

# Date / Result (2021)

Division 1	Division 2
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2021 Plenus Nadeshiko League Division 2 - Competition Overview	
League matches	League format involving 8 teams (nationwide) Round robin format with teams playing each other 2 times home and away (total 14 rounds/56 matches)
Registration/ entry of players	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Players of lower branch teams that have conducted "Club application" registration with the Japan Football Association *Limited to teams that are classed in a different category (other than L League/General) from teams registered in the league</li><li>• Up to 5 non-Japanese players can be registered, and up to 3 can appear in games.</li><li>• No more than 18 players can be entered for matches.</li><li>• Up to 3 substitutions can be made in each match. (Substitutions can be made 3 times in addition to half-time).</li></ul>
Match time	90 minutes (45-minute halves) If there is no winner after 90 minutes, matches will be regarded as drawn.
How positions are decided	<p>1 . League positions will be decided based on the number of points (3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw, 0 points for a defeat) teams have collected following completion of the league matches. However, if teams have the same total number of points, positions will be decided as follows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>① Goal difference after all matches</li><li>② Total number of goals in all matches</li><li>③ Win-loss record between the teams concerned (1) Points, (2) Goal difference</li></ul> <p>*However, only in the case where 2 games (home and away) have been played</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>④ Foul points</li></ul> <p>2 . If multiple teams are ranked 1st and they also have the same number of foul points, multiple teams will be declared champions.</p>
Playoffs	<p>4 teams, comprising the 8th-placed team in Nadeshiko League Division 2 and the 1st to 3rd-placed teams in the 2021 Plenus Challenge League Division 2 promotion/relegation series qualifying tournament (hereafter, the "qualifying tournament"), play each other once in a round robin, with the top 3 teams earning the right to stay in or join Nadeshiko League Division 2.</p> <p>However, participation from the qualifying tournament is limited to teams that have received authorization based on the Nadeshiko League Division 2 membership criteria.</p> <p>Moreover, if the teams appearing in the promotion/relegation games from the qualifying tournament are not decided for some reason or other, the teams concerned from Nadeshiko League Division 2 will remain in Nadeshiko League Division 2.</p>