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TO UEFA MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

For the attention of
the President and the General Secretary

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12th UEFA Regions' Cup, 2022/23 – Entries

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are pleased to invite all UEFA member associations to take part in the 2022/23 UEFA Regions' Cup. The enclosed entry form should be returned to the UEFA administration **by Friday 10 September 2021 at the latest**.

Here is some important information on the competition structure and regulations.

National competition structure

This refers to the 'Competition structure document', which has been drawn up for each member association individually. This document shows, for each national association, the division(s) from which players may be selected.

The purpose of this is to ensure that the participating teams are of a similar strength and that the competition is balanced. Each document is based on the information received from national associations in previous years.

Should a national competition structure have changed, or a national association deem it necessary to modify the proposed category from which players may be selected, the UEFA administration needs to be informed accordingly, **by Friday 10 September 2021**, so that it can review the situation and revise the document if necessary. In addition, please check if the number of registered amateur players mentioned in this document is correct and let us know if that number has changed.

Participation criteria

Only associations that stage a national qualifying competition may enter a team for the 2022/23 UEFA Regions' Cup. To ensure compliance with this requirement, we are asking every participating association to **complete the enclosed questionnaire**, together with the entry form, and to return both documents to the UEFA administration by the above deadline.

Regarding the organisation of national qualifying competitions, the following information may be helpful:

- Qualifying competitions should preferably be organised on the basis of the UEFA Regions' Cup regulations, as otherwise a player who is eligible to play in a national qualifying competition may not be entitled to play in the UEFA Regions' Cup.
- The choice of format for the qualifying system is up to each national association and obviously depends on the number of participants. For example, it could take the form of:
 - home and away matches
 - mini-tournaments
 - a tournament held over a weekend
 - a regular league system

With the exception of the smallest UEFA member associations, which consist of only one or two regions, i.e. Andorra, Cyprus, Faroe Islands, Gibraltar, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta and San Marino, all other national associations must enter a **regional** amateur representative team.

So, in order to respect the spirit of this competition, associations must ensure that the **participating teams represent a region or a district and are composed of players from at least three different clubs from the same region or district.**

Competition structure

Depending on the number of registered teams, the competition format will consist of a preliminary round, an intermediate round and a final tournament. The final structure of the competition will be communicated to all participating teams prior to the preliminary and intermediate round draws.

Preliminary round

The enclosed provisional coefficient rankings have been established on the basis of the last three competitions (2018/19, 2016/17 and 2014/15). Participating teams will be informed of the final rankings once the entry deadline has passed (early October 2021). The lowest-ranked teams will play in the preliminary round. The number of teams concerned will depend on the number of entries.

Preliminary round group winners and, depending on the number of participants, a certain number of runners-up will qualify for the intermediate round.

Intermediate round

All teams not playing in the preliminary round will start the competition in the intermediate round. Eight groups of four teams will be drawn, from which the eight group winners will qualify for the final tournament.

Match format, dates and final tournament

All matches in the preliminary and intermediate rounds will be played in the form of mini-tournaments. In order to give all eight intermediate round group winners the opportunity to stage the final tournament, and give the final tournament hosts more time to prepare, the two qualifying rounds must be completed according to the following schedule:

Preliminary round

All preliminary round matches must be played between 1 May and 31 July 2022.

Intermediate round

All intermediate round matches must be played between 15 August and 9 December 2022.

Final tournament

In principle, the final tournament will be held in the last two weeks of June 2023 in the country of one of the associations that qualifies. The hosts will be appointed by the end of December 2022 from among those associations that show an interest. Consequently, should your association be interested in hosting the final tournament in this competition, please mention this on the enclosed entry form.

Regulations

Please note that the following major changes had been introduced for the 2020/21 version:

In line with UEFA's youth championships, up to a maximum of five substitutions will be allowed during a match. A maximum of three stoppages in play may be used to make these substitutions.

The other changes are mainly adaptations to other competition regulations.

The new regulations will be sent to all member associations in early 2022. In the meantime, for reference we enclose the regulations for the 2020/21 UEFA Regions' Cup (which was cancelled).

Financing

The same financing system will be applied as for the 2018/19 competition.

Please be informed that the UEFA Regions' Cup has been included in the HatTrick V incentive payments scheme which is in force since the 2020/21 season. Consequently, all associations registering a team for the 12th UEFA Regions' Cup will receive an incentive payment of €10'000.

Preliminary and intermediate round draws

The preliminary and intermediate round draws will be held in Nyon on **Wednesday 8 December 2021**, starting at 14:00, after the UEFA youth championship draws.

More details about this draw, as well as the relevant documents will be sent to you in October.

If you have any questions regarding the Regions' Cup, please contact mensyouthcompetitions@uefa.ch.

Yours faithfully,

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General Secretary

Enclosures (electronic version only)

- Competition structure document (available in the "competition documents" tab in TIME)
- Entry form
- Questionnaire on national qualifying competition
- Provisional coefficient rankings
- Regulations for the 2020/21 UEFA Regions' Cup, for reference only
- Statistics on all UEFA Regions' Cups, for information
- Categorisation of UEFA member associations for mini-tournament financing

cc (with enclosures)

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