

# K-Pop, K-Movie, K-Drama and Now K-Drone Soccer World Cup

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In May 2003, the world's first international drone soccer competition, organized by FIDA (Federation of International Drone Soccer Associations), was held at the Songdo Convensia Center in South Korea with the participation of teams, players and delegates from 15 countries.

In 2022, FIDA (Federation of International Drone Soccer Associations) was formed with the objective to hold world cup drone matches like FIFA's regular soccer World Cup competition. The first FIDA International Drone Pursuit Competition was held in May 2023.



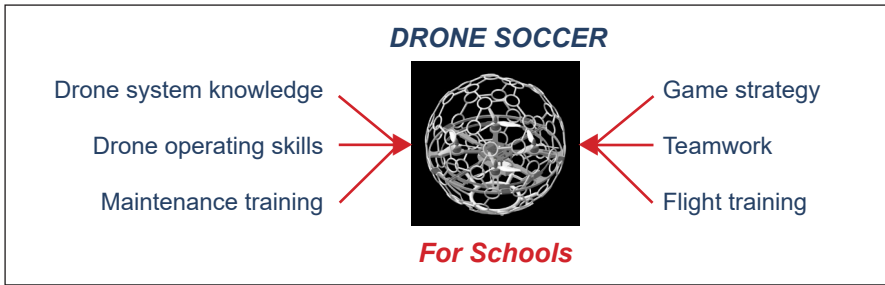
Since drone soccer was developed in Korea in 2016, and teams started playing in Korea, the Korea Drone Soccer Association (KDSA) was established in 2019, and now in 2023, approximately 1,000 regular players and 2,000 youth drone soccer teams are active in Korea.

It is expected that domestic and international competitions in various countries will now be scheduled.

Unlike conventional drone racing, which relies only on individual piloting skills, drone soccer has a variety of educational effects. It should also be highlighted that this leisure sport brings additional jobs and industry-inducing effects with it.

Internationally, more than 20 countries have already embraced drone soccer and have held domestic





In South Korea, the government is actively supporting drone soccer, and in 2024, business and professional teams are preparing for additional competitions. At least 50 countries are expected to participate in the first FIDA Drone Soccer World Cup in 2025.

When drone education is conducted at schools, there is often not enough content to continue after one or two education semesters. However, the introduction of drone soccer into the curriculum can complement the educational process, namely by focusing on deeper understanding of the drone system, manufacturing and maintenance skills, personal piloting skills, strategy and tactics, the importance of teamwork and practical experience.

On the other hand, drone soccer is also a safe drone leisure sport that anyone can enjoy regardless of gender and age and by youth to senior citizen teams; it is so exciting that players, as well as spectators, can feel the excitement beating in their hearts.

For information on drone soccer rules see: <https://www.dronesoccer.org/about-drone-soccer>

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