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For the attention of
the President and the General Secretary

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UEFA European Football Championship 2022-24 – competition regulations, entry form and qualifying 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 UEFA European Championship 2022-24

1. Competition regulations

The competition regulations have been approved by the UEFA Executive Committee at its meeting of 10 May 2022 in Vienna. The English, French and German versions are available on the UEFA Documents platform (documents.uefa.com).

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 **10 June 2022** at the latest. Only entries submitted on this official entry form will be valid.

The competition will consist of two phases:

- The qualifying competition is composed of:
 - group stage matches to be played during the international match weeks: in 2023
 - Matchdays 1-2: 23-28 March
 - Matchdays 3-4: 16-20 June
 - Matchdays 5-6: 7-12 September
 - Matchdays 7-8: 12-17 October
 - Matchdays 9-10: 16-21 November

- Play-off matches to be played during the international match week in March 2024
 - Semi-finals: 21 March
 - Finals: 26 March

The format of the play-offs is adapted to include twelve participating teams which will play in single-leg semi-finals and finals to determine the three remaining teams to progress to the final tournament (see articles 16-17). The twelve play-off spots are attributed to the group winners from Leagues A, B and C. If UEFA Nations League group winners have already qualified via the European Qualifiers group stage, the following replacement rules apply:

- **Replacement with teams from the same league:** *the next best-ranked team from the same league that has not qualified inherits an open spot.*
- **Replacement with teams from other leagues:** *in case not enough teams from the same league are left, the remaining slots are allocated first*
 - *to the best group winner of League D, and then*
 - *to the best-ranked teams from the overall UNL ranking*
- The final tournament to be played from 14 June to 14 July 2024 in ten host cities in Germany. The detailed match schedule is enclosed.

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

3. Qualifying draw and European Qualifiers fixture list

The qualifying draw will be held on Sunday, 9 October 2022 at 12:00 CET in Frankfurt (Germany). An official invitation will follow in due course.

The draw determines the composition of the ten European Qualifiers group each consisting of five or six teams. The draw seeding will be based on the UNL 2022/23 final rankings (available on September 28th after UNL MD6). The draw procedure will be published by end of September.

After the draw, the UEFA administration will elaborate the European Qualifiers fixture list (note that the relevant procedure will be published by end of September together with the draw procedure). In view of this process, all UEFA member associations are invited to hand in the enclosed *Home match restriction form for the European Qualifiers 2022-24* by **15 July 2022** at the latest. We remind the associations that UEFA cannot give any preliminary guarantee that their home match restriction requests can be respected fully or in part when drawing up the fixture list.

In the meantime, the National Team Competitions unit (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 European Qualifiers 2022-24
- Enclosure 2: UEFA EURO 2024 final tournament match schedule
- Enclosure 3: Home match restriction form for the European Qualifiers 2022-24

cc (with enclosures)

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