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2023/24 UEFA Champions League, UEFA Europa League and UEFA Europa Conference League – access to the competitions

Dear president, dear general secretary,

Following the 2022/23 UEFA Champions League (UCL), UEFA Europa League (UEL) and UEFA Europa Conference League (UECL) finals and in accordance with circular letter No. 65/2022, please find enclosed a revised access list for the 2023/24 UEFA Champions League (UCL), UEFA Europa League (UEL) and UEFA Europa Conference League (UECL).

In addition to the specific adjustments made in relation to each competition, the 2023/24 access list has been adapted in accordance with the UEFA Executive Committee's decision of 4 April 2023 regarding the impact and consequences of the ongoing suspension of Russian representative teams and clubs from participation in UEFA competitions. These exceptional adaptations were made before the competition-specific adjustments, which are explained below.

UEFA Champions League

In accordance with Paragraph 3.03 of the 2023/24 UEFA Champions League regulations, both the UCL and UEL titleholders are guaranteed a place in the group stage of the UEFA Champions League. This affects access to the UEFA Champions League as described below.

Any knock-on effects on the other two competitions are described below in the sections on the UEFA Europa League and UEFA Europa Conference League.

UEFA Champions League titleholder

Manchester City FC have direct access to the UCL group stage as UCL titleholders and consequently vacate the place reserved for the club ranked first (CH) in England's domestic championship.

In accordance with Paragraph 3.04 of the 2023/24 UEFA Champions League regulations and following the UEFA Executive Committee's decision of 4 April 2023 and the resultant adaptation of the access list, the vacancy created by the **UCL titleholder** in the UCL group stage is filled by the domestic champions of the association ranked 12th in the access list.

Consequently, the domestic champions (CH) of **Ukraine** (association ranked 12th) will take the place in the UCL group stage initially reserved for the club ranked first (CH) in England's domestic championship instead of entering the UCL play-offs of the UCL champions path.

The UCL champions path is rebalanced in accordance with Paragraph 3.04, with priority given to the club of the best-ranked association in the access list for the relevant round:

- The champions (CH) from the association ranked 14th in the access list (**Switzerland**) will enter the UCL in the play-offs of the champions path, instead of the third qualifying round.
- The champions (CH) from the association ranked 16th in the access list (**Czechia**) will enter the UCL in the third qualifying round of the champions path, instead of the second qualifying round.
- The champions (CH) from the associations ranked 20th and 21st in the access list (**Türkiye and Cyprus**) will enter the UCL in the second qualifying round of the champions path, instead of the first qualifying round.

UEFA Europa League titleholder

Sevilla FC have direct access to the UCL group stage as **UEL titleholders**.

Sevilla FC had not qualified for the 2023/24 UCL, UEL or UECL via Spain's domestic championship. Therefore, no vacancy is created.

UEFA Europa League

UEFA Europa Conference League titleholder

West Ham United FC have direct access to the UEL group stage as **UECL titleholders**.

West Ham United FC had not qualified for the 2023/24 UCL, UEL or UECL via England's domestic championship. Therefore, no vacancy is created.

UEFA Europa Conference League

UEFA Europa Conference League champions path

As a result of the adjustments and rebalancing of the UCL champions path, there are 18 teams/pairings (15 teams/pairings from the UCL first qualifying round and three teams from the preliminary round) instead of 20 being fed from the UCL first qualifying round and the UCL preliminary round into the second qualifying round of the UECL champions path.

Since ten teams are required in the third qualifying round of the UECL champions path, two of the 15 pairings from the UCL first qualifying round will be directly allocated to the third qualifying round of the UECL champions path. A draw will be held to decide which ones. The teams that lose that pairing's UCL first qualifying round ties will be fed directly into the third qualifying round of the UECL champions path instead of the second qualifying round.

This draw will be held before the draw of the second qualifying round of the UECL champions path. The latter draw will feature 13 teams/pairings from the UCL first qualifying round and three teams from the preliminary round. The eight winners will qualify for the third qualifying round of the UECL champions path, where they will join the two teams drawn to be allocated directly to the third qualifying round.

For ease of reference, the revised access list for the 2023/24 competitions is enclosed. If you have any questions regarding this new access list, please contact the club competitions unit.

We wish your participants all the best in next season's competitions.

Yours faithfully,

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General Secretary

Enclosure

- 2023/24 revised access list

cc (with enclosure)

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