



No. 68/2021

TO UEFA MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

For the attention of  
the President and the General Secretary

Your reference

Your correspondence of

Our reference  
Y&F/KLL/NEG/frr

Date  
27 September 2021

## **2022-24 UEFA European Qualifying Competition for the 2024 FIFA Futsal World Cup - Entries**

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are pleased to invite all UEFA member associations to enter their national futsal team in the 2022-24 UEFA European Qualifying Competition for the 2024 FIFA Futsal World Cup.

### **1. Entry form**

All UEFA member associations are requested to complete the enclosed entry form stating whether or not they would like to take part in the competition and return it to the UEFA administration by **Monday, 25 October 2021** at the latest. Only entries submitted on the official form will be accepted.

### **2. Competition system (NEW)**

UEFA has been invited to enter seven teams in the 2024 FIFA Futsal World Cup. If a European association is designated to host the 2024 FIFA Futsal World Cup, only six teams will enter in addition to the host, which qualifies automatically.

The competition system will consist of a preliminary round, a main round composed of a group phase and play-offs and an elite round composed of a group phase and play-offs. The teams with the lowest coefficient ranking enter the preliminary round, while the remaining teams, depending on the number of entries, start the competition in the main round. The UEFA administration seeds the teams for the draws of the preliminary, main and elite round group stages in accordance with the coefficients of the participating associations. All play-off ties will be determined by means of an open draw.

#### **Preliminary round**

All matches in the preliminary round are played in the form of mini-tournaments of four teams, each hosted by one of the participating associations. All group winners qualify for the main round, together with one or several runners-up depending on the number of entries.

---

## Main round

The teams in the main round are drawn into 12 groups of three teams and play according to the league system with each team playing one home match and one away match against each of the other teams in its group. The 12 group winners and four best runners-up qualify for the elite round with the remaining eight runners-up qualifying for the main round play-offs. The winners of the main round play-offs qualify for the elite round.

## Elite round

The teams in the elite round are drawn into five groups of four teams and play according to the league system with each team playing one home match and one away match against each of the other teams in its group. The five group winners qualify for the 2024 FIFA Futsal World Cup and the four best runners-up qualify for the elite round play-offs. If a European association is selected to host the FIFA Futsal World Cup, only the two best runners-up qualify for the elite round play-offs. The play-off winner(s) qualify for the 2024 FIFA Futsal World Cup.

## Hosting mini-tournaments

Associations who wish to host a mini-tournament in the preliminary round are requested to complete the corresponding section on the entry form.

The UEFA administration will appoint the mini-tournament hosts prior to the draw. If there are more associations interested in hosting a mini-tournament than mini-tournaments to be allocated, the UEFA administration will apply the criteria set out in article 20.02 of the competition regulations. If there are not enough associations interested in hosting the mini-tournaments, the associations in a given group must agree, by a set deadline following the draw, which of them will host. If the associations cannot agree on a host, the UEFA administration will conduct a draw for this purpose. Consequently, all associations must be prepared to host a mini-tournament.

Please note that a futsal national teams manual is in the process of being drawn-up and once finalised all UEFA member associations will be informed accordingly. This manual is intended as a tool to provide the hosting associations with valuable information and guidelines to assist them in organising high-level mini-tournaments and matches and ultimately help to achieve the same standard across Europe.

## Dates & Draws

All qualifying matches are played on dates listed in the 2020-24 FIFA International Futsal Calendar, follows:

### Preliminary round

- 4 – 13 April 2022

### Main round group phase

- by 8 March 2023

### Main round play-offs

- 10 – 19 April 2023

### Elite round group phase

- by 20 December 2023

### Elite round play-offs

- 8 – 17 April 2024

Even if the associations agree to stage these matches on other dates, all matches must be completed by the end of the period reserved for that stage of the competition.

### Draws

- Preliminary round draw: Tuesday, 7 December 2021
- Main round draw: Wednesday, 6 July 2022
- Main round play-off draw: Friday, 10 March 2023
- Elite round draw: Wednesday, 5 July 2023
- Elite round play-off draw: Thursday, 25 January 2024

## 3. Competition regulations

The regulations of the 2022-24 UEFA European Qualifying Competition for the 2024 FIFA Futsal World Cup, approved by the UEFA Executive Committee on 22 September are available on the platform <https://documents.uefa.com>.

## 4. Financial provisions

Please refer to Chapter XI of the regulations for the details of the financial provisions for the competition.

The categorisation of the UEFA member associations for mini-tournament financing, including an explanation of the method can be found in the enclosure.

We trust that we have provided you with all the details you need for this competition. However, should you need any further information, please contact the futsal unit at [futsal@uefa.ch](mailto:futsal@uefa.ch).

Yours faithfully,

**U E F A**



Theodore Theodoridis  
General Secretary

---

#### Enclosures

- 2022-24 UEFA European Qualifying Competition for the 2024 FIFA Futsal World Cup entry form
- 2021/22 Categorisation of UEFA member associations for mini-tournament financing
- 2022-24 EQ FFWC Deadlines

#### cc (with enclosures)

- UEFA Executive Committee
- UEFA Futsal & Beach Soccer Committee
- European members of the FIFA Council
- FIFA, Zurich