

The background of the entire page is a blue-tinted photograph of soccer players in action. In the foreground, a soccer ball is visible on the left. Several players' legs and feet are seen, wearing white socks with blue stripes and white cleats. The overall scene is dynamic and sports-oriented.

# ALGARVE ELITE CUP

FACTS & FIGURES

# ABOUT

The Algarve Elite Cup is an international professional youth football tournament located in the South of Portugal, in the Algarve Province. The Algarve has arguably the best sportsclimate in Europe. The temperature, the sun, the ocean make the sporting conditions in the Algarve A+.

In March 2022 the first two editions of the Algarve Cup kicked off with 30 teams, out of 10 countries participating for the U16 and U17 trophies. We are very happy to have organized twenty tournaments already in the Algarve and to organise more editions in March and November 2025 and 2026. In this guide we want to inform you, as future participant, what the Algarve Elite Cup is all about.



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# PARTICIPANTS MARCH 2024

In the first editions of the Algarve Elite Cup we had over 30 teams, with more than 600 players fighting for the trophies. With the Pandemic and the horrible situation in Ukraine and Russia the Algarve Elite Cup still managed to host an elite level tournament. The Algarve Elite Cup will always be played on the highest level, with teams meeting those requirements.

## UNDER 13

-  SL Benfica
-  Sporting CP
-  Club Brugge
-  Juventus
-  Silves FC
-  CAAF Atlantico
-  SC Braga
-  Brondby IF
-  Elite LA
-  Manchester City
-  Brighton & Hove Albion
-  TCA
-  FC Midtjylland
-  Go Ahead Eagles

## UNDER 14

-  SL Benfica
-  Sporting CP
-  AFC Ajax
-  Paris SG
-  Brondby IF
-  SC Braga
-  Brighton & Hove Albion
-  FC Nordsjaelland
-  ISR
-  Elite LA
-  Birmingham City
-  ESBF

## UNDER 16

-  SL Benfica
-  Sporting CP
-  Real Salt Lake
-  FC Midtjylland
-  Southampton FC
-  SC Braga
-  FC Utrecht
-  AZ Alkmaar
-  ISR
-  FC Copenhagen
-  Royal Antwerp FC
-  Supra Canada

# PARTICIPANTS NOV 2024

## UNDER 15

-  SL Benfica
-  Sporting CP
-  Atletico Madrid
-  SC Braga
-  Leyton Orient
-  FC Copenhagen
-  PSG
-  EFX Canada
-  Brondby IF
-  Silves FC
-  Elite LA
-  Sydney AS
-  ISR
-  AGF Aarhus

## UNDER 17

-  SL Benfica
-  Sporting CP
-  AZ Alkmaar
-  FC Porto
-  B93
-  HIK Hellerup
-  HB Koge
-  SC Braga
-  FC Twente-Heracles
-  Pumas
-  Silves FC
-  Sydney AS

## UNDER 19

-  SL Benfica
-  FC Porto
-  Biafra Africa
-  SC Braga
-  FC Twente-Heraceles
-  HIK Hellerup
-  FC Helsingor
-  B93
-  Vitoria Guimaraes
-  AZ Alkmaar
-  TCA

# PARTICIPANTS MARCH 2025

## UNDER 13

-  SL Benfica
-  Sporting CP
-  AFC Ajax
-  SC Braga
-  Brighton & Hove Albion
-  FC Nordsjaelland
-  Tottenham Hotspur
-  RSC Anderlecht
-  Roskilde BK
-  SA Eindhoven
-  Elite LA
-  CAAF Atlantico
-  ISR
-  Go Ahead Eagles

## UNDER 14

-  SL Benfica
-  Sporting CP
-  AFC Ajax
-  Bayer Leverkusen
-  Parma Calcio
-  Red Bull Bragantino
-  Brighton & Hove Albion
-  SC Braga
-  FC Twente-Heracles
-  FC Nordsjaelland
-  Silves FC
-  PEC Zwolle
-  Elite LA
-  Roskilde BK

## UNDER 16

-  Real Sociedad
-  Sporting CP
-  RSC Anderlecht
-  SC Braga
-  Kashiwa Reysol
-  FC Midtjylland
-  FC Copenhagen
-  CAAF Atlantico
-  Vitoria Guimaraes
-  Supra Canada
-  Toluca
-  ISR

# LONGSTAY PROGRAM

The Algarve Elite Cup is open to high level teams from all over the world. We've had participants from all over the world: not only from Europe, but also Australia, America, Mexico, Brazil. For every team we offer the possibility of staying longer and having a program including additional training sessions and practice matches. We've had participants from all over the world: not only from Europe, but also Australia, America, Mexico, Brazil. For every team we offer the possibility of staying longer and having a programme including additional training sessions and practice matches.



## TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE

The Algarve Elite Cup is built in order to remain competitive throughout the days of the tournament. In addition, the tournament is planned effectively in time, so the teams don't have to be at the accommodation for most of the day. On Friday, there will be 3 groups of 4 teams. The number 1 and 2 of the group will play in the 'Champions league' groups on Saturday.

The number 3 and 4 of the group will play in the 'Europa League' groups, also played on Saturday. Which in total will be 4 groups of 3 teams. In the Champions League groups, the first and the second team will play the semi-finals on Sunday. Number 3 of both groups will play semi-finals for the 5-8th place with number 1s of the Europa League groups on Sunday. The number 2 and 3 in the Europa League groups will play semi-finals for the 9-12th place. Each team will play a total of 7 matches for 250 minutes at The Algarve Elite Cup.





## PREVIOUS WINNERS

March 2025 U16: Real Sociedad

March 2025 U14: Brighton & Hove Albion

March 2025 U13: AFC Ajax

November 2024 U19: SC Braga

November 2024 U17: SL Benfica

November 2024 U15: Atletico de Madrid

March 2024 U16: Real Salt Lake

March 2024 U14: AFC Ajax

March 2024 U13: Sporting CP

November 2023 U19: B93

November 2023 U17: Sporting CP

November 2023 U15: Sporting CP

March 2023 U17: AZ Alkmaar

March 2023 U16: SC Braga

March 2023 U14: Manchester City

November 2022 U19: SL Benfica

November 2022 U17: FC Nordsjaelland

Oktober 2022 U15: FC Nordsjaelland



## BEST PLAYER AWARD

Since 2023 we've added a new prize, for the player and keeper of the tournament. The following players we're awarded as player of the tournament:

- March 2025 U16: Jayden Onia Seke (RSC Anderlecht)
- March 2025 U14: Elgyn Hato (AFC Ajax)
- March 2025 U13: Pedro Guidini Comério (Sporting CP)
- Nov 2024 U19: Flinto da Costa (SC Braga)
- Nov 2024 U17: Jose Antonio Herrera (Pumas)
- Nov 2024 U15: Alvaro Fernandez (Atletico Madrid)
- March 2024 U16: Chris Grombahi (Sporting CP)
- March 2024 U14: Francisco Wang (SL Benfica)
- March 2024 U13: Isaac Kande (Club Brugge)
- Nov 2023 U19: Fransisco Neto (SL Benfica)
- Nov 2023 U17: Taiki Tono (Gamba Osaka)
- Nov 2023 U15: Abdellah Ouazane (AFC Ajax)
- March 2023 U17: Peter V. Berthelsen (FC Nordsjaelland)



## BEST KEEPER AWARD

The following keepers we're awarded as keeper of the tournament:

- March 2025 U16: Hugo Diez Jorna (Real Sociedad)
- March 2025 U14: Cash Bradley (B&H Albion FC)
- March 2025 U13: Boaz Rinckes (AFC Ajax)
- Nov 2024 U19: Dario Lami (SC Braga)
- Nov 2024 U17: Nick Homan (AZ)
- Nov 2024 U15: André Marques (SC Braga)
- March 2024 U16: Will Mackay (Real Salt Lake)
- March 2024 U14: Cino Cloos (AFC Ajax)
- March 2024 U13: Lorenzo Moretti (Juventus)
- Nov 2023 U19: Javier Orantes Bernal (Necaxa)
- Nov 2023 U17: William Sonne (Brøndby IF)
- Nov 2023 U15: Hugo Guerra Pires (SC Braga)
- March 2023 U17: Kyani Zeggen (AZ)









# LOCATION



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The Algarve is known for its beautiful nature and ocean. Our teams and families will be hosted in Portimão, Lagoa or Vila Real de Santo Antonio. Depending on the tournament's age group.



The entire Algarve has leisure and hidden gems, where we as an organization will service the interested teams and their families as much as possible. After 14 successful editions, we only work with the hotels that received the best ratings from the hundreds of participants who have already participated.

## ALGARVE, SOUTH PORTUGAL



### STADIUMS

**Stadium 1:** FC Silves – Dr Francisco Vieira

**Stadium 2:** Estadio Municipal de Estômbar



## Estadio Municipal de Estômbar

The Estadio Municipal de Estômbar is a stadium in Estômbar, Algarve. It is known for its high quality artificial grass pitch and spacious facilities around the pitch. The stadium is used by many clubs in the Algarve playing at high amateur level.



## FC Silves, Dr. Francisco Vieira

Furthermore, we have the stadium of the local pride, Silves FC. This stadium is located in a valley, which gives a breathtaking experience when you arrive. It has a good artificial turf field and is known to host the Algarve Cup where teams such as Manchester City, SL Benfica and Ajax are regular participants. All participants are very pleased with this beautiful venue every year.



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