

Red Sea Youth Cup

Team Participation Guide

Aqaba, Jordan | 27 December 2026 to 3 January 2027

A youth football tournament. This guide explains the competition system, accommodation, included activities, and team registration steps.

16 teams	Born 2012–2013
18 players, 2 coaches	7 nights: 27 December – 3 January

Tournament Information

The tournament welcomes 16 officially registered clubs or academies, including 15 teams from outside Jordan. The teams will be divided into four groups of four. The top two teams from each group advance to the quarter-finals, followed by the semi-finals, third-place match, and final.

Eligibility and Match System

- Participation is open to male players born between 1 January 2012 and 31 December 2013.
- Each team registers 18 players and two coaches. Players must belong to the club or academy they represent.
- Matches are played with 11 players per team and consist of two 30-minute halves, with a 15-minute break between halves.

Venues and Schedule

Matches will be held at Aqaba International Stadium and Ayla Stadium. The opening ceremony and final will take place at Aqaba International Stadium. The organizing committee will send the match schedule and times later.

The official tournament instructions set out the full competition and disciplinary rules.

Accommodation and Activities

Delegations will stay in Aqaba for seven nights, from arrival on 27 December until departure on 3 January. Each team may choose one of the following accommodation options. Package prices will be published on the tournament website and in the official offer sent to the team.

Included	Hotel	Category
Daily breakfast	Marina Tala Bay	4 stars

Daily breakfast	Grand Tala Bay	5 stars
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Included Activities

- New Year's Eve in Wadi Rum: a jeep tour to watch the sunset and an open-buffet dinner, including the Wadi Rum Protected Area entrance fees.
- A two-hour boat trip, including an open-buffet lunch.
- Welcome reception, including an open-buffet dinner.

What the Package Includes

The package includes hotel accommodation and breakfast, meals for the activities listed above, ground transportation, and the included tourism program. It does not include travel tickets or laundry service, and it does not include meals other than breakfast and those provided during the listed activities.

Registration Steps

The organizing committee reviews participation requests. A team secures its place through the following steps:

1. Submit the initial participation request before 10 November 2026.
2. The committee reviews the request and sends the acceptance decision and login username for the team portal.
3. Pay a 30% participation deposit before 20 November 2026.
4. Submit the official roster and the documents for players, coaches, and accompanying staff before 20 November 2026.
5. Pay the remaining balance of 70% before 30 November 2026, after which final confirmation will be issued.

Player replacements may be requested until 15 December 2026, subject to review and approval of the documents.

Team Information and Contact

The initial request includes the club or academy details, team representative details, hotel choice, and arrival and departure information. After acceptance, the team submits its official roster and identity documents as part of the registration process.

Each team is responsible for booking its travel tickets. For package prices, full instructions, and the latest information, please visit the tournament website or contact the organizing committee.

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