

LaLiga is back

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June 3rd, 2020. – LaLiga is finally set to return after three months without football in Spain due to the global COVID-19 crisis. The season will kick-off again with the Matchday 28 clash between Sevilla FC and Real Betis, a match known as *El Gran Derbi* and the first of the 110 matches left to play this campaign.

The league season will continue uninterrupted for the following six weeks until July 19th, the evolution of the pandemic in Spain and health authorities permitting. Thirty-nine days in a row with football practically every day, with matches at 19:30 and 22:00 CET (plus 13:00 and 17:00 CET on weekends).

Six weeks of passionate football with everything in LaLiga Santander still on the line. FC Barcelona and Real Madrid are vying for the title, separated by just two points, the same gap that exists between the third- and sixth-placed sides fighting for the European spots. Meanwhile, a fierce battle is ongoing in the fight against relegation, with six teams in the mix. A host of world-class matches await us, including FC Barcelona vs Atletico de Madrid, Real Madrid vs Valencia CF, Sevilla FC vs FC Barcelona and Atletico de Madrid vs Real Sociedad.

The restart has been made possible largely thanks to the tireless work of LaLiga during the lockdown, in particular the exhaustive and comprehensive protocol developed together with the Spanish health authorities which allowed LaLiga clubs to return to training safely. Over a month of Spring 'pre-season' meticulously adapted to a 'new reality' across society, and scrupulously followed by clubs and players. This painstaking effort to guarantee the safety of all professionals involved while ensuring the return of football will finally see the fruits of its labour with the restart of the league season on June 11th.

#BackToWin

LaLiga returning means that everything is closer to returning. Therefore, the concept chosen by LaLiga that best represents the feeling generated by the return of the competition is #VolverEsGanar (#BackToWin). This umbrella concept includes a multitude of actions that LaLiga has carried out to celebrate that football is back once again. 80 initiatives and events have been organised outside of Spain. Some, such as *Applause to Infinity*, have been designed to last as a permanent tribute to the heroes of the pandemic and those who are no longer with us, with applause sounding out in the 20th minute of each LaLiga game.

About LaLiga



LaLiga is a global, innovative and socially responsible organisation that leads the way in the leisure and entertainment sector. It is a private sporting association which is comprised of the 20 LaLiga Santander and 22 LaLiga SmartBank clubs and public limited sports companies (SADs) and is responsible for organising professional and national football competitions. In the 2018/19 season, LaLiga reached a global audience of 2.7 billion. The institution is centrally headquartered in Madrid (Spain) and has a presence in 55 countries through its nine offices and 46 delegates. The association carries out social outreach activities through its foundation and is the world's first professional football league with a league for intellectually challenged footballers: LaLiga Genuine Santander.