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For the attention of
the President and the General Secretary

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Video Assistant Referee in UEFA Men's Club Competitions 2023/24 and 2024/25

Dear Sir or Madam,

The use of video assistant referees (VAR) has been introduced progressively in UEFA competitions since the UEFA Champions League knockout stage in 2019. Considering the high degree of complexity involved in deploying the service on an international scale, each expansion is preceded by a technical feasibility and cost assessment.

On the recommendation of the UEFA Club Competitions Committee, the use of VAR will be expanded in the UEFA men's club competitions as follows:

2023/24

- UEFA Champions League: as of preliminary round
- UEFA Europa League: as of third qualifying round
- UEFA Europa Conference League: as of play-offs

2024/25

- UEFA Europa League: as of first qualifying round
- UEFA Europa Conference League: use in qualifying rounds prior to play-offs subject to further feasibility study due to the high number of matches

Hosting of additional referees

The referee team will include two additional members at matches where VAR is deployed, the compensation paid by UEFA for the hosting costs will be increased by €2,000 per match.

Action by home clubs

In the UEFA Champions League rounds prior to the play-offs, the home club will be responsible for the TV production and must contract a broadcast or technical partner to produce a broadcast output of the match, even if the match itself is not televised (article 50.07 of the UEFA Champions League regulations 2023/24). In principle, the same is requested of clubs in the UEFA Europa League and in the UEFA Europa Conference League for rounds where VAR is implemented. Further details and technical information are enclosed.

Call for support with initial implementation

The preparation, coordination and mandatory testing required when implementing VAR can be quite demanding for venues and broadcasters that are not familiar with VAR or with the specific technical solution used by UEFA.

In order to support your clubs with their first matches, we would like to leverage the experience and expertise already available within your own national association. We invite you to propose people with relevant experience to act as the liaison between the home club, VAR technical supplier and broadcaster. They should be present at the stadium on MD-1 and MD. Suitable profiles include:

- NA Match Manager or UEFA Venue Director
- NA VAR manager
- Domestic league VAR manager

If you are able and willing to support your clubs in this way, please complete [this form](#). Where it is not possible, UEFA will look at providing alternative means of support.

Thank you for taking note of the above and for ensuring that your clubs are duly informed. If you have any questions, please contact footballtech@uefa.ch.

Yours faithfully,

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General Secretary

Enclosure

- Guide to the implementation of VAR in UEFA men's club competitions

cc (with enclosure)

- UEFA Executive Committee
- UEFA Club Competitions Committee
- European Club Association, Nyon
- European members of the FIFA Council
- FIFA, Zurich