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UEFA Nations League 2024/25 – competition regulations, entry form, league phase fixture list and venue announcement deadlines.

UEFA Nations League 2022/23 – relegation play-outs.

Dear Sir or Madam,

On behalf of the UEFA Executive Committee, we are pleased to invite the UEFA member associations to take part in the fourth edition of the UEFA Nations League ("UNL").

1. UEFA Nations League 2024/25 entry form

To officially enter the competition, your association must complete the entry form (*Enclosure 1*) in full and return it to the UEFA administration **by 8 January 2024** at the latest. Only entries submitted on this official entry form will be valid.

2. Competition regulations and dates of the UEFA Nations League 2024/25

The competition regulations of the UNL 2024/25 have been approved by the UEFA Executive Committee at its meeting of 2 December 2023 in Hamburg. The English, French and German versions are available on the UEFA Documents platform (documents.uefa.com).

The regulations reflect the format decisions by the UEFA Executive Committee on 25 January and 2 December 2023. We refer to annexes A and B as well as to chapters II and III of the regulations.

League phase (5-10 September, 10-15 October & 14-19 November 2024)

The participating teams will be allocated to the four leagues according to the UNL 2024/25 Access List (*Enclosure 5*). The access list has been established based on the teams' results in the 2022/23 UNL, considering promotion and relegation between the leagues, and is pending the relegation play-outs between Lithuania and Gibraltar in accordance with the amended 2022/23 UNL format (see section 5 of this Circular Letter).

The composition of the 14 groups will be decided by draw at the league phase draw of 8 February 2024 in Paris (*Enclosure 2*). The official invitation will follow in due course.

Within each group, teams will play each other once home and once away and according to the 'week of football' concept. Six matches will therefore be scheduled for teams in Leagues A, B and C, and four matches for teams in League D. The teams from League D must arrange friendly matches on dates free from competition matches.

New League A knock-out stage (20-25 March & 4-8 June 2025)

The group winners and runners-up of League A will participate in the home/away quarter-finals in March 2025 (art. 12 & 17 of the competition regulations). The group winners are drawn against a runner-up from a different group and play the second leg at home.

The four winners of the quarter-finals qualify for the finals in June 2025. As for the previous three editions, single-leg semi-finals will be followed by a single-leg final and a third-place match at a venue designated by the UEFA Executive Committee. Further details on the hosting of the event will be issued by means of a Circular Letter.

New play-offs (20-25 March 2025 & 26-31 March 2026)

Two-legged promotion/relegation play-off ties will take place between all leagues following the league phase: eight play-offs between League A/League B and between League B/League C in March 2025, and two play-offs between League C/League D in March 2026. Teams from the higher league in question will be drawn against teams from the lower league and play the second leg at home (see art. 12, 16 and 19 and annex B of the competition regulations).

3. UEFA Nations League 2024/25 league phase fixture list

After the league phase draw of 8 February, the UEFA administration will elaborate the league phase fixture list based on the principles used in the previous editions and described in the relevant procedure (*Enclosure 3*). In view of this process, all UEFA member associations are invited to hand in the 'Home match restriction form' (*Enclosure 4*) **by 8 January 2024** at the latest. We remind you that UEFA cannot give any preliminary guarantee that your home match restriction requests can be considered when drawing up the fixture list. The fixture list will be distributed via email to the NA representatives on 9 February 2024, the day after the draw, before being shared with the media and the public.

4. Venue announcement deadlines

The venue announcements must take place by the following dates:

Match day	Match dates	Venue announcement date
UNL MD1-2*	5-10 September 2024	8 May 2024
UNL MD3-4*	10-15 October 2024	12 June 2024
UNL MD5-6*	14-19 November 2024	17 July 2024
League A quarter-finals and League A/B, League B/C play-offs	20-25 March 2025	29 November 2024
League C/D play-offs	26-31 March 2026	26 November 2025

*includes friendly matches arranged by the teams in League D in the same window

5. UEFA Nations League 2022/23 relegation play-outs

As a consequence of the format decision concerning the UNL 2024/25 taken by the UEFA Executive Committee on 2 December 2023, the relegation play-outs of the UNL 2022/23 have been amended. Instead of two play-out ties between the fourth-placed teams of League C (Cyprus, Belarus, Lithuania and Gibraltar), only one play-out tie will be played between the two lowest-ranked of the four teams, Lithuania and Gibraltar:

- Thursday, 21 March 2024 at 20:45 CET (20:45 local): Gibraltar v Lithuania
- Tuesday, 26 March 2024 at 18:00 CET (19:00 local): Lithuania v Gibraltar

The defeated team will be the only team relegated from League C to D. Cyprus, Belarus and the winner of the play-out tie will remain in League C for the 2024/25 edition. Articles 16, 19 and 20 of the UNL 2022/23 competition regulations have been amended accordingly and are available online via <https://documents.uefa.com>.

The host associations must announce the venue for the abovementioned play-out matches **by 21 December 2023**.

The National Team Competitions unit (NAMatchOps@uefa.ch) remains at your disposal for any further information you might require.

Yours faithfully,

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General Secretary

Enclosures

- Enclosure 1: Entry form for the UEFA Nations League 2024/25
- Enclosure 2: UNL 2024/25 draw procedure
- Enclosure 3: UNL 2024/25 fixture list procedure
- Enclosure 4: Home match restriction form for the UEFA Nations League 2024/25
- Enclosure 5: 2024/25 UEFA Nations League Access List

cc (with enclosures)

- UEFA Executive Committee
- National Team Competitions Committee
- European members of the FIFA Council
- FIFA, Zurich