



EUROPEAN QUALIFIERS



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Date and time:	Thursday, 23 November 2023, 12:00 CET
Place:	The House of European Football, Nyon (Switzerland)
Duration:	approx. 5 minutes (TV programme: 15 minutes)
Regulatory articles:	Articles 16, 17 and 24.02 of the Regulations of the UEFA European Championship 2022-24, Article 19 of the Regulations of the UEFA Nations League 2022/23
Participants:	12 teams selected based on their results in the UEFA Nations League 2022/23

A. Regulatory background

Selection of the play-off participants

The 12 UEFA Nations League 2022/23 group winners from Leagues A, B and C (see enclosed UNL rankings) enter the play-offs, unless they have already qualified directly from the EQ group stage (art. 16.02b of the Regulations of the UEFA European Championship 2022-24).

In case these teams have already qualified directly, the available slots are allocated according to the selection criteria in art. 16.02.

Path formation and match system

The formation of the three play-off paths C, B and A follows the procedure of art. 16.03 of the competition regulations. If four or more teams from a league enter the play-offs, a path of four teams from the league in question must be formed. Further, a group winner cannot form a path with a team from a higher-ranked league in the overall 2022/23 UEFA Nations League rankings. It is therefore possible that teams are directly allocated to a play-off path.

Single-leg semi-finals are followed by a single-leg final in each path (art. 17.01). Once the teams constituting one play-off path have been determined, the four teams are ranked 1st to 4th based on the overall rankings of the UEFA Nations League 2022/23 (art. 17.03). The semi-finals of each play-off path are played as follows:




- a. Semi-final 1: the team ranked 1st plays at home against the team ranked 4th.
- b. Semi-final 2: the team ranked 2nd plays at home against the team ranked 3rd.

For each play-off final, one of the semi-finals is designated by draw as the future host of the final match (art. 17.04).

The three winners of the respective final qualify for the final tournament.



At the conclusion of the European Qualifiers group stage, the 12 teams entering the play-offs are:

League A	League B	League C	League D
 Poland	 Israel	 Georgia	 Estonia
 Wales	 Bosnia and Herzegovina	 Greece	
	 Finland	 Kazakhstan	
	 Ukraine	 Luxembourg	
	 Iceland		

B. Draw procedure

Formation of the play-off paths

The draw starts with the formation of path C, continues with path B and finishes with path A.

Path C: no draw, allocation confirmed

The League C path will be formed of three League C group winners, Georgia, Greece and Kazakhstan, and the League C group runner-up, Luxembourg. No draw is required and the semi-finals of path C are determined as:

- Semi-final 1: Georgia v Luxembourg
- Semi-final 2: Greece v Kazakhstan

Path B: draw between the three League B runners-up Finland, Ukraine and Iceland

The League B path is formed by two League B group winners, Israel and Bosnia-Herzegovina, and two out of the three League B group runners-up entering the draw, Finland, Ukraine and Iceland.

Israel as the best-ranked group winner will be the home team of semi-final 1, and Bosnia-Herzegovina will host semi-final 2.

To decide which two teams join the League B group winners in path B, a draw is conducted from a single pot, containing three balls representing Finland, Ukraine and Iceland.

- A first ball is drawn.
 - If the team drawn first is Finland, the team is allocated to Semi-final 2.
 - If the team drawn first is Iceland, the team is allocated to Semi-final 1.
 - If the team drawn first is Ukraine, no allocation to the semi-final 1 or 2 can be made until the second ball has been drawn.

- A second ball is drawn.
 - If the team drawn second is Finland, the team is allocated to Semi-final 2.
 - If the team drawn second is Iceland, the team is allocated to Semi-final 1.
 - If the team drawn second is Ukraine, the team is allocated to Semi-final 1 in case the first team drawn was Finland, or to Semi-final 2 in case the first team drawn was Iceland.

The semi-finals of path B are determined depending on the draw outcome as:

- a. Semi-final 1: Israel v Ukraine/Iceland
- b. Semi-final 2: Bosnia-Herzegovina v Finland/Ukraine

Path A: remaining League B team to complete the path

The third and last ball is drawn and the team is allocated to path A to fill the last open spot.

The League A path will be formed of the two League A teams entering the draw, Poland and Wales, the League B runner-up drawn in third position (either Finland, Ukraine or Iceland), and Estonia from League D. No draw is required and the semi-finals of path A are determined as:

- a. Semi-final 1: Poland v Estonia
- b. Semi-final 2: Wales v Finland/Ukraine/Iceland

Allocation of the play-off final

Three draws will be held to determine which semi-final pair within each play-off path is given the right to host the play-off final.

Once the semi-final in question has been played, the winner of this match will be certain to organise the final match as a home match against the winner of the other semi-final.

For each path C, B and A, two balls will be prepared representing each semi-final pair: Semi-Final 1 and Semi-Final 2.

Path C

The first ball drawn will determine which semi-final winner of Path C will host the final match.

The second ball drawn is shown to validate the draw result.

Paths B and A

The draw continues with Path B and concludes with Path A in the same fashion.



Enclosure: UEFA Nations League 2022/23 overall rankings

Final rankings, after UNL finals (19 June 2023)

Position	League	National Association	Group	Group Rank	Points	Goal diff.	Goals scored
1	A	Spain*	A4	1			
2	A	Croatia*	A1	1			
3	A	Italy*	A2	1			
4	A	Netherlands*	A3	1			
5	A	Denmark	A1	2	12		
6	A	Portugal	A2	2	10	8	
7	A	Belgium	A4	2	10	3	11
8	A	Hungary	A3	2	10	3	8
9	A	Switzerland	A2	3	9		
10	A	Germany	A3	3	7	2	
11	A	Poland	A4	3	7	-6	
12	A	France	A1	3	5		
13	A	Austria	A1	4	4	-4	
14	A	Czechia	A2	4	4	-8	
15	A	England	A3	4	3		
16	A	Wales	A4	4	1		
17	B	Israel	B2	1	8	2	8
18	B	Bosnia-Herzegovina	B3	1	8	2	6
19	B	Serbia	B4	1	7	4	
20	B	Scotland	B1	1	7	1	
21	B	Finland	B3	2	7		
22	B	Ukraine	B1	2	5		
23	B	Iceland	B2	2	4	0	
24	B	Norway	B4	2	4	-2	
25	B	Slovenia	B4	3	5		
26	B	Republic of Ireland	B1	3	4		
27	B	Albania	B2	3	2		
28	B	Montenegro	B3	3	1		
29	B	Romania	B3	4	7		
30	B	Sweden	B4	4	4		
31	B	Armenia	B1	4	3		
32	B	Russia**	B2	4	-		
33	C	Georgia	C4	1	16		
34	C	Greece	C2	1	15		
35	C	Türkiye	C1	1	13	13	
36	C	Kazakhstan	C3	1	13	2	
37	C	Luxembourg	C1	2	11		
38	C	Azerbaijan	C3	2	10		
39	C	Kosovo	C2	2	9	3	
40	C	Bulgaria	C4	2	9	2	
41	C	Faroe Islands	C1	3	8		
42	C	North Macedonia	C4	3	7	0	
43	C	Slovakia	C3	3	7	-1	
44	C	Northern Ireland	C2	3	5		
45	C	Cyprus	C2	4	5		

46	C	Belarus	C3	4	3	
47	C	Lithuania	C1	4	1	-12
48	C	Gibraltar	C4	4	1	-15
49	D	Estonia	D2	1	12	
50	D	Latvia [^]	D1	1	7	
51	D	Moldova [^]	D1	2	7	
52	D	Malta	D2	2	6	
53	D	Andorra [^]	D1	3	2	
54	D	San Marino	D2	3	0	
55	D	Liechtenstein	D1	4	0	

Notes:

* the positions 1-4 are determined by the results of the UNL finals in June 2023 (art. 19.04 of the 2022/23 UNL regulations)

** in accordance with the decision of the UEFA Executive Committee of 28 February 2022 to suspend Russia from participating in the UNL, Russia is automatically ranked fourth in their group and in 16th place of League B, and therefore ranked in 32nd place overall. UEFA's Circular Letter 21/2022 specified that Art. 19.02 of the 2022/23 UNL regulations applies for the ranking of League B, the results against the fourth-placed teams are therefore not taken into consideration for comparing the teams in 1st, 2nd and 3rd place;

[^] matches against the 4th ranked team in group D1 are discarded to compare teams ranked 1st, 2nd and 3rd in League D (art. 19.02 of the 2022/23 UNL regulations).

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