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UEFA calls for unity against racism

Chief Executive speaks out on racism

Gerhard Aigner, UEFA Chief Executive, today called for the European football family to "unite against racism".

Speaking after the most recent UEFA club competition games and ahead of next week's matches, Mr Aigner said:

"There is no place for racism in football.

"Recent allegations remind us that everyone involved in football must work together to stamp out racist behaviour wherever it may occur.

"UEFA will conduct investigations into the latest incidents but we also believe a wider campaign is needed to raise awareness and make clear football's opposition to racism.

"As part of this we are providing significant financial support to the Football Against Racism in Europe (FARE) and we have revised our rulebook to make additional penalties available to our disciplinary body. We will also punish racist abuse and behaviour wherever it is proven.

"However UEFA cannot tackle this problem in Europe without the full co-operation of our national associations, the clubs, fans, players, the police and those responsible for stewarding. Everyone has a responsibility to act and do all they can to help kick racism out of football.

"The policy of the football family to oppose racism is clear and it must guide us in our actions on and off the field."

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