



VCF ACADEMY WORLD CUP

PRE-TOURNAMENT STAGE: 21ST - 25TH JUNE 2026

TOURNAMENT: 25TH - 28TH JUNE 2026





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INTRODUCTION

WELCOME



For the **fifth edition**, the **Valencia CF Training Centre** becomes the meeting point for all our U12 teams.

Teams from around the world arrive to share what truly makes us part of the same club: the passion for football, the desire to improve, and the values that unite us wherever we play: *valentia*, *sentiment* and *germanor*.

The VCF Academy World Cup is the best scenario for **competing while enjoying the game, meeting new friends, and feeling proud to represent Valencia CF.**

Thank you for being part of this journey. **We look forward to seeing you all in Valencia.**

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VCF ACADEMY PROGRAMS PLAYER PATHWAY



U8-U10

ALL MALE AND FEMALE PLAYERS

VCF ACADEMY PROGRAMS
PLAYERS' PATHWAY
BEGINNING

Start getting to know players through academy visits and the review of training sessions and match recordings.

U12

MIXED TOURNAMENT
OPEN FOR ALL PLAYERS

VCF ACADEMY PROGRAMS
WORLD CUP

International tournament for all VCF Academy Programs U12 teams, where players are observed in a competitive environment.

U13-U14-U15

MALE AND FEMALE CATEGORIES
SELECTED PLAYERS

VCF ACADEMY PROGRAMS
TRAINING EXPERIENCE

High-performance training program in Valencia for the top international players selected by the VCF Academy Programs technical staff.

U16

MALE AND FEMALE CATEGORIES
SELECTED PLAYERS

VCF ACADEMY PROGRAMS
ELITE CAMP

Elite training program in Valencia for the top U16 international players selected by the VCF Academy Programs technical staff.

U17-U19

ELITE MALE AND FEMALE PLAYERS

VCF ACADEMY PROGRAMS ELITE
PLAYERS' ASSESSMENT

Online individual interview with VCF Academy Programs staff to evaluate performance and discuss potential development pathways.

VCF ACADEMY PROGRAMS PLAYERS' WEEK

PROGRAMS HELD SIMULTANEOUSLY AT THE VALENCIA CF TRAINING CENTRE AT THE END OF EACH SEASON



VCF ACADEMY PROGRAMS PLAYER PATHWAY

ERIK HAMZA SUCCESS STORY



U16

VCF ACADEMY PROGRAMS
ELITE CAMP

Participates in **2022** in the **1st edition** of the **VCF Academy Elite Camp** representing the **VCF Academy Greece** branch in **Syros**.



U17

VALENCIA CF
U17 ACADEMY TEAM

Signs for the **Valencia CF Academy U17 team** during the **22.23 season**, becoming the **first VCF Academy Programs player** to achieve this milestone.



U19

GREECE
U19 NATIONAL TEAM

Comes back to his hometown in Greece and quickly signs for **Olympiacos B** while also starting to play for the **U19 Greece National Team**

*Erik Hamza has been **part of the VCF Academy Programs network since the age of 10**, when he joined the **Valencia CF Academy Greece** branch in his hometown of **Syros**. After years of **growth and development within our identity and values**, participating in different programs such as the **VCF Academy Training Experience**, he is now **representing his country** at youth level and competing in the **UEFA Youth League** with **Olympiacos U19**, his current club.*

Check his Transfermarkt profile here: [Erik Hamza - Player profile 25/26 | Transfermarkt](#)



VCF ACADEMY PROGRAMS PLAYER PATHWAY

LORENC PERLALA SUCCESS STORY



U12

VCF ACADEMY PROGRAMS
WORLD CUP

Participates in **2022** in the **1st edition** of the VCF Academy World Cup with the **VCF Camps Holland team**, being selected for the **All-Stars squad**.



U15

VCF ACADEMY PROGRAMS
ELITE CAMP

Participates in **2025** in the **4th edition** of the **VCF Academy Elite Camp**, being one of the most outstanding players at just 15 years of age.



U16

NETHERLANDS
U16 NATIONAL TEAM

After his participation in the Elite Camp, signs for **Feyenoord Academy** and is called up by the **U16 Netherlands National Team**

*Lorenc Perlala has been **part of the VCF Academy Programs network since the age of 11**, when he joined a **VCF Camp in Winterswijk (Netherlands)** in 2021. His strong performances led to his selection for the **1st VCF Academy World Cup** and the **World Cup All-Stars squad**, followed by the **VCF Camp in Oosterhout** and the **2025 VCF Academy Elite Camp**. He is currently representing the **Netherlands U16** and plays for the **Feyenoord Academy**.*

Check his Transfermarkt profile here: [Lorenc Perlala - Player profile | Transfermarkt](#)

CREATE YOUR NEXT SUCCESS STORY



Make the most of the **technical content and meetings** with the **VCF Academy Programs staff** to ensure your players grow within a **training and competition environment** fully aligned with the **VCF Academy identity and values**.



Record and share your **training sessions and matches** throughout the season so the VCF Academy Programs staff can **follow your teams' and players' evolution** and understand their **collective and individual progress**.



Complete the **reports and forms** provided by the VCF Academy Programs staff members to **track the progress and development of your most talented players**.



Encourage your teams to participate in the different VCF Academy Programs in Valencia, focusing on the **VCF Academy Training Experience for the U13-U14 and U15-U16 age groups**, as this is a **perfect opportunity** for them to be closely followed by the VCF Academy Programs staff and to **be considered for the U14 Players' Draft** and the **U16 Elite Camp**.



2026 EDITION

GENERAL INFORMATION



DATES

DATES: 25TH – 28TH JUNE 2026

SUNDAY 21/06	MONDAY 22/06	TUESDAY 23/06	WEDNESDAY 24/06	THURSDAY 25/06	FRIDAY 26/06	SATURDAY 27/06	SUNDAY 28/06
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WHEN SHOULD YOU ARRIVE TO VALENCIA?

Teams participating in the **pre-tournament stage** should arrive in Valencia on **Sunday 21st June**.

Teams participating **only in the VCF Academy World Cup** should arrive in Valencia before **Thursday 25th June, 1:00 PM (Spanish time)**.

FACILITIES



LOCATION: VCF TRAINING CENTRE, VALENCIA (SPAIN)





ACCOMMODATION

- Mas Camarena Hotel
- Mas Camarena Apartments
- Posadas de España Hotel



Teams and families will be allocated across the available hotel options according to organizational needs.



REGULATIONS

- Participants will be players born in **2014 or 2015**.
- Exceptionally, teams may register a maximum of **one player** born in **2013**.
- The tournament will follow the regulations of the **FIFA, Spanish and Valencian Football Federations**.
- All the matches will be in **7-a-side format**, in **artificial turf** fields *and* with **size-4 balls**.
- All the matches will last, at least, **20 minutes**, depending on the number of participants.
- Each team will play a minimum of **10 tournament matches**.
- Each team must register a **maximum of 14 players**.
- **There will not be substitution limits** during the match, being players able to be substituted and to participate again in the same match.
- It will not be necessary to inform the referee of the substitutions, but **there cannot be more than 7 players per team on the field at the same time**.

A more detailed tournament regulations document will be sent to the participants ahead of the tournament start.



ORGANIZATION AND STAFF

- All **organization and supervision of the program** will be managed exclusively by Valencia CF and its designated staff members.
- Each participating team must include **at least two coaches or staff members** in their squad list. These individuals will be **fully responsible for the supervision, safety and behavior of their players** throughout the entire stay, both during sporting activities and outside them.
- Every team will be assigned a **VCF Host** – a staff member designated by Valencia CF – who will **assist the team** during their stay and act as the main contact person between the delegation and the tournament organization. Please note that the **VCF Host's role is purely organizational and logistical**; in no case will they be responsible for the supervision or care of the players.



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