



Rules

Saana-Kortteliiga 2026: Official rules and local regulations

The most important task of the Kortteliiga is to level out differences in level and provide the joy of exercise for groups of friends. Competitive athletes play in the league's series - we play with attitude, but with a twinkle in the eye.

I RULES OF THE GAME

Game format: 7 v 7 (1 goalkeeper + 6 field players). The number of players on a team is not limited.

Playing time: 1 x 25 minutes of fun.

Offside: There is NO offside in the small team game.

Substitutions: Substitutions back and forth are made "on the fly" near the center line. Substitutions are not recorded on the match card.

Goalkeeper's play: * The goalkeeper may not open the game or pass the ball (with his hands or feet) over the half-line in any situation (not even from a free kick or goal kick). In a goal kick, the crossing ban also applies to field players.

An indirect free kick is awarded to the opponent from the crossing point for a foul.

The goalkeeper may not cross the halfway line (e.g., go up for a corner kick) or take a penalty kick.

Free kicks and penalty kicks:

Free kicks are either direct or indirect (according to SPL rules).

The distance from the wall to the ball is 6 meters.

The penalty kick is taken from 7 meters. The goalkeeper is allowed to move on the goal line (and be afraid).





Equipment: The team must have a uniform shirt or vest. The referee has the right to refuse to play to "jokers" playing in a different color outfit.

Playing shoes: Rubber slippers or shoes with fixed studs (at least 8 studs) are allowed. Metal studs are prohibited.

II PLAYER RESTRICTIONS (REGISTRATION RULE)

The restrictions do not apply to female players. A registered player is considered a person who plays or has proven to have played in an official SPL match at that level during the current season.

Prohibited (may not play): Veikkausliiga, Ykkönen, Kakkonen.

Restricted (max 2 players / game): Kolmonen and A and B juniors (SM/Ykkönen).

Free representation rights: Nelmonen and lower divisions, futsal divisions.

Foreign divisions: Jyry decides on a case-by-case basis.

Violation: If a player who is not eligible to represent a team plays, the team will be judged to have lost 5–0.

III LOCAL REGULATIONS 2026

Fees: Team fee €200 and player membership fee €25. Membership fee does not include insurance – participation is at your own risk.

Age limit: 16–100 years (player must turn 16 this year).

Series format 2026:

Preliminary series: 3 groups (A, B, C). Double series within your own group.

Ranking series: Based on the preliminary series, new groups of 5 teams will be formed (I-5, 6-10, 11-15). Ranking series will be played as a simple series, points will be reset after the preliminary series.





There will be no separate finals, but the top of the league table will be the winner.

Ties: The order is decided by: 1) Points, 2) Head-to-head, 3) Goal difference, 4) Goals scored, 5) Goal difference of all matches, 6) Goals scored of all matches, 7) Draw.

Penalties and Disciplinary Action:

Yellow Card: 4 yellow cards during the season = 1 match suspension.

Whistle Warning: Automatically results in a one (1) match suspension.

Red Card: Automatically results in a two (2) match suspension. The team will play the rest of the match with a reduced number of players.

Unsportsmanlike conduct: The team is also responsible for its supporters. Unsportsmanlike conduct may result in the team being expelled from the league.

Protests: Must be reported to the referee immediately after the match. A written protest and a €20 protest fee must be submitted by 9:00 the next weekday morning (2 days in cases of representation rights).

Prizes: Medals for the top three. The winning team will receive free participation in the 2026 Jalakapallo-Peijjaiset event!

Jury: In all unclear matters, the highest decision-making authority is exercised by the Kortteliiga Jury, whose decisions cannot be appealed.

Remember: The referee's immunity is inviolable. Respect the opponent, the referee and the game!

