

2022/23 UEFA Nations League – league phase draw procedure

Date and place:	Thursday, 16 December 2021, 18:00 CET in Montreux (Switzerland)
Duration:	approx. 40 minutes for technical part
Regulations:	Art. 12-13 of the competition regulations of the 2022/23 UEFA Nations League (“UNL competition regulations”)
Participants:	55 teams, divided into the four leagues A, B, C and D
Objective:	The draw will decide on the group composition within each league (see Art. 13.02 of the UNL competition regulations)
Seeding:	The teams in each league are seeded based on the 2022/23 UEFA Nations League Access List (Annex C of the UNL competition regulations)

A. League allocation

All 55 UEFA member associations participate in the 2022/23 UEFA Nations League and are divided into the four leagues based on the 2022/23 UEFA Nations League Access List (Annex C of the UNL competition regulations). The Access List has been compiled based on the teams’ results in the 2020/21 UEFA Nations League, including promotion and relegation between the leagues and pending the results of the UNL 2020/21 finals and the relegation play-outs.

Nations League A		Nations League B		Nations League C		Nations League D	
1	France*	17	Ukraine	33	Turkey	49	Kazakhstan / Moldova [^]
2	Belgium*	18	Sweden	34	Slovakia	50	Cyprus / Estonia [^]
3	Italy*	19	Bosnia-Herzegovina	35	Bulgaria	51	Liechtenstein
4	Spain*	20	Iceland	36	Northern Ireland	52	Malta
5	Portugal	21	Finland	37	Greece	53	Latvia
6	Netherlands	22	Norway	38	Belarus	54	San Marino
7	Denmark	23	Scotland	39	Luxembourg	55	Andorra
8	Germany	24	Russia	40	North Macedonia		
9	England	25	Israel	41	Lithuania		
10	Poland	26	Romania	42	Georgia		
11	Switzerland	27	Serbia	43	Azerbaijan		
12	Croatia	28	Republic of Ireland	44	Kosovo		
13	Wales	29	Slovenia	45	Kazakhstan / Moldova [^]		
14	Austria	30	Montenegro	46	Cyprus / Estonia [^]		
15	Czech Republic	31	Albania	47	Gibraltar		
16	Hungary	32	Armenia	48	Faroe Islands		

* provisional ranking after the league phase, the final ranks 1-4 depend on the results of the UNL finals in October 2021

[^] results of the UNL 2020/21 play-outs in March 2022 will determine the teams in ranks 45-46 and 49-50

B. Pot allocation

Nations League A

The 16 teams allocated to League A are divided into four draw pots as follows:

- Pot 1 will contain the four best-ranked teams, i.e. the teams ranked 1st to 4th;
- Pot 2 will contain the four teams ranked 5th to 8th;
- Pot 3 will contain the four teams ranked 9th to 12th;
- Pot 4 will contain the four teams ranked 13th to 16th.

#	Pot 1	#	Pot 2	#	Pot 3	#	Pot 4
1	France*	5	Portugal	9	England	13	Wales
2	Belgium*	6	Netherlands	10	Poland	14	Austria
3	Italy*	7	Denmark	11	Switzerland	15	Czech Republic
4	Spain*	8	Germany	12	Croatia	16	Hungary

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Nations League B

The 16 teams allocated to League B are divided into four draw pots as follows:

- Pot 1 will contain the four teams ranked 17th to 20th;
- Pot 2 will contain the four teams ranked 21st to 24th;
- Pot 3 will contain the four teams ranked 25th to 28th;
- Pot 4 will contain the four teams ranked 29th to 32nd.

#	Pot 1	#	Pot 2	#	Pot 3	#	Pot 4
17	Ukraine	21	Finland	25	Israel	29	Slovenia
18	Sweden	22	Norway	26	Romania	30	Montenegro
19	Bosnia-Herzegovina	23	Scotland	27	Serbia	31	Albania
20	Iceland	24	Russia	28	Republic of Ireland	32	Armenia

Nations League C

The 16 teams allocated to League C are divided into four draw pots as follows:

- Pot 1 will contain the four teams ranked 33th to 36th;
- Pot 2 will contain the four teams ranked 37th to 40th;
- Pot 3 will contain the four teams ranked 41st to 44th;
- Pot 4 will contain the four teams ranked 45th to 48th.

#	Pot 1	#	Pot 2	#	Pot 3	#	Pot 4
33	Turkey	37	Greece	41	Lithuania	45	Kazakhstan/ Moldova [^]
34	Slovakia	38	Belarus	42	Georgia	46	Cyprus/ Estonia [^]
35	Bulgaria	39	Luxembourg	43	Azerbaijan	47	Gibraltar
36	Northern Ireland	40	North Macedonia	44	Kosovo	48	Faroe Islands

[^] the teams ranked 45 and 46 will be determined during the UNL 2020/21 play-outs, which take place in March 2022 as Kazakhstan v Moldova (play-out tie 1) and Cyprus v Estonia (play-out tie 2). The winners of each play-out tie will remain in League C.

Nations League D

The 7 teams allocated to League D are divided into two draw pots as follows:

- Pot 1 will contain the four teams ranked 49th to 52nd;
- Pot 2 will contain the three teams ranked 53rd to 55th.

#	Pot 1	#	Pot 2
49	Kazakhstan/ Moldova [^]	53	Latvia
50	Cyprus/ Estonia [^]	54	San Marino
51	Liechtenstein	55	Andorra
52	Malta		

[^] the teams ranked 49 and 50 will be determined during the UNL 2020/21 play-outs, which take place in March 2022 as Kazakhstan v Moldova (play-out tie 1) and Cyprus v Estonia (play-out tie 2). The defeated team of each play-out tie will be relegated to League D.

C. Draw conditions

Draw conditions may apply for “prohibited team clashes”, and “excessive travel restrictions”. As this edition’s league phase takes place in June and September 2022, no winter venue restrictions need to be taken into consideration.

When a draw condition occurs or is anticipated to occur, the computer used to assist with the draw will indicate the next available group for the drawn team. It must be noted that the number of options available to a team depends not only on the team’s own attributes (for example an “excessive travel restriction”) and those of the teams already drawn, but also on the attributes of the other teams still to be drawn. This is due to the computer calculations needed to anticipate all possible scenarios and to prevent any deadlock situation.

1. Prohibited team clashes

The following team clash (as currently known and as decided by the UEFA Executive Committees) is prohibited:

- Ukraine (League B, pot 1) / Russia (League B, pot 2)

The remaining prohibited team clashes cannot occur as the teams in question will play in different leagues:

- Armenia (League B) / Azerbaijan (League C)
- Spain (League A) / Gibraltar (League D)
- Serbia (League B) / Kosovo (League C)
- Russia (League B) / Kosovo (League C)
- Bosnia-Herzegovina (League B) / Kosovo (League C)

The UEFA Executive Committee may decide on further prohibited pairs closer to the draw.

2. Excessive travel restrictions

Six pairs of countries have been identified as excessive travel distances (applicable both ways, 8 hours or above, based on direct flight times plus 90 minutes ground operations) and apply as draw conditions for the 2022/23 UNL.

From/To	To/From
Kazakhstan (Astana, League C or League D)	1 Andorra (Barcelona ESP, League D)
	2 Malta (Valletta, League D)
	3 Northern Ireland (Belfast, League C)

The pairs Kazakhstan – Faroe Islands and Kazakhstan – Gibraltar, which would otherwise also qualify as excessive travel restrictions cannot occur as the three teams in question would end up in the same pot if Kazakhstan wins their play-out tie.

From/To	To/From
Azerbaijan (Baku, League C)	4 Gibraltar (League C)

From/To	To/From
Iceland (Reykjavik, League B)	5 Armenia (Yerevan, League B)
	6 Israel (Tel Aviv, League B)

A group can include a maximum of one such pair. If a group already contains such a pair of distant teams (or this situation is anticipated to occur) the team drawn is placed in the first available group in alphabetical order as indicated by the computer.

D. Draw procedure

Nations League D

The draw starts with League D and Pot 2 which contains three balls. The drawn teams are assigned to the groups in ascending order from D1 to D2.

- A first ball is drawn and the team assigned to group D1;
- A second ball is drawn and the team assigned to group D2;
- The third ball is drawn and the team assigned to group D1, after which Pot 2 has been emptied and group D1 contains two Pot 2 teams, and group D2 one Pot 2 team.

The draw continues with Pot 1.

- A first ball is drawn and the team assigned to group D1;
- A second ball is drawn and the team assigned to group D2;
- A third ball is drawn and the team assigned to group D1;
- The fourth ball is drawn and the team assigned to group D2, after which Pot 1 has been emptied and group D1 and D2 both contain two Pot 1 teams.

When both pots have been emptied, group D1 must contain four teams, and group D2 three teams:

Group D1	Group D2
Pot 1 team	Pot 1 team
Pot 1 team	Pot 1 team
Pot 2 team	Pot 2 team
Pot 2 team	

Nations League C

The draw continues with League C and Pot 4 which contains four balls. The drawn teams are assigned to the groups in ascending order from C1 to C4, save in case of a draw condition applying.

- A first ball is drawn and the team assigned to group C1;
- A second ball is drawn and the team assigned to group C2;
- A third ball is drawn and the team assigned to group C3;

- The fourth ball is drawn and the team assigned to group C4, after which Pot 4 has been emptied and groups C1 to C4 all contain one Pot 4 team.

The draw continues with Pot 3 and follows the same rules as described above for Pot 4. The same procedure is then applied to Pot 2 and finally to Pot 1. When all pots have been emptied, each of the four groups of League C must contain four teams, one from each pot:

Group C1	Group C2	Group C3	Group C4
Pot 1 team	Pot 1 team	Pot 1 team	Pot 1 team
Pot 2 team	Pot 2 team	Pot 2 team	Pot 2 team
Pot 3 team	Pot 3 team	Pot 3 team	Pot 3 team
Pot 4 team	Pot 4 team	Pot 4 team	Pot 4 team

Nations League B

The draw for League B follows the same procedure as for League C. When all pots have been emptied, the four groups of League B are composed as follows:

Group B1	Group B2	Group B3	Group B4
Pot 1 team	Pot 1 team	Pot 1 team	Pot 1 team
Pot 2 team	Pot 2 team	Pot 2 team	Pot 2 team
Pot 3 team	Pot 3 team	Pot 3 team	Pot 3 team
Pot 4 team	Pot 4 team	Pot 4 team	Pot 4 team

Nations League A

The draw for League A follows the same procedure as for Leagues C and B. When all pots have been emptied, the four groups of League A are composed as follows:

Group A1	Group A2	Group A3	Group A4
Pot 1 team	Pot 1 team	Pot 1 team	Pot 1 team
Pot 2 team	Pot 2 team	Pot 2 team	Pot 2 team
Pot 3 team	Pot 3 team	Pot 3 team	Pot 3 team
Pot 4 team	Pot 4 team	Pot 4 team	Pot 4 team