



FOOTBALL SPORT INFORMATION GUIDE

1. Competition Dates

Football competitions for Open Masters Games Como 2027 (CoOMG27) offers team events for men and women.

The provisional schedule date for the Football competitions at the Open Masters Games Como 2027 (CoOMG27) is outlined below. Please note that this timetable is subject to change as it may be adjusted according to the requirements of the Organising Committee. Additionally, modifications may be made depending on the total number of entries received for the event.

All information contained in this Sport Information Guide is current at time of publication and may be subject to change.

The Welcome Ceremony is scheduled for the afternoon of Saturday 18 September 2027 with the Farewell Ceremony on the evening of Sunday 26 September 2027.

17 Sep 2027	18 Sep 2027	19 Sep 2027	20 Sept 2027	21 Sept 2027	22 Sept 2027	23 Sept 2027	24 Sept 2027
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09h00 17h00	09h00 17h00	09h00 17h00	09h00 17h00	09h00 17h00	09h00 17h00	09h00 17h00	09h00 17h00

1.1 Organising Committee

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE	SPORT FEDERATION	SPORT ASSOCIATION
Sport Management Bernardino Chiavola	Federazione Italiana Gioco Calcio CR FIGC Lombardia Presidente Valentina Battistini	ALBATE HF CALCIO Asd Sport Director Andrea Anzi

1.2 Competition venue

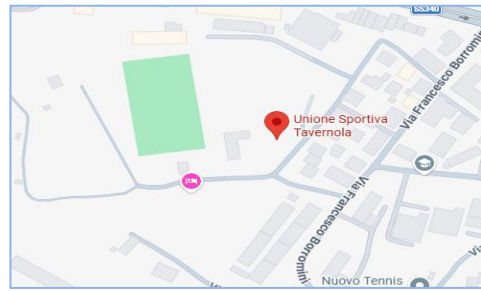
Venue	Address	City
Centro Sportivo Tavernola	Via Adamello 18	Como
Centro Sportivo Pasquale Paoli	Via Spartaco 8	Como
Centro Sportivo Gigi Meroni	Via Acquanera 10 F	Como



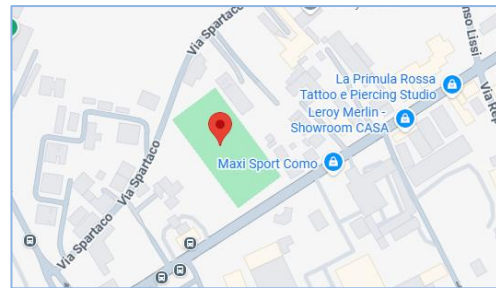
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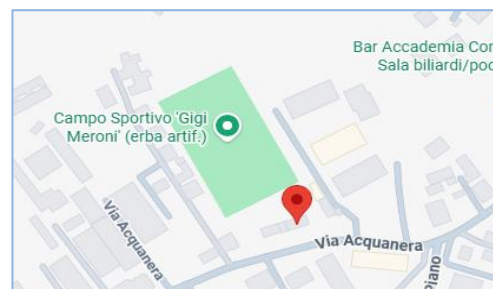
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Venue Map



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2. Sport regulations

Competitions will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the International Football Federation (FIFA) and will conform to any special requirements of the World Masters Sport (WMS).

2.1 Type of Competition

- **Men and Women:** 11a side Football

2.2 Age categories

- **Men:** 30+, 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+60+, 65+, 70+

- **Women:** 30+, 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+

Age is determined as of 31 December 2027.

- The age of the youngest player will determine the team's age category.
- Competitors may play for only one football team and one age category.
- There will be no mixed competition.
- In case of few participants in a specific age category, the Organizing Committee will be able to group it with the one immediately above or below, provided that the awards remain distinct for each age category. The composition of the groups will be decided at the closing of entries based on the number of teams entered.

3. Grade Definitions

The events divisions and age categories for Football at **CoOMG27** are as follows:

- a) A Grade - Competitive:** Teams that have three or more senior players with international national or state representative open experience. These players must be identified on the team registration sheet. Teams without international, national and state representatives are still encouraged to enter the Competitive Grade but should expect games of a very competitive nature).

Age categories: 30+, 35+, 40+45+, 50+, 55+

- b) B Grade - Recreational:** Teams/individuals that participate or have participated, at a local competition level.

Age categories: 30+, 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+

- c) C Grade - Open:** This grade is intended for teams and athletes with mixed competitive backgrounds, including participants who may not fully align with either the Competitive or Recreational classifications. The Open Grade aims to encourage broader participation while maintaining a balanced and enjoyable level of competition.

Age categories: 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+

For each team to be confirmed, a minimum of 14 athletes need to be registered, with a maximum of 18 athletes able to be named on the official team sheet for each match.

The age of the youngest registered team member determines which age category the team will compete in and for the Games, your age is determined as at 31 December. Each athlete can only enter to compete in one team.

The Football Organizing Committee reserves the right to move teams between grades.

4. Competition Details

4.1 Competition standards and rules

- ❖ The Open Masters Games Football event will be conducted in line with the competition rules of the International Football Federation (FIFA), or as otherwise specified in this document.
- ❖ The following format for play has been identified for the CoOMG27 Football competition:
 - There will be a round robin tournament, with finals and playoff matches to determine final placings. Where sufficient entries are received, teams will be split into pools for preliminary rounds.
 - Based on proposed competition format, each team can expect to play a minimum of five games and if finishing in the top four of their pool, will then play playoffs for medals.
 - Final draw format will be determined once number of teams are confirmed. To produce a viable draw some grades and ages will be combined at the discretion of the Open Masters Games Football Organizing Committee.
- ❖ All pool matches; semi-final and final matches will consist of 30 minutes halves with a five-minute break at half time. All games requiring a winner will proceed directly to kicks from the marked penalty spot.
- ❖ Teams can expect to play one to two games per day and a minimum of four games for the duration of the competition.
- ❖ The minimum number of players registered per football (soccer) team is 13 players and the maximum number of players registered for the Games is unlimited, excluding team support staff. A team may have a maximum of four non-playing staff registered per team. However, a team is only permitted to have a maximum of 18 team members (eleven on the field and up to five interchange) registered on the score sheet for any one game.

4.2 Substitution Rules

- There will be unlimited (players can return to the field once they have been removed) by either Team at any stoppage of play at the referee's discretion.
- Players are to enter the field of play at the halfway line.
- The referee may refuse any request for a substitution if he or she believes that permitting the substitution at that time will give an unfair advantage or if a series of substitutions is unduly delaying or interrupting the flow of the game or there is insufficient time remaining.
- Substitutes may warm-up during the game subject to the dimensions of the ground but may not use a ball. A goalkeeper is permitted to use a ball to warm-up.

4.3 Kick Off

- Teams must arrive and be ready to play no less than ten minutes before the scheduled kick-off at their allocated field.

4.4 Player Qualifications

- Players are considered eligible to play in a team if they have registered in accordance to the Open Masters Games Registration guidelines.
- Any player under suspension but the Football Organising Committee or the recognised football association, in which the player is registered, will be deemed ineligible to play until that suspension is served.

4.5 Referees/Lines people (Assistant Referee)

- The teams appointed Linesperson will officiate their own match. Each team is to provide a person to be a Linesperson for all Group Play matches and any required Finals series matches (either one person for the entire match or two people, one for each half of the match).
- Any team that does not provide a person to be a Linesperson for any of their required matches may forfeit one competition point or default their finals series match to the opposing team with a score of 2-0, subject to the discretion of the Competition Manager.
- The Home Team's assistant referee will be appointed to the far side of the field opposite their Technical Area. The away Team's assistant referee will be appointed to the near side of the field in front of their Technical Area.
- The Linesperson from the "away" team will always be on the sideline nearest to the technical area.
- The person(s) filling this role for a team can be a team supporter, a substitute or team official who has a knowledge of the game and the FIFA Laws of the Game. (There is no requirement for the person(s) to be a qualified referee).
- The person(s) must also adhere to the Artificial Turf rules wearing the correct footwear will be the Linesperson
- The Linesperson is to:
 1. Indicate when the ball has gone out of play and which direction they believe the restart should be.
 2. Indicate when they believe an attacker is in an offside position and is interfering with play.The referee will have the final say on all decisions as per The FIFA Laws of the Game. This potentially includes calling offside even if not indicated by the Linesperson, or, not calling offside even if indicated by the Linesperson.
The referee will provide each Linesperson with a flag before kickoff which must be returned [to the referee] after the match.

4.6 Disciplinary Procedures

Disciplinary incidents will be dealt with in accordance with the ... Disciplinary Code and the FIFA Disciplinary Code. To the extent that there is any conflict between the ... Disciplinary Code and these Regulations, then these Regulations shall apply.

4.7 Technical Delegate

The International Football Federation (FIFA) has endorsed the appointment of ... to act in the role of Technical Delegate for the Open Masters Games Football competition. The Technical Delegate will oversee the implementation of all sport specific rules and requirements at the Games.

4.8 Other Information

Teams are scheduled for one game in a day with a minimum of five matches for the duration of the Competition.

4.9 Practice and warm-up facilities

The competition venues will be available for training. Fields may be booked by contacting Competition Management. Please note that field hire may incur a cost. The locations of football pitches available for training will be communicated as soon as possible.

5. Equipment and Uniforms

5.1 Equipment and Uniform regulations

Each Team shall advise their playing strips with two different and contrasting colours for its First Choice and Alternate strips (shirts and socks). In addition, each Team shall select two contrasting colours for goalkeepers. These goalkeeper strips must be distinctly different and contrasting from each other as well as different and contrasting from the First Choice and Alternate strips. A goalkeeper may, at the discretion of the referee, wear tracksuit trousers provided the colour of such tracksuit does not conflict with the provisions of this article.

5.2 Footballs and Bibs

Three match balls need to be collected from the Information Desk at least 20 minutes prior to the team's

scheduled match. Seven bibs for substitutes to wear in the technical area will also be collected at this time. A team official will sign and take responsibility for the return of all these items at the conclusion of the match. These must be returned on the same day of play as there are insufficient quantities available for sets to be held by teams until their next match.

Teams are advised to bring their own water bottles, strapping tape and footballs for training.

Individuals are responsible for the safekeeping and storage of their own equipment

6. Medals

In CoOMG27, the athletes do not represent their country of origin, therefore the prize-awarding ceremonies will be carried out without hoisting of flags. No National Anthem of the winning athletes or team will be played. The medals will be provided by the Organizing Committee.

7. Personal accident insurance and medical certificate

All participants must organize their personal accident insurance. The competitor registration fee does not cover personal accident insurance.

Personal accident insurance is available to purchase through the Organizing Committee for registered Competitors at the Accreditation Centre.

All participants must have a currently valid medical certificate of fitness for competitive sports.

The medical examinations required (ex D.M. 18 February 1982) to obtain a medical certificate of fitness for competitive sports are:

- medical check-up;
- regular urine test;
- electrocardiogram both at rest and under effort;
- spirometry (breathing test).

For any further information please visit our website (Registration & Terms and Condition).

8. Doping Control

During the CoOMG27 anti-doping controls will be carried out according to the World Masters Sport (WMS) policies and rules established by WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency).

9. Accommodation

Participants are free to select own accommodation according to own preference. To assist participants, an accommodation booking section offering special room rates for the Games is made available on the official website www.mastersgamescomolake2027.it

10. Further information

The planning of the CoOMG27 Football competition will continue throughout 2026 and early 2027. Additional sport specific operational information will be communicated to registered participants and updated in future additions of this Sports Information Guide.

All participants are encouraged to monitor the CoOMG27 website at www.mastersgamescomolake2027.it and other Games communication channels to find out all the latest information.

If you have any further sport specific questions, please send an email to info@omgcomo27.it