

Iran Capture Asian U-18 Volleyball Title



TEHRAN – Iran’s boy’s national under-18 volleyball team captured the 2026 Asian Championship title on Saturday, defeating Japan 3-1 in a thrilling final match.

The squad, led by head coach Abdolreza Alizadeh, bounced back after los-

ing the first set to secure the gold medal. The match scores stood at 23-25, 25-22, 25-17, and 25-22.

With this victory, the Iranian team concluded their campaign undefeated, having secured consecutive wins against the Philippines,

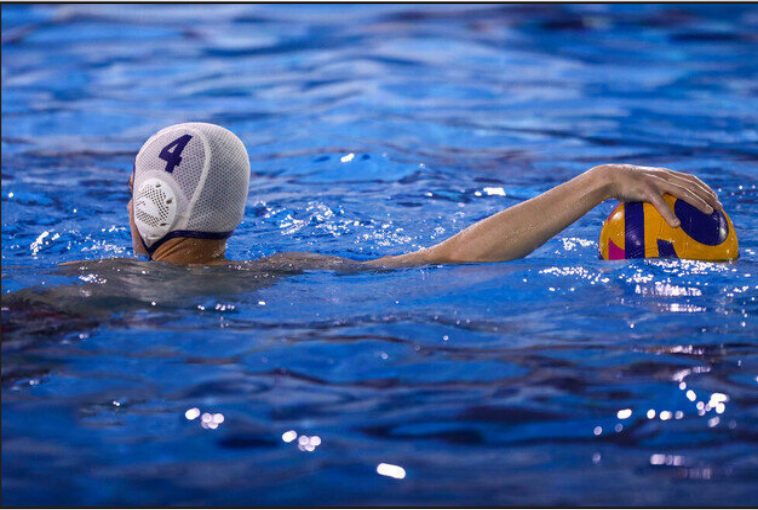
India, Bahrain, South Korea, and China before overcoming Japan in the final. Iran had already secured its berth in the FIVB Volleyball Boys’ U-19 World Championship by advancing to the tournament’s semifinals.

The championship-win-

ning roster included Kamyab Abdollahifar, Abolfazl Pasha Amiri, Milad Salari Toumaj, Pedram Heidarisafat, Amirali Shams, Nima Piri, Sajjad Asadi, Amir-Muhammad Hemmati, Amir-Reza Hussein-zadeh, Ali Sheikh-zadeh, Arash Ghahramani, Alireza Valaei, Benyamin Olfat, and Aydin Choudar.

The team’s technical and administrative staff consisted of Kamran Sharifi (Team Manager), Abdolreza Alizadeh (Head Coach), Farhad Ghaemi, Amin Ali-Akbari, and Siamak Azimi (Assistant Coaches), Towhid Asghari (Fitness Coach), Ali Barg-Shadi (Performance Analyst), Javad Parviz (Physiotherapist), and Mehdi Fathi (Massage Therapist).

Water Polo Team Dominates Hosts Thailand 17-8 at Asian Championship



TEHRAN - Iran’s youth national water polo team secured a decisive 17-8 victory against tournament hosts Thailand in their second group-stage match at the 12th Asian Aquatics Championships in Bangkok.

Competing in Group B, the Iranian squad rebounded from a balanced start to outclass the hosts in the later stages of the game. The match opened with a 3-3 deadlock in the first quarter, followed by a tight 6-5 lead for Iran by the end of the second quarter. Iran broke the game open in the third quarter, surging to a 14-7 lead before sealing the final 17-8 victory in the fourth quarter.

The Iranian squad is scheduled to face Hong Kong in their third preliminary round match on Sunday at 13:30 local time. Under the tournament’s draw, the men’s division features 12

teams divided into two groups. Iran shares Group B with Japan, Thailand, Hong Kong, Sri Lanka, and Kazakhstan, while Group A consists of Singapore, Saudi Arabia, India, China, Uzbekistan, and South Korea.

Led by head coach Vahid Rezaei Ashtiani, coach Ali Piroozkhah, and team manager Amirali Monirizad, the Iranian roster includes Ehsan Ali-Akbari, Arshia Abdollahifar, Mehran Biabani, Mehrab Golestani-rad, Muhammad Sina Eftekhari, Mahan Abolhasani, Matin Rouhbakhsh Mojaddar, Muhammad Amin Sadeghinejad, Farbod Borou-jei, Seyed Savan Omrani Khorasani, Danial Ashraghi, Amir-Muhammad Mirjalili, Amir-Hussein Amiriyan, Amir-Hussein Ranjkesh, Pouya Niyazkhani, and Abolfazl Sardayan Bajgirani.

U-23 Football Team in Pot 3 of Asian Games Draw

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Iran’s U-23 football team was placed in Pot 3 of the seeding on the eve of the Nagoya 2026 Asian Games men’s football draw.

Based on the procedure announced by the Nagoya 2026 Asian Games Organizing Committee, the seeding of the teams in determining the position of each of the 15 participating teams in the group stage was done as follows.



In this seeding, Japan as the host is placed in Pot 1, followed by China, Vietnam and South Korea. Uzbekistan, the UAE, Saudi Arabia and Thailand are in Pot 2, and Iran is placed in Pot 3 along

with Kyrgyzstan, Qatar and the Philippines.

Being in the third pot means that the Iranian national team will be grouped with at least one team from the first pot and one team from the

second pot in the group stage; an issue that could make the draw for Hussein Abdi’s team more difficult than the teams in the first two pots.

The men’s football tournament of the Nagoya Asian Games will be held with the participation of 15 teams, and the participating teams will compete in three groups of four teams and one group of three teams.

At the end of the group stage, the first and second teams of each group will go to the knockout stage.

Tractor Complete Signing of Shahriar Moghanloo

THERAN - The Iranian national football team striker Shahriar Moghanloo has joined the Tractor football club in the 26th season of the Premier League.

Tractor Club officials recently held talks with Shahriar Moghanloo, who played for Emirates Club last season, and now the two sides have reached a final agreement.

Shahriar Moghanloo, who has capped as a player for the Iranian national football team and participating in the 2026 World Cup, started his professional football career with Paykan and has since played for Malvan, Santa Clara, Portugal, Persepolis, Sepahan, and Ittehad Club of the UAE.



Iran Name 20-Man Squad for South Korea Taekwondo Tournament



THERAN – Iran will send twenty taekwondo athletes to the South Korean Open Tournament in Shiapchang.

The South Korean Open Taekwondo Tournament (Chuncheon) will begin with the participation of 684 taekwondo athletes from different countries around the world; the competitions held at the G2 level and will bring 20 points in the Olympic ranking for the medalists.

The tournament will be held for two days in Chuncheon, and a total of 380 taekwondo taekwond athletes in the men’s category and 304 taekwondo taekwondo athletes in the women’s category will compete. The Iranian team is present in this event with 20 national players to gain experience and increase

its points in the Olympic ranking.

In the men’s category, Yasin Valizadeh (-54 kg), Abolfazl Zandi (-58 kg), Mehdi Hajimosaei (-63 kg), Matin Rezaei (-68 kg), Amir-sina Bakhtiari (-74 kg), Amirreza Sadeghian and Mehran Barkhordari (-80 kg), Muhammad Hussein Yazdani (-87 kg), and Ali Najafi and Arian Salimi (+87 kg) make up our country’s team.

In the women’s category, Saina Karimi (-46 kg), Rozhan Goodarzi (-53 kg), Hasti Mohammadi and Nahid Kiani (-57 kg), Yalda Valinejad (-62 kg), Fereshteh Fathi and Saghar Moradi (-67 kg), Baran Nemati (-73 kg), and Fatemeh Ahmadi and Hana Zarrinkamar (+73 kg) are the representatives of Iran in these competitions.