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TO UEFA MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

For the attention of  
the President and the General Secretary

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### **Special COVID rules for the UEFA Nations League 2022/23**

Dear Sir or Madam,

To ensure the smooth running and continuity of the UEFA Nations League 2022/23 and based on the decision of the UEFA Executive Committee on 10 May 2022, special COVID-19 rules have been added to the competition regulations. The rules approved for the UEFA Nations League 2022/23 follow a similar structure to those already approved by the UEFA Executive Committee in the past for other UEFA national team competitions and phases (see for example circular letters 69/2021, 89/2021, 01/2022):

- 1) Should a group of players of a team be placed into mandatory quarantine or self-isolation following positive COVID-19 tests and in line with the measures set out in the UEFA Return to Play Protocol (and/or following a decision of a competent national/local authority), the match will go ahead as scheduled as long as the team has at least 13 players available (including at least one goalkeeper), irrespective of any other provision of the relevant competition regulations (including the deadline for the submission of the list of players), provided that all players are eligible to represent the A-national team in accordance with Article 43 of the competition regulations and that they fulfil the requirements of the UEFA Return to Play Protocol (as applicable from time to time).
- 2) If a national association is not in a position to field a team with the above-mentioned minimum number of players (i.e. 13 including at least one goalkeeper), the match will, if possible (i.e. subject to viable rescheduling options being available), be rescheduled to the next day by the UEFA administration, which shall also have the power to assign the rescheduled match to an alternative venue.
- 3) If the match cannot be rescheduled, the national association that cannot play the match will be held responsible for the match not taking place and the match will be declared by the UEFA Control, Ethics and Disciplinary Body to be forfeited by the national association, which will be considered to have lost the match 3-0.

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4) If any member of the appointed referee team for a match tests positive for COVID-19, UEFA may exceptionally appoint replacement match officials who may be of the same nationality as one of the national associations concerned and/or may not be on the FIFA list.

Yours faithfully,

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General Secretary

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