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For the attention of
the President and the General Secretary

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Venue announcement for the 2024/25 UEFA Champions League, UEFA Europa League, UEFA Conference League, UEFA Women's Champions League and UEFA Youth League

Dear Sir or Madam,

In preparation for next season's UEFA club competitions, here is some information to facilitate the selection of stadiums.

A venue announcement must be made for each of your affiliated teams that are likely to qualify for the following competitions in the 2024/25 season:

- UEFA Champions League, UEFA Europa League or UEFA Conference League;
- UEFA Women's Champions League;
- UEFA Youth League (consider each team that are likely to qualify for the UEFA Champions League and the winner of your domestic youth championship).

The venue announcement process is managed in the TIME portal, which you can access via the following link: <https://time.uefa.com>. Please note that you can send the clubs concerned a link so that they can enter the information themselves and submit it to you for review/approval and final submission to UEFA. A user guide is enclosed with this circular.

Please submit one stadium venue announcement for each of the teams concerned, indicating whether you consider that a stadium inspection is needed and why. You should also include a summary of any major renovations during the last 12 months or that are scheduled in the coming months, including during the 2024/25 season.

The stadium venue announcements must be submitted to the UEFA administration at your earliest convenience but no later than:

- UEFA Champions League, UEFA Europa League and UEFA Conference League
 - **1 April**
 - UEFA Youth League
 - **3 June**
 - UEFA Women's Champions League
 - **1 April for round 1 & preliminary (if applicable)**
 - **3 June for round 2 and group stage**
- NB:** Stadiums must be announced for each round by the above deadlines

Please note that stadiums must be available on all the competition match dates indicated in the enclosed 2024/25 international men's and women's match calendars. We therefore recommend that you liaise closely with your clubs and their teams, and ask them to carefully review the calendar and the availabilities agreed with the stadium operators before they submit the venue announcements, to avoid any misunderstandings or late changes.

For matches to be played in neutral venues, the clubs concerned must submit a venue that will not create a stadium or city clash and provide to UEFA:

- a) letter from the concerned stadium owner(s) confirming the stadium is available to host the matches in question.
- b) Letter from the NA confirming the request to play in its territory.

Stadium passport

For each venue, all sections of the TIME stadium passport must be updated and action points updated or closed (where applicable) by the national association and the club as soon as possible and no later than:

- **3 June**
 - UEFA Champions League, UEFA Europa League, UEFA Conference League, UEFA Women's Champions League and UEFA Youth League

Please note that each club has editing rights for their stadium passport, and we highly recommend that they update it themselves. The national association is then responsible for verifying and confirming the validity of each stadium's safety certificate.

NB: Any action points outstanding on the deadline established by the UEFA administration in TIME will be reported by the UEFA delegate appointed to a match venue and may result in disciplinary proceedings.

Please also note the following:

- **Safety certificate**

- All stadiums must hold a valid safety certificate issued by the competent local authorities that covers the whole competition period, i.e. from June 2024 to June 2025. The details must be entered in the stadium passport no later than one month before the first draw involving the club concerned. Under Article 11.2 of the UEFA Safety and Security Regulations, UEFA may request the safety certificate (including a translation into an official UEFA language).

NB: If a valid certificate is not provided upon request the venue will not be approved.

- **Floodlighting**

- Floodlight illuminance values must be clearly indicated in the stadium passport and a copy of the latest floodlighting certificate, issued no more than one year, must be uploaded to the Stadium Passport no later than one month before the first draw involving the club concerned.

NB: If a valid certificate is not provided the venue will not be approved.

- Please note that for televised UEFA Youth League matches to be played under limited natural lighting, the level of average horizontal illuminance must be at least 800 Eh.

- **Artificial turf**

- Stadiums where the field of play is equipped with artificial turf must have a valid FIFA Quality Pro Certificate for the UEFA Champions League, the UEFA Europa League and the UEFA Conference League.
- For UEFA Women's Champions League matches, stadiums where the field of play is equipped with artificial turf must have at least a valid FIFA Quality Certificate for preliminary round (if applicable), round 1 and round 2 matches, and a FIFA Quality Pro Certificate for matches from the group stage onwards.
- A valid FIFA Quality Certificate is the minimum requirement for UEFA Youth League matches.

The national associations and their affiliated clubs are responsible for providing a certificate that is valid for the duration of the entire competition season and for updating the stadium passport with the latest pitch information. Should the artificial turf certificate expire mid-season, please provide UEFA with the scheduled date of the renewal inspection and upload the new certificate once it has been received.

NB: If a valid artificial turf certificate is not provided by 3 June, the venue will not be approved.

Please consult the [FIFA handbook](#) and [test method](#) requirements.

Stadium inspections

UEFA will review the stadiums proposed, decide if inspections are necessary and provide feedback before issuing a final confirmation of the venues. The final list of approved venues will be made available to all clubs/teams following the draws for the competition and stage concerned.

Stadium clashes

By the deadlines listed below (i.e. ahead of each draw), national associations must indicate whether clubs that play in the same city or within a radius of 50km (31 miles) of each other can play in the UEFA Champions League, UEFA Europa League, UEFA Conference League. The men's club competitions stadium clashes will be managed in the TIME portal. The UEFA Women's Champions League process will be announced at a later stage.

Competition	Venue announcements	Stadium passport	Q1 & Q2 clashes	Q3 clashes	Play-off clashes	League Phase clashes
Champions League	1 April	3 June	10 June	15 July	29 July	29 July
Europa League	1 April	3 June	10 June	15 July	29 July	29 July
Conference League	1 April	3 June	10 June	15 July	29 July	29 July
Youth League	3 June	3 June	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Competition	Venue announcements	Stadium passport	Preliminary round & round 1 clashes		Round 2 clashes	Group stage clashes
Women's Champions League	1 April PR & R1 3 June R2 & GS	3 June	24 June		26 August	16 September

Stadium categories

Please note the various stadium categories required for each competition round:

Round	UEFA Champions League	UEFA Europa League	UEFA Conference League
Qualifying rounds 1 & 2	Cat. 2*	Cat. 2*	Cat. 2*
Qualifying round 3	Cat. 3	Cat. 3	Cat. 3
Play-offs	Cat. 4	Cat. 3	Cat. 3
League Phase to semi-finals	Cat. 4	Cat. 4	Cat. 4
Round	UEFA Women's Champions League		
Preliminary round to semi-finals	Cat. 1**		
Round	UEFA Youth League		
All rounds	Cat. 1		

* Cat. 2 – Minimum category required to obtain the UEFA licence and participate in the UEFA Champions League, the UEFA Europa League and UEFA Conference League .

**Cat.1 – Minimum category required to participate in the UEFA Women's Champions League and to obtain the UEFA licence for this competition.

NB: At least 5% of the total stadium capacity must be exclusively reserved for visiting spectators in an area of the stadium that can be segregated and is equipped with dedicated sanitary, catering and first-aid facilities. If an exception to the minimum capacity is granted for a specific round of a competition in accordance with the relevant competition regulations, the visiting spectator capacity must remain at least 5% of the required minimum capacity applicable to the competition round in question.

The UEFA administration may grant an exception to a specific structural criterion in cases of particular hardship and upon reasoned request, subject to the stadium meeting key and/or additional facility requirements as indicated in the respective competition regulations. Any exceptions are granted for a limited period of time only. Such decisions are final.

We thank you for your cooperation. Please send any questions to: stadiumoperations@uefa.ch.

Yours faithfully,

UEFA



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Enclosures

- Stadium Venue Announcement User Guide
- Men's international match calendar 2024/25
- Women's international match calendar 2024/25

cc (with enclosures)

- UEFA Executive Committee
- UEFA Stadium and Security Committee
- European members of the FIFA Council
- FIFA, Zurich