Qualifying Draw Procedure

European Qualifiers
2022-24

UEFA EURO 2024 Qualifying Draw Procedure

Date and time: Sunday, 9th October 2022, 12:00 CET

Place: Markthalle, Frankfurt, Germany

Duration: approx. 40 minutes for technical part

Regulations: Articles 12-15 / Annex B

Participants: 53 teams

Objective: **The draw will decide on the composition of the ten qualifying groups (see Art. 13 of the competition regulations)**

Seeding: The teams are divided into seven pots on the basis of the overall 2022/23 UEFA Nations League rankings issued at the conclusion of the UEFA Nations League (UNL) group stage (see Art. 19 of the UNL 2022/23 regulations)

Starting points

- The qualifying competition (European Qualifiers) is split into two stages: the group stage from March to November 2023 and the play-offs in March 2024. At the end of the qualifying competition the 23 teams joining Germany in participating in UEFA EURO 2024 will be known.
- The final tournament with the 24 finalist teams will be played from 14 June to 14 July 2024 in Germany.
- 53 UEFA member associations participate in the qualifying draw.
- Germany, host of the EURO 2024 Final Tournament, is directly qualified and will not take part in the qualifying competition.
- As Russia is currently suspended until further notice following the UEFA Executive Committee decision of 28 February 2022, which has further been confirmed by the Court of Arbitration for Sport on 15 July 2022, it will not take part in the draw for the qualifying competition.

Qualifying competition: group stage

- Ten groups: seven groups of five teams (Groups A-G) and three groups of six teams (Groups H-J);
- Home and away round robin;
- Group matches to be played according to the European Qualifiers match calendar from March to November 2023;
- The UEFA administration will publish the European Qualifiers Fixture List following the qualifying draw;
- The ten group winners and the ten group runners-up qualify directly for the final tournament;

- The three remaining spots will be completed with the teams that will have qualified through the play-offs in March 2024.

Team rankings and pot allocations

- The 53 teams involved in the draw are classified on the basis of the overall 2022/23 UEFA Nations League rankings issued on completion of the UNL group stage;
- Based on these rankings, the 53 teams are divided into seven pots with the UNL pot containing the UNL finalists followed by Pot 1 to Pot 6.
- UNL pot contains four teams, pot 1 contains six teams, pots 2 to 5 contain each ten teams and Pot 6 contains the three remaining teams.

UNL Pot
Netherlands
Croatia
Spain
Italy

Pot 1
Denmark
Portugal
Belgium
Hungary
Switzerland
Poland

Pot 2
France
Austria
Czechia
England
Wales
Israel
Bosnia-Herzegovina
Serbia
Scotland
Finland

Pot 3
Ukraine
Iceland
Norway
Slovenia
Republic of Ireland
Albania
Montenegro
Romania
Sweden
Armenia

Pot 4
Georgia
Greece
Türkiye
Kazakhstan
Luxembourg
Azerbaijan
Kosovo
Bulgaria
Faroe Islands
North Macedonia

Pot 5
Slovakia
Northern Ireland
Cyprus
Belarus
Lithuania
Gibraltar
Estonia
Latvia
Moldova
Malta

Pot 6
Andorra
San Marino
Liechtenstein

Draw conditions

Draw conditions apply for competition-related reasons, prohibited team clashes, winter venue restrictions and excessive travel restrictions. When such a situation occurs or is anticipated to occur, the computer used to assist with the draw will indicate the group available 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, a winter venue) 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.

Competition-related reasons

The four UNL finalists will play the final matches of this competition in June 2023. As a consequence, these teams have only eight match days available for the European Qualifiers group stage and must be allocated to groups of five teams.

The following draw condition applies:

- **The four teams participating in the UEFA Nations League Finals 2023 are drawn into the first four groups with five teams (Groups A-D).**

Prohibited team clashes

Based on the UEFA Executive Committee decisions valid at the time of the draw, the following teams cannot be drawn into the same group:

- Armenia / Azerbaijan
- Belarus / Ukraine
- Gibraltar / Spain
- Kosovo / Bosnia-Herzegovina
- Kosovo / Serbia

The following draw condition applies:

- **If a clash occurs or could occur, the team drawn is placed in the first available group in alphabetical order as indicated by the computer.**

Winter venue restrictions

A number of countries have been identified as venues with high or medium risk of severe winter conditions. In order to minimise the risks of matches being negatively affected or even not being completed or played, a maximum of two such countries can be drawn into the same group:

Belarus
Estonia
Faroe Islands
Finland
Iceland
Latvia
Lithuania
Norway

The following draw condition applies:

- **If a team of the list is or could be drawn into a group which already contains two such teams, that team is placed in the first available group in alphabetical order as indicated by the computer.**

Excessive travel restrictions

A number of countries have been identified with excessive travel distance in relation to other countries (applicable both ways, 8 hours or above, based on direct flight times plus 90 minutes ground operations). In order to minimise the teams' travel burden, a maximum of one such pair can be drawn into the same group. The following table shows the restrictions:

From/To	To/From
Andorra (Barcelona, ESP)	Kazakhstan (Astana)
England (London)	
France (Paris)	
Gibraltar	
Iceland (Reykjavik)	
Malta (Valletta)	
Northern Ireland (Belfast)	
Portugal (Lisbon)	
Republic of Ireland (Dublin)	
Scotland (Edinburgh)	
Spain (Madrid)	
Wales (Cardiff)	

From/To	To/From
Gibraltar	Azerbaijan (Baku)
Iceland (Reykjavik)	
Portugal (Lisbon)	
Cyprus (Larnaca)	Iceland (Reykjavik)
Georgia (Tbilisi)	
Israel (Tel Aviv)	

The following draw condition applies:

- **If a team of the list is or could be drawn into a group which already contains two such teams, that team is placed in the first available group in alphabetical order as indicated by the computer.**

Draw procedure

- The draw starts with the UNL Pot and Pot 1 and then continues from Pot 2 to Pot 6.
  Each pot is emptied entirely before proceeding to the next pot.
- As a rule, for each pot, the teams drawn are allocated in alphabetical order from group A to group J.
- In the UNL Pot, the four UNL finalists will be allocated in the order as they are drawn to the groups A, B, C and D.
- In Pot 1, the teams will be allocated in the order as they are drawn to the groups E to J.
- As of Pot 2, when a draw condition applies or is anticipated to apply, the team drawn is allocated to the first available group in alphabetical order.
- Since Pot 6 only contains three teams, these teams are drawn into the sixth positions in groups H to J to the first available group in alphabetical order.

Group A
UNL Pot team
Pot 2 team
Pot 3 team
Pot 4 team
Pot 5 team

Group B
UNL Pot team
Pot 2 team
Pot 3 team
Pot 4 team
Pot 5 team

Group C
UNL Pot team
Pot 2 team
Pot 3 team
Pot 4 team
Pot 5 team

Group D
UNL Pot team
Pot 2 team
Pot 3 team
Pot 4 team
Pot 5 team

Group E
Pot 1 team
Pot 2 team
Pot 3 team
Pot 4 team
Pot 5 team

Group F
Pot 1 team
Pot 2 team
Pot 3 team
Pot 4 team
Pot 5 team

Group G
Pot 1 team
Pot 2 team
Pot 3 team
Pot 4 team
Pot 5 team

Group H
Pot 1 team
Pot 2 team
Pot 3 team
Pot 4 team
Pot 5 team
Pot 6 team

Group I
Pot 1 team
Pot 2 team
Pot 3 team
Pot 4 team
Pot 5 team
Pot 6 team

Group J
Pot 1 team
Pot 2 team
Pot 3 team
Pot 4 team
Pot 5 team
Pot 6 team

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