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UEFA European Women's Championship 2023–25, including UEFA Nations League and European Qualifiers – competition regulations, entry form and league stage draw for the UEFA Nations League phase

Dear Sir or Madam,

On behalf of the UEFA Executive Committee, we are pleased to invite UEFA member associations¹ to take part in the 2023–25 UEFA European Women's Championship, which is the first edition to be played under the new women's national team qualifying competition system.

1. Competition regulations

The competition regulations have been approved by the UEFA Executive Committee at its meeting of 25 January 2023 in Nyon. The [English](#), [French](#) and [German](#) versions are available on the UEFA Documents platform (documents.uefa.com).

The regulations have been drawn up on the basis of 51 teams, being the number of teams competing in the most recent qualifying campaign. In case there are more than 52 or less than 49 participating associations, the format will be adjusted and the competition regulations amended and republished accordingly.

2. Competition system

- a. The qualifying competition, composed of:
 - i. the UEFA Nations League phase (UNL), comprising:
 - a league stage
 - promotion and relegation matches
 - finals comprising:
 - semi-final 1 and semi-final 2
 - a third-place match
 - a final match

¹ The invitation to participate in the above-mentioned competition is subject to the ongoing suspension of all Russian teams and clubs from UEFA competitions until further notice, as decided by the UEFA Executive Committee on 28 February 2022 (see Circular Letter No. 21/2022) and confirmed by the Court of Arbitration for Sport on 15 July 2022.

- ii. the European Qualifiers phase (EQ), comprising:
 - a league stage
 - play-offs for the final tournament
- b. The final tournament (UEFA Women's EURO 2025), composed of:
 - i. a group stage;
 - ii. a knock-out stage.

Given the continuous competition system with promotion and relegation in both phases, the possibility to be crowned UEFA Nations League champions and the possibility to qualify for the Women's Olympic Football Tournament via the Nations League, the team of the UEFA Women's EURO 2025 host association will participate in the qualifying competition but is guaranteed a slot in the final tournament. In case of multiple hosts, this guarantee will be extended to a maximum of two teams.

For the league stage of each qualifying phase, teams will be split into three leagues: Leagues A, B and C. For the first UNL league stage, the teams will be allocated to the three leagues based on the latest UEFA Women's National Team Coefficient Rankings (enclosed). For the EQ league stage, the league composition will be based on the results of the UNL phase.

League A will be composed of 16 teams, while the number of teams in Leagues B and C will depend on the number of associations entering the competition. As the composition of each league also impacts promotions and relegations between competition phases and editions, the competition structure will be confirmed together with confirmation on the entries, with the exception of the final tournament play-offs pathway which can only be confirmed after the EQ league stage is concluded and the performance of the team(s) of the host association(s) can be taken into account.

3. Qualification for Finals

i. UEFA Nations League Finals

At the conclusion of the UNL league stage, the four League A group winners will participate in the UEFA Nations League finals to determine the UEFA Nations League winner.

ii. Women's Olympic Football Tournament

The UEFA Nations League finals will also serve as the qualification path for the 2024 Women's Olympic Football Tournament, with the two finalists joining the Olympic tournament host, France, as Europe's three representatives. In case France reaches the final the third-placed team also qualifies.

iii. UEFA Women's EURO 2025

At the start of the EQ phase, all teams from all leagues have the possibility to qualify for UEFA Women's EURO 2025. The 16 slots are allocated as follows:

- the four League A group winners and the four League A runners-up of the EQ league stage;
- the seven teams that qualify via the play-offs for the UEFA Women's EURO 2025;
- the team of the UEFA Women's EURO 2025 host association.

As mentioned above, the qualification path will be adjusted as required for the performance of the team(s) of the host association(s) in the EQ league stage.

4. Entry form and competition dates

To officially enter the competition, associations must complete the attached entry form in full and return it to the UEFA administration by **23 March 2023** at the latest. Only entries submitted on this official entry form will be valid.

All qualifying matches are played within international windows listed in the FIFA women's international match calendar. FIFA recently announced an extension of the existing calendar structure until 2025, however the exact dates of post-2023 windows will have to be approved by the FIFA Council, and the timings of the competition stages will be communicated after such approval.

UEFA Nations League phase

- UNL league stage
 - Matchdays 1-2: 20 – 26 September 2023
 - Matchdays 3-4: 25 – 31 October 2023
 - Matchdays 5-6: 29 November – 5 December 2023
- UNL finals
 - 2024 dates tbc (UEFA decides on the match dates, in cooperation with the host national associations)
- UNL promotion and relegation matches
 - 2024 dates tbc
 - 2024 dates tbc

European Qualifiers phase

- EQ league stage
 - Matchdays 1-2: 2024 dates tbc
 - Matchdays 3-4: 2024 dates tbc
 - Matchdays 5-6: 2024 dates tbc
- EQ play-offs for the final tournament
 - Round 1: 2024 dates tbc
 - Round 2: 2024 dates tbc

UEFA Women's EURO 2025

- In principle, UEFA Women's EURO 2025 will take place in July 2025, with the match schedule drawn up, and exact match dates confirmed, following appointment of the host association(s).

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

5. Draw for the league stage of the UEFA Nations League phase and fixture lists

The draw for the league stage of the UEFA Nations League phase will be held on **Tuesday, 2 May 2023 at 13.00 CET** at the House of European Football in Nyon, Switzerland.

Further information on the post-draw fixture list procedure will be sent together with the draw procedure and official draw invitation in due course.

6. Financial provisions

National associations who enter a team in the 2023-25 UEFA European Women's Championship will receive a HatTrick incentive payment for each season:

- 2023/24: €25,000 under HatTrick V (please refer to the UEFA HatTrick V Regulations, Article 15 – Participation in UEFA youth, women's, futsal and amateur competitions);
- 2024/25: UEFA HatTrick VI Regulations still to be approved.

Please refer to the competition regulations, Chapter XI – Financial Provisions, for full details of the financial provisions for the competition.

We look forward to receiving your entry. In the meantime, the Women's Football sub-division (WomensA.NationalTeams@uefa.ch) remains at your disposal for any further information you might require.

Yours faithfully,

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Enclosures

- Enclosure 1: Entry form for the UEFA European Women's Championship 2023-25, including UEFA Nations League and European Qualifiers
- Enclosure 2: UEFA Women's National Team Coefficient Rankings

cc (with enclosures)

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