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For the attention of
the President and the General Secretary

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**UEFA Women's Champions League cycle 2021-25
Locally trained player rule from 2022/23 season**

Dear Sir or Madam,

At their meeting of 19 April 2021 in Montreux, the UEFA Executive Committee approved the regulatory framework for the UEFA Women's Champions League 2021-25 cycle including the progressive introduction of a "locally trained player" requirement as from the second season of the new cycle. The objective of the new rule is to maximise playing opportunities for young players and to further encourage clubs to invest in and focus on providing appropriate player development pathways. The provisions of the rule have been aligned with the equivalent rule in the UEFA men's club competitions and the full explanation and time frame for implementation are as follows:

- The squad size limit of 25 players (A List) will be the same as in the current 2021/22 regulations.
- A minimum number of "locally trained players" will be implemented gradually as follows:
Season 2022/23: four "locally trained players"
Season 2023/24: six "locally trained players"
Season 2024/25: eight "locally trained players"
- "Locally trained players" may either be "club-trained players" or "association-trained players" and no more than half of the "locally trained players" may be association-trained.
- A "club-trained player" is a player who, between the age of 15 (or the start of the season during which she turns 15) and 21 (or the end of the season during which she turns 21), and irrespective of her nationality and age, has been registered with her current club for a period, continuous or not, of three entire seasons (i.e. a period starting with the first official match of the relevant national championship and ending with the last official match of that relevant national championship) or of 36 months. In the context of this paragraph, the season immediately preceding a player's 15th birthday may be counted if her birthday is after the last match of the relevant national championship but before or on 30 June (winter championships) or 31 December (summer championships), and the season immediately following her 21st birthday may be counted if her birthday is on or after 1 July

(winter championships) or 1 January (summer championships) but before the first match of the relevant national championship.

- An “association-trained player” is a player who, between the age of 15 (or the start of the season during which she turns 15) and 21 (or the end of the season during which the player turns 21), and irrespective of her nationality and age, has been registered with a club or with other clubs affiliated to the same association as that of her current club for a period, continuous or not, of three entire seasons (i.e. a period starting with the first official match of the relevant national championship and ending with the last official match of that relevant national championship) or of 36 months. In the context of this paragraph, the season immediately preceding a player’s 15th birthday may be counted if her birthday is after the last match of the relevant national championship but before or on 30 June (winter championships) or 31 December (summer championships), and the season immediately following her 21st birthday may be counted if her birthday is on or after 1 July (winter championships) or 1 January (summer championships) but before the first match of the relevant national championship.
- If a club does not include the required number of “locally trained players” in List A, then the maximum number of players on List A is reduced accordingly.
- There is also a List B which has already been introduced for the first season of the new cycle. This allows clubs to have an unlimited number of young players in addition to those registered on List A. A List B player must be 21 or younger (born on or after 1 January 2001 for 2022/23 season) and have been eligible to play for the club concerned for any uninterrupted period of two years since her 15th birthday by the time she is registered with UEFA, or a total of three consecutive years with a maximum of one loan period to a club from the same association for a period not longer than one year. Players aged 16 may be registered on List B if they have been registered with the participating club for the previous two years without interruption.

The following table shows how the rule will operate over the next three seasons:

Season	A List			B List
	Total	Free	Locally trained (no more than half may be association trained)	Young players
2022/23	25	21	4	Unlimited
2023/24	25	19	6	Unlimited
2024/25	25	17	8	Unlimited

Thank you in advance for giving your fullest attention to the information contained in this letter. Should you have any questions in regard to this new rule, please don't hesitate to contact the UEFA women's football unit (✉ uwcl@uefa.ch).

Yours faithfully,

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