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TO UEFA MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

For the attention of
the President and the General Secretary

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2024/25 UEFA Regions' Cup regulations

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are pleased to inform you that the above-mentioned regulations were approved by the UEFA Executive Committee on 7 February 2024 and are now available on [UEFA Documents](#).

Most changes relate to updates to standard clauses applied consistently across all UEFA competitions, and some were already applied in the 2023/24 season. We will therefore list only the most important amendments in this letter.

Structural changes

Some articles have been moved and new chapters created so that rules added over the years are in a more logical order and to make it easier to find articles.

Key amendments

Responsibilities of the associations

- As for all UEFA competitions, a new paragraph on football and social responsibility has been added in order to raise awareness of this topic among the participating teams.
- A new paragraph has been added emphasising the fact that teams must use the TIME platform to communicate with their opponents.

Trophy, plaques and medals

- This paragraph has been adapted to take only final tournament matches into account for the attribution of the Respect and Fair Play trophy, in line with national youth team competition regulations.

Competition stages, match system and group formation

- Several paragraphs have been adapted to reflect the format of the preliminary round, which now consists only of mini-tournaments between two groups of three teams, while in the previous edition it was a mix of mini-tournaments and knockout matches.

Match dates and fixtures

- More flexibility is given for three-team mini-tournaments. Teams can agree on who are teams 2 and 3 – different arrival and departure dates – otherwise it is determined by their position in their group after the draw.

Player list

- The final player lists must be completed by 12:00 CET instead of 15:00 CET the day before matchday 1 for all phases of the competition.

Pitches

- The wording for additional pitch watering has been amended and it becomes the host association's responsibility during the qualifying competition.

Playing attire approval and colours

- These paragraphs have been updated to mention the new online tool that the teams have to use to submit their agreed playing attire colours for each match and clarify who validates the colours depending on whether it is the qualifying phase or final tournament.

Match sheet and player replacements and substitutions

- The regulations now specify that the match sheets are automatically exchanged no earlier than 75 minutes before kick-off and that once they have been exchanged, no changes are allowed, subject to certain exceptions listed in paragraph 46.01.

Competition area

- The wording has been updated and it is now specified that the people indicated on the match sheet must be seated on the team bench or immediately next to it or behind it during the match.
- The regulations now allow up to five substitute players to warm up at the same time if space permits, to align with other competition regulations.

Financial rules – qualifying competition

- As the preliminary round now consists of mini-tournaments between two groups of three teams, paragraph 55.03, regarding the financial contribution credited to the host association, applies.

Commercial rights – final tournaments

- A paragraph has been added stating that teams are required to support commercial programmes during final tournaments.

Media matters

- This chapter has been updated to take into account the specificities of the Regions' Cup.

Annex B

- The following three topics have been moved from the core regulations to Annex B:
 - B4: Venue data coordinator requirements
 - B6: Dressing room requirements at training grounds
 - B.8.1: Countdown to kick-off rules
- Two new topics have been added to Annex B:
 - B.8.2 Catering requirements
 - B.8.3 Technical filming

Annex C: Pitch organisation

- The pitch organisational map has been included in the regulations.

Categorisation of UEFA member associations for mini-tournament financing – 2024/25 season

The categorisation of UEFA member associations for mini-tournament financing will be available on [TIME documents](#) as of 5 July.

Final tournament

The final tournament host will be confirmed by the end of 2024 among the eight qualifying teams. The final tournament should take place in June or July 2025.

Coaching licence

It is recommended for matches to be played under the direction of a head coach who holds a valid UEFA C licence or a valid UEFA recognition of competence equivalent to the licence required. This is expected to be made a mandatory criterion as of the 2026/27 Regions' Cup.

If you have any questions concerning any of these regulations, please contact MensYouthCompetitions@uefa.ch.

Yours faithfully,

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