA central website through SOCCA Champions League section and the most interesting of the news will be updated at the SOCCA central website.

Outfits and uniforms: The teams need to have 2 opposite colored outfits for the matches or at least different jerseys. SOCCA offers for free 1 full outfit which can be used by each team, according to the colors and the guidelines of the clubs. Ideally, the team will have further sports equipment (uniforms, polo shirts, bags etc.), but this is not compulsory.

Period and duration

The Champions League lasts for 4 days, starting in the afternoon of **5th September** and ending on the evening of **8th September**.

The weather in Maribor on these dates (at the end of summer) is suited to football as the weather is dry & mild.

Location

Slovenia, Maribor

- Maribor is located in the centre of Europe, and is easily accessible to most other European countries.
- There are a selection of airports all within 300km of Maribor, so teams can select the airport which offers them the best connection and journey.
- Maribor is a football city, since NK Maribor is a well known European club & there are 60+ football pitches.
- Maribor is a beautiful city, attractive for visitors, with a population of 120,000 residents, including 20,000 students. Maribor is full of life.



Maribor, 2019





Details about the Accommodation

The teams will have the chance to choose between (1) the Apartments of the University of Maribor and (2) Arena Hotel Maribor

The apartments are located close to the city centre, and 20 minutes walking distance from the football venue/ 5 minutes by car (1800m). They are all double rooms of high quality and they have sharing bathrooms and kitchens.

The Arena Hotel is located further from the city centre and is 10 minutes from the football venue by car (3800m).





Price of Licence, terms and what is included

Both contract and winning teams must secure a licence to participate in the Socca Champions League competition. The licence is signed by socca and the member, and is valid for one year.

Each team has a minimum of 10 and maximum of 15 players. Friends and family can also enjoy preferential accommodation rates, and there is no limit on the number of personnel who travel with the team.

The deposit payment must be made by 15th June 2019, and the remaining amount by 1st August 2019 in order to secure a team's position. Licence fee payments should be made to ISF via the national association.

There are several different level licences available, which include:

		1 night	2 nights	3 nights	4 nights	5 nights
License A	Entry fee Sports outfit Apartment Tourist tax	NOT AVAILABLE	NOT AVAILABLE	165€ Per person	184€ Per person	203€ Per person
License B	Entry fee Sports outfit Apartment Breakfast + 1 meal Tourist tax	NOT AVAILABLE	NOT AVAILABLE	188€ Per person	214€ Per person	240€ Per person
License C	Entry fee Sports outfit Hotel Breakfast Tourist tax	142€ Per person	173€ Per person	205€ Per person	236€ Per person	268€ Per person
License D	Entry fee Sports outfit Hotel Breakfast + 1 meal Tourist tax	150€ Per person	189€ Per person	229€ Per person	268€ Per person	308€ Per person
License E	Entry fee Sports outfit	110 € Per person				



Sports side of the event

The Socca Champions League will take place at Sportni Objekti Maribor (**Tabor Sports Centre**) which is a modern football training centre.

Matches will take place simultaneously on multiple small-sided pitches (26m x 46m). Both **artificial turf** and **natural grass** pitches are available, and teams will be able to state their preferred playing surface for the group stages * with **all semifinals and finals taking place on artificial turf**.

The football pitches:

- 1 artificial turf football pitch – divided in small-sided pitches (6v6)
- 2 natural grass football pitches – divided in small-sided pitches (6v6)

Standard socca rules, as used at the Socca World Cup, will apply to the Champions League event. A mixture of experienced international and regional (Slovenian and Croatian) referees will be selected and managed by Socca, in partnership with the Slovenian and Croatian Socca Associations.

- 6aside pitches dimensions: 26x46m / goals: 4m x 2m

* playing surface slots are offered on a first come, first serve basis.



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Structure of the SOCCA Champions League

The final event structure will be determined once teams have paid their deposits and the final number of participating teams is confirmed. All teams will be divided into groups of 4 and guaranteed a minimum of 3 matches at the group stage, with at least 2 of the teams from the group qualifying for the next round (the knockouts). There is a chance of extra matches ("barrage").

On the first day (Thursday) each team will play one group match. On the second day (Friday) each team will play 2 group matches. The knockout stages take place across days three and four (Saturday and Sunday). At least 3 hours rest time will be scheduled for teams between their matches, with the exception of barrage matches which can be 2 in a row.

At the groups stage it is not possible that 2 teams from the same country meet, unless the draw does not allow otherwise.

Women: A new dynamic category

For the first time in 2019 socca will run a pilot women's tournament within the Champions League, which will run parallel to the main tournament. The tournament rules and structure will be exactly the same as the male category.

Entry is open to any women's team (not just those who play in our members' leagues) and we want to promote the women's category to as many teams as possible.

Transportation

Each team is responsible for arranging their own transportation to Maribor.

Other services

Each team will be featured on the Champions League web livestream for a minimum of one game. Other benefits available to teams include discounted taxi fares, discounted airport transfers available, discounted food and drink etc.



Socca Champions League 2018

The 2018 Socca Champions League took place in **Porec, Croatia**, and was **the world's most prestigious small-sided football event for club teams**.

The tournament was won by **Dynamik Torun**, the winners of the Polish league.





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