



# Facts & Key figures

## European Player Release Analysis



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## Disclaimer

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The **CONMEBOL Campeonato Sudamericano Copa América**, better known as the **Copa América** is the main international football competition in South America. It is played every four years and involves all 10 National Associations belonging to the CONMEBOL plus 2 guest Associations using U23/Olympic squad. This edition Mexico and Costa Rica from CONCACAF were invited.

Copa América Argentina 2011 finals are held in Argentina in 8 venues (played in Buenos Aires, Mendoza, Córdoba, Salta, Jujuy, San Juan, La Plata and Santa Fe) between the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 24<sup>th</sup> of July. It is the 43<sup>rd</sup> time the tournament takes place.

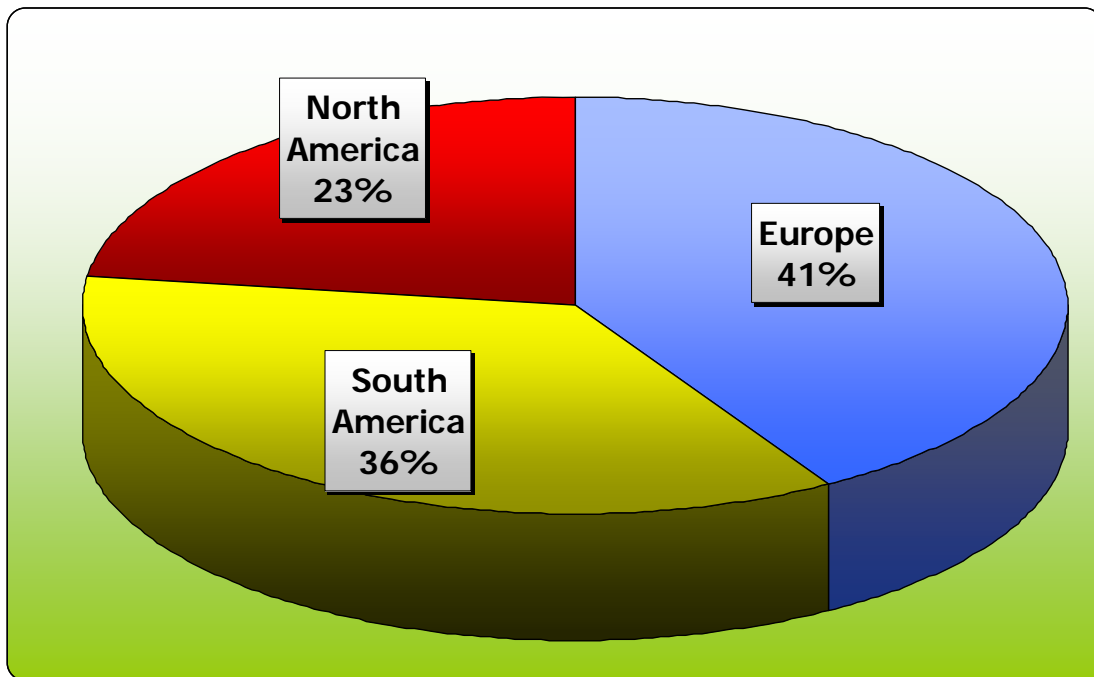
As South American champions, the National team will earn the right to compete for the 2013 FIFA Confederations Cup in Brazil. 7 NA's have won the trophy, with Argentina and Uruguay both all having won it 14 times. Brazil follows with 8 titles.

The 2011 participants are:

Group A	Group B	Group C
 Argentina	 Brazil	 Uruguay
 Colombia	 Paraguay	 Chile
 Costa Rica	 Ecuador	 Peru
 Bolivia	 Venezuela	 Mexico

### Club origin of the players

Amongst the **276** registered players, **110** players currently play in one of the UEFA domestic championships compared to **94** players (34%) in the last Copa América held in 2007.








Source : ECA/CONMEBOL








## European club's analysis by participating Country

**110** players out of a total of 276 play in **13** different European National championship.

**64** European clubs have released players for the 2011 Copa América including **37** ECA members.

*European clubs represented in the Copa América by South American National team (In alphabetical order of the NA)*

Country	Number of players in European clubs	Player Club
 Argentina	<b>22</b>	Mariano Andújar - Calcio Catania (ITA), Sergio Romero - AZ Alkmaar (NED), Ezequiel Garay - Real Madrid CF (ESP), Nicolás Burdisso - AS Roma (ITA), Gabriel Milito - FC Barcelona (ESP), Nicolás Pareja - FC Spartak Moskva (RUS), Marcos Rojo - FC Spartak Moskva (RUS), Pablo Zabaleta - Manchester City CF (ENG), Javier Zanetti - FC Internazionale (ITA), Éver Banega - Valencia CF (ESP), Lucas Biglia - RSC Anderlecht (BEL), Esteban Cambiasso - FC Internazionale (ITA) Ángel di María - Real Madrid CF (ESP), Fernando Gago - Real Madrid CF (ESP), Javier Mascherano - FC Barcelona (ESP), Javier Pastore - US Città di Palermo (ITA), Sergio Agüero - Club Atlético de Madrid (ESP), Gonzalo Higuaín - Real Madrid CF (ESP), Lionel Messi - FC Barcelona (ESP), Diego Milito - FC Internazionale (ITA), Carlos Tévez - Manchester City FC (ENG), Ezequiel Lavezzi - SSC Napoli (ITA)
 Brazil	<b>16</b>	Júlio César - FC Internazionale (ITA), Lúcio - FC Internazionale (ITA), Maicon - FC Internazionale (ITA), Daniel Alves - FC Barcelona (ESP), Luisão - SL Benfica (POR), André Santos Fenerbahçe SK (TUR), Thiago Silva - AC Milan (ITA), Adriano - FC Barcelona (ESP), David Luiz - Chelsea FC (ENG), Ramires - Chelsea FC (ENG), Lucas Leiva - Liverpool FC (ENG), Elias - Club Atlético de Madrid (ESP), Sandro - Tottenham Hotspur FC (ENG), Jádson - FC Shakhtar Donetsk (UKR), Robinho - AC Milan (ITA), Alexandre Pato - AC Milan (ITA)
 Bolivia	<b>4</b>	Carlos Erwin Arias - Maccabi Netanya (ISR), Edvaldo Hermoza Rojas - Naval 1º de Maio (POR), Marcelo Martins - FC Shakhtar Donetsk (UKR), Ricardo Pedriel - Sivasspor (TUR)
 Chile	<b>12</b>	Claudio Bravo - Real Sociedad (ESP), Pablo Contreras - PAOK FC (GRE), Gonzalo Jara - West Bromwich Albion (ENG), Marco Estrada - Montpellier HSC (FRA) Matías Fernández - Sporting Clube de Portugal (POR), Luis Jiménez - Cesena AC (ITA), Gary Medel - Sevilla FC (ESP), Carlos Carmona - Atalanta BC (ITA), Mauricio Isla - Udinese AC (ITA), Arturo Vidal - Bayer 04 Leverkusen (GER), Alexis Sánchez - Udinese AC (ITA), Jean Beausejour - Birmingham City FC (ITA)
 Colombia	<b>13</b>	Mario Yepes - AC Milan (ITA), Cristián Zapata - UC Udinese (ITA), Pablo Armero - UC Udinese (ITA), Luis Amaranto Perea - Club Atlético de Madrid (ESP), Juan Zúñiga - SSC Napoli (ITA), Fredy

		Guarín - FC Porto (POR), Juan Guillermo Cuadrado - UC Udinese (ITA), Abel Aguilar - Hércules CF (ESP), Carlos Sánchez - Valenciennes FC (FRA), Elkin Soto - Mainz 05 (GER), Radamel Falcao - FC Porto (POR), Hugo Rodallega - Wigan Athletic (ENG), Adrián Ramos - Hertha BSC (GER)
 Costa Rica	<b>0</b>	<i>none</i>
 Ecuador	<b>3</b>	Christian Noboa - FC Rubin Kazan (RUS), Antonio Valencia - Manchester United FC (ENG), Felipe Caicedo - Levante FC (ESP)
 Mexico	<b>1</b>	Giovani dos Santos - Tottenham Hotspur FC (ENG)
 Paraguay	<b>10</b>	Justo Villar - Real Valladolid (ESP), Paulo da Silva - Real Zaragoza (ESP), Antolín Alcaraz - Wigan Athletic FC (ENG), Édgar Barreto - Atalanta BC (ITA), Hernán Pérez - Villarreal B (ESP), Cristian Riveros - Sunderland FC (ENG), Jonathan Santana - Kayserispor (TUR), Lucas Barrios - BV Borussia Dortmund (GER), Roque Santa Cruz - Blackburn Rovers FC (ENG), Nelson Haedo Valdez - Hércules CF (ESP)
 Peru	<b>6</b>	Raúl Fernández - OGC Nice (FRA), Santiago Acasiete - UD Almería (SPA), Alberto Rodríguez - Sporting Clube de Portugal (POR), Juan Manuel Vargas - ACF Fiorentina (ITA), Paolo Guerrero - Hamburger SV (GER), André Carrillo - Sporting Clube de Portugal (POR)
 Uruguay	<b>16</b>	Fernando Muslera - SS Lazio (ITA), Diego Lugano - Fenerbahçe SK (TUR), Diego Godín - Atlético Club de Madrid (ESP), Maxi Pereira - SL Benfica (POR), Martín Cáceres - Sevilla FC (ESP), Walter Gargano - SSC Napoli (ITA), Cristian Rodríguez - FC Porto (POR), Sebastián Eguren - Sporting de Gijón (ESP) Álvaro Pereira - FC Porto (POR), Nicolás Lodeiro - AFC Ajax (NED), Diego Pérez - Bologna FC (ITA), Gastón Ramírez - Bologna FC (ITA), Álvaro González - SS Lazio (ITA), Luis Suárez - FC Liverpool (ENG), Diego Forlán - Atlético Club de Madrid (ESP), Edinson Cavani - SSC Napoli (ITA), Abel Hernández - US Città di Palermo (ITA)
 Venezuela	<b>7</b>	Dani Hernández - Real Murcia (ESP), Roberto Rosales - FC Twente (NED), Juan Arango - Borussia VfL 1900 Mönchengladbach (GER), Tomás Rincón - Hamburger SV (GER), Yohandry Orozco - VfL Wolfsburg (GER), Nicolás Fedor - Getafe CF (ESP), José Salomón Rondón - Málaga CF (ESP)

## Most represented National championships in Europe

**13** European National championships released players for the Copa América. The most affected championship Italy with 30 players followed by Spain with 29 players.

### *European clubs represented by European National Association*

UEFA Ranking of the Country <sup>1</sup>	Country	Number of clubs	Number of players	Club (in brackets number of players)
1	 England	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	Chelsea FC (2), Liverpool FC (2), Manchester City FC (2), Tottenham Hotspur FC (2), Wigan Athletic FC (2), Manchester United FC (1), Sunderland FC (1), West Bromwich Albion FC (1), Blackburn Rovers FC (1), Birmingham City FC (1)
2	 Spain	<b>16</b>	<b>29</b>	Club Atlético de Madrid (5), FC Barcelona (5), Real Madrid CF (4), Hércules CF (2), Sevilla FC (2), Getafe CF (1), Málaga CF (1), Levante FC (1), Real Murcia (1), Real Valladolid (1), Real Sociedad (1), Real Zaragoza (1), Sporting de Gijón (1), UD Almería (1), Valencia CF (1), Villarreal B (1)
3	 Germany	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	Hamburger SV (2), Bayer 04 Leverkusen (1), BV Borussia Dortmund (1), Borussia VfL 1900 Mönchengladbach (1), VfL Wolfsburg (1), Hertha BSC (1), Mainz 05 (1)
4	 Italy	<b>12</b>	<b>30</b>	FC Internazionale (5), Udinese AC (5), Milan AC (4), SSC Napoli (4), Atalanta BC (2), Bologna FC (2), SS Lazio (2), US Città di Palermo (2), ACF Fiorentina (1), AS Roma (1), Calcio Catania (1), Cesena AC (1)
5	 France	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	OGC Nice (1), Montpellier HSC (1), Valenciennes FC (1)
6	 Portugal	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	FC Porto (4), Sporting Clube de Portugal (3), SL Benfica (2), Naval 1º de Maio (1)
7	 Russia	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	FC Spartak Moskva (2), FC Rubin Kazan (1)
8	 Ukraine	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	FC Shakhtar Donetsk (2)
9	 Netherlands	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	AFC Ajax (1), AZ Alkmaar (1), FC Twente (1)
10	 Greece	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	PAOK FC (1)
11	 Turkey	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	Fenerbahçe SK (2), Kayserispor (1), Sivasspor (1)
13	 Belgium	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	RSC Anderlecht (1)
18	 Israel	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	Maccabi Netanya (1)

<sup>1</sup> UEFA, Last official ranking July 2011

## Most represented European clubs

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Spanish and Italian clubs are those releasing the higher number of player followed by Portuguese clubs

Players	Club Name*
5	Club Atlético de Madrid, FC Barcelona (ESP), FC Internazionale, Udinese AC (ITA)
4	Real Madrid CF (ESP), AC Milan, SSC Napoli (ITA), FC Porto (POR)
3	Sporting Clube de Portugal (POR)
2	Chelsea FC, Liverpool FC, Manchester City FC, Tottenham Hotspur FC, Wigan Athletic FC (ENG), Hércules CF, Sevilla FC (ESP), Hamburger SV (GER), Atalanta BC, Bologna FC, SS Lazio, US Città di Palermo (ITA), SL Benfica (POR), FC Spartak Moskva (RUS), FC Shakhtar Donetsk (UKR), Fenerbahçe SK (TUR)
1	Blackburn Rovers FC, Birmingham City FC, Manchester United FC, Sunderland FC, West Bromwich Albion FC, (ENG) Levante FC, Getafe CF, Málaga CF, Real Murcia, Real Valladolid, Real Sociedad, Real Zaragoza, Sporting de Gijón, UD Almería, Valencia CF, Villarreal B (ESP), Bayer 04 Leverkusen, Borussia VfL 1900 Mönchengladbach, BV Borussia Dortmund, VfL Wolfsburg, Hertha BSC, Mainz 05 (GER), ACF Fiorentina, AS Roma, Calcio Catania, Cesena AC (ITA), OGC Nice, Montpellier HSC, Valenciennes FC (FRA), Naval 1º de Maio (POR), FC Rubin Kazan (RUS), AFC Ajax, AZ Alkmaar, FC Twente (NED), PAOK FC (GRE), Kayserispor, Sivasspor (TUR), RSC Anderlecht (BEL), Maccabi Netanya (ISR)

\* by UEFA Association ranking and Alphabetical order of Club

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