

# The 17<sup>th</sup> Kid's World Cup in Korea

August 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> 2026



The Kid's World Cup in Korea, hosted by Seoul YMCA, is open to children from any background, to feel sportsmanship and a sense of fairness while playing soccer, regardless of winning or losing, to understand different cultures, and to nurture global leadership.

## Application

**【Target】** Children born between 2014 to 2017

- Experienced player
- 11 positions available.
- It may be cancelled with less than 5 applicants.
- The application deadline is **June 18th**.

**【Participation Fee】** 180,000 yen

- Airfare, hotel and meal expenses are included.
- Passport acquisition fees, insurance fees and transportation fees to Haneda Airport are not included.

**【Venue】** Seoul YMCA Goyang International Youth Cultural Center

**【Staff】** 2 YMCA Staff will attend

## Cancellation

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- 51~31 Days\* Before August 10th, 2026: 90% can be refunded
- 30~3 Days\* Before August 10th, 2026: 80% can be refunded
- 2~0 Days\* Before August 10th, 2026: 50% can be refunded
- After the program starts: no refund

## Orientation

- July 15<sup>th</sup> (Wed) 18:00~
- Tokyo YMCA Toyoko Center

## Basic Schedule

	Date	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
DAY 1	8/10	Fly to Korea (Gimpo) → Welcome Ceremony		
DAY 2	8/11	Soccer Competition (Preliminaries)		Friendship Building
DAY 3	8/12	Soccer Competition (Finals)		Free Time
DAY 4	8/13	Korean Culture Expedition		Farewell Party
DAY 5	8/14	Closing Ceremony	Departure	



# The 17<sup>th</sup> Kid's World Cup in Korea Q & A

## Q 1 How did it begin?

YMCA is developing its activities in 120 countries and areas worldwide, with the aim to build a society where people of all religion, gender, age, and ethnic group can overcome each other's differences and live in unity. Tokyo YMCA has formed a partnership with Seoul YMCA since 2000, as a means to accomplish the common aim of YMCA, and has connected the hearts of people in both countries through many forms of international exchange programs, including "The Kid's World Cup". It was initially started as one of the Partnership programs of Tokyo-Seoul YMCA in 2002, but has since developed into a multilateral program, which today includes Beijing YMCA, Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong, Metropolitan YMCA Singapore, Taipei YMCA, Nantou YMCA, Osaka YMCA, etc.

## Q 2 Is experience in soccer required?

Since it is a soccer exchange program, it is more preferable for children who have experience in soccer. However, it is open to anyone who likes soccer and/or is interested in making friends from different backgrounds. The purpose of the program is for children to feel sportsmanship and a sense of fairness while playing soccer regardless of winning or losing, to understand different cultures, and to nurture global leadership.

## Q 3 Do we meet before we fly to Korea?

We will have an orientation in July before the departure. In the meeting, the chaperone will share the details of the itinerary, what to bring, etc. It will also be a chance for the participants to get to know each other before the departure.

## Q 4 Do we need Korean language skill?

Korean or English language skills are not required. Although it is unnecessary most of the time as they often communicate well by themselves through body language or basic English words, YMCA staff will support children to communicate.

## Q 5 How to apply?

- ① Please apply by e-mail with the following information: **Name of applicant, Grade, Date of Birth, Gender, Address and Phone No.**

E-mail: [yest1890@tokyoymca.org](mailto:yest1890@tokyoymca.org) (Tokyo YMCA International Dept.)

- ② Please wait for a confirmation mail from YMCA.