

AFC Club Competitions 2025/26 Slot Allocation & Entries

1. Slot Allocation

West Region

Rank	Member Association	ACL Elite		ACL Two		ACGL		Total
		Direct (LS)	Indirect (PS)	Direct (GS)	Indirect (PS)	Direct (GS)	Indirect (PS)	
1	SAUDI ARABIA	3		1				4
2	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	2	1	1				4
3	QATAR	2	1	1				4
4	ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN	1	1	1				3
5	UZBEKISTAN	1		1				2
6	IRAQ	1		1				2
7	JORDAN			1	1			2
8	BAHRAIN			1	1			2
9	INDIA			1	1			2
10	TAJIKISTAN			1	1			2
11	TURKMENISTAN			1*	1	1		3*
12	OMAN				1	1		2
13	LEBANON					1	1**	2**
14	KUWAIT						2**	2**
15	BANGLADESH						2**	2**
16	SYRIA						2**	2**
17	KYRGYZ REPUBLIC						2**	2**
18	MALDIVES						1	1
19	PALESTINE						._**	._**
20	NEPAL						._**	._**
21	SRI LANKA						._**	._**
22	BHUTAN						1	1
23	AFGHANISTAN						1	1
24	YEMEN						._**	._**
25	PAKISTAN						._**	._**

* One (1) additional ACL Two direct slot allocated for ACGL Titleholder in accordance with Articles 3.6, 3.7 and 3.14 of the AFC Club Competition – Entry Regulations (“Entry Regulations”).

** One (1) ACGL indirect slot of PLE, NEP, SRI, YEM & PAK has been redistributed to LBN, KUW, BAN, SYR & KGZ in accordance with Articles 3.16 and 3.17 of the Entry Regulations.

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Rank	Member Association	ACL Elite		ACL Two		ACGL		Total
		Direct (LS)	Indirect (PS)	Direct (GS)	Indirect (PS)	Direct (GS)	Indirect (PS)	
1	JAPAN	3		1				4
2	KOREA REPUBLIC	2	1	1				4
3	CHINA PR	2	1	1				4
4	THAILAND	1	1	1	1*			4*
5	AUSTRALIA	1		1				2
6	MALAYSIA	1		1				2
7	VIETNAM			1	1			2
8	HONG KONG, CHINA			1	1			2
9	SINGAPORE			1	1			2
10	PHILIPPINES			1	1			2
11	INDONESIA				1		1	2
12	DPR KOREA				_*		_**	_**&***
13	CAMBODIA						2**	2**
14	MYANMAR						2**	2**
15	CHINESE TAIPEI						2**	2**
16	MONGOLIA						2**	2**
17	MACAU						_**	_**
18	LAOS						1	1
19	BRUNEI DARUSSALAM						1	1
20	TIMOR-LESTE						_**	_**
21	GUAM						_**	_**
22	NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS						_***	_***

* One (1) ACL Two indirect slot of PRK has been redistributed to THA in accordance with Articles 3.16 and 3.17 of the Entry Regulations.

** One (1) ACGL indirect slot of PRK, MAC, TLS & GUM has been redistributed to CAM, MYA, TPE & MNG in accordance with Articles 3.16 and 3.17 of the Entry Regulations.

*** One (1) ACGL indirect slot of NMI has been annulled in accordance with Article 3.18 of the Entry Regulations.

2. Entries

West Region

Rank	MA	Club (Location)	Remarks
1	KSA	Al Ahli Saudi FC (Jeddah)	ACL Elite LS
		Al Ittihad Club (Jeddah)	
		Al Hilal SFC (Riyadh)	
		Al Nassr Club (Riyadh)	ACL Two GS
2	UAE	Shabab Al Ahli (Dubai)	ACL Elite LS
		Sharjah FC (Sharjah)	
		Al Wahda FC (Abu Dhabi)	ACL Elite PS (bye to LS)**
		Al Wasl FC (Dubai)	ACL Two GS
3	QAT	Al Sadd SC (Doha)	ACL Elite LS
		Al Gharafa SC (Al Rayyan)	
		Al Duhail SC (Al Rayyan)	ACL Elite PS
		Al Ahli SC (Doha)	ACL Two GS
4	IRN	Tractor FC (Tabriz)	ACL Elite LS
		Foolad Mobarakeh Sepahan SC (Isfahan)	ACL Elite PS
		Esteghlal FC (Tehran)	ACL Two GS
5	UZB	PFC Nasaf (Qarshi)	ACL Elite LS
		PFC Andijon (Andijan)	ACL Two GS
6	IRQ	IRQ 1 st Club (TBC)*	ACL Elite LS
		IRQ 2 nd Club (TBC)*	ACL Two GS
7	JOR	Al Hussein (Irbid)	ACL Two GS
		Al Wehdat (Amman)	ACL Two PS (bye to GS)**
8	BHR	Al Muharraq SC (Muharraq)	ACL Two GS
		Al Khaldiya SC (Hamad Town)	ACL Two PS (bye to GS)**
9	IND	Mohun Bagan Super Giant (Kolkata)	ACL Two GS
		FC Goa (Goa)	ACL Two PS
10	TJK	FC Istiklol (Dushanbe)	ACL Two GS
		FC Regar-TadAZ (Tursunzoda)	ACL Two PS
11	TKM	FC Arkadag (Arkadag City)	ACL Two GS
		Ahal FC (Anau)	ACL Two PS
		Altyn Asyr FC (Ashgabat)	ACGL GS
12	OMA	Al Seeb Club (Seeb)	ACL Two PS
		Al Shabab Club (Barka)	ACGL GS
13	LBN	LBN 1 st Club (TBC)*	ACGL GS
		LBN 2 nd Club (TBC)*	ACGL PS (bye to GS)**
14	KUW	Kuwait SC (Kuwait City)	ACGL PS (bye to GS)**
		Al Arabi SC (Kuwait City)	ACGL PS
15	BAN	Abahani Limited Dhaka (Dhaka)	ACGL PS
		Bashundhara Kings (Dhaka)	ACGL PS
16	SYR	SYR 1 st Club (TBC)*	ACGL PS
		SYR 2 nd Club (TBC)*	ACGL PS
17	KGZ	FC Abdysh-Ata (Kant)	ACGL PS
		FC Muras United (Jalal-Abad)	ACGL PS
18	MDV	Maziya Sports & RC (Male)	ACGL PS
22	BHU	Paro FC (Paro)	ACGL PS
23	AFG	Abu Muslim Farah FC (Farah)	ACGL PS

* Club to be confirmed following completion of ongoing domestic competition(s)

** Clubs with indirect slots which have received bye to the next stage in accordance with the relevant Competition Regulations

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Rank	MA	Club (Location)	Remarks
1	JPN	Vissel Kobe (Kobe)	ACL Elite LS
		Sanfrecce Hiroshima (Hiroshima)	
		FC Machida Zelvia (Machida)	
		Gamba Osaka (Suita)	ACL Two GS
2	KOR	Ulsan HD FC (Ulsan)	ACL Elite LS
		Gangwon FC (Gangwon Province)	
		FC Seoul (Seoul)	ACL Elite PS (bye to LS)**
		FC Pohang Steelers (Pohang)	ACL Two GS
3	CHN	Shanghai Port FC (Shanghai)	ACL Elite LS
		Shanghai Shenhua FC (Shanghai)	
		Chengdu Rongcheng FC (Chengdu)	ACL Elite PS
		Beijing FC (Beijing)	ACL Two GS
4	THA	Buriram United (Buriram)	ACL Elite LS
		Bangkok United (Pathum Thani)	ACL Elite PS
		BG Pathum United (Pathum Thani)	ACL Two GS
		Ratchaburi FC (Ratchaburi)	ACL Two PS (bye to GS)**
5	AUS	Melbourne City FC (Melbourne)	ACL Elite LS
		Macarthur FC (Sydney)	ACL Two GS
6	MAS	Johor Darul Ta'zim FC (Johor Bahru)	ACL Elite LS
		Selangor FC (Shah Alam)	ACL Two GS
7	VIE	VIE 1 st Club (TBC)*	ACL Two GS
		VIE 2 nd Club (TBC)*	ACL Two PS (bye to GS)**
8	HKG	Tai Po (Hong Kong)	ACL Two GS
		Eastern (Hong Kong)	ACL Two PS (bye to GS)**
9	SGP	Lion City Sailors FC (Singapore)	ACL Two GS
		Tampines Rovers FC (Singapore)	ACL Two PS (bye to GS)**
10	PHI	Kaya FC Ilo-ilo (Iloilo City)	ACL Two GS
		Manila Digger FC (Taguig City)	ACL Two PS
11	IDN	Persib Bandung (Bandung)	ACL Two PS
		Dewa United FC (Serang Regency)	ACGL PS (bye to GS)**
13	CAM	Preah Khan Reach Svay Rieng FC (Svay Rieng)	ACGL PS (bye to GS)**
		Phnom Penh Crown FC (Phnom Penh)	ACGL PS
14	MYA	Shan United FC (Taunggyi)	ACGL PS (bye to GS)**
		Yangon United FC (Yangon)	ACGL PS
15	TPE	Tainan City FC (Tainan City)	ACGL PS
		Taichung Futuro FC (Taichung)	ACGL PS
16	MNG	MNG 1st Club (TBC)*	ACGL PS
		MNG 2nd Club (TBC)*	ACGL PS
18	LAO	Ezra FC (Vientiane)	ACGL PS
19	BRU	Kasuka FC (Bandar Seri Begawan)	ACGL PS

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