



Playing attire for 2021/22 UEFA Futsal Champions League

This enclosure explains some of the key provisions of the UEFA Equipment Regulations 2021 that we feel warrant clarification.

Note that 'playing attire' as used in this letter comprises the playing shirt, shorts and socks of players and the goalkeeper.

1. 2021 equipment regulations

Please note that the 2021 UEFA Equipment Regulations were approved by the UEFA Executive Committee on 19 April. It will include the new rule for sleeve sponsors in UEFA club competitions, which have an impact on the sleeve badge positions.

2. New approvals platform

A digital platform is being set up for the new season, to facilitate playing attire approvals and the match kit selection processes. Further details will be sent out in due course. Teams will be expected to enter their playing attire information directly on the new platform; however, during this transition period we also provide an old-format playing attire form as a backup.

3. Approval process

All playing attire used during this competition must be approved by the UEFA administration.

Each club must submit a copy of the **player attire approval form** to FutsalMatchOps@uefa.ch and KitApproval@uefa.ch by the following deadlines:

- **9 July 2021** for clubs in the preliminary round
- **27 August 2021** for clubs in the main round

To limit the risk of having to make changes once playing attires have already been produced, we encourage clubs and manufacturers to submit designs or samples at intervals during the production process. Requests for pre-approval can be submitted by email to FutsalMatchOps@uefa.ch and KitApproval@uefa.ch.

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4. Colours

Clear identification of the players and goalkeepers of both teams is a requirement of Law 4 of the FIFA Futsal Laws of the Game. This is essential for the match officials and players, as well as for spectators in the hall and at home, and we consider it a fundamental requirement.

There must therefore be a clear contrast between each teams' first-choice and second-choice outfield player attires, to the extent that they could be worn by opposing teams in a match. For example, if one playing attire is made up of predominantly light colours, then the other playing attire should comprise predominantly dark colours.

Teams with striped shirts (especially ones made up of light and dark stripes) or shirts in two colours (e.g. sleeves of a different colour to the body) must pay particular attention to the contrast requirements. For example, a first choice of blue/white stripes with a second choice of an all-white shirt is not sufficient. The second choice must contrast strongly with both colours of the first-choice shirt. If this is not the case, a third option outfield player attire will be required.

Additionally, teams must have at least two goalkeeper attires that clearly contrast with each other (shirts, shorts/long pants and socks) and with the first-choice and second-choice outfield player attires. The goalkeeper attires must therefore not contain any of the colours present in or have a shade similar to either outfield attires, such as a light grey goalkeeper attire when the player attire is white.

This also applies to any additional player attires submitted. In other words, teams must ensure that for every outfield player attire, they submit at least two sets of fully contrasting goalkeeper attire. If any set of goalkeeper attire contains the colours of the player attire, e.g. same colour shorts and socks, then additional goalkeeper colours will be requested.

5. Playing attire colour selection

When selecting colours, particularly for goalkeeper attires, please bear in mind that referees will have the following colours during the 2021/22 season:

- Black, blue, yellow, red

To facilitate the planning of match playing attire agreements, we strongly recommend that clubs avoid goalkeeper attires that include more than one of the referee colours.

6. Combinations

To ensure a clear contrast between players and goalkeepers on the pitch, teams must be prepared to combine elements of their approved playing attires, or between the approved goalkeeper attires if necessary. Commercial or aesthetic objections to combining attire items **will not** be taken into account by UEFA in attempting to achieve the required contrast between different match participants.

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7. Colours per match

For the **qualifying stage**, the clubs should agree on the colours between themselves. If clubs cannot reach an agreement, the matter must be submitted to the UEFA administration beforehand to avoid an issue on the day of the match. However, the referee always takes the final decision.

8. Numbers and names

All players must wear set numbers between 1 and 99. If the number 1 is used, it must be worn by a goalkeeper. The numbers are compulsory on the backs of shirts and fronts of shorts, on either leg and in any position. Numbers may also be placed on the front of the shirts at chest height.

For the finals, the players' names must feature on the backs of the shirts.

The shirts submitted for approval must include an example of the numbers and letters that will be used.

Legibility and strong contrast of the number against the shirt are the most important features of the playing shirts. Reflective gold or silver numbers are difficult to see under lights and may be refused, as may overly elaborate player numbers that are not easily and quickly identifiable.

Note that numbers must be of a single colour, with the only exception being that the numbers may contain breathing holes or lines no more than 2mm wide.

9. Sleeve sponsor from the 2021/22 season

In compliance with the new 2021 UEFA Equipment Regulations, the use of sleeve sponsors is permitted as from the start of the 2021/22 season. Please find below some key aspects of this agreement:

- A team may only advertise for one sleeve sponsor.
- A team may advertise for the approved sponsor **in home and away matches** during the same UEFA season, subject to any bans or restrictions imposed by the domestic legislation of the country where the match is held.
- Sleeve advertising is only permitted **on the left sleeve** of the playing shirt and **must not be bigger than 100cm²**.
- Sleeve advertising **must not be taller than 12cm** (the height of the current sleeve free zone specified in the UEFA Equipment Regulations). The sponsor logo must not touch any manufacturer band on the shirt sleeve.
- The relevant UEFA sleeve badges are to be worn on the right sleeve of the playing shirt.

The following options are available when choosing a sleeve sponsor for UEFA competition matches:

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- In principle, the sleeve sponsor in a UEFA club competition must be same as the sleeve sponsor advertised on the playing shirt in an official domestic competition.
- However, if no sleeve sponsor is permitted or used in any official domestic competition, another playing attire or non-playing attire sponsor used in an official domestic competition (not including the shirt-front sponsor) may be displayed on the sleeve of the playing shirt for UEFA matches, e.g. shirt-back sponsor, short sponsor, non-playing attire sponsor.

If a team still has no sleeve sponsor for UEFA competition matches, it may replicate the shirt-front advertising approved and used for UEFA competition matches on the sleeve, or use the team's approved playing attire manufacturer as a sleeve sponsor.

10. Playing attire sponsor

For all matches in the qualifying stage, the associations' domestic equipment regulations apply, provided that the sponsor advertising complies with Chapter VI of the UEFA Equipment Regulations and the playing attire has been approved for and worn in domestic competition matches.

For the competition as a whole, it is the responsibility of visiting clubs to verify in advance, through their associations, whether any legal restrictions prohibit them from using their shirt sponsor at the match venue. The visiting clubs' associations must contact the host clubs' associations, which should be aware of any national, regional or local/city legislation prohibiting the use of various categories of sponsors, such as alcohol or betting. Furthermore, if a visiting club's sponsor is prohibited, the host club's association, or the host club itself, should immediately inform the UEFA Football Operations Unit in writing.

To facilitate this process, we also recommend that, after the draws for the various competition rounds, the clubs exchange information on any such legal restrictions on sponsorship at the match venues.

11. Shoes

Futsal shoes worn by players and technical staff may carry manufacturer branding only. Shoes may not feature any sponsor advertising or charity logos.

12. Goalkeeper gloves

If goalkeeper gloves are used, one team identification (max. 20cm²), one manufacturer logo (max. 20cm²) and one quality seal or technology label or second manufacturer identification (max. 10cm²), may appear on each glove, together with the goalkeeper's name (letters max. 2cm tall). Sponsor advertising is prohibited and any additional manufacturer identification must be covered. Clubs should especially pay attention to logos on the palms, as it could affect the glove performance if a logo has to be covered.



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13. Tape (on socks – on skin)

If tape or similar material is applied to the arm or leg, it must be the same colour as the relevant part of the sleeve or stocking it is applied to.

For goalkeeper bandages, it is strongly recommended to use the same colour as the shirt or cover the bandages with tape to avoid any clash with the opposing team's colours.

14. Protective equipment

Please note that any protective equipment used by players (e.g. elbow and knee pads, helmets, face masks, soft casts, etc.) must be of a single colour. Items worn on legs and arms must not protrude excessively and should be the same colour as the corresponding playing attire item, e.g. elbow pads must be the same colour as shirt sleeves and kneepads the same colour as shorts. If it is not possible for colours to be the same as playing attire, protective items must be black or white. No manufacturer or sponsor logos, or any other written messages, names or images are permitted on protective equipment.

Should you have any questions about these subjects, please contact the UEFA Football Operations Unit (FutsalMatchOps@uefa.ch).