

Match Profile Specifications



For a number of reasons, such as the commercial importance of a match or variations in media interest from country to country, broadcast and media activity will differ significantly between European Qualifiers matches. To reflect this variety, two different match profiles with corresponding infrastructure requirements have been identified based on empirical data from previous UEFA Nations League and European Qualifiers matches:

- Profile A = requirements as set in the 2022-28 Commercial Regulations and the EQ National Association Manual 2022-24
- Profile B = some reduced requirements for matches where lower broadcast and media activity is anticipated

The minimum requirements for the two profiles are specified below.

This classification is intended to assist national associations, ensuring that only the necessary facilities are made available for any given match and allowing for some flexibility. Associations will need to keep match profile classification in mind when selecting their European Qualifiers match stadiums.

The competition regulations stipulate in article 31 that stadiums to be used for European Qualifiers matches must comply with the Commercial Regulations as well as with the infrastructure requirements defined for a UEFA Category 4 stadium. To be clear, a stadium selected for profile B matches must still correspond to the minimum requirements for a UEFA Category 4 stadium, as defined in the UEFA Stadium Infrastructure Regulations. For full details, please refer to the EQ National Association Manual 2022-24 and the UEFA Stadium Infrastructure Regulations (Edition 2018).

UEFA reserves the right to change its initial assessment, i.e. matches previously classified as Profile B may be classified as Profile A or vice versa, depending on the interest of media and UEFA's broadcast partners in the upcoming European Qualifiers matches. If such decision (to change the classification from B to A or vice versa) is taken after the venue announcement for the match concerned, the relevant host association shall provide its (reasonable) assistance to facilitate any increased infrastructural requirements. Where the host association is informed of such change in advance of the venue announcement, the host association shall ensure that the relevant infrastructural requirements relating to the new match profile are catered for in the venue chosen.

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Media	Profile A	Profile B
Media working area	50 positions	30 positions
Photographers working area	25 positions	20 positions
Media tribune	100 seats in total (70 with desk)	60 seats in total (30 with desk)
Press conference room	80 seats	50 seats
	Platform of minimum 8m (additional cameras on floor level if required) – 12 cameras minimum to be accommodated	Platform of minimum 6m (additional cameras on floor level if required) – 8 cameras minimum to be accommodated
Mixed zone	50 persons	50 persons

TV	Profile A	Profile B
Commentary positions	17 (15+2)*	12 (10+2)*
Pitch-view studios	2	2
Indoor studios	1	1
Flash-interview positions	6	4
Observer seats	20	10

*Two suitable positions will be required on top of the minimum requirements to cater for technical filming positions for both home and away teams. More details in sections 2.6.3 and 3.9.6 of the European Qualifiers National Association Manual 2022-24.