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TO UEFA MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

For the attention of  
the President and the General Secretary

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## 2024/25 UEFA Regions' Cup – entries

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are pleased to invite all UEFA member associations to take part in the 2024/25 UEFA Regions' Cup. The enclosed entry form should be returned to the UEFA administration **by Friday 15 September at the latest**.

Here is some important information on the competition structure and regulations.

### National competition structure

This refers to the 'Competition structure document', which has been drawn up for each member association individually, and shows the divisions from which players may be selected. The purpose of this is to ensure that the participating teams are of a similar strength and that the competition is therefore balanced.

As each document is based on the information received from national associations in previous years, should a national competition structure have changed, or a national association deem it necessary to modify the proposed category from which players may be selected, the UEFA administration needs to be informed accordingly, **by Friday 15 September**, so that it can review the situation and revise the document if necessary. Please also check whether the number of registered amateur players mentioned in this document is correct and let us know if it has changed.

### Participation criteria

Only associations that stage a national qualifying competition may enter a team for the 2024/25 UEFA Regions' Cup. To ensure compliance with this requirement, we ask every participating association to **complete the online questionnaire (<https://forms.office.com/e/8zzfyG05Kg>), in addition to returning the enclosed entry form to the UEFA administration by Friday 15 September.**

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Regarding the organisation of national qualifying competitions, the following information may be helpful:

- Qualifying competitions should preferably be organised taking account of the UEFA Regions' Cup regulations as, otherwise, a player who is eligible to play in a national qualifying competition may not be entitled to play in the UEFA Regions' Cup.
- The format of the qualifying system is up to each national association and obviously depends on the number of participants. For example, it could take the form of:
  - home and away matches
  - mini-tournaments
  - a tournament held over a weekend
  - a regular league system

With the exception of the smallest UEFA member associations, which consist of only one or two regions, i.e. Andorra, Cyprus, Faroe Islands, Gibraltar, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta and San Marino, all other national associations must enter a **regional** amateur representative team. Therefore, to respect the spirit of this competition, associations must ensure that their **participating team represents a region or a district and comprises players from at least three different clubs from that region or district.**

### Competition structure

Depending on the number of teams registered, the competition format will consist of a preliminary round, an intermediate round and a final tournament. The final structure of the competition will be communicated to all participating teams prior to the preliminary and intermediate round draws.

#### Preliminary round

The enclosed provisional coefficient rankings have been drawn up on the basis of the last three competitions (2022/23, 2018/19 and 2016/17). Participating teams will be informed of the final rankings once the entry deadline has passed (October 2023). The lowest-ranked teams will play in the preliminary round. The number of teams concerned will depend on the number of entries.

Preliminary round group winners and perhaps, depending on the number of participants, a certain number of runners-up will qualify for the intermediate round.

#### Intermediate round

Those teams that do not play in the preliminary round will start the competition in the intermediate round. Eight groups of four teams will be drawn, from which the eight group winners will qualify for the final tournament.

### Match format, dates and final tournament

All matches in the preliminary and intermediate rounds will be played in the form of mini-tournaments. In order to give all eight intermediate round group winners the opportunity to stage the final tournament, and ensure that the final tournament hosts have enough time to prepare, the two qualifying rounds must be completed according to the following schedule:

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### **Preliminary round**

All preliminary round matches must be played between 1 May and 28 July 2024.

### **Intermediate round**

All intermediate round matches must be played between 15 August and 8 December 2024.

### **Final tournament**

In principle, the final tournament will be held in the last two weeks of June 2025 in the country of one of the associations that qualifies. The hosts will be appointed by the end of December 2024 from among those associations that show an interest. Consequently, should your association be interested in hosting the final tournament in this competition, please mention this on the enclosed entry form.

### **Regulations**

The new regulations will be sent to all member associations early next year. We do not anticipate major changes for the 2024/25 competition. In the meantime, for reference we enclose the regulations for the 2022/23 UEFA Regions' Cup.

### **Financing**

For three- and four-team mini-tournaments, the same financing system will be applied as for the 2022/23 competition.

All associations registering a team for the UEFA Regions' Cup will receive an incentive payment of €20,000 (€10,000 for the 2023/24 season and €10,000 for the 2024/25 season), under the HatTrick V and VI incentive payments schemes.

### **Preliminary and intermediate round draws**

The preliminary and intermediate round draws will be held in Nyon on **Thursday 7 December**, in the afternoon, after the UEFA youth championship draws.

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

If you have any questions regarding the Regions' Cup, please contact [mensyouthcompetitions@uefa.ch](mailto:mensyouthcompetitions@uefa.ch).

Yours faithfully,

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Theodore Theodoridis  
General Secretary

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### Enclosures

- Entry form
- Questionnaire on national qualifying competition <https://forms.office.com/e/8zzfyG05Kg>
- Competition structure document (available in the *Documents* section of TIME Competitions / Regions' Cup / 2024/25 / Domestic Competition Structures)
- Provisional coefficient rankings
- Regulations for the 2022/23 UEFA Regions' Cup, for reference only
- Statistics on all UEFA Regions' Cups, for information
- Categorisation of UEFA member associations for mini-tournament financing

### cc (with enclosures)

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