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TO UEFA MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

For the attention of  
the president and the general secretary

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**Entries – 2022/23 UEFA European Under-17 and Under-19 Championships**

**Entries – 2022/23 UEFA European Women's Under-17 and Women's Under-19 Championships**

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are pleased to invite all UEFA member associations to take part in the above-mentioned competitions and would like to provide you with more information.

Note that with regard to the European Under-17 and Under-19 Championships, the UEFA Youth and Amateur Football Committee is currently reviewing the implementation of the new league system in order to launch the new format from the 2023/24 season, taking into account all parameters related to the men's youth competitions. In the meantime, the current competition structure will remain for both of next season's championships.

**1. Entry forms**

All UEFA member associations are requested to fill in the enclosed entry forms, stating whether or not they would like to take part in each competition, then return them, duly signed, to the UEFA administration by **20 August**.

**2. Competition structures**

Under-17 and Under-19 Championships

Depending on the number of entries, some teams may be seeded for the elite round, based on their coefficient rank, so they will not take part in the qualifying round. These teams will be announced before the qualifying round draw.

The structures for the 2022/23 championships are as follows:

Under-17

- Qualifying round – the number of groups will depend on the number of entries, and all groups will comprise four teams.

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- Elite round – there will be eight groups of four teams, and the eight winners and the seven best runners-up will join the host for the final tournament.
  - Final tournament – there will be 16 teams.
  - Age category – all players must have been born on or after 1 January 2006.
  - The final tournament counts as the European qualifying competition for the 2023 FIFA U-17 World Cup to be staged in Peru. The dates and number of participating European teams will be announced in due course.

#### Under-19

- Qualifying round – the number of groups will depend on the number of entries, and all groups will comprise four teams.
- Elite round – there will be seven groups of four teams, and the group winners will join the hosts for the final tournament.
- Final tournament – there will be eight teams.
- Age category – all players must have been born on or after 1 January 2004.

#### Women's Under-17 and Women's Under-19 Championships

The qualifying competition for each championship will be divided into Leagues A and B, each comprising:

- round 1
- round 2

All teams will play in both rounds, including the team of the final tournament host association which will qualify automatically for the final tournament.

Both rounds will be played in the form of mini-tournaments with groups of four and potentially three teams. The number of groups in each league will depend upon the number of competition entries.

After each round there will be promotion and relegation between Leagues A and B, i.e. from round 1 to round 2, and from round 2 to round 1 of the next edition of the competition.

The group winners in League A (and potentially the best runner(s)-up depending on the number of competition entries) will qualify for the final tournament, which will be contested by eight teams. Should the team of the final tournament host association be a group winner, the vacancy created in the final tournament will be filled by the (next) best runner-up in League A.

#### Women's Under-17

- Age category – all players must have been born on or after 1 January 2006 and be 15 years of age by the end of the calendar year when the match is played.

#### Women's Under-19

- Age category – all players must have been born on or after 1 January 2004 and be 16 years of age by the end of the calendar year when the match is played.
- The final tournament counts as the European qualifying competition for the 2024 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup. The venue, dates and number of participating European teams will be announced in due course.

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### 3. Match dates

#### Under-17

The qualifying round will take place between 1 July and 22 November 2022 while the elite round must be played by 30 March 2023.

#### Under-19

Due to the FIFA World Cup in November/December 2022, only one window is included in the FIFA International Match Calendar during the usual playing period of the qualifying round:

- 19–27 September 2022

If agreed by all teams of the group, the following dates could also be used:

- the international window from 30 May to 14 June 2022
- the FIFA World Cup preparatory period, on 14–20 November 2022

The elite round must be played between 20 and 28 March 2023

#### Women's Under-17

The qualifying competition matches will take place as follows:

- Round 1: between 1 August and 13 November 2022
- Round 2: by the end of March 2023

#### Women's Under-19

The qualifying competition will take place within the following windows listed in the FIFA women's international match calendar:

- Round 1:
  - 29 August–6 September 2022
  - 3–11 October 2022
- Round 2:
  - 3–11 April 2023

### 4. Final tournament hosts

On 19 April 2021, the UEFA Executive Committee appointed the following hosts:

- UEFA European Under-17 Championship, 2022/23: Hungary
- UEFA European Under-19 Championship, 2022/23: Malta
- UEFA European Women's Under-17 Championship, 2022/23: Estonia
- UEFA European Women's Under-19 Championship, 2022/23: Belgium

These host associations qualify automatically for the final tournaments on their territory.

### 5. Regulations

The 2022/23 regulations are due to be submitted to the UEFA Executive Committee for approval next spring. Pending the revised version, please refer to the current regulations, which were sent to you on 16 July (circular letter 48).

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## 6. Draws

The qualifying round draws for the men's Under-17 and Under-19 Championships will be held at UEFA's headquarters in Nyon on the morning of **Wednesday 8 December**.

The draws for round 1 of the Women's Under-17 and Women's Under-19 Championships will be held in spring 2022, on a date to be confirmed.

More details about these draws and the relevant documents will be sent to you in October.

In the meantime, we look forward to receiving your entries.

If you have any questions regarding these competitions, please contact [MensYouthCompetitions@uefa.ch](mailto:MensYouthCompetitions@uefa.ch) or [WomensYouthCompetitions@uefa.ch](mailto:WomensYouthCompetitions@uefa.ch) as appropriate.

Yours faithfully,

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General Secretary

### Enclosures

- Entry forms

### cc (with enclosures)

- UEFA Executive Committee
- UEFA Youth and Amateur Football Committee
- UEFA Women's Football Committee
- European members of the FIFA Council
- FIFA, Zurich