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This research is based on the national football squads for the 2011 AFC Asian Cup. The European Club Association has endeavoured to keep the information up to date, but it makes no representations or warranties of any kind, express or implied, about the completeness, accuracy, reliability, with respect to this information. The aim of this research is purely informative.

The **AFC Asian Cup** is the main international football competition in Asia. 2011 AFC Asian Cup finals are held in Qatar (played in Doha and Al Rayyan) between the 7th and the 29th of January. It is the fifteenth time the tournament takes place, and the second time it is being organised by Qatar, the other being the 1988 AFC Asian Cup.

As Asian champions, the National team will earn the right to compete for the 2013 FIFA Confederations Cup in Brazil.

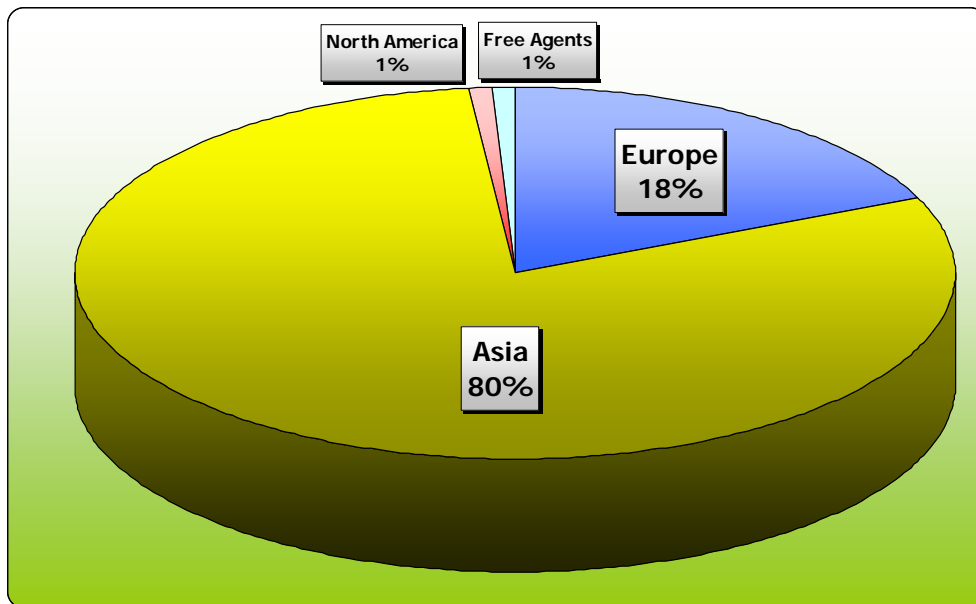
7 NA's have won the trophy, with Saudi Arabia, Iran and Japan all having won it 3 times.

The 2011 participants are:

| Group A | Group B | Group C | Group D |
|--|--|---|---|
|  Qatar |  Saudi Arabia |  South Korea |  Iraq |
|  Kuwait |  Japan |  India |  North Korea |
|  China PR |  Jordan |  Australia |  UAE |
|  Uzbekistan |  Syria |  Bahrain |  Iran |

Club origin of the players

Amongst the **276** registered players, **51** players currently play in one of the UEFA domestic championships compare to 49 players in the last AFC Asian Cup held in 2007.







Source : ECA/AFC

Most represented National championships in Europe

| Players | Country of the championship |
|---------|--|
| 9 |  England |
| 9 |  Germany |
| 6 |  Russia |
| 5 |  Turkey |
| 3 |  Netherlands |
| 3 |  Switzerland |
| 2 |  Spain |
| 2 |  Belgium |
| 2 |  Denmark |
| 2 |  Italy |
| 2 |  Scotland |
| 1 |  France |
| 1 |  Czech Rep. |
| 1 |  Cyprus |
| 1 |  Bosnia Herzegovina |
| 1 |  Greece |

Most represented European clubs

| Players | Club Name |
|---------|--|
| 2 |  FC Schalke 04  Galatasaray AS  FC Wil  Celtic FC |




European club analysis

51 players out of a total of 276 play in one of the 17 European National championships.

47 European clubs have in released players for the 2011 AFC Asian Cup including 14 ECA members.

European clubs represented by Asian National team (In alphabetical order of the NA)

| | |
|--|--|
|  Kuwait | Abdoulazizi Al Enezi - NK Jedinstvo Bihać (BIH) |
|  China PR | Hao Junmin - FC Schalke 04 (GER) |
|  Uzbekistan | Aziz Ibrohimov - FC Bohemians 1905 (CZE) Marat Bikmaev - FC Alania Vladikavkaz (RUS) Sanjar Tursunov - FC Volga Nizhny Novgorod (RUS) Vagiz Galiullin - FC Sibir Novosibirsk (RUS) Maksim Shatskikh - FC Arsenal Kyiv (UKR) |
|  Japan | Eiji Kawahim - Lierse SK (BEL) Daisuke Matsui - Grenoble Foot 38 (FRA) Shinji Okazaki - VfB Stuttgart (GER) Shinji Kagawa - BV Borussia Dortmund (GER) Atsuto Uchida - FC Schalke 04 (GER) Hajime Hosogai - FC Augsburg (GER) Makoto Hasebe - VfL Wolfsburg (GER) Tomoaki Makino - 1.FC Köln (GER) Yuto Nagatomo - AC Cesena (ITA) Maya Yoshida - VVV Venlo (NED) Keisuke Honda - PFC CSKA Moskva (RUS) |
|  Jordan | Odai Al-Saify - Alki Larnaca (CYP) |
|  Syria | Senharib Malki - KSC Lokeren (BEL) Louay Chanko - Aalborg BK (DEN) |
|  Korea Republic | FC Park Ji-Sung - Manchester United FC (ENG) Lee Chung-Yong - Bolton Wanderers (ENG) Son Heung-Min - Hamburger FC (GER) Ki Sung-Yueng, Cha Du Ri - Celtic FC (SCO) |
|  Australia | Nathan Coe - SønderjyskE (DEN) Mark Schwarzer - Fulham FC (ENG) David Carney - Blackpool FC (ENG) Neil Kilkenny - Leeds United FC (ENG) Brad Jones - Liverpool FC (ENG) Tim Cahill - Everton FC (ENG) Scott McDonald - Middlesbrough FC (ENG) Brett Emerton - Blackburn Rovers FC (ENG) Nathan Burns - AEK Athens FC (GRE) Carl Valeri - US Sassuolo Calcio (ITA) Tommy Oar - Utrecht FC(NED) Brett Holman - AZ Alkmaar (NED) Luke Wilkshire - FC Dynamo Moskva (RUS) Lucas Neill, Harry Kewell - Galatasaray AS (TUR) Mile Jedinak - Gençlerbirliği (TUR) |
|  Bahrain | Abdullah Omar - Neuchâtel Xamax (SUI) |

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|---|---|
| | Jaycee Okwunwanne - Eskışehirspor (TUR) |
|  Iraq | Bassim Abbas - Konyaspor (TUR) |
|  North Korea | Cha Jong-Hyo, Kim Kuk-Jin - FC Wil (SUI) |
|  Iran | Jong Tae-Se - VfL Bochum (GER) Javad Nekounam, Masoud Shojaei - CA Osasuna (SPA) Hong Yong-Jo - FC Rostov (RUS) |

European clubs represented by European National Association

| UEFA Ranking of the Country ¹ | Country | of Number clubs | of Number players | Club (in brackets number of players) |
|--|--|-----------------|-------------------|---|
| 1 |  England | 9 | 9 | Blackpool FC (1), Liverpool FC (1), Everton FC (1), Manchester United FC (1), Fulham FC (1), Blackburn Rovers FC (1), Bolton Wanderers (1), Middlesbrough FC (1), Leeds United FC (1) |
| 2 |  Spain | 1 | 2 | Club Atlético Osasuna (2) |
| 3 |  Germany | 8 | 9 | Schalke 04 (2), VfB Stuttgart (1), BV Borussia Dortmund (1), FC Augsburg (1), 1.FC Köln (1), VfL Wolfsburg, Hamburger SV (1), VfL Bochum (1) |
| 4 |  Italy | 2 | 2 | US Sassuolo Calcio (1), AC Cesena (1) |
| 5 |  France | 1 | 1 | Grenoble Foot 38 (1) |
| 7 |  Russia | 6 | 6 | PFC CSKA Moskva (1), FK Alania Vladikavkaz (1), FC Dynamo Moskva (1), FC Rostov (1), FC Sibir Novosibirsk (1), FC Volga Nizhny Novgorod (1), |
| 8 |  Ukraine | 1 | 1 | FC Arsenal Kyiv (1) |
| 9 |  Netherlands | 3 | 3 | AZ Alkmaar (1), Utrecht FC (1), VVV Venlo (1) |
| 10 |  Turkey | 4 | 5 | Galatasaray AS (2), Gençlerbirliđi (1), Eskışehirspor (1), Konyaspor (1) |
| 11 |  Greece | 1 | 1 | AEK Athens FC (1) |
| 12 |  Denmark | 2 | 2 | Aalborg BK (1), SønderjyskE (1) |
| 13 |  Belgium | 2 | 2 | Lierse SK (1) KSC Lokeren (1) |
| 16 |  Switzerland | 2 | 3 | FC Wil (2), Neuchâtel Xamax (1) |
| 15 |  Scotland | 2 | 2 | Celtic FC (2) |
| 19 |  Czech Rep. | 1 | 1 | FC Bohemians 1905 (1) |
| 20 |  Cyprus | 1 | 1 | Alki Larnaca (1) |
| 29 |  Bosnia Herzegovina | 1 | 1 | NK Jedinstvo Bihać (1) |

¹ UEFA, Last official ranking January 2011

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