

# GOTHIA CUP

## The World Youth Cup

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**Tournament:** Gothia Cup

**Dates:** July 13-18, 2009

**Location:** Gothenburg, Sweden

It is no exaggeration to say that the Gothia Cup is the most well known youth soccer tournament in the world. Throughout the years over 775,000 youth players from 127 different countries have participated in the Gothia Cup. Each year more than 1,500 teams from 50 countries take part in the Gothia Cup. Since 1988, United Soccer Academy has sent over 150 youth teams to the Gothia Cup.



### Tournament Information:

<b><u>BOYS</u></b>	<b>B11</b>	<b>B12</b>	<b>B13</b>	<b>B14</b>	<b>B15</b>	<b>B16</b>	<b>B18</b>
<b>Born On/After:</b>	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1991
<b>Teams Per Group:</b>	4-5	4-5	4-5	4-5	4-5	4-5	4-5
<b>Duration of Matches:</b>	2 x 20	2 x 20	2 x 20	2 x 20	2 x 25	2 x 25	2 x 25
<b>11-a-side or 7-a-side:</b>	7-a-side	7-a-side	11-a-side	11-a-side	11-a-side	11-a-side	11-a-side
<b>Substitutions:</b>	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
<b><u>GIRLS</u></b>	<b>G12</b>	<b>G13</b>	<b>G14</b>	<b>G15</b>	<b>G17</b>	<b>G19</b>	
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**Age Dispensation.** Dispensations will automatically be given to two players per team (in 7-a-side classes, one player) who are maximum one year over aged. In classes B16, G17, and G15 teams may use the August 1<sup>st</sup> age grouping and may use 5 players that are over aged.

**Who May Participate?** All teams and clubs that associated with their FIFA affiliated national associations are able to participate in the Gothia Cup. The tournament is played under all applicable FIFA and or Swedish FA rules.

**Referees.** The referees are appointed by the Swedish FA. Teams must provide their own linesmen for group play and early rounds of playoffs. Linesmen are only provide for semi-finals and finals.

**Insurance.** All players, staff, and participants must carry their own insurance. The Gothia Cup, nor United Soccer Academy does not carry any group insurance, and is not responsible for, protecting participants in case of injury, illness, theft or damage to property.

**Program/Tour.** Combining participation in the Gothia Cup with other locations in Scandinavia and or Germany is ideal. For example, 2-3 nights in Copenhagen, Denmark or northern Germany. These additional days can involve sightseeing, friendly matches, and training sessions.

Sunday, July 12: Arrival in Gothenburg. Visit Heden the tournament center and head quarters for a light training session. Tournament registration.

Monday, July 13: Participation in the Gothia Cup. Opening Ceremonies at Ullevi Stadium,

Tuesday, July 14: Participation in the Gothia Cup. Sightseeing and tournament activities.

Wednesday, July 15: Participation in the Gothia Cup. Group and playoff matches. Sightseeing and tournament activities.

Thursday, July 16: Participation in the Gothia Cup. Group and playoff matches. Sightseeing and tournament activities.

Friday, July 17: Participation in the Gothia Cup. Playoff matches and Finals. Sightseeing and tournament activities.

Saturday, July 18: Participation in the Gothia Cup. Playoff matches and Finals. Sightseeing and tournament activities.

Sunday, July 19: Return to the United States or continuation of the soccer tour in Scandinavia or Germany. Or participate in a second tournament like the Football Festival Denmark in Aarhus.

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