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TO UEFA MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

For the attention of
the president and the general secretary

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Entries – 2023/24 UEFA European Under-17 and Under-19 Championships

Entries – 2023/24 UEFA European Women's Under-17 and Women's Under-19 Championships

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are pleased to invite all UEFA member associations to take part in the above-mentioned competitions and would like to provide you with more information.

1. Entry forms

All UEFA member associations are requested to fill in the enclosed entry forms, stating whether or not they would like to take part in each competition, then return them, duly signed, to the UEFA administration by **19 August 2022**.

2. Competition structures

Under-17 and Under-19 Championships

Depending on the number of entries, some teams may be seeded for the elite round, based on their coefficient rank, so they will not take part in the qualifying round. These teams will be announced before the qualifying round draw.

The structures for the 2023/24 championships are as follows:

Under-17

- Qualifying round – the number of groups will depend on the number of entries, and all groups will comprise four teams.
- Elite round – there will be eight groups of four teams, and the eight winners and the seven best runners-up will join the host for the final tournament.
- Final tournament – there will be 16 teams.
- Age category – all players must have been born on or after 1 January 2007.

Under-19

- Qualifying round – the number of groups will depend on the number of entries, and all groups will comprise four teams.
- Elite round – there will be seven groups of four teams, and the group winners will join the hosts for the final tournament.
- Final tournament – there will be eight teams.
- Age category – all players must have been born on or after 1 January 2005.
- The final tournament counts as the European qualifying competition for the 2025 FIFA U-20 World Cup. The host, dates and number of participating European teams will be announced in due course.

Women's Under-17 and Women's Under-19 Championships

The qualifying competition for each championship will be divided into Leagues A and B, each comprising two rounds:

- Round 1
- Round 2

All teams will participate in both rounds, including the team of the final tournament host association, which will qualify automatically for the final tournament.

Both rounds will be played in the form of mini-tournaments with groups of four and potentially three teams. The number of groups in each league will depend upon the number of competition entries.

After each round there will be promotion and relegation between Leagues A and B, i.e. from round 1 to round 2, and from round 2 to round 1 of the next edition of the competition.

The group winners in League A will qualify for the final tournament, which will be contested by eight teams. Should the team of the final tournament host association win their group, the vacancy created in the final tournament will be filled by the best runner-up in League A.

Women's Under-17

- Age category – all players must have been born on or after 1 January 2007 and be 15 years of age by the end of the calendar year when the match is played.
- The final tournament counts as the European qualifying competition for the 2024 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup. The host, dates and number of participating European teams will be announced in due course.

Women's Under-19

- Age category – all players must have been born on or after 1 January 2005 and be 16 years of age by the end of the calendar year when the match is played.

3. Match dates

Under-17

The qualifying round will take place between 1 July and 21 November 2023 while the elite round must be played by 26 March 2024.

Under-19

The qualifying round will take place within the following international windows:

- 4–12 September 2023
- 9–17 October 2023
- 13–21 November 2023

The elite round must be played between 18 and 26 March 2024

Women's Under-17

The qualifying competition matches will take place as follows:

- Round 1: between 1 August and 5 December 2023
- Round 2: by 26 March 2024

Women's Under-19

The qualifying competition will take place within the following windows listed in the FIFA women's international match calendar:

- Round 1:
 - 18–26 September 2023
 - 23–31 October 2023
 - 27 November – 5 December 2023
- Round 2:
 - 1–9 April 2024

4. Final tournament hosts

On 19 April 2021, the UEFA Executive Committee appointed the following hosts:

- UEFA European Under-17 Championship, 2023/24: Cyprus
- UEFA European Under-19 Championship, 2023/24: Northern Ireland
- UEFA European Women's Under-17 Championship, 2023/24: Sweden
- UEFA European Women's Under-19 Championship, 2023/24: Lithuania

These host associations qualify automatically for the final tournaments on their territory.

5. Regulations

The 2023/24 regulations are due to be submitted to the UEFA Executive Committee for approval next spring. Pending the revised version, please refer to the current regulations, which were sent to you on 16 May (circular letter 27).

6. Draws

The qualifying round draws for the men's Under-17 and Under-19 Championships will be held at UEFA's headquarters in Nyon on the morning of **Thursday 8 December 2022**.

The draws for round 1 of the Women's Under-17 and Women's Under-19 Championships will be held in spring 2023, on a date to be confirmed.

More details about these draws and the relevant documents will be sent to you in October.

In the meantime, we look forward to receiving your entries.

If you have any questions regarding these competitions, please contact:

MensYouthCompetitions@uefa.ch or WomensYouthCompetitions@uefa.ch as appropriate.

Yours faithfully,

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Enclosures

- Entry forms

Cc (with enclosures)

- UEFA Executive Committee
- UEFA Youth and Amateur Football Committee
- UEFA Women's Football Committee
- European members of the FIFA Council
- FIFA, Zurich