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Sweden currently top of UEFA Fair Play ranking

Thirteen countries in contention for three UEFA Cup places

UEFA's Fair Play ranking, based on all UEFA competition matches played, at both club and national team level, between 1 June 2003 and 31 May 2004, is currently headed by Sweden. If they can hang on to the top spot until the end of the season, they will be rewarded with an additional place in the first qualifying round of the 2004/05 UEFA Cup. The current ranking list takes into account matches up to and including 31 December 2003.

Once the UEFA Fair Play ranking is finalised at the end of the season, all national associations who have attained an average of eight points or more will go into a draw to determine which two countries will have the right, along with the outright winner, to enter an additional team for next season's UEFA Cup. At the moment, leaders Sweden and another twelve national associations are above this 'pass mark'. However, any associations ranked with less than eight points today, could still join this draw for the two UEFA Cup places, should their Fair Play record improve by the end of the season and they reach at least 8 points.

The UEFA Fair Play ranking only takes into account national associations that have played a reasonable number of games. For the purposes of the attached list, a cut-off point of twenty-two matches has been applied.

The Fair Play coefficient is based 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 Cup 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.

Attached: Fair Play Ranking

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UEFA Fair Play 2003/04

Includes matches from: 01/06/2003 up to: 31/12/2003

Total matches: 1186
(Cut-off 22 matches)

		Total Points	Matches played
1.	SWE	8.287	53
2.	ENG	8.240	68
3.	DEN	8.217	52
4.	NOR	8.149	58
5.	ESP	8.089	89
6.	GER	8.069	77
7.	UKR	8.066	51
8.	FIN	8.059	49
9.	HUN	8.042	54
10.	SCO	8.033	51
11.	IRL	8.028	34
12.	POR	8.013	54
13.	SVK	8.002	45
14.	MOL	7.978	39
15.	ARM	7.973	30
16.	ISL	7.957	33
17.	BEL	7.943	56
18.	BLR	7.940	39
19.	FRA	7.930	82
20.	ALB	7.929	31
21.	EST	7.924	28
22.	KAZ	7.915	28
23.	CZE	7.883	76
24.	SUI	7.873	46
25.	POL	7.851	51
26.	LAT	7.826	34
27.	GEO	7.816	28
28.	LUX	7.787	22
29.	AUT	7.781	56
30.	SCG	7.777	60
31.	ITA	7.768	95
32.	RUS	7.762	51
33.	NED	7.728	69
34.	ROM	7.717	51
35.	FAR	7.717	25
36.	SLO	7.713	47
37.	BIH	7.702	43
38.	GRE	7.680	65
39.	BUL	7.637	37
40.	CRO	7.625	61
41.	AZE	7.611	25
42.	NIR	7.598	28
43.	ISR	7.573	45
44.	MKD	7.565	43
45.	CYP	7.547	34
46.	LTU	7.486	29
47.	TUR	7.439	47
48.	WAL	7.432	30
49.	MLT	7.277	25
50.	LIE	7.721	15
51.	SMR	7.517	14
52.	AND	7.436	19

50-52: less than 22 matches played