



# UEFA Football Law Programme

Fourth edition

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A photograph of a lecture hall during a 'Football Law' program. A man in a dark suit stands at a podium on the left, addressing an audience seated in rows of chairs. The audience members are mostly men, some looking at papers or laptops on the tables in front of them. The room is dimly lit, with spotlights on the stage. A large green text box is overlaid on the right side of the image.

# A PROGRAMME FOR LEGAL SPECIALISTS WHO WANT TO UPDATE AND DEEPEN THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF FOOTBALL LAW

# FORWORD FROM THE UEFA PRESIDENT

My whole professional life has been devoted to law and football – they are my work, but also my passion. More than ever, I value and appreciate how vital law is to football, especially in the constantly evolving and complex world of this wonderful sport.

As a key element of our unique suite of educational initiatives, the UEFA Football Law Programme seeks to address these challenges. By bringing together the various stakeholders at different levels of European football, the course aims to foster an open dialogue,

creating an optimal environment for further development and protection of the game, and achieve a balance that works for everyone.

In this way, you can help make all our football associations more efficient, generate awareness of the specific challenges posed by football law and ensure the long-term health of the game in Europe.

Aleksander Čeferin  
UEFA President



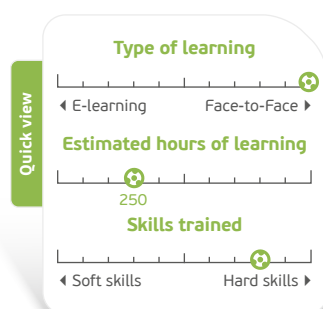
## UEFA Football Law Programme (UEFA FLP)

### A programme for legal specialists who want to update and deepen their understanding of football law

The UEFA Football Law Programme (FLP) comprises four week-long sessions that address key issues of football law. Designed and run by UEFA in close collaboration with internationally renowned academic experts and practitioners, the programme is intended for legal specialists who need insight into the most recent developments in football law while broadening their understanding of the issues. To encourage the exchange of ideas and opinions, the UEFA FLP is open to a wide range of participants with different backgrounds and from a variety of organisations.

On completing the UEFA FLP, graduates will have:

- a deeper knowledge of football law;
- a better understanding of the latest jurisprudence;
- experience of presenting in front of the CAS;
- a strong network of legal specialists in football.



### Testimonials



“The UEFA FLP is an incredible programme for anyone who wants to learn and deepen their knowledge of football law. It has the best speakers, who offer practical perspectives on the subjects but are also connected to universities and contribute in-depth academic content. Not forgetting the endless opportunities for networking. It has been an amazing experience which benefited my daily work at the Portuguese Football Federation. I highly recommend it!”

■ **Marta Cruz, Head of the Legal department, Portuguese Football Federation**



“The FLP far exceeded my expectations of a practical and specialised course in sports law. In addition to an excellent programme at a high level, in which the content is presented by proven experts, I met exceptional people, both professionally and in terms of character. As a club lawyer, I still benefit greatly from the knowledge I acquired and the broad network I built up. The programme was an absolute enrichment for me and can be highly recommended to every ambitious club lawyer.”

■ **Tarek Brauer, Vice-President of Legal and Human Resources, member of the board, SV Werder Bremen**



“If you want to gain a 360-degree perspective on football law and broaden your knowledge, this programme is an excellent opportunity, plus you’ll feel chosen with the network it provides. Being a student again after a long break in such a friendly atmosphere encouraged each of us to be more open-minded and exchange ideas. In this specific area of law, not only carefully selected lecturers, but also your classmates will ensure you can improve beyond your expectations.”

■ **Duygu Yaşar, Lawyer, DY Law Firm**



#### Who

Legal specialists or senior executives working on legal issues in national associations, football clubs, players' unions, leagues and law firms



#### When

Every second year.  
Fourth intake starts in Autumn 2021



#### How long

12 months total:  
4 one-week sessions



#### Where

Four sessions in Europe



#### Price

€7,900 (covered by UEFA for representatives of national associations)



#### Number of participants

26



#### Academic certification

Certificate of advanced studies (CAS), 10 ECTS credits



#### Language

English



## Programme overview

The UEFA FLP lasts one year, starting in October 2021 and ending in September 2022, divided into four mandatory week-long sessions. Each session is dedicated to a specific topic of football law and is hosted by one of the programme partners.



### SESSION 1: INTRODUCTION TO FOOTBALL LAW

11–15 October 2021

Venue: UEFA headquarters, Nyon, Switzerland

#### Topics

- UEFA and FIFA structures: rules and regulations;
- Football stakeholders: ECA, FIFPro and European Leagues;
- Football law and state law: sources and relationship;
- Introduction to Swiss law;
- EU law and sport;
- ECJ jurisprudence in sport: influence on football;
- Council of Europe and sport.

### SESSION 2: FIFA TRANSFER REGULATIONS

21–25 February 2022

Venue: Rijeka, Croatia

#### Topics

- FIFA transfer regulations: history and overview;
- Players' status and player registration;
- Contractual stability;
- Federative rights and third-party influence;
- International transfers of minors;
- Training compensation and solidarity mechanisms;
- Release of players to national associations;
- International national regulations.

### SESSION 3: OTHER FOOTBALL RULES AND REGULATIONS

2–6 May 2022

Venue: Venice, Italy

#### Topics

- Disciplinary procedures in football (FIFA and UEFA models);
- UEFA's financial fair play system;
- Fight against doping: the role of WADA;
- FIFA and confederations' anti-doping rules and procedures;
- Match-fixing: rules and regulations;
- FIFA intermediaries;
- Match organisation rules;
- Player eligibility rules and nationality issues;
- TV and IP rights;
- Event and sponsorship contracts.

### SESSION 4: CAS: SYSTEM, PROCEDURES AND JURISPRUDENCE







5–9 September 2022

Venue: Lisbon, Portugal

#### Topics

- Role and functions of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS);
- Ordinary procedures;
- Appeal procedures;
- Landmark cases in football: CAS competence, financial fair play, contractual stability, training compensation, solidarity mechanisms, doping, disciplinary, match-fixing and transfers of minors.

## Partners

						
Kadir Has University, Istanbul, Turkey	Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy	Law faculty at the University of Rijeka	Portuguese Football Federation	European Club Association (ECA)	European Leagues	FIFPro Europe





## Workload and assessment

The total amount of work necessary to complete the UEFA FLP is estimated to be around 250 hours, comprising approximately 20 days of face-to-face seminars, preparatory readings for every session, preparation of case studies and research for the oral exam during the last session.

There will be three forms of assessment:

- Class attendance and participation;
- Practical case studies and individual presentations;
- Oral exam.

## Academic certification

Programme graduates will receive a certificate of advanced study in football law (CAS, worth 10 ECTS credits) from Kadir Has University in cooperation with the faculty of law of the University of Rijeka, Ca' Foscari University of Venice and UEFA.

## Programme fees

- €7,900, including all programme materials, lunches and coffee breaks during each session;
- Please note this fee does not include travel and accommodation;
- Costs are covered by UEFA for representatives of its member associations.

## Application process

Candidates must complete the application form on [UEFAAcademy.com](http://UEFAAcademy.com) and submit it online along with a CV and a letter of recommendation from an employer (related to sport and/or law) by the application **deadline of 30 May 2021**.

The applications will be reviewed by UEFA FLP applications committee and a final decision on the participants accepted for the programme will be taken by **the end of June 2021**.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- work in the legal department of a UEFA member association;
- hold a legal position in a football club, players' union, league or Confederation; or
- work in a law firm that handles football cases.

Applicants must also prove that they have a good command of English (both spoken and written).

Please note that the UEFA FLP is designed primarily for people who have not attended a programme on football law in the past.



## A WORD FROM THE PROGRAMME DIRECTORS

“ Given the complexity of the legal topics in football, it is important for all members of the football family to cooperate and understand their respective positions to improve the current situation. What you will mostly gain from the UEFA FLP is this stakeholder knowledge, as well as the tools you need to improve cooperation. By welcoming participants from a variety of backgrounds and organisations, this programme fosters such collaboration in your daily work. ”

- Angelo Rigopoulos, UEFA Managing Director of Integrity and Regulatory
- Michele Bernasconi, UEFA Legal Advisor, CAS Arbitrator



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