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Norway currently top of UEFA Respect Fair Play ranking

Three UEFA Europa League places available

UEFA's Respect Fair Play ranking, based on all UEFA competition matches played, at both club and national team level, from 1 May 2008 to 30 April 2009, is currently headed by Norway.

Taking into account matches up to and including 31 December 2008, leader Norway, second-placed Denmark and third-placed Scotland are leading the race for the three additional slots to the first qualifying round of the 2009/10 UEFA Europa League.

For the current intermediary ranking, only associations having played a minimum of 25 matches are taken into account. This cut-off point is calculated by dividing the total number of UEFA matches by the number of national associations.

The UEFA Executive Committee endorsed a change of the criteria to allocate the additional places reserved to Respect Fair Play winners in next season's UEFA Europa League. As defined in the club competitions regulations, the three places in the UEFA Europa League will automatically go to the three best-placed national associations in the Respect Fair Play ranking, provided they attained an average of 8.0 points or more. This means that contrary to previous editions, there will not be a draw to determine which two national associations will have the right to enter an additional team on top of the outright winners.

The Fair Play assessments are made by the official UEFA delegates on criteria such as positive play, respect of the opponent, respect of the referee, behaviour of the crowd and of the team officials as well as cautions and dismissals.

The three associations which are allocated an additional UEFA Europa League place will be entitled to enter the club that has won the domestic top-division fair play competition. If this club has already qualified for a UEFA club competition the second-placed team in the domestic competition may be entered and, should they also have already qualified, the third-placed team would be considered and so forth.

It is even possible for a team that has been relegated to the second highest division to qualify for the UEFA Cup, as a result of its exemplary fair play conduct during the domestic championship, provided of course that they hold the mandatory UEFA club license.

Attached: UEFA Respect Fair Play intermediary ranking

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Respect Fair Play Intermediary Ranking 2008/09

(cut-off 25 matches)			
includes matches from 01/05/2008 to 31/12/2008			
Position	Association	Total Points	Matches played
1	Norway	8.325	57
2	Denmark	8.201	69
3	Scotland	8.186	51
4	Netherlands	8.132	81
5	Wales	8.122	32
6	Sweden	8.104	60
7	France	8.101	89
8	England	8.073	104
9	Kazakhstan	8.057	30
10	Switzerland	8.043	71
11	Germany	8.021	102
12	Iceland	8.013	40
13	Spain	8.01	108
14	Austria	7.984	47
15	Belgium	7.966	44
16	Russia	7.959	77
17	Armenia	7.937	28
18	Finland	7.935	42
19	Slovenia	7.932	49
20	Poland	7.903	55
21	Slovakia	7.893	50
22	Israel	7.892	50
22	Ukraine	7.892	64
24	Republic of Ireland	7.872	46
25	Italy	7.871	104
26	Estonia	7.843	29
27	Czech Republic	7.835	58
28	Lithuania	7.832	46
29	Portugal	7.831	66
30	Belarus	7.827	48
31	Latvia	7.818	39
32	Albania	7.797	27
33	Bosnia-Herzegovina	7.79	31
34	Serbia	7.784	61
35	Hungary	7.771	48
36	Georgia	7.746	28
37	Romania	7.74	61
38	Faroe Islands	7.692	25
39	Greece	7.683	63
40	Azerbaijan	7.676	37
41	Croatia	7.65	57
42	Cyprus	7.642	45
42	Turkey	7.642	63
44	Moldova	7.59	38
45	Bulgaria	7.447	48
46	FYR Macedonia	7.358	31
47	Northern Ireland	7.951	23
48	Luxembourg	7.716	18
49	Malta	7.704	21
50	Liechtenstein	7.633	8
51	Montenegro	7.498	20
52	San Marino	7.362	14
53	Andorra	7.038	13

Total Matches: 1308

Group 1: 25 or more matches played, Group 2: less than 25 matches played