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This article is about the men's division. For the women's division, see Norwegian Second Division (women).

Football league

The Norwegian Second Division, also called 2. divisjon and often referred to as PostNord-ligaen for sponsorship reasons, is the third-highest level of the Norwegian football league system.

There are 28 teams divided into two groups, and at the end of the season the winner of each group earns promotion to the second-highest division, 1. divisjon. The teams finishing in second place in their respective group will qualify for the promotion play-offs, where they will face each other. The winner will play against the 14th placed team in 1. divisjon for promotion. The bottom three teams in each group are relegated to 3. divisjon.

2. divisjon is the highest league a reserve team can participate in, and only reserve teams from the Eliteserien clubs (first tier) are allowed to enter. The participation of reserve teams stirs debate from time to time.

History [edit]

Between 1963 and 1990, 2. divisjon was the second highest level of the Norwegian football league system, therefore the name of the third highest level was 3. divisjon. When the highest level was rebranded in 1991, this level changed its name to 2. divisjon. From 2009 to 2011, the official name of the league was Fair Play ligaen, and from 2012 to 2024 the name was Oddsen-ligaen (after the main sponsor Norsk Tipping's bet) Tj T*

en, sponsored by PostNord.

Current members [edit]

The following 28 clubs are competing in the 2024 Norwegian Second Divis

ion.

Winners [edit]

All group winners, excluding second teams of top division teams, were promoted to 1. divisjon.

Each group winner played qualification play-offs to decide which teams promote to 1. divisjon. Teams in bold promoted to 1. divisjon through qualification play-offs.

^ Byesen and Harstad from 1. divisjon played qualification games against group winners from 2. divisjon ^ Verdal finished second in Group 5 and qualified for promotion play-offs, but was not promoted. ^ Mo finished second in Group 7 and qualified for promotion play-offs, but was not promoted.

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