

2013 UEFA EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP

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Netherlands



Russia

Group B - Matchday 2
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Previous competitive meetings

Head to Head

None

Match background

On a high after their last-minute winner against Germany, the Netherlands play the second game of their finals campaign at the Teddy Stadium in Jerusalem with a first ever UEFA European Under-21 Championship meeting against Russia.

- In the first round of matches in Group B, the Netherlands flew into a two-goal lead against Germany, but were pegged back in the second half by the 2009 champions. However, Leroy Fer's 90th-minute header gave them all three points. There was also a late goal in Russia's opening game, though it went against Nikolai Pisarev's men, as they went down 1-0 against defending champions Spain.

Previous meetings

- Although they have never played in a competitive U21 fixture, the countries did meet in a friendly in Groningen on 6 February 2007. The Netherlands ran out 3-0 winners thanks to two goals from Otman Bakkal (23, 27) and another from Maceo Rigters (62).

- The teams at the Euroborg were:

Netherlands: Waterman, Van Buuren, Vlaar (Pieters 82), Kruiswijk (Schilder 46), Jong-A-Pin, Maduro (Koenders 46), Jenner, Aissati, McDonald (Rigters 46), Bakkal (Bruins 70), De Ridder (Medunjanin 70).

Russia: Khomich, Grigoryev, Shishkin, Taranov, Kontsedalov, D Kombarov (Mamaev 71), Kochubei (Starkov 22; Nagumanov 46), Yarkin, Rodenkov, Ryazantsev, Lutsenko (Dzyuba 77).

- The Soviet Union were 3-1 winners on aggregate against the Netherlands in the 1976 U23 competition, the forerunner of the European U21 Championship. A 3-0 victory in the first match in Moscow was the foundation for the success despite a 1-0 second-leg reverse in Kerkrade. The USSR went on to beat Hungary 3-2 in the two-legged final.

Match background

- The Netherlands are in the finals for the first time since 2007, when they claimed a second successive title on home soil with a 4-1 final defeat of Serbia in Groningen. They had lifted the trophy for the first time with a 3-0 defeat of Ukraine in Portugal 12 months previously.

- The Jong Oranje's only previous appearances in the final tournament came in 1998, when they lost to Norway in the third-place play-off, and 2000, when they failed to survive the group stage. They were also semi-finalists in 1988 and reached the last eight four years later.

- This is Russia's first finals appearance as an independent nation under the current format. They reached the quarter-finals in 1994 and 1998 and were knocked out in the play-offs in 2000, 2006 and 2007.

- As part of the Soviet Union, they were European champions in 1980 and 1990.

Team ties

- Netherlands coach Cor Pot was assistant to Dick Advocaat at FC Zenit Saint Petersburg between 2006 and 2009, when he took charge of the Jong Oranje. Maksim Kanunnikov was in Zenit's reserve side at the time.

- Fedor Smolov – Russia's top scorer in qualifying with seven goals – spent 2010/11 on loan at Feyenoord from FC Dinamo Moskva, although he failed to find the net in 11 Eredivisie appearances. His team-mates in Rotterdam included Wijndaldu, Fer, Kelvin Leerdam, Stefan de Vrij and Bruno Martins Indi.

- Oleg Shatov and Smolov scored the first-leg goals as FC Anji Makhachkala won 2-0 against Marco van Ginkel's Vitesse in the UEFA Europa League third qualifying round on 2 August 2012. The trio all also played in the second leg, another 2-0 Anji success.

- Shatov and Smolov then helped Anji eliminate Adam Maher's AZ Alkmaar 6-0 on aggregate in the next round.

- Bram Nuytinck was in the RSC Anderlecht side that lost 1-0 at Zenit in the UEFA Champions League group stage on 24 October before a 1-0 win on 6 November. Kanunnikov was a second-half substitute in Brussels.

- Ola John came on as a late substitute and faced Sergei Bryzgalov when FC Spartak Moskva were 2-1 winners against SL Benfica in the UEFA Champions League group stage on 23 October 2012. John then started the return match in Lisbon on 7 November, while Bryzgalov remained on the bench.

Netherlands news

- Scorer of a superb goal against Germany, Wijndaldu had to withdraw midway through the second half because of a back injury. He has undergone treatment by the Dutch medical team, though, and was present at training on Friday evening.

- On Friday morning, the whole squad had a gentle warm down session at the hotel before enjoying a short bit of recreational time on the beach.
- Bar Wijnaldum, those players who started against Germany all remained at the hotel during the evening training session and watched the senior team's match against Indonesia.
- Tomorrow, the squad are having lunch and then travelling to Jerusalem to spend one night there before the match. They will return to Tel Aviv directly after the match.

Russia news

- A reoccurrence of a knee injury has ended Ivan Knyazev's participation at the finals. The FC Torpedo Moskva defender broke down in the last training session before the Spain game, allowing Russia to call up a late replacement.
- Pisarev opted to bring in FC Yenisey Krasnoyarsk's Aleksei Nikitin, who was in training with the squad right until the start of the tournament.
- The players were given the morning off after the loss to Spain. There were no excursions or group activities, with many squad members spending the time with their families or, in the instance of Pavel Yakovlev, going to the beach and taking a dip in the Mediterranean.
- The senior team had a big FIFA World Cup qualifier in Portugal on Friday night and had U21 players Alan Dzagoev and Smolov on their bench. They lost 1-0 with Smolov coming on in the second half and the duo will join up with Pisarev's squad on Saturday.

Team facts

Netherlands

Final tournament record

2007: winners

2006: winners

2000: group stage

1998: semi-finals

1992: quarter-finals

1988: semi-finals

All-time competitive record

P155 W87 D29 L39

2013 qualifying (including play-off)

P10 W8 D1 L1 F25 A3

Top scorer: Género Zeefuik (7)

Ever presents: Kelvin Leerdam

Netherlands U21s capped at senior level

Kevin Strootman (18 caps), Bruno Martins Indi (9), Luuk de Jong (7), Ricardo van Rhijn (6), Jordy Clasie (5), Stefan de Vrij (5), Adam Maher (4), Daley Blind (3), Georginio Wijnaldum (2), Leroy Fer (2), Marco van Ginkel (1), Ola John (1)

Players with previous U21 final tournament experience

None

Most capped player

All-time: Arnold Bruggink (31)

Current: Leroy Fer (28)

Leading scorer

All-time: Klaas-Jan Huntelaar (18)

Current: Georginio Wijnaldum (9)

Biggest wins

Final tournament:

Netherlands 4-1 Serbia 23/06/2007

2007 final, Euroborg, Groningen

Netherlands 3-0 Ukraine 04/06/2006

2006 final, Bessa XXI, Porto

Qualifying:

San Marino 0-7 Netherlands 29/04/1997

1998 qualifying group stage, Stadio di Serravalle, Serravalle

Heaviest defeats

Final tournament:

Netherlands 0-3 Greece 26/05/1998

1998 semi-final, Steaua Stadium, Bucharest

Qualifying:

England 3-0 Netherlands 27/04/1993

1994 qualifying group stage, Fratton Park, Portsmouth

Spain 4-1 Netherlands 04/06/1999

2000 qualifying group stage, Los Pajaritos, Soria

Portugal 3-0 Netherlands 27/03/2001

2002 qualifying group stage, Dr Machado De Matos, Felgueiras

Netherlands 0-3 Czech Republic 28/03/2003

2004 qualifying group stage, Sportcentrum Maaspoort, 's-Hertogenbosch

Russia

Final tournament record

1998: quarter-finals

1994: quarter-finals

All-time competitive record

P101 W59 D14 L28

2013 qualifying (including play-off)

P10 W6 D3 L1 F21 A7

Top scorers: Fedor Smolov (7), Aleksandr Kokorin (5)

Ever presents: Nikolai Zabolotni, Oleg Shatov

Russia U21s capped at senior level

Alan Dzagoev (27), Aleksandr Kokorin (12), Fedor Smolov (2), Oleg Shatov (2), Maksim Grigoryev (2), Taras Burlak (1), Georgi Schennikov (1), Denys Cheryshev (1), Arseni Logashov (1)

Players with previous U21 final tournament experience

None

Most capped player (competitive games only)

All-time: Oleg Kuzmin, Aleksandr Pavlenko (16)

Current: Pavel Yakovlev (15)

Leading scorer (competitive games only)

All-time: Spartak Gogniev (11)

Current: Fedor Smolov (8)

Biggest wins

Final tournament:

Russia 2-1 Romania 30/05/1998

1998 seventh-placed match, Lia Manoliu Stadium, Bucharest

Qualifying:

Luxembourg 0-10 Russia 06/06/2001

2002 qualifying group stage, Stade Municipal, Petange

Heaviest defeats

Final tournament:

France 2-0 Russia 08/03/1994

1994 quarter-finals, Stade de la Mosson, Montpellier

Spain 2-0 Russia 24/05/1998

1998 quarter-finals, Cotroceni Stadium, Bucharest

Qualifying:

Portugal 3-0 Russia 10/10/2006

2007 play-off, Estadio Sampaio, Vila Nova de Gaia

Romania 3-0 Russia 03/09/2010

2011 qualifying group stage, Municipal Stadium, Botosani

Squad list

Netherlands

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		U21	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Jeroen Zoet	06/01/91	22	PSV Eindhoven	*	9	-	1	-	11	-
16	Marco Bizot	10/03/91	22	FC Groningen	-	2	-	-	-	2	-
23	Nick Marsman	01/10/90	22	FC Twente	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders											
2	Ricardo van Rhijn	13/06/91	21	AFC Ajax	-	2	-	1	-	3	-
3	Stefan de Vrij	05/02/92	21	Feyenoord	-	6	-	1	-	7	-
4	Bruno Martins Indi	08/02/92	21	Feyenoord	-	3	-	1	-	4	-
5	Daley Blind	09/03/90	23	AFC Ajax	-	7	-	1	-	12	-
13	Mike van der Hoorn	15/10/92	20	FC Utrecht	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	Bram Nuytinck	04/05/90	23	RSC Anderlecht	-	9	1	-	-	11	1
20	Patrick van Aanholt	29/08/90	22	Vitesse	-	3	-	-	-	3	-
Midfielders											
6	Jordy Clasie	27/06/91	21	Feyenoord	-	6	1	-	-	6	1
8	Kevin Strootman	13/02/90	23	PSV Eindhoven	-	-	-	1	-	7	-
10	Adam Maher	20/07/93	19	AZ Alkmaar	-	5	-	1	1	6	1
12	Kelvin Leerdam	24/06/90	22	Feyenoord	-	10	-	-	-	10	-
17	Leroy Fer	05/01/90	23	FC Twente	-	7	3	1	1	16	4
18	Marco van Ginkel	01/12/92	20	Vitesse	-	9	3	1	-	10	3
19	Tonny Trindade de Vilhena	03/01/95	18	Feyenoord	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forwards											
7	Florian Jozefzoon	09/02/91	22	RKC Waalwijk	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
9	Luuk de Jong	27/08/90	22	VfL Borussia Mönchengladbach	-	2	1	1	-	9	2
11	Ola John	19/05/92	21	SL Benfica	-	4	-	1	-	5	-
15	Georginio Wijnaldum	11/11/90	22	PSV Eindhoven	-	5	3	1	1	14	5
21	Danny Hoesen	15/01/91	22	AFC Ajax	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	Memphis Depay	13/02/94	19	PSV Eindhoven	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Coach											
-	Cor Pot	08/06/51	62	-	-	10	-	1	-	24	-

Russia

No	Player	DoB	Age	Club	D	Current season				Overall	
						Qual.		FT		U21	
						Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls	Pld	Gls
Goalkeepers											
1	Nikolai Zabolotni	16/04/90	23	FC Spartak Moskva	-	10	-	1	-	11	-
12	Stanislav Kritsuk	01/12/90	22	SC Braga	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Aleksandr Filtsov	02/01/90	23	FC Krasnodar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Defenders											
3	Georgi Schennikov	27/04/91	22	PFC CSKA Moskva	*	2	-	1	-	12	-
4	Nikita Chicherin	18/08/90	22	FC Dinamo Moskva	-	8	-	1	-	9	-
5	Taras Burlak	22/02/90	23	FC Lokomotiv Moskva	-	7	-	1	-	8	-
13	Sergei Bryzgalov	15/11/92	20	FC Spartak Moskva	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
15	Maksim Belyaev	30/09/91	21	FC Lokomotiv Moskva	-	5	-	1	-	6	-
23	Aleksei Nikitin	27/01/92	21	FC Yenisey Krasnoyarsk	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Midfielders											
2	Ibragim Tsallagov	12/12/90	22	PFC Krylya Sovetov Samara	-	9	-	1	-	10	-
6	Yuri Kirillov	19/01/90	23	FC Dinamo Moskva	-	5	1	1	-	7	1
7	Sergei Petrov	02/01/91	22	FC Krasnodar	-	9	-	1	-	10	-
8	Oleg Shatov	29/07/90	22	FC Anji Makhachkala	*	10	2	1	-	11	2
18	Roman Emelyanov	08/05/92	21	FC Shakhtar Donetsk	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
19	Maksim Grigoryev	06/07/90	22	FC Lokomotiv Moskva	*	5	1	1	-	6	1
20	Shota Bibilov	06/08/90	22	FC Volga Nizhny Novgorod	-	6	1	1	-	7	1
21	Aleksandr Zotov	27/08/90	22	FC Spartak Moskva	-	2	-	-	-	2	-
22	Alan Dzagoev	17/06/90	22	PFC CSKA Moskva	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Forwards											
9	Andrei Panyukov	25/09/94	18	FC Dinamo Moskva	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
10	Fedor Smolov	09/02/90	23	FC Dinamo Moskva	-	9	7	-	-	14	8
11	Maksim Kanunnikov	14/07/91	21	FC Amkar Perm	-	9	-	1	-	11	-
14	Pavel Yakovlev	07/04/91	22	FC Spartak Moskva	-	8	-	1	-	15	1
17	Denis Cheryshev	26/12/90	22	Real Madrid CF	-	8	3	1	-	9	3
Coach											
-	Nikolai Pisarev	23/11/68	44	-	-	9	-	1	-	11	-

Head coach

Netherlands: Cor Pot

Date of birth: 8 June 1951

Nationality: Dutch

Playing career: Sparta Rotterdam, MVV Maastricht, HFC Haarlem, SBV Excelsior, Fortuna Vlaardingen

Coaching career: SVB Excelsior (assistant), Feyenoord (assistant and youth), VV Wilhelmus, RBC Roosendaal, NAC Breda, SBV Excelsior, Al-Masry Club, Telstar (assistant), 1. FC Dynamo Dresden (technical director), Netherlands (youth coach, head scout), FC Zenit St Petersburg (assistant), Netherlands Under-21s

- A striker, Pot came through the Sparta Rotterdam youth academy and made his professional debut in 1970/71 at the club. He continued his career with MVV, Haarlem, Excelsior and Vlaardingen before hanging up his boots in 1981.
- After assistant coach roles with Excelsior and Feyenoord, he became head coach at amateur side VV Wilhelmus before moving on to Roosendaal, Breda, Excelsior, and Egyptian side Al-Masry. He also held the post of technical director at German club Dynamo Dresden.
- In 2002, Pot joined the Royal Netherlands Football Association (KNVB), becoming youth coach and head scout, while also succeeding Wim Koevoets as U21 coach for the 2003/04 season. Pot's tenure laid the foundations for Foppe de Haan's successful Jong Oranje, who won back-to-back European titles in 2006 and 2007.
- He moved to Zenit as assistant to Dick Advocaat in 2006, winning the Russian championship, the UEFA Cup and UEFA Super Cup there before returning to the KNVB in 2009. After succeeding De Haan, he has now led the Jong Oranje to their first final tournament since winning it in 2007.

Russia: Nikolai Pisarev

Date of birth: 23 November 1968

Nationality: Russian

Playing career: FC Torpedo Moskva, FC Winterthur, FC Spartak Moskva (three times), CP Mérida, FC St Pauli, FC Dinamo Moskva, FC Torpedo-ZIL, Russia, Russia (beach soccer)

Coaching career: FC Krasnoznamensk, PFC Krylya Sovetov Samara, FC Uralan Elista, Russia (beach soccer), Russia Under-21

- Pisarev came through the youth ranks at Torpedo Moskva and represented the club during the late 1980s. A move to Winterthur followed before a spell with Spartak Moskva where he won three Russian league titles. He returned to Spartak later in his career, winning three more championships, while also playing in Spain and Germany plus at other Moscow clubs.
- Representing the USSR, Pisarev won the 1990 UEFA European Under-21 Championship, though he was a fringe player in that squad. He won three caps for the senior Russia side, all of them in 1995, and scored his only goal in a 3-0 EURO '96 qualifying win against Faroe Islands on 6 May 1995.
- After hanging his boots in 2001, Pisarev plied his trade as an assistant coach at Krasnoznamensk, Krylya Sovetov Samara and Uralan Elista. His first spell as a head coach came with Russia's beach soccer team (2005–10) before being appointed Russian Football Union (RFS) sporting director in May 2010. He started to combine that position with the job of U21 coach in September of that year and guided Russia to the finals for the first time in 14 years.

Match officials

Referee	Antony Gautier (FRA)
Assistant referees	Sandro Pozzi (SUI), Roland Brandner (AUT)
Additional assistant referees	Antti Munukka (FIN), Sébastien Delferiere (BEL)
Fourth official	Nissan Davidy (ISR)
UEFA Delegate	Petr Fousek (CZE)
UEFA Referee observer	Hugh Dallas (SCO)

Referee

Name	Date of birth	Under-21 matches
Antony Gautier	19/11/1977	6

- French referee Antony Gautier has enjoyed a rapid rise since making his UEFA debut in the 2007/08.
- Gautier was promoted to take charge of Ligue 1 matches aged 29 in 2007, one of the youngest match officials to achieve that honour; has since become one of his country's most respected referees and was the man in the middle for the 2011 Coupe de Ligue final between Olympique de Marseille and Montpellier Hérault SC.
- The 2007/08 campaign also marked his first taste of international competition as he was fourth official at two UEFA Cup games; went on to fill the same role in UEFA Champions League matches, plus the UEFA EURO 2008 qualifier between Armenia and Kazakhstan in November 2007, in the years that followed.
- Awarded his FIFA badge in January 2010, Gautier's first continental engagements as a referee followed with two UEFA European Under-19 Championship elite round games; also took charge of two UEFA EURO 2012 qualifiers.
- Worked as a referee in the UEFA Europa League from 2010/11 onwards and, having been an additional assistant referee in five UEFA Champions League games that campaign, made his group stage bow as a referee on matchday three of the 2011/12 competition.

UEFA European Under-21 Championship matches featuring teams from the two countries involved in this match

Date	Competition	Stage	Home	Away	Result	Venue
11/10/12	U21	PO	Slovakia	Netherlands	0-2	Senec
11/10/12	U21	PO	Slovakia	Netherlands	0-2	Senec

Other matches

Date	Competition	Stage	Home	Away	Result	Venue
07/09/10	U21	QR	Scotland	Austria	2-1	Aberdeen
05/06/13	U21	GS	England	Italy	0-1	Tel Aviv
07/09/10	U21	QR	Scotland	Austria	2-1	Aberdeen
05/06/13	U21	GS	England	Italy	0-1	Tel Aviv

Match-by-match lineups

Final tournament Group B

Standings

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Netherlands	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
Spain	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Germany	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Russia	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

Matchday 1 (06/06/13)

Spain 1-0 Russia

Goals: 1-0 Morata 82

Russia: Zabolotni, Tsallagov (Kirillov 80), Schennikov, Chicherin, Burlak, Petrov, Shatov, Yakovlev, Belyaev, Cheryshev (Kanunnikov 58), Bibilov (Grigoryev 46)

Netherlands 3-2 Germany

Goals: 1-0 Maher 24, 2-0 Wijnaldum 38, 2-1 Rudy 47(pen), 2-2 Holtby 81, 3-2 Fer 90

Netherlands: Zoet, Van Rhijn, De Vrij, Martins Indi, Blind, Strootman, L. de Jong, Maher (Fer 82), John (Depay 82), Wijnaldum (Jozefzoon 68), Van Ginkel

Matchday 2 (09/06/13)

Netherlands v Russia

Matchday 3 (12/06/13)

Spain v Netherlands

Russia v Germany

Competition facts

Under-21 historical statistics (competitive matches)

Champions (hosts)

2011 Spain (Denmark)*
2009 Germany (Sweden)*
2007 Netherlands (Netherlands)*
2006 Netherlands (Portugal)*
2004 Italy (Germany)*
2002 Czech Republic (Switzerland)*
2000 Italy (Slovakia)
1998 Spain (Romania)
1996 Italy (Spain)
1994 Italy (France)
1992 Italy
1990 USSR
1988 France
1986 Spain
1984 England
1982 England
1980 USSR
1978 Yugoslavia

*Current format

Leading scorers

All-time

15 Lampros Choutos (Greece), Tomáš Pekhart (Czech Republic)
14 Roy Makaay (Netherlands), Klaas-Jan Huntelaar (Netherlands)

In a final tournament since 2000

7 Marcus Berg (Sweden, 2009)
5 Adrián López (Spain, 2011)
4 Andrea Pirlo (Italy, 2000), Alberto Gilardino (Italy, 2004), Klaas Jan Huntelaar (Netherlands, 2006), Maceo Rigters (Netherlands, 2007), Johan Elmander (Sweden, 2004)
3 Ola Toivonen (Sweden, 2009), Robert Acquafresca (Italy, 2009), Thomas Kahlenberg (Denmark, 2006) Leroy Lita (England, 2007), Massimo Maccarone (Italy, 2002), Giorgio Chiellini (Italy, 2007), Nicky Hofs (Netherlands, 2006), Hugo Almeida (Portugal, 2004), Markus Rosenberg (Sweden, 2004)

Leading scorers per U21 campaign (qualifying to final) since 1990

2011: 10 Tomáš Pekhart (Czech Republic)
2009: 8 Robert Acquafresca (Italy)
2007: 4 Theo Walcott (England), Maceo Rigters (Netherlands), Igor Denisov (Russia), Nikita Bazhenov (Russia), Dragan Mrdja (Serbia)
2006: 14 Klaas Jan Huntelaar (Netherlands)
2004: 11 Alberto Gilardino (Italy)
2002: 9 Ricardo Cabanas (Switzerland)
2000: 15 Lampros Choutos (Greece)
1998: 9 Steffen Iversen (Norway)
1996: 10 Roy Makaay (Netherlands), Ole Gunnar Solskjær (Norway)
1994: 8 Nicolas Ouedec (France), Nelson Antonio Soares Gama (Portugal)
1992: 9 Peter Møller (Denmark)
1990: 9 Igor Kolyvanov (USSR)

Biggest win:

All-time

14-0: Spain v San Marino 08/02/2005
2006 qualifying group stage, Santo Domingo, El Ejido

Final tournament

6-0: England v Turkey 29/05/2000
2000 final tournament group stage, Tehelné Pole Stadium, Bratislava

Final

4-0: Germany v England 29/06/2009
2009, Malmö New Stadium, Malmö, Sweden

Most goals in a game:

14: Spain 14-0 San Marino 08/02/2005
2006 qualifying group stage, Santo Domingo, El Ejido

Final tournament

7: Czech Republic 4-3 Croatia 01/06/2000
2000 group stage, Mestský Stadium, Trenčín, Slovakia

Final

8: Yugoslavia 4-4 German Democratic Republic 31/05/1978
(second leg, Yugoslavia won 5-4 on agg), Mostar, Yugoslavia

Record attendance:

42,000: Turkey 1-1 Germany 18/11/2003
2004 qualifying play-off, Sükrü Saraçoğlu Stadium, Istanbul

Final tournament

35,500: Italy 1-1 Spain (Italy won 5-4 on pens) 31/05/1996
1996 final, Olímpico de Montjuïc, Barcelona

Competition information

- **Eligibility:** Players are eligible to play in the competition if they were born on or after 1 January 1990.
- **Qualifying:** Qualifying began on 25 March 2011 and ran until 16 October 2012 with a group stage followed by play-offs to determine which seven nations joined Israel, who qualified automatically as hosts, at the eight-team final tournament.
- **How the 2013 finals works:** The group stage is based on a league system (three points for a win, one for a draw, none for a defeat) to produce four semi-finalists.

If two or more teams are equal on points on completion of all the matches in their group, the following criteria will be used to determine the rankings in the order given:

- a) number of points obtained in the matches between the teams in question;
- b) goal difference in the matches between the teams in question;
- c) number of goals scored in the matches between the teams in question (if more than two teams finish equal on points);
- d) goal difference in all the group matches;
- e) number of goals scored in all the group matches;
- f) position in the coefficient ranking used for the final draw;

If two teams with the same number of points, goals scored and conceded play their last group match against each other and are still equal at the end of that match, the ranking of the two teams will be determined by penalties, provided that no other team within the group has the same number of points on completion of all group matches.

The final tournament consists of two groups of four, with the top two from each progressing to the semi-finals (A1 v B2 and B2 v A1) where it becomes a knockout competition (extra time and then penalties apply).

- **Disciplinary information:** Yellow cards that do not result in a suspension expire at the end of the group stage and are not carried forward to the semi-finals.
- **Top scorer:** adidas will award a golden boot to the leading scorer at the tournament after the final, along with silver and bronze boots for the players finishing second and third in the scoring chart.
- **Official ball:** The official match ball of the tournament was unveiled during the finals draw in November. Made by adidas, it features the blue and white colours of hosts Israel and its design has the same thermally bonded triangular patterns as the adidas Tango 12, match ball of UEFA EURO 2012.
- **Official song:** Former player Eyal Golan collaborated with some of Israel's best musicians to help produce Always My Number 1, the official tune of the finals. The 42-year-old sung it at the opening ceremony at the Netanya Municipal Stadium on 5 June; it will be subsequently played at every match.
- **Match officials:** Six referees were chosen to officiate in Israel: Ivan Bebek (Croatia), Antony Gautier (France), Paweł Gil (Poland), Ovidiu Hăţegan (Romania), Matej Jug (Slovenia) and Serhiy Boiko (Ukraine). Also, for the first time at an Under-21 finals, there will be a team of additional assistant referees.
- **Trophy:** The original trophy, which is used for the official presentation ceremony at the final, remains in UEFA's keeping at all times. A full-size replica is awarded to the winning association. Each association that competes in the final tournament will receive a commemorative plaque.
- **Medals:** 35 gold medals are presented to the winning team and 35 silver medals to the runners-up. The teams beaten in the semi-finals will each receive 35 bronze medals.
- **Ambassadors:** Avi Nimni and Eli Ohana are the tournament's two ambassadors. With over 130 caps between them, they are two of Israel's foremost former players. Nimni is also Maccabi Tel-Aviv FC's all-time leading goalscorer while Ohana won the European Cup Winners' Cup in 1988 with KV Mechelen.
- **UEFA.com:** A team of reporters in Israel will provide unrivalled coverage in ten languages, with live coverage, player interviews, full statistics and video. There is also full social media coverage including dedicated Twitter (@UEFAUnder21) and Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/under21>) pages.
- **Next finals:** The Czech Republic were selected as hosts of the 2015 UEFA European Under-21 Championship finals at the UEFA Executive Committee meeting on 20 March 2012. Players are eligible to play in the competition if they were born on or after 1 January 1992.

Legend

:: Squad list

No: number **DoB:** date of birth **Qual:** qualifying **FT:** final tournament **Pld:** played **Gls:** goals **Overall U21:** final tournament only

:: Match officials

Nat: nationality **DoB:** date of birth

Under-21: Total matches officiated in the UEFA European U21 Championship including all qualifying round matches. Matches as the fourth official are not included in these statistics. These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in the competition.

UEFA: Total matches officiated in all UEFA competitions including all qualifying round matches. Matches where the official has acted as the fourth official are not included in these statistics. These are the official statistics considered valid for communicating official records in the competition.

:: Group statistics/Tournament schedule

Pos: position **Pld:** played **W:** won **D:** drawn **L:** lost **GF:** goals for **GA:** goals against **Pts:** points

:: NOTE: All-time statistics

Goals totals include the outcome of disciplinary decisions (eg. match forfeits when a 3-0 result is determined). Goals totals do not include goals scored from the penalty mark during a penalty shoot-out.

:: Competitions

Club competitions

UCL: UEFA Champions League

ECCL: European Champion Clubs' Cup/UEFA Champions League

UEL: UEFA Europa League

UCUP: UEFA Cup/UEFA Europa League

UCWC: UEFA Cup Winners' Cup

SCUP: UEFA Super Cup • **UIC:** UEFA Intertoto Cup

ICF: Inter-Cities Fairs Cup

National team competitions

EURO: UEFA European Football Championship

WC: FIFA World Cup • **CONFCUP:** FIFA Confederations Cup

FRIE: Friendly internationals • **U21FRIE:** Under-21 friendly internationals

U21: UEFA European Under-21 Championship

U17: UEFA Under-17 Championship • **U16:** UEFA European Under-16 Championship

U19: UEFA Under-19 Championship • **U18:** UEFA European Under-18 Championship

WWC: FIFA Women's World Cup • **WCHAMP:** UEFA European Women's Championship

:: Competition stages

F: Final

GS: Group stage

GS1: First group stage

GS2: Second group stage

KO1: First knockout round

PR: Preliminary round

QF: Quarter-finals

QR: Qualifying round

QR1: First qualifying round

QR2: Second qualifying round

FT: Final tournament

ELITE: Elite round

3rdPO: Third-place play-off

GS-FT: Group stage – final tournament

3QR: Third qualifying round

R1: First round

R2: Second round

R3: Third round

R4: Fourth round

SF: Semi-finals

R16: round of 16

R32: Round of 32

1st: first leg

2nd: second leg

PO: Play-off

(Rep) : Replay

PO - FT: Play-off for Final Tournament

Prom/rel PO: Promotion/relegation play-off

:: Statistics

(-) : Denotes player substituted

(*) : Denotes player sent off

(+) : Denotes player introduced

(+/-) : Denotes player introduced and substituted

:: Squad list

D: Disciplinary

S: Suspended

Overall U21: Total appearances in the UEFA European Under-21 Championship final tournament only

*****: Misses next match if booked

#: Suspended for at least one match

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