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Entries for the 2024/25 UEFA European Qualifying Competition for the FIFA Futsal Women's World Cup and new four-year cycle for UEFA's European Women's Futsal Championship

Dear Sir or Madam,

Following the decision taken by the FIFA Council on 4 October 2023 to hold the first FIFA Futsal Women's World Cup in 2025, the UEFA Executive Committee, at their meeting on 2 December 2023, confirmed the staging of the 2024/25 European Futsal Women's World Cup Qualifying Competition and, in conjunction therewith, decided to introduce a four-year cycle for UEFA's Women's Futsal European Championship with an extended final tournament format.

The World Cup will take place every four years with 16 participating teams including 4 qualification spots reserved for UEFA. A change was therefore introduced for UEFA's European Women's Futsal Championship. Indeed, our competition which was currently held every two years with the next edition initially planned to begin early 2024 with a final four in 2025 would be clashing with the newly created FIFA Futsal Women's World Cup. This European championship will now take place every four years and culminate with an eight-team final tournament with the next edition taking place in 2026/27.

Following these decisions, we are pleased to invite all UEFA member associations to enter their women's futsal national team in the 2024/25 UEFA European Qualifying Competition for the FIFA Futsal Women's World Cup.

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 **Friday, 19 January 2024** at the latest. Only entries submitted on the official form will be accepted.

2. Competition system

UEFA has been granted four places in the 2025 FIFA Futsal Women's World Cup. The host association qualifies automatically for the final tournament and comes in addition to the number of allocated places.

The competition system will consist of a preliminary round, a main round and an elite round all played in the form of mini-tournaments hosted by one of the participating associations. The teams with the lowest coefficient ranking enter the preliminary round, while the remaining teams, apart from Portugal and Spain, start the competition in the main round. Portugal and Spain exclusively, as top seeds, have byes into the elite round. The UEFA administration seeds the teams for the draws in accordance with the coefficients of the participating associations.

Preliminary round

The teams in the preliminary round are drawn into groups of three or four. 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 six groups of four teams. All group winners and, if necessary, the best runner-up qualifies for the elite round.

Elite round

The teams in the elite round are drawn into two groups of four teams. The two group winners and the two group runners-up qualify for the 1st FIFA Futsal Women's World Cup.

Hosting mini-tournaments

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

The UEFA administration will in principle 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 17.02 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. Dates & Draws

The UEFA administration will propose dates for the main round and elite round once the calendar has been defined by FIFA.

Once all dates and draws are defined, they will be available in the UEFA Calendar using the following link: <https://calendar.uefa.ch/>.

Preliminary round

- 14 – 19 May 2024

The deadline to submit the match dates and the match venue will be Tuesday, 5 March 2024 for the mini-tournaments in the preliminary round.

Draws

- Preliminary & Main round draws: **Tuesday, 27 February 2024**
- Elite round draw: **TBD**

4. Competition regulations

The regulations of the 2024/25 UEFA European Qualifying Competition for the FIFA Futsal Women's World Cup were approved by the UEFA Executive Committee on 2 December 2023 and are available on the platform: <https://documents.uefa.com>.

5. UEFA Futsal NA Manual

The online manual below covers all futsal national team competitions and sets out the operational responsibilities and requirements for hosting futsal mini-tournaments and matches as well as providing the associations with access to all logos, artworks, links, and templates.

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

6. Financial provisions

Please refer to Chapter XII 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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Theodore Theodoridis
General Secretary

Enclosure

- 2024/25 FFWWC EQ Entry Form

cc (with enclosure)

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