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TO UEFA MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

For the attention of
the President and the General Secretary

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Entries for the 2024-26 UEFA European Futsal Championship

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are pleased to invite all UEFA member associations to enter their national futsal team in the 2024-26 UEFA European Futsal Championship and would like to provide you with more information.

1. [Entry form](#)

All UEFA member associations are requested to complete the enclosed entry form stating whether or not they would like to take part in the competition and return it to the UEFA administration by **Wednesday, 15 November 2023** at the latest. Only entries submitted on the official form will be accepted.

2. [Competition system](#)

The competition system will consist of a preliminary round, a main round, play-off matches and a final tournament with 16 teams. The teams with the lowest coefficient ranking enter the preliminary round, while the remaining teams, depending on the number of entries, start the competition in the main round. The UEFA administration seeds the teams for the draws of the preliminary round, main round and final tournament in accordance with the coefficients of the participating associations.

[Preliminary round](#)

All matches in the preliminary round are played in the form of mini-tournaments hosted by one of the participating associations. The teams are drawn into three, four or five groups of four teams, depending on the number of entries. All group winners and, if required, the best runner(s)-up qualify for the main round.

Main round

The teams in the main round are drawn into ten groups of four teams and play according to the league system with each team playing one home match and one away match against each of the other teams in its group. The ten group winners qualify for the UEFA Futsal EURO 2026, while the 10 runners-up qualify for the play-offs. If two associations host the final tournament, then the eight best runners-up would qualify for the play-offs.

Play-off matches

The eight/ten teams from the main round contest play-off matches to determine the four/five remaining teams who qualify for the UEFA Futsal EURO 2026. The fixtures are determined by an open draw and are played according to the knockout system, with each team playing its opponent twice, in home-and-away matches. The team that scores the greater aggregate of goals in the two matches qualifies for the UEFA Futsal EURO 2026.

Final tournament

The host association(s) of the UEFA Futsal EURO 2026 qualifies automatically for the final tournament and is joined by the ten main round group winners and four/five play-off winners to contest a 16-team final tournament.

The host(s) of the UEFA Futsal EURO 2026 will be decided by the UEFA Executive Committee at their meeting in December 2023.

Hosting mini-tournaments

Associations who wish to host a mini-tournament in the preliminary round are requested to complete the corresponding section on the entry form.

The UEFA administration will appoint the mini-tournament hosts prior to the draw. If there are more associations interested in hosting a mini-tournament than mini-tournaments to be allocated, the UEFA administration will apply the criteria set out in article 23.02 of the competition regulations. If there are not enough associations interested in hosting the mini-tournaments, the associations in a given group must agree, by a set deadline following the draw, which of them will host. If the associations cannot agree on a host, the UEFA administration will conduct a draw for this purpose. Consequently, all associations must be prepared to host a mini-tournament.

3. UEFA Futsal NA Manual

Please find the link to the manual for all Futsal National Team competitions which sets out the operational responsibilities and requirements for hosting futsal mini-tournaments or single matches in addition to providing the associations with access to all logos, artworks, links, and templates.

<https://futsal-national-teams.uefapublications.com>

4. Dates & Draws

All match dates and draws are available in the UEFA Calendar using the following link: <https://calendar.uefa.ch/> and will be played within the FIFA International Futsal Calendar windows.

Qualifying competition matches must not be scheduled earlier than the third day of the FIFA international futsal calendar window. For single matches, there should be at least two rest days between matches.

Preliminary round

- 8 – 17 April 2024

Main round

- 9 – 18 December 2024
- 27 January – 5 February 2025
- 3 – 12 March 2025
- 7 – 16 April 2025

Play-off Matches

- 15 – 24 September 2025

Final Tournament

- Between 18 January and 8 February 2026

Draws

- Preliminary round draw: **Thursday, 25 January 2024**
- Main round draw: **Friday, 12 July 2024**
- Play-off draw: **Thursday, 15 May 2025**
- UEFA Futsal EURO 2026 Final draw will take place in the host country following the play-off matches at a date agreed with the appointed host(s).

5. Competition regulations

The regulations of the 2024-26 UEFA European Futsal Championship were approved by the UEFA Executive Committee on 26 September 2023 and are available on the platform: <https://documents.uefa.com>

6. Financial provisions

Please refer to Chapter XI of the regulations for the details of the financial provisions for the competition.

The categorisation of the UEFA member associations for mini-tournament financing, including an explanation of the method can be found in UEFA TIME Documents.

We trust that we have provided you with all the details you need for this competition. However, should you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact futsal@uefa.ch.

Yours faithfully,

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General Secretary

Enclosures

- 2024-26 UEFA European Futsal Championship Entry Form
- 2024-26 UEFA European Futsal Championship Deadlines

cc (with enclosures)

- UEFA Executive Committee
- UEFA Futsal & Beach Soccer Committee
- European members of the FIFA Council
- FIFA, Zurich