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## Annex F Special rules due to COVID-19 applicable to the qualifying rounds and round of 32

NB: If there is any discrepancy between the rules of this Annex and the provisions to be found in the present regulations or in any other sets of rules adopted by the Executive Committee, the rules below prevail.

### F.1 Venue and country restrictions

F.1.1 In principle, matches are played at the venue of the home team as announced to UEFA. By 24:00 CET on the day following the relevant draw taking place, clubs must – after consultation with their respective national association and national/local authorities – inform UEFA if there are any travel restrictions, e.g. border closures and quarantine requirements (hereinafter: restrictions) which would impact the clubs' travelling. Similarly, clubs must immediately inform UEFA if, at any time up until the day of the match, new travel restrictions would apply to the clubs' travelling.

F.1.2 If restrictions imposed by the national/local authorities apply, the home club must consult with the visiting club and UEFA and look for a solution to ensure the match is staged. This may include:

- a. Seeking exemptions from the relevant authorities.
- b. A venue reversal (i.e. the match is played at the venue of the team which has been drawn away), provided this would allow the match to take place without any restrictions for both clubs. In this case the visiting club becomes the home club.
- c. Staging the match at a neutral venue (within the territory of a UEFA member association), provided this would allow the match to take place without any restrictions for both clubs. The home club will remain responsible for the organisation of the match.

In any event, if an agreement between both clubs cannot be found, the UEFA administration will take a final decision. The home club will remain responsible for the organisation of the match and all related costs are shared in equal measure except where the match is played in the venue of one of the two clubs concerned, in which case the home club remains responsible for all related costs.

F.1.3 If, in the opinion of the UEFA administration, the information provided by the clubs on restrictions imposed by their national/local authorities (in accordance with [Annex F.1.1](#)) is not accurate or is insufficient or is received too late, or the restrictions are not sufficient to require the reorganisation of the match at a neutral venue (within the territory of a UEFA member association), the UEFA administration will take a final decision on the venue. In any event, the home club will remain responsible for the organisation of the match and all related costs are shared in equal measure except where the match is played in the venue of one of the two clubs concerned in which case the home club remains responsible for all related costs.

F.1.4 In all cases, the UEFA administration may allow a rescheduling of the match, subject to the deadlines set out in [Annex F.3.1](#).

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- F.1.5** In case the match takes place in a neutral venue, UEFA will make a contribution to the home club towards its travel costs.
- F.1.6** If, in any of the above-mentioned cases, either club refuses to take part in the match or the match cannot take place, the match will be declared by the UEFA Control, Ethics and Disciplinary Body to be forfeited by the club that refused to play the match or is held responsible for the match not taking place, which will be considered to have lost it 3-0.
- F.1.7** If, in any of the above-mentioned cases, both clubs refuse to play, the UEFA Control, Ethics and Disciplinary Body disqualifies the clubs concerned from the 2020/21 UEFA Women's Champions League.

## **F.2 Testing and player eligibility**

- F.2.1** If one or more players or officials of a club test positive for COVID-19 in the tests required by the UEFA Return to Play Protocol, the match will take place as scheduled unless the national/local authorities of one or both clubs involved or of where the match will take place (in case of a neutral country) require a large group of players or the entire team to go into quarantine. If at least 13 players registered on the list of players (including at least one goalkeeper) are available, the match must go ahead on the scheduled date. If less than 13 players registered on the list of players or no registered goalkeeper are available, UEFA may allow a rescheduling of the match within the deadlines set out in [Annex F.3.1](#), if the relevant national/local authority seeks new tests to allow a sufficient number of players (at least 13 including at least one goalkeeper) to participate in the match. Alternatively, the club may field players who have not been registered with UEFA within the deadlines stipulated in the present regulations, provided that these players (i) are duly registered with their national association as playing for the club concerned in accordance with the association's own rules and those of FIFA and (ii) are tested negative in accordance with the UEFA Return to Play Protocol.
- F.2.2** If it is not possible to reschedule the match within the final deadline set out in [Annex F.3.1](#), the club that cannot play the match will be held responsible for the match not taking place and the match will be declared by the UEFA Control, Ethics and Disciplinary Body to be forfeited by the club, which will be considered to have lost the match 3-0.
- F.2.3** If any member of the appointed referee team for a match tests positive for COVID-19, UEFA may exceptionally appoint replacement match officials who (i) may be of the same nationality as one of the clubs, and/or (ii) may not be on the FIFA list.

## **F.3 Completion of the qualifying rounds and round of 32**

- F.3.1** In any case, the UEFA administration may reschedule qualifying round and/or round of 32 matches if this ensures a match is played and does not jeopardise the schedule of any forthcoming matches in the competition. Such decisions of the UEFA

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administration are final. The rescheduling of matches is subject to the following deadlines for completion of the different stages of the competition.

- a. First qualifying round: 7 November 2020;
- b. Second qualifying round: 22 November 2020;
- c. Round of 32: 14 February 2021.

F.3.2 If, for any reason, the qualifying rounds and/or round of 32 cannot be completed in accordance with this [Annex F](#), the UEFA Executive Committee will decide on the principles for determining the clubs qualified for the round of 32 and/or round of 16.

#### F.4 Deadlines for protests and appeals

F.4.1 Protests lodged for any reason connected with the application of this Annex and declarations of appeal against a decision made by the UEFA Control, Ethics and Disciplinary Body under the rules of this Annex must be lodged in accordance with the relevant provisions of the *UEFA Disciplinary Regulations*, with the exception of the following deadlines:

- a. a protest must reach the UEFA Control, Ethics and Disciplinary Body within 12 hours of the end of the match in question;
- b. if applicable, a declaration of appeal against a decision by the UEFA Control, Ethics and Disciplinary Body must be lodged within 24 hours of notification of the relevant decision with grounds;
- c. if applicable, the Appellant must file the grounds of appeal within 2 days of the expiry of the time limit for the declaration of appeal.