

Seongnam FC

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Seongnam FC (Korean: 성남 FC) is a South Korean professional football club, based in Seongnam, South Korea, Seongnam is satellite city of Seoul, 28 km away. Seongnam plays in the K League Classic. Founded as **Ilhwa Chunma Football Club** in 1989, the club is the most successful in Korean football, having won a record 7 League titles, 3 FA Cups, 3 League Cups, and 2 AFC Champions League titles.

Seongnam placed 5th in the IFFHS Asian Club of the 20th Century.^[2]

In 2014, the club was bought by the Seongnam City Government and was officially renamed **Seongnam FC**^[3]

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History

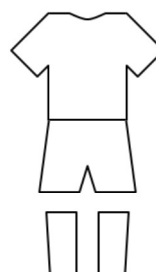
The club was founded on 18 March 1989 as *Ilhwa Chunma Football Club*^[1] with the club based in Seoul. The club was successful from its beginning, winning its first League Cup three years later in 1992 and winning three consecutive league titles from 1993 to 1995. But the

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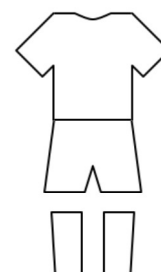
성남 FC



Full name	Seongnam Football Club 성남시민프로축구단
Nickname(s)	Magpie
Short name	SFC
Founded	1989, as <i>Ilhwa Chunma</i> ^[1]
Ground	Tancheon Sports Complex
Capacity	16,250
Chairman	Lee Jae-myung
Manager	Kim Hak-bum
League	K League Classic
2014 Season	9th
Website	Club home page (http://www.seongnamfc.com)



Home colours



Away colours

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Hangul	성남시민프로축구단
Hanja	城南市民Pro蹴球團
Revised Romanization	Seongnam FC

club was forced to move in 1996, as part of the K League's decentralization policy. This policy was carried out due to two reasons - the first reason was that the KFA and the K League wanted to build a soccer-specific stadium in Seoul and the second reason was that the KFA and the K League wanted to spread football fever to the provinces. The three clubs based in Seoul - Ilhwa Chunma, LG Cheetahs, Yukong Elephants didn't accept this policy, resulting in the Korean government giving eviction orders to the 3 clubs. However, they guaranteed if the clubs built a soccer-specific stadium in Seoul, they could have a Seoul franchise and then return to Seoul. As a result, three clubs were evicted from Seoul to other cities, Ilhwa Chunma moved to the city of Cheonan and changed its name to *Cheonan Ilhwa Chunma*.

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Several unsuccessful seasons followed, and when they finished at the bottom of the league for the second consecutive time in 1999, the club moved to the Seoul satellite city of Seongnam and renamed themselves *Seongnam Ilhwa Chunma*. The move worked out very well, as the rejuvenated club went on to win three consecutive K League titles from 2001 to 2003.

A disappointing 2004 campaign saw them meekly relinquish their title. However, they reached the final of the 2004 AFC Champions League, where despite winning the away leg 3-1, they lost the home leg 5-0 to Saudi Arabian club Al-Ittihad and lost the tie 6-3 on aggregate.

The club bounced back to the forefront of Korean football in style as they claimed their seventh league title in 2006, defeating Suwon Samsung Bluewings 3-1 on aggregate in the championship playoff final. This was their 7th K League title which is a record out of all the K League clubs.

Before they were defeated by Suwon Bluewings 2-1 on 15 July 2007 in the 2007 season, they had not lost for 22 consecutive league matches - the third longest streak in the history of the K League.

Seongnam reached the final of the 2007 K League Championship but were beaten 4-1 on aggregate by Pohang Steelers, despite finishing first place in the regular season. This brought controversy about the playoffs system.

In 2008, they moved their home stadium to Seongnam 1 Stadium for their summer season, due to the rebuilding of Tanchon Sports Complex. However, due to the delay of the reconstruction of Tanchon Sports Complex they returned to their home stadium.

On 13 November 2010, Seongnam beat Iranian club Zob Ahan FC 3-1 in the final of the 2010 AFC Champions League. This was their second AFC Champions League title and qualified them directly into the quarter finals stage of the 2010 FIFA Club World Cup. Seongnam finished the tournament in 4th place.

In December 2013, Seongnam City took over the club from Ilhwa Co., Ltd.

The conflict about the relocation

During the 2013 season, there were rumors that the club was going to be sold to Ansan. This rumor was supported after the organization that was running the club, Unification Church's founder Sun-Myung Moon who was extremely devoted to football has died. The Unification Church's board of directors saw no reason to continue running the club and stated their thoughts on selling the club to another organization. After the rumor was reported by the press, Ansan's mayor stated officially that the city is on a process of purchasing the club from Ilhwa. Estimated number of 800 supporters (SF1080, YRU, YFboys and Ultras Giovani) protested in front of the Seongnam city hall stating an importance on preserving the most successful club in the Asian football's history. On October 2013, Seongnam's mayor Lee, Jae-Myung had a conference and stated that the Club will be sold to Seongnam City Government and will be participating under the name, Seongnam FC.^[4]

The club played the first home game as Seongnam FC on March 15th, 2014 against FC Seoul resulting in a draw of 0:0.

Seongnam FC's first victory was on March 26, 2014 against their bitter rivals Suwon Samsung Bluewings. Kim Chul-ho and Valdivia's goals resulted in a 2:0 in Seongnam FC's favor.

Records

Season	Division	Tms.	Pos.	FA Cup	AFC CL
1989	1	6	5	-	-
1990	1	6	6	-	-
1991	1	6	5	-	-
1992	1	6	2	-	-
1993	1	6	1	-	-
1994	1	7	1	-	-
1995	1	8	1	-	Semi-final
1996	1	9	8	Quarter-final	Winners
1997	1	10	8	Runners-up	Runners-up
1998	1	10	10	Quarter-final	-
1999	1	10	10	Winners	-
2000	1	10	3	Runners-up	-
2001	1	10	1	Quarter-final	-
2002	1	10	1	Semi-final	-
2003	1	12	1	Round of 16	Group Stage
2004	1	13	9	Round of 32	Runners-up
2005	1	13	3	Round of 16	-
2006	1	14	1	Round of 32	-
2007	1	14	2	Round of 16	Semi-final
2008	1	14	5	Quarter-final	-
2009	1	15	2	Quarter-final	-
2010	1	15	4	Quarter-final	Winners
2011	1	16	10	Winners	-
2012	1	16	12	Round of 16	Round of 16
2013	1	14	8	Round of 16	-
2014	1	12	9	Winners	-

Key

- Tms. = Number of teams
- Pos. = Position in league

Current squad

As of 3 March 2015

Note: Flags indicate national team as defined under FIFA eligibility rules. Players may hold more than one non-FIFA nationality.

No.	Position	Player	No.	Position	Player
1	 GK	Jeon Sang-wook	20	 DF	Yun Young-sun
2	 DF	Kwak Hae-sung	21	 GK	Jung San
3	 DF	Sim Woo-yeon	22	 MF	Lee Jong-won
4	 DF	Lee Yo-han	23	 MF	Nam Joon-jae
5	 DF	Lim Chae-min	24	 MF	Jang Suk-won
6	 DF	Kim Tae-yoon	25	 DF	Lee Tae-hee
7	 MF	Kim Chul-ho	26	 FW	Moon Chang-hyun
8	 MF	Kim Do-heon (<i>Captain</i>)	27	 DF	Kang Jin-wook
9	 FW	Kim Dong-sub	28	 DF	Yoo Chung-yoon
10	 MF	Jorginho (<i>on loan from Atlético-GO</i>)	29	 GK	Park Jun-hyuk
11	 FW	Ricardo Bueno	30	 FW	Sung Bong-jae
13	 FW	Kim Dong-hee	31	 DF	Han Sang-hyun
14	 MF	Jung Seon-ho	32	 DF	Lee Won-kyu
16	 FW	Hwang Ui-jo	33	 MF	Yeom Yoo-shin
17	 DF	Park Tae-min	35	 FW	Lee Seung-min
18	 MF	Kim Seong-jun	41	 GK	Kwon Tae-an
19	 FW	Lucas Pajeu (<i>on loan from Corinthians U-20</i>)			

Out on loan

Note: Flags indicate national team as defined under FIFA eligibility rules. Players may hold more than one non-FIFA nationality.

No.	Position	Player
 	DF	Park Jin-po (<i>to Sangju Sangmu for military duty</i>)
 	MF	Lee Chang-hoon (<i>to Sangju Sangmu for military duty</i>)
 	FW	Lee Min-woo (<i>to Bucheon FC</i>)

Current Staff

As of 26 August, 2014

Coaching Staff

- Caretaker Manager: Kim Hak-bum
- Coach: Lee Young-jin
- Goalkeeper Coach: Kim Tae-jin

U-18 Team (Pungsaeng High School) Coaching Staff

- Manager: 🇰🇷 Kim Woo-jae
- Coach: 🇰🇷 Kim Jong-chun
- Goalkeeper Coach: 🇰🇷 Kim Hee-ho

U-15 Team (Pungsaeng Middle School) Coaching Staff

- Manager: 🇰🇷 Yoo Sung-woo
- Coach: 🇰🇷 Seo Kwang-woon

Managers

List of Seongnam FC managers					
#	Name	From	To	Season	Notes
1	 🇰🇷 Park Jong-hwan	1988/09/16	1996/04/02	1989–1995	
C	 🇰🇷 Won Heung-jae	1990/04/27	1990/06/27	1990	
C	 🇰🇷 Lee Jang-soo	1996/04/03	1996/08/17	1996	
2		1996/08/18	1996/12/05	1996	
3	 🇧🇪 René Desaeyere	1996/12/18	1998/09/08	1997–1998	
4	 🇰🇷 Cha Kyung-bok	1998/09/09	2004/12/01	1998–2004	
C	 🇰🇷 Kim Hak-bum	2004/12/07	2004/12/29	2004	In charge since FA Cup.
5		2004/12/30	2008/11/27	2005–2008	
C	 🇰🇷 Shin Tae-yong	2008/12/06	2010/02/17	2009	
6		2010/02/18	2012/12/08	2010–2012	
7	 🇰🇷 An Ik-soo	2012/12/14	2013/12/22	2013	
8	 🇰🇷 Park Jong-hwan	2013/12/23	2014/04/22	2014	
C	 🇰🇷 Lee Sang-yoon	2014/04/22	2014/08/26	2014	
C	 🇰🇷 Lee Young-jin	2014/08/26	2014/09/05	2014	
9	 🇰🇷 Kim Hak-bum	2014/09/05	Present	2014-	

Honours

Domestic

■ K League Classic

Winners (7): 1993, 1994, 1995, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2006

Runners-up (3): 1992, 2007, 2009

■ FA Cup

Winners (3): 1999, 2011, 2014

Runners-up (3): 1997, 2000, 2009

■ Korean Super Cup

Winners (1): 2002

Runners-up (2): 2000, 2004

■ League Cup

Winners (3): 1992, 2002, 2004

Runners-up (3): 1995, 2000, 2006

International

■ AFC Champions League

Winners (2): 1995, 2010

Runners-up (2): 1996-97, 2004

■ Asian Super Cup

Winners (1): 1996

■ A3 Champions Cup

Winners (1): 2004

■ Afro-Asian Club Championship

Winners (1): 1996

■ Asian Challenge Cup

Winners (1): 2012

■ Peace Cup

Runners-Up (1): 2012

Kit Supplier

- 1989: Rapido
- 1990: Active
- 1991-1999: Adidas
- 2000-2009: Prospects
- 2010-2011: Lotto Sport Italia
- 2012–2013: Uhlsport
- 2014 : A-Line
- 2014–present : Arbol

Crest



2010 AFC Champions League winner Seongnam Ilhwa Chunma.



See also

- Relocation of professional sports teams

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External links

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- Official Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/SFC.Seongnam>) **(Korean)**
- Official Twitter (https://twitter.com/SFC_Seongnam) **(Korean)**
- Official YouTube (<http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCt7aHRANCzaUDnEcTxnXhgg>) **(Korean)**



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Preceded by Thai Farmers Bank 	Champions of Asia 1995-96	Succeeded by Pohang Steelers 
Preceded by Pohang Steelers 	Champions of Asia 2010	Succeeded by Al-Sadd SC 
Preceded by POSCO Atoms	K League Champions 1993 · 1994 · 1995	Succeeded by Ulsan Hyundai Horang-i
Preceded by Anyang LG Cheetahs	K League Champions 2001 · 2002 · 2003	Succeeded by Suwon Samsung Bluewings
Preceded by Ulsan Hyundai Horang-i	K League Champions 2006	Succeeded by Pohang Steelers

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