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the President and the General Secretary

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**Regulatory amendments to the UEFA European Under-21 Championship 2021–23 play-offs:
removal of away goals rule**

Dear Sir or Madam,

The decision of the UEFA Executive Committee on 24 June 2021 to remove the away goals rule from all UEFA club competitions as of the qualifying phases of the 2021/22 competitions must be extended to all future UEFA competitions. The UEFA Executive Committee has therefore decided on 16 December 2021 to remove this rule for the UEFA European Under-21 Championship 2021-23 play-offs.

The group stage of the Under-21 competition 2021-23 will be completed by June 2022 and the play-offs to be played in September 2022 are a distinct phase and the only phase played in the two-legged home-away format.

For the avoidance of doubt, no other changes are made to the competition regulations which would impact the currently ongoing group stage of the Under-21 competition, i.e. the criteria to split teams equal on points remain unchanged (see articles 14.01 d. and h. and 15.02 d of the Under-21 competition regulations).

Based on the decision taken by the Executive Committee on 16 December 2021, the away goals rule no longer applies for this competition phase and the relevant article of the European Under-21 Championship 2021-23 regulations is amended.

The updated regulations of the UEFA European Under-21 Championship 2021-23 are available on [UEFA Documents](#).

UEFA Under-21 2021-23 (art. 19.01):

Article 19 ~~Away goals rule~~, Extra time and kicks from the penalty mark

For play-off matches, if the two teams involved in a tie score the same number of goals over the two legs, ~~the team which scores more away goals qualifies for the final tournament. If this procedure does not produce a result, i.e. if both teams score the same number of goals at home and away, two 15- minute periods of extra time are played at the end of the second leg.~~ **The team which scores more goals during extra time qualifies for the next stage.** If both teams score the same number of goals ~~during extra time, away goals count double (i.e. the visiting team qualifies).~~ or no goals are scored during extra time, kicks from the penalty mark determine which team qualifies for the final tournament (see Paragraph 19.04 and Paragraph 19.05).

We thank you for taking good note of the above decisions.

Yours faithfully,

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