



# Principles set by the UEFA Club Competitions Committee for the 2023/24 season

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This document defines the principles to be respected in the event of clashes between matches involving clubs which, on the basis of the information provided by the clubs and their respective associations, cannot play at home either on the same day or on consecutive days because they play in the same city or in cities within a radius of 50km.

The term "clash" is used to describe situations in which two or more such clubs are drawn to play home matches on the same day or on consecutive days, irrespective of whether these matches would be played in the same stadium or not.

Reference is made to paragraphs 23.02 and 23.03 of the Regulations of the UEFA Champions League 2023/24, the Regulations of the UEFA Europa League 2023/24 and the Regulations of the UEFA Europa Conference League 2023/24, which stipulate under which conditions the results of a draw may have to be modified by the UEFA administration.

In principle, UEFA Champions League fixtures are played on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, whereas UEFA Europa League and UEFA Europa Conference League fixtures are played on Thursdays.

In accordance with the sporting principles of each competition, UEFA Champions League round of 16 and UEFA Europa League and UEFA Europa Conference League knockout round play-offs and round of 16 matches are, in principle, never reversed.

### **1. UEFA Champions League**

1.1 If there is a clash between two UEFA Champions League home matches which cannot be played on the same day but can be played on consecutive days, the following applies:

The UEFA administration will schedule one match on the Tuesday and one match on the Wednesday of the same week. No fixture reversal is necessary. There is no order of priority over the choice of Tuesday or Wednesday matchday.

1.2 If there is a clash between two UEFA Champions League home matches which cannot be played on consecutive days, one fixture is played as scheduled and the other is reversed. The fixture involving the team higher up on the following order of priority of UEFA Champions League participants (among the two clashing teams) is not reversed:

- a) UEFA Champions League titleholder
- b) UEFA Europa League titleholder
- c) Domestic champion club
- d) Next best-ranked team in their domestic league championship (N2, N3, N4, etc.)



- 1.3 If there is a clash between three UEFA Champions League home matches which can all be played on consecutive days, the same order of priority as in case 1.2 above is applied as follows:

First and second teams in order of priority

The UEFA administration will schedule one match on the Tuesday and one match on the Wednesday of the same week. No fixture reversal is necessary. The priority order does **not** give any priority over the choice of Tuesday or Wednesday matchday.

Third team in order of priority

This team's fixture will be reversed, and its away match played on the Tuesday or on the Wednesday of the matchweek concerned.

NB: If there is a clash between three UEFA Champions League home matches, two of which cannot be played on consecutive days, scenario 1.2 is first applied to the two teams that cannot play on consecutive days, and then if, necessary, scenario 1.1 is applied to the two remaining teams.

- 1.4 For UEFA Champions League Round of 16 matches, as mentioned above no fixture reversals are applied. Any stadium or city clashes will be resolved by the match calendar with the split match weeks. (Nb - there is no order of priority used when determining the match weeks).

## **2. UEFA Champions League and UEFA Europa League**

- 2.1 If there is a clash between a UEFA Champions League home match and a UEFA Europa League home match which cannot be played on consecutive days, the following applies:

The UEFA Champions League match will be scheduled on the Tuesday and the UEFA Europa League match on the Thursday of the same week. No fixture reversal is necessary.

If, for unavoidable reasons, the UEFA Champions League match cannot be scheduled on the Tuesday and a reversal become necessary to schedule both matches, the UEFA Europa League match is reversed.

## **3. UEFA Champions League and UEFA Europa Conference League**

- 3.1 If there is a clash between a UEFA Champions League home match and a UEFA Europa Conference League home match which cannot be played on consecutive days, the following applies:

The UEFA Champions League match will be scheduled on the Tuesday and the UEFA Europa Conference League match on the Thursday of the same week. No fixture reversal is necessary.

If, for unavoidable reasons, the UEFA Champions League match cannot be scheduled on the Tuesday and a reversal become necessary to schedule both matches, the UEFA Europa Conference League match is reversed.



#### **4. UEFA Champions League, UEFA Europa League and UEFA Europa Conference League**

- 4.1 If there is a clash between a UEFA Champions League home match, and two matches from the UEFA Europa League and/or UEFA Europa Conference League which cannot all be played on the same or consecutive days, the following applies:

UEFA Champions League team

This team's home match will be played on the Tuesday or (if possible) on the Wednesday of the matchweek concerned.

UEFA Europa League and/or UEFA Europa Conference League teams

The clash will be resolved in accordance with sections 5-10 below.

#### **5. UEFA Europa League (except knockout round play-offs and round of 16)**

- 5.1 If there is a clash between two UEFA Europa League home matches, one fixture is played as scheduled and the other is reversed. The fixture involving the team higher up on the following order of priority of UEFA Europa League participants (among the two clashing teams) is not reversed:

- a) UEFA Champions League titleholder
- b) UEFA Europa League titleholder
- c) Domestic champion club
- d) UEFA Europa Conference League titleholder
- e) Domestic cup winner
- f) Next best-ranked team in their domestic league championship (N2, N3, N4, N5, etc.)
- g) League cup winner (if applicable)

- 5.2 If there is a clash between three UEFA Europa League home matches, the same order of priority as in case 5.1 above is applied as follows:

First team in order of priority

This team's home match will be played on the Thursday of the matchweek concerned.

Second team in order of priority

This team's fixture will be reversed, and its away match played on the Thursday of the matchweek concerned.

Third team in order of priority

This team's home match will, in principle, be played on the Wednesday of the matchweek concerned. UEFA also reserves the right to schedule first-leg matches on the Tuesday if necessary. The kick-off time will be confirmed at the time of the draw. However if this solution would create a clash with a UEFA Champions League fixture then the UEFA administration will implement an alternative solution that allows a workable calendar.



## **6. UEFA Europa League knockout round play-offs and round of 16**

6.1 If there is a clash between two UEFA Europa League home matches in the knockout round play-offs or in the round of 16, the same order of priority as in case 5.1 above is applied as follows:

### First team in order of priority

This team's home match will be played on the Thursday of the matchweek concerned.

### Second team in order of priority

Unless otherwise agreed by the two teams participating in this match (and subject to UEFA approval) this team's home match will, in principle, be played on the Wednesday of the matchweek concerned. UEFA also reserves the right to schedule first-leg matches on the Tuesday if necessary. The kick-off time will be confirmed at the time of the draw.

## **7. UEFA Europa Conference League (except knockout round play-offs and round of 16)**

7.1 If there is a clash between two UEFA Europa Conference League home matches, one fixture is played as scheduled and the other is reversed. The fixture involving the team higher up on the following order of priority of UEFA Europa Conference League participants (among the two clashing teams) is not reversed:

- a) Domestic champion club
- b) UEFA Europa Conference League titleholder
- c) Domestic cup winner
- d) Next best-ranked team in their domestic league championship (N2, N3, N4, N5, etc.)
- e) League cup winner (if applicable)

7.2 If there is a clash between three or more UEFA Europa Conference League home matches, the same order of priority as in case 7.1 above is applied as follows:

### First team in order of priority

This team's home match will be played on the Thursday of the matchweek concerned.

### Second team in order of priority

This team's fixture will be reversed, and its away match played on the Thursday of the matchweek concerned.

### Third team in order of priority

This team's home match will, in principle, be played on the Wednesday of the matchweek. UEFA also reserves the right to schedule first-leg matches on the Tuesday if necessary. The kick-off time will be confirmed at the time of the draw.



Fourth team in order of priority (if necessary)

This team's fixture will be reversed, and its home match will, in principle, be played on the Wednesday of the reversed matchweek. UEFA also reserves the right to schedule first-leg matches on the Tuesday if necessary. The kick-off time will be confirmed at the time of the draw.

However if at any stage of the above process the solution would create a clash with a UEFA Champions League fixture, then the UEFA administration will implement an alternative solution that allows a workable calendar which out of necessity may not follow the priority order mentioned.

**8. UEFA Europa Conference League knockout round play-offs and round of 16**

- 8.1 If there is a clash between two UEFA Europa Conference League home matches in the knockout round play-offs or in the round of 16, the same order of priority as in case 7.1 above is applied as follows:

First team in order of priority

This team's home match will be played on the Thursday of the matchweek concerned.

Second team in order of priority

Unless otherwise agreed by the two teams participating in this match (and subject to UEFA approval) this team's home match will, in principle, be played on the Wednesday of the matchweek concerned. UEFA also reserves the right to schedule first-leg matches on the Tuesday if necessary. The kick-off time will be confirmed at the time of the draw.

**9. UEFA Europa League and UEFA Europa Conference League (except knockout round play-offs and round of 16)**

- 9.1 If there is a clash between a UEFA Europa League home match and a UEFA Europa Conference League home match, one fixture is played as scheduled and the other is reversed. The fixture involving the team higher up on the following order of priority of participants (among the two clashing teams) is not reversed:

- a) UEFA Champions League titleholder
- b) UEFA Europa League titleholder
- c) UEFA Europa League participant
- d) Domestic champion club
- e) UEFA Europa Conference League titleholder
- f) Domestic cup winner
- g) Next best-ranked team in their domestic league championship (N2, N3, N4, N5, etc.)
- h) League cup winner (if applicable)

- 9.2 If there is a clash between a UEFA Europa League and more than one UEFA Europa Conference League home matches, the same order of priority as in case 9.1 above is applied as follows:



First team in order of priority

This team's home match will be played on the Thursday of the matchweek concerned.

Second team in order of priority

This team's fixture will be reversed, and its away match played on the Thursday of the matchweek concerned.

Third team in order of priority

This team's home match will, in principle, be played on the Wednesday of the matchweek. UEFA also reserves the right to schedule first-leg matches on the Tuesday if necessary. The kick-off time will be confirmed at the time of the draw.

Fourth team in order of priority (if necessary)

This team's fixture will be reversed, and its home match will, in principle, be played on the Wednesday of the reversed matchweek. UEFA also reserves the right to schedule first-leg matches on the Tuesday if necessary. The kick-off time will be confirmed at the time of the draw.

**10. UEFA Europa League and UEFA Europa Conference League knockout round play-offs and round of 16**

10.1 If there is a clash between a UEFA Europa League home match and a UEFA Europa Conference League home match in the knockout round play-offs or in the round of 16, the same order of priority as in case 9.1 above is applied as follows:

First team in order of priority

This team's home match will be played on the Thursday of the matchweek concerned.

Second team in order of priority

Unless otherwise agreed by the two teams participating in this match (and subject to UEFA approval) this team's home match will, in principle, be played on the Wednesday of the matchweek concerned. UEFA also reserves the right to schedule first-leg matches on the Tuesday if necessary. The kick-off time will be confirmed at the time of the draw.

**11. Additional information**

A computer system is used for match scheduling, to ensure the above-mentioned principles are applied and to optimise the overall match calendar.

Fixture reversals are imposed only to establish a workable match calendar and not to confer any sporting advantage on one team or another.

Deviations from these principles are justified if they could reduce the number of modified fixtures, or if they could simplify or add more certainty to the establishment of the match calendar.



**The UEFA administration may decide at any time to submit to the Club Competitions Committee any case not covered by these principles and to impose a match date accordingly, if required.**

The procedures described above are applied after each draw. In the qualifying rounds only, once such modifications have been made by the UEFA administration, the teams are free to agree to reschedule the matches (order of ties and match dates), provided all the parties involved (i.e. both teams involved in the match in question as well as their respective national associations and UEFA) give their written approval. The UEFA administration must be notified accordingly by the set deadline.





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