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TO UEFA MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

For the attention of  
the President and the General Secretary

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**UEFA Nations League 2022/23 – competition regulations, entry form and league phase draw**

Dear Sir or Madam,

On behalf of the UEFA Executive Committee, we are pleased to invite all UEFA member associations to take part in the third edition of the UEFA Nations League 2022/23 ("UNL").

**1. Competition regulations**

The competition regulations have been approved by the UEFA Executive Committee at its meeting of 22 September 2021 in Chişinău. The English, French and German versions are available on the UEFA Documents platform ([documents.uefa.com](https://documents.uefa.com)).

No significant format changes have been made compared to the 2020/21 season.

- As outlined in Art. 13 of the competition regulations, teams are allocated to the four leagues based on their sporting performance in the 2020/21 UNL season, taking into consideration promotion and relegation between the leagues. The enclosed *2022/23 UNL Access List* lists the 16 teams that are allocated to Leagues A, B and C respectively, and the 7 teams that will compete in League D.
- The composition of the groups within each league will be determined by draw (see section 3 below). Each team will play one home match and one away match against each of the other teams in its group between June and September 2022.
- Promotion and relegation at the end of the season remains a key feature of the UNL, and the four group winners of League A participate in the finals in June 2023.

Consistent with the application in all future UEFA competitions, the away goals rule is no longer applied in the new UNL edition. Consequently, the two play-out ties that determine the two relegated teams from League C to League D will be played according to the new rule (whereby if the two teams score the same number of goals, the tie is no longer decided by away goals but goes to extra time and possibly to kicks from the penalty mark).

The possibility to field up to five substitutes will continue to apply for the UNL league phase.

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## 2. Entry form and competition dates

To officially enter the competition, your association must complete the attached entry form in full and return it to the UEFA administration by **11 October 2021** at the latest. Only entries submitted on this official entry form will be valid.

The competition will consist of three phases:

- The league phase, played during the following international match weeks:
  - Matchdays 1-2: 2-8 June 2022\*
  - Matchdays 3-4: 8-14 June 2022\*
  - Matchdays 5-6: 22-27 September 2022

\* Wednesday 8 June may be used for scheduling matches of both MD2 and MD3.

- The finals, played between the four group winners of League A:
  - Semi-finals: 14 and 15 June 2023
  - Final and 3<sup>rd</sup>-place match: 18 June 2023
- The play-outs, played between the four fourth-placed teams from League C, to determine the two teams that are relegated from League C to League D for the next edition of the competition:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> leg: 21-23 March 2024
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> leg: 24-26 March 2024

For further details, please refer to Chapters I, II and III as well as to Annexes A and B of the *competition regulations*.

## 3. League phase draw and UNL fixture list

The league phase draw will be held on Thursday, 16 December 2021 at 18:00 CET in Montreux (Switzerland). An official invitation will follow in due course.

The draw will determine the group compositions in each league, based on the seeding established on the *2022/23 UNL Access List* and the *UNL 2022/23 draw procedure* attached to this letter.

After the draw, the UEFA administration will elaborate the UNL fixture list based on principles established in the attached *UNL 2022/23 fixture list procedure*. In view of this process, all UEFA member associations are invited to hand in the enclosed *Home match restriction form for the UEFA Nations League 2022/23* by **25 October 2021** at the latest. We remind the associations that UEFA cannot give any preliminary guarantee that its home match restriction requests will be considered when drawing up the 2022/23 UEFA Nations League fixture list.

The fixture list will be distributed via email to the NA representatives in the morning of Friday, 17 December, before being shared with the media and the general public.

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In the meantime, the National Team Competitions unit ([NAMatchOps@uefa.ch](mailto:NAMatchOps@uefa.ch)) remains at your disposal for any further information you might require.

Yours faithfully,

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Theodore Theodoridis  
General Secretary

Enclosures

- Enclosure 1: Entry form for the UEFA Nations League 2022/23
- Enclosure 2: UNL 2022/23 draw procedure
- Enclosure 3: UNL 2022/23 fixture list procedure
- Enclosure 4: Home match restriction form for the UEFA Nations League 2022/23
- Enclosure 5: 2022/23 UEFA Nations League Access List

cc (with enclosures)

- UEFA Executive Committee
- UEFA National Team Competitions Committee
- European members of the FIFA Council
- FIFA, Zurich