

PALIO OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MACERATA

Tournaments, Calendars and Rules

The University of Macerata and CUS Macerata, in collaboration, are organising the University of Macerata Palio, 1st edition 2026.

The five departments of Unimc are taking part.

The Palio consists of four tournaments/disciplines: 8-a-side football, volleyball, table tennis and table football. A ranking is drawn up for each tournament/discipline, awarding the following

points:

First-placed department: 8 points
Second-placed department: 6 points
Third-placed department: 4 points
Fourth-placed department: 2 points
Fifth-placed department: 1 point

The total points scored across the four disciplines determine the overall Palio ranking.

In the event that one or more departments are tied for first place in the overall standings, a tie-breaker will be held in the form of a tug-of-war competition (each team must consist of three male students and three female students).

The final awards ceremony will take place on the last day (Wednesday 10 June, Loggia del Grano, Via don Minzoni, times to be confirmed).

8-a-side football

Round-robin group stage (with single-leg matches) and corresponding final standings. Each match consists of two halves of 20 minutes each.

Both genders must always be represented on the pitch, and at least one member of staff (including PhD students/research fellows) or a member of the PTAB must be present.

Team line-ups may vary from match to match. A win is worth 3 points, a draw 1 point, and a defeat 0 points.

The following criteria are taken into account for the league table, in the following order: points, head-to-head results*, goal difference, goals scored.

*: if two or more teams are level on points, head-to-head results are determined by a separate table, using the same criteria but limited to matches between the teams on equal points: points, goal difference, goals scored.

In the event of a further tie: a play-off (with two periods of extra time of 5 minutes each and penalties if necessary).

The matches will take place at the "Salesiani" sports centre (55 Via S. Giovanni Bosco) according to the following schedule:

Monday 4 May, 8.00 pm: Law – Economics

Monday 4 May, 9.00 pm: Humanities – Education
Wednesday 6 May, 8.00 pm: Political Science – Law

Wednesday 6 May, 9.00 pm: Economics – Humanities

Monday 11 May, 8.00 pm: Education – Political Science
Monday 11 May, 9.00 pm: Law – Humanities

Wednesday 13 May, 8.00 pm: Economics – Education
Wednesday 13 May, 9.00 pm: Humanities – Political Science
Monday 18 May, 8.00 pm: Law – Education
Monday 18 May, 9.00 pm: Economics – Political Science

Volleyball

A round-robin tournament (with single-leg matches) and the resulting final table.

The six players on court may be students, teachers, PTAB members, research fellows or PhD students, and both genders must always be represented on court.

Team members may change from match to match. Each match consists of three sets (each set: 25 points).

Standings: one point is awarded for each set won.

In the event of a tie in the standings between departments, the following are taken into account: sets won in head-to-head matches, point difference in head-to-head matches, and total point difference.

In the event of a tie on points between multiple departments, 'head-to-head matches' shall be considered as a separate ranking, using the same criteria.

In the event of a further tie, a play-off will be held.

The matches will take place at the temporary headquarters of CUS Macerata (Via Cassiano da Fabriano 28) according to the following schedule:

Monday 11 May, 7.30 pm: Economics – Political Science

Monday 11 May, 9.00 pm: Humanities – Education

Wednesday 13 May, 7.30 pm: Law – Economics

Wednesday 13 May, 9.00 pm: Political Science – Humanities

Monday 18 May, 7.30 pm: Political Science – Education Monday 18 May, 9 pm:

Law – Humanities

Wednesday 20 May, 7.30 pm: Education – Law Wednesday 20 May, 9 pm:

Economics – Humanities

Wednesday 27 May, 7.30 pm: Economics – Education Wednesday 27 May,

9 pm: Political Science – Law

Table tennis

Each Department plays against all the other Departments.

Participants may include students, lecturers, PTAB members, research fellows and PhD students.

Each match between departments consists of three games: men's singles, women's singles, mixed doubles.

Team members may change from match to match. Each match is played

to 11 points, with the serve changing every 5 points.

Each match awards one point towards the final league table.

In the event of a tie between one or more departments in the standings, the following will be taken into account: head-to-head matches, point difference in head-to-head matches, and total point difference.

The table tennis tournament will take place on Wednesday 10 June at the Loggia del Grano, with times to be confirmed.

Table Football

Each department plays against all the other departments.

Participants may include students, lecturers, PTAB members, research fellows and PhD students.

Each inter-departmental match consists of three matches: men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles.

Team members may change from match to match. Each match is played

to 11 goals.

Each match awards one point towards the final discipline standings.

In the event of a tie between one or more departments in the final discipline standings, the following criteria will be considered: head-to-head matches, goal difference in head-to-head matches, and total goal difference.

The table football tournament will take place on Wednesday 10 June at the Loggia del Grano, with times to be confirmed.

CONTACTS AND INFORMATION

Each Department has a designated student representative who can be contacted to register and get involved in the activities of the various teams across the different disciplines within their Department and/or to request information (including on the rules):

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