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## AJFC Malaysia League 2019 is back!

- ***2 young footballers to earn chance to train with FC Bayern's youth coaches***

**Kuala Lumpur, 13 February 2019** – The Allianz Junior Football Camp (AJFC) Malaysia League is back.

The programme opened to aspiring footballers aged between 14 and 16 years old, will once again offer young Malaysian footballers the chance to be part of AJFC in Munich and to train at Säbener Strasse, home to reigning German Champions FC Bayern Munich.

“At its core, AJFC is about providing opportunities for young footballers aged 14 to 16 to kick-start their dreams. And that is what we have continued to do. With a gap at the grassroots level for a competitive football programme for that age group, we knew AJFC was prime to fill that spot,” said Zakri Khir, Chief Executive Officer of Allianz Malaysia Berhad at the programme’s official launch

“Yes, we raised the stakes with the league format, but it is the best way to impart the fundamentals of being a professional footballer to these players. A season of AJFC means five weeks of total football and the players know that they will be exposed to the whole nine yards – the training, the weekly match days, the traveling,” added Zakri.

AJFC Malaysia League features six regions – Central, South, North, East Coast, Sabah, and Sarawak. The competition kicks off on 2 March at Stadium Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Bangi (Central region) and Padang 10, Kompleks Sukan Hang Jebat, Malacca (Southern region).

This will be followed by Northern region (Stadium Universiti Sains Malaysia, Penang) and East Coast region (Padang Majlis Perbandaran Kuantan 1 and Kolej Universiti Islam Pahang Sultan Ahmad Shah in Kuantan, Pahang) on 9 March, and by Sabah (Padang Sukma Kota Kinabalu) and Sarawak (Kompleks Sukan Petrajaya, Kuching) on 16 March.

Each region will feature 16 teams, divided into two groups of eight teams (Group A and B). Teams will play each other in a round-robin format, and each match will be 70 minutes long. Group winners in Group A and B will then play in the regional finals. *(Note: For the full schedule, please refer to the appendix)*

Following the regional finals, the AJFC Malaysia League selection panel headed by head selector E.Elavarasan, a former coach of Felda United FC, PKNS F.C, and Melaka United, who will pick the best 18 players from each region to form six regional teams to compete in the Grand Finals from 4 to 6 July at the Arena Majlis Perbandaran Subang Jaya (MPSJ), Subang Jaya.

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After the Grand Finals, 10 of the best performing players will be selected to participate in Allianz Explorer Camp – Football Edition in Singapore from 23 to 26 July. There, the players will take part in training drills where the best two Malaysian players will then be selected to be part of Allianz Explorer Camp – Football Edition in Munich, Germany in August.

To keep up to date with the AJFC Malaysia League 2019, visit the official website [allianzfootball.com.my](http://allianzfootball.com.my) or follow Allianz Malaysia's Facebook and Instagram page: [facebook.com/AllianzMalaysia](https://facebook.com/AllianzMalaysia) and [instagram.com/allianzmalaysia](https://instagram.com/allianzmalaysia).

### Appendix:

AJFC MALAYSIA LEAGUE 2019					
REGION	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5 (Regional Finals)
CENTRAL	2 /3	9/3	16/3	23/3	7/4
SOUTHERN	2/3	9/3	16/3	23/3	6/4
NORTHERN	9/3	16/3	23/3	30/3	13/4
EAST COAST	9/3	16/3	23/3	30/3	14/4
SABAH	16/3	23/3	30/3	6/4	20/4
SARAWAK	16/3	23/3	30/3	6/4	21/4
CENTRALISED TRAINING (at respective regions)			30 June, 1 & 2 July		
GRAND FINALS			4,5 & 6 July		

VENUE				
REGION	MALAYSIA LEAGUE	REGIONAL FINAL	CENTRALISED TRAINING	GRAND FINALS
CENTRAL	UPM Serdang, Selangor	Arena MPSJ, Subang Jaya	UPM Serdang, Selangor	Arena MPSJ, Subang Jaya
SOUTHERN	Padang 10, Kompleks Sukan Hang Jebat, Melaka	Stadium Hang Tuah, Melaka	Kompleks Rakan Muda, Alor Gajah, Melaka	
NORTHERN	Stadium USM, Penang			
EAST COAST	Padang MPK 1 & KUIPSAS, Kuantan	Stadium International Islamic University Malaysia, Kuantan	Sekolah Sukan Malaysia Pahang, Gambang, Kuantan	
SABAH	Padang Sukma Kota Kinabalu	Stadium Likas, Kota Kinabalu	Kompleks Sukan Likas, Kota Kinabalu	
SARAWAK	Kompleks Sukan Petrajaya, Kuching	Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, Kuching	Asrama Yayasan Sarawak, Kuching	

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Allianz Malaysia has 33 branches nationwide.

In 2018, Allianz Malaysia was recognised at the National Contact Centre Award 2018 for Best Customer Relationship Management for Contact Centre (Silver) and Best Innovative Adoption Award (Merit). Allianz General's Allianz Road Rangers: 24- Hour Call Centre advertisement won Top Ad in Financial Services and Institutions at the YouTube Malaysia Awards 2018. In 2017, Allianz Malaysia Berhad was awarded the Best Corporate Responsibility Initiatives (below RM10 billion market capitalisation) at The Edge Billion Ringgit Club Awards 2017, while Allianz General was recognised as the Best Motor Insurance Company in 2016 by iBanding.com.

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