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Venue announcement for the 2023/24 UEFA Champions League, UEFA Europa League, UEFA Europa Conference League, UEFA Women's Champions League and UEFA Youth League

Dear Sir or Madam,

In preparation for next season's UEFA club competitions, here is some information to facilitate the selection of stadiums.

A preliminary venue announcement must be made for each of your affiliated teams that are likely to qualify for the following competitions in the 2023/24 season:

- UEFA Champions League, UEFA Europa League or UEFA Europa Conference League
- UEFA Women's Champions League
- UEFA Youth League (consider each team that are likely to qualify for the UEFA Champions League and the winner of your domestic youth championship)

The preliminary venue announcement process is managed in the TIME portal, which you can access here: <https://time.uefa.com>. Please note that you can send the clubs concerned a link so that they can enter the information themselves and submit it to you for review/approval and final submission to UEFA. A user guide is enclosed with this circular.

Please submit one stadium venue announcement for each of the teams concerned, indicating whether you consider that a stadium inspection is needed and why. You should also include a summary of any major renovations during the last 12 months or that are scheduled in the coming months, including during the 2023/24 season.

The stadium venue announcements must be submitted to the UEFA administration at your earliest convenience but no later than:

- UEFA Champions League, UEFA Europa League and UEFA Europa Conference League
 - **31 March**
- UEFA Youth League
 - **30 June**

- UEFA Women's Champions League
 - **28 April for preliminary round (if applicable) and round 1**
 - **30 June for round 2 and group stage****NB:** Stadiums must be announced for each round by the above deadlines

Please note that stadiums must be available on the competition match dates indicated in the enclosed 2023/24 international men's and women's match calendars. We therefore recommend that you liaise closely with your clubs and their teams for venue announcements, to avoid any misunderstandings or late changes.

Stadium passport

For each venue, all sections of the TIME stadium passport must be updated by the national association and the club as soon as possible and no later than:

- **2 June**
 - UEFA Champions League, UEFA Europa League, UEFA Europa Conference League and UEFA Women's Champions League
- **31 July**
 - UEFA Youth League

Please note that each club has editing rights for their stadium passport, and we highly recommend that they update it themselves. The national association is then responsible for verifying and confirming the validity of each stadium's safety certificate.

NB: Any action points outstanding on the deadline established by the UEFA administration in TIME will be reported by the UEFA delegate appointed to a match venue and may result in disciplinary proceedings.

Please also note the following:

- **Safety certificate**
 - All stadiums must hold a valid safety certificate issued by the competent local authorities that covers the whole competition period, i.e. from June 2023 to June 2024. The details must be entered in the stadium passport no later than one month before the first draw involving the club concerned. Under Article 11.2 of the UEFA Safety and Security Regulations, UEFA may request the safety certificate (including a translation into an official UEFA language).**NB:** If a valid certificate is not provided upon request the venue will not be approved.
- **Floodlighting**
 - Floodlight illuminance values must be clearly indicated in the stadium passport and a copy of the latest floodlighting certificate, issued within the previous 12 months, must be uploaded to the stadium passport no later than one month before the first draw involving the club concerned.**NB:** If a valid certificate is not provided the venue will not be approved.
- Please note that for televised UEFA Youth League matches to be played under limited natural lighting, the level of average horizontal illuminance must be at least 800 Eh.

- **Artificial turf**

- Stadiums equipped with artificial turf must hold a valid FIFA Quality Pro Certificate for the UEFA Champions League, the UEFA Europa League and the UEFA Europa Conference League.
- For UEFA Women's Champions League matches, stadiums equipped with artificial turf must hold at least a valid FIFA Quality Certificate for preliminary round (if applicable), round 1 and round 2 matches, and a FIFA Quality Pro Certificate for matches from the group stage onwards.
- A valid FIFA Quality Certificate is the minimum requirement for UEFA Youth League matches.

The national associations and their affiliated clubs are responsible for providing a certificate that covers the whole competition period and for updating the stadium passport with the latest pitch information. Should the artificial turf certificate expire mid-season, please provide UEFA with the scheduled date of the renewal inspection and upload the new certificate once it has been received.

NB: If a valid artificial turf certificate is not provided by 2 June (or 31 July for UEFA Youth League stadiums), the venue will not be approved.

Please consult the [FIFA handbook](#) and [test method](#) requirements.

Stadium inspections

UEFA will review the stadiums proposed, decide if inspections are necessary and provide feedback before issuing a final confirmation of the venues. The final list of approved venues will be made available to all clubs/teams following the draws for the competition and stage concerned.

Stadium clashes

By the deadlines listed below (i.e. ahead of each draw), national associations must indicate whether clubs that play in the same city or within a radius of 50km (31 miles) of each other can play in the UEFA Champions League, UEFA Europa League, UEFA Europa Conference League. The men's club competitions stadium clashes will be managed in the TIME portal. The UEFA Women's Champions League process will be announced at a later stage.

Deadlines

Competition	Venue announcements	Stadium passport	Preliminary round clashes	Q1 & Q2 clashes	Q3 clashes	Play-off clashes	Group stage clashes
Champions League	31 March	2 June	n/a	12 June	17 July	31 July	11 August
Europa League	31 March	2 June	n/a	n/a	17 July	31 July	11 August
Europa Conference League	31 March	2 June	n/a	12 June	17 July	31 July	11 August
Youth League	30 June	31 July	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Competition	Venue announcements	Stadium passport	Preliminary round & round 1 clashes	Round 2 clashes		Group stage clashes	
Women's Champions League	28 April PR & R1 30 June R2 & GS	2 June	16 June	8 September		13 October	

Stadium categories

Please note the various stadium categories required for each competition round:

Round	UEFA Champions League	UEFA Europa League	UEFA Europa Conference League
Preliminary round	Cat. 2*	n/a	n/a
Qualifying rounds 1 & 2	Cat. 2*	n/a	Cat. 2*
Qualifying round 3	Cat. 3	Cat. 3	Cat. 3
Play-offs	Cat. 4	Cat. 3	Cat. 3
Group stage to semi-finals	Cat. 4	Cat. 4	Cat. 4
Round	UEFA Women's Champions League		
Preliminary round to semi-finals	Cat. 1**		
Round	UEFA Youth League		
All rounds	Cat. 1		

* Cat. 2 – Minimum category required to participate in the UEFA Champions League and UEFA Europa Conference League and to obtain the UEFA licence.

**Cat.1 – Minimum category required to participate in the UEFA Women's Champions League and to obtain the UEFA licence for this competition.

We thank you for your cooperation. Please send any questions to: stadiumoperations@uefa.ch.

Yours faithfully,

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Enclosures

- Stadium Venue Announcement User Guide
- Men's international match calendar 2023/24
- Women's international match calendar 2023/24

cc (with enclosures)

- UEFA Executive Committee
- UEFA Stadium and Security Committee
- European members of the FIFA Council
- FIFA, Zurich