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TO UEFA MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

For the attention of
the president and the general secretary

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Entries – 2024/25 UEFA European Under-17 and Under-19 Championships
Entries – 2024/25 UEFA European Women's Under-17 and Women's Under-19 Championships

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are pleased to invite all UEFA member associations to take part in the above-mentioned competitions and would like to provide you with more information.

1. Entry forms

All UEFA member associations are requested to fill in the enclosed entry forms, stating whether or not they would like to take part in each competition, then return them, duly signed, to the UEFA administration by **18 August 2023**.

2. Competition structures

Under-17

Age category

- All players competing in the 2024/25 Under-17 championship must have been born on or after 1 January 2008.

Format (new)

On 28 June 2023 the UEFA Executive Committee approved the introduction of the following competition structure in 2024/25 (see also enclosure "Illustration of the new U17 & U19 youth competition format"):

- *Qualifying phase*
The qualifying phase consists of two rounds. Both rounds will be played in the form of mini-tournaments.
 - *Round 1*
All entered teams will participate in round 1, including the team of the final tournament host association. They will be drawn into 14 groups of 4 or 3 teams, depending on the number of participating associations.

The round 1 results will be taken into account for the 2025/26 Under-17 championship round 1 draw.

- *Round 2*

On completion of round 1, the participating teams will be divided into League A (7 groups of 4 teams) and League B (7 groups of 4 or 3 teams). The 14 group winners and 14 runners-up from round 1 will qualify for League A. The remaining teams will play in League B.

The round 2 results will determine the league composition of the 2026/27 Under-19 championship (see promotion and relegation below).

- *Final tournament*

The final tournament will involve **8 teams**, i.e. the team of the host association and the 7 League A group winners.

If the host is among the 7 League A group winners, the best-ranked runner-up will also qualify for the final tournament.

The final tournament counts as the European qualifying competition for the 2025 FIFA U-17 World Cup. The host, dates and number of participating European teams will be announced in due course.

Promotion and relegation

- The 7 League A teams ranked fourth in their group of the 2024/25 Under-17 championship will be relegated and start the 2026/27 Under-19 championship (players born on or after 1.1.2008) in League B, while the 7 League B group winners will be promoted to League A. As of the 2026/27 edition, the Under-19 championship will also be played over two leagues (League A and League B). The 2026/27 Under-19 championship will begin in spring 2026 and be played over three rounds (see enclosure “Illustration of the new U17 & U19 youth competition format”). The final tournament will involve 8 teams, including the hosts (to be appointed in September 2023), who will also participate in rounds 1 and 2. **The 2024/25 and 2025/26 editions of the Under-19 championship will remain under the current format.**

Under-19

Age category

- All players competing in the 2024/25 Under-19 championship must have been born on or after 1 January 2006.

Format (current format remains unchanged until 2025/26)

- *Qualifying phase*

The qualifying phase consists of two rounds. Both rounds will be played in the form of mini-tournaments.

- *Qualifying round*

The number of groups will depend on the number of entries, and all groups will comprise four teams.

- *Elite round*

There will be seven groups of four teams, and the group winners will join the hosts for the final tournament.

- *Final tournament*

The final tournament will involve 8 teams.

Women's Under-17 and Women's Under-19

Format

The qualifying competition for each championship will be divided into Leagues A and B, each comprising two rounds:

- Round 1
- Round 2

All teams will participate in both rounds, including the team of the final tournament host association, which will qualify automatically for the final tournament.

Both rounds will be played in the form of mini-tournaments with groups of four and potentially three teams. The number of groups in each league will depend upon the number of competition entries.

Promotion and relegation

After each round there will be promotion and relegation between Leagues A and B, i.e. from round 1 to round 2, and from round 2 to round 1 of the next edition of the competition.

The group winners in League A will qualify for the final tournament, which will be contested by eight teams. If the host is among the League A group winners, the best-ranked runner-up will also qualify for the final tournament.

Women's Under-17

Age category

- All players must have been born on or after 1 January 2008 and be 15 years of age by the end of the calendar year when the match is played.

Women's Under-19

Age category

- All players must have been born on or after 1 January 2006 and be 16 years of age by the end of the calendar year when the match is played.

Final tournament

- The final tournament counts as the European qualifying competition for the 2026 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup. The host, dates and number of participating European teams will be announced in due course.

3. Match dates

Under-17

The two rounds shall take place as follows:

- Round 1: to be completed on or before 19 November 2024
- Round 2, League A: to be completed on or before 25 March 2025
- Round 2, League B: to be completed on or before 10 June 2025

Under-19

The qualifying round will take place within the following international windows:

- 2–10 September 2024
- 7–15 October 2024
- 11–19 November 2024

The elite round must be played between 17 and 25 March 2025.

Women's Under-17

The qualifying competition will take place as follows:

- Round 1: between 1 August and 3 December 2024
- Round 2: by 29 March 2025

Women's Under-19

The qualifying competition will take place within the following windows listed in the FIFA women's international match calendar:

- Round 1:
 - 21–29 October 2024
 - 25 November – 3 December 2024
- Round 2:
 - 31 March – 8 April 2025

4. Final tournament hosts

- UEFA European Under-17 Championship, 2024/25: To be appointed (*UEFA Executive Committee decision on 26 September 2023*)
- UEFA European Under-19 Championship, 2024/25: Romania
- UEFA European Women's Under-17 Championship, 2024/25: Faroe Islands
- UEFA European Women's Under-19 Championship, 2024/25: Poland.

The teams of the host associations qualify automatically for the final tournaments on their territory.

5. Regulations

The 2024/25 regulations are due to be submitted to the UEFA Executive Committee for approval next spring. In the meantime, please refer to the current regulations, which are also sent to you today (circular letter 38/2023).

6. Draws

The qualifying round draws for the men's youth competitions (Under-17 and Under-19) will be held at UEFA's headquarters in Nyon on the morning of **Thursday 7 December 2023**.

The draws for round 1 of the women's youth competitions (Under-17 and Under-19) will be held in spring 2024 (date to be confirmed).

More details about these draws and the relevant documents will be sent to you in October.

In the meantime, we look forward to receiving your entries.

If you have any questions regarding these competitions, please contact:

MensYouthCompetitions@uefa.ch or WomensYouthCompetitions@uefa.ch as appropriate.

Yours faithfully,

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Enclosures

- Entry forms
- Illustration of the new U17 & U19 youth competition format

cc (with enclosures)

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