



## Alianza FC (SLV) vs. Alajuelense (CRC)

Grupo B, Estadio Cuscatlán, San Salvador, August 20, 2024

It will be the first time they face each other in the Central American Cup.

Throughout history, they have met 6 times, with four wins for Alajuelense, one draw, and one loss. Alianza FC's only victory was 1-0 in the 1972 Central American Fraternity Cup, in the second leg of Group II.

Alianza FC has faced Costa Rican opponents 30 times in Concacaf club tournaments, achieving 8 wins, 7 draws, and 15 losses.

The last time Alianza FC faced a Costa Rican team was in the quarterfinals of the 2022 Scotiabank Concacaf League on September 13, 2022, in a 0-2 defeat with goals from Johan Venegas (penalty) and Aaron Suárez. That match was also Alajuelense's last encounter against a team from El Salvador.

Alajuelense has faced Salvadoran opponents 31 times in Concacaf club tournaments, winning 17 times, losing 5, and drawing 9.

### Recent Results:

Alajuelense 1-0 Alianza FC (Álvaro Solano), First Leg - Second Round, Concacaf Champions Cup, Estadio Alejandro Morera Soto, Alajuela (July 27, 1986).

Alianza FC 1-1 Alajuelense (Rubén Alonso; Tomás Segura), Second Leg - Second Round, Concacaf Champions Cup, Estadio Cuscatlán, San Salvador (August 10, 1986).

Alianza FC 0-1 Alajuelense (Bernald Alfaro), Quarterfinals (First Leg) - Concacaf League, Estadio Cuscatlán, San Salvador (September 7, 2022).

Alajuelense 2-0 Alianza FC (Johan Venegas and Aarón Suárez), Quarterfinals (Second Leg) - Concacaf League, Estadio Alejandro Morera Soto, Alajuela (September 13, 2022).



### Alianza FC (SLV)

Alianza FC has achieved 50% of the points in Group B of the 2024 edition (lost 1-0 vs. Comunicaciones away and won 5-2 vs. Luis Ángel Firpo at home).

In their last 2 home victories, Alianza FC scored 5 goals (5-1 vs. Verdes FC in the 2022 Concacaf League and 5-2 vs. LA Firpo in the 2024 Central American Cup).

Of the 3 goals conceded in the current competition, all were in the second half (vs. Comunicaciones and LA Firpo). The goals scored against them came from open play, a header, and an own goal (all within the final 15 minutes).

**Top Scorers in the CCAC:** Anyelo Rodríguez (URU) 2, Marvin Monterroza (SLV) 1, Emerson Mauricio (SLV), Juan Portillo (SLV).

**Assists in the CCAC:** Marvin Monterroza (SLV) 2, Andrés Hernández (SLV) 1.

**Saves in the CCAC:** Mario González (SLV) 7.

**Goal-scoring chances** (25). Shots on target (5).

**Players to watch:**

**Marvin Monterroza (SLV).** Scored 2 goals and had 1 assist in the 5-2 win against Luis Ángel Firpo. The team captain has made (8) shots and (88) passes in the 2024 edition.

**Anyelo Rodríguez (URU).** Scored two goals in Alianza FC's last match. The forward has drawn 5 fouls in two games.

**Emerson Mauricio (SLV).** Has made 4 shots and scored 1 goal in the 2024 edition. Scored 18 goals in 40 matches in the last Salvadoran football season and netted 3 goals in his first 2 games of the 2024 season.



## LD Alajuelense (CRC)

LD Alajuelense is unbeaten in the Central American Cup over 12 matches (W-9 D-3) and was champion in (2023). It is the team with the most goals scored in the tournament's history with (31) goals and the only one that has scored in every match.

The defending champion won 5 of the last 6 away matches, scoring 16 goals and conceding 6. They kept a clean sheet in 3 of the 6 road games.

Alajuelense was the team with the most points (24), goals scored (24), wins (7), and passes (4155) in the 2023 edition. In the group stage of the 2023 edition, they had a perfect record.

**Participations in the CCAC:** 2 (2023 and 2024).

**Record in the CCAC:** GP-12 W-9 D-3 L-0 (GF-31 GA-11).

**Top scorers in the CCAC:** Aarón Suárez (CRC) 5, Johan Venegas (CRC) 3, Michael Barrantes (CRC) 3, Diego Campos (CRC) 3, Joshua Navarro (CRC) 3, Freddy Góndola (PAN) 3, Joel Campbell (CRC) 3, Alexander López (HON) 2.

**Assists in the CCAC:** Carlos Mora (CRC) 4, Joshua Navarro (CRC) 4, Aarón Suárez (CRC) 3, Johan Venegas (CRC) 2.

**Saves in the CCAC:** Leonel Moreira (CRC) 39 (7 in the current edition), Miguel Ajú (CRC) 6.

**Top scorers in the 2024 edition:** Diego Campos (CRC) 3, Aarón Suárez (CRC) 1, Rahir Parkins (CRC), Jonathan Moy (CRC), Anderson Cardoso (BRA).

**Assists in the CCAC 2024:** Aarón Suárez (CRC) 3, Iago Falqué (ESP) 1, Diego Campos (CRC), Anderson Cardoso (BRA).

**Goal-scoring opportunities** (31). Shots on target (17).

**Players to watch:**

**Diego Campos (CRC).** He is Alajuelense's top scorer with 3 goals scored against Marathón and Luis Ángel Firpo. The forward has also made 7 shots.

**Aarón Suárez (CRC).** He scored 1 goal and has (3) assists. The 22-year-old midfielder, along with Diego Campos, is among the players with the most shots in the 2024 edition, with 7.

**Celso Borges (CRC).** He is the only Alajuelense player who has participated in all 12 of the team's matches in the Central American Cup. The experienced midfielder is the leader in passes with (127).