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For the attention of
the President and the General Secretary

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2023-25 UEFA European Under-21 Championship – Host appointment and revised regulations

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are pleased to inform you that the UEFA Executive Committee on 25 January 2023 appointed Slovakia as the host for the UEFA Under-21 2025 Final Tournament.

In addition, the Regulations of the 2023-25 UEFA European Under-21 Championship were approved at the same meeting and are now available in the [UEFA Documents portal](#).

Most of the changes are related to updates to UEFA standard clauses, applied consistently across all UEFA competitions, and the material amendments are due to the need of aligning the format to one final tournament host. It is worth mentioning the following article updates:

- Article 5.01. b – Duties of the association

In alignment with other competition regulations and the UEFA Club Licensing and Financial Sustainability regulations: the head coach must hold the highest coaching qualification but at least the UEFA A licence, and the assistant coach the second highest but as a minimum the UEFA B licence.

- Article 13 – Group formation and match system – qualifying competition

52 teams will take part in the qualifying phase as Liechtenstein will not enter the competition, the host is automatically qualified for the final tournament and 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.

The 52 teams will be split into 9 groups in total: 7 groups of 6 and 2 groups of 5 teams.

The 9 group winners and the 3 best runners-up will directly qualify for the final tournament and the 6 other runners-up will play the play-offs for the 3 remaining spots.

- Article 17.03 – Match system – final tournament

With the final tournament being played in one country, the path to reach the final has been reviewed to ensure that two teams from the same group cannot meet before the final.



- Article 39.04 – Match sheet

The 5+1 substitution rule has been amended already for the current Under-21 competition and is now integral part of the regulations.

We kindly ask you to share this information with the relevant persons within your association and if you have any questions concerning these regulations, please contact MensYouthCompetitions@uefa.ch

Yours faithfully,

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General Secretary

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