

Lion City Sailors Fixtures: SPL Games Moved to January 2027

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The Lion City Sailors fixtures list has changed. Two away Singapore Premier League games, at Tanjong Pagar United and FC Jurong, have been brought forward to 24 and 31 January 2027. The switch follows the postponement of the AFC Asian Cup, and it reshapes the second half of the Sailorsâ?? season.



Source: Lion City Sailors FC official website (lioncitysailorsfc.sg)

Lion City Sailors fixtures: what has changed

The Sailorsâ?? trip to Tanjong Pagar United was originally set for 21 March, and the visit to FC Jurong for 11 April. Both now move to January. Each will be played at Jurong East Stadium, with kick-off at 7.30pm on both nights.

The reason is the Asian Cup. The tournament in Saudi Arabia was due to run from 7 January to 5 February 2027. It has now been rescheduled to 23 December 2027 to 21 January 2028. The AFC cited

â??exceptional circumstances arising from developments in the region, including substantial logistical complexities and travel disruptionsâ?•.

With the January window no longer needed for the tournament, the league has used it. For the Sailors, that means two fewer fixtures to squeeze in during the spring.

Why it matters for the title race

Clearing two fixtures early takes pressure off the run-in. Spring is when injuries, travel and continental commitments tend to pile up, and the Sailors are competing in several competitions. Head Coach Mark Jackson has already spoken about the need to â??rely on everyone in the squad, especially when we are competing in multiple competitionsâ?•.

It also gives supporters something to circle in the diary. Two away days on consecutive weekends in January, at a stadium in the west, will be a handy addition for anyone who follows the club on the road.

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The bigger calendar picture

Singapore football has had a crowded autumn. Ten Sailors earned call-ups for the Lionsâ?? friendlies against Paraguay and Brazil, a 4-1 defeat followed by a 7-0 loss, so the clubâ??s squad has been stretched between domestic, continental and international duty. Midfield and attack rotation has been part of the story, and Jackson has used his squad well.

A calendar that gives players clearer weeks to rest and train is good news for the national set-up too. With the Asian Cup now a year away, Lions coaches and club coaches can plan the build-up around a longer runway rather than a January tournament.

A season in good shape

The Sailors reach this announcement in strong form. On 1 November they beat Balestier Khalsa 4-0 at Bishan Stadium, their sixth consecutive win in all competitions, with five clean sheets in that run. Shawal Anuar, Antonio Mance, Matthias Phaeton and Lennart Thy scored, making the Sailors the first team to pass 20 goals in the league this season.

Jackson made nine changes for that game and fielded eight local players, including Hami Syahin, Lionel Tan and Glenn Kweh. The message was clear: depth is the point of this squad. Fewer crowded weeks in the spring will make that depth easier to manage.

In Asia, the Sailors made history in the ACL Two, beating Adelaide United 5-0 in a record win. You can read more in our ACL Two preview of the record win and the trip to BG Pathum United.

Next up: Geylang International

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Before January, there is a big one. On Sunday 22 November the Sailors face league leaders Geylang International at Jalan Besar Stadium, where a win or a draw would put them top for the first time this season. Winger Farhan Zulkifli, fresh from Singaporeâ??s friendlies against Paraguay and Brazil, says he has learnt lessons about the pace of top-level football. Our SPL Matchweek 7 preview has the full build-up.



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What fans should note

Fixture changes can catch supporters out, so it is worth updating your calendar now. Both January matches kick off at the same time and at the same ground, which keeps planning simple for anyone making the trip across the island. Fixtures at neutral-looking venues can still feel like home games when the travelling Sailors support turns out in numbers.

- **24 January 2027:** Tanjong Pagar United v Lion City Sailors, Jurong East Stadium, 7.30pm.
- **31 January 2027:** FC Jurong v Lion City Sailors, Jurong East Stadium, 7.30pm.
- The original dates of 21 March and 11 April no longer apply.

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