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Sweden currently top of UEFA Fair Play ranking

Eleven 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 2006 and 30 April 2007, is currently headed by Sweden.

Taking into account matches up to and including 31 December 2006, leader Sweden and another ten associations are in the race for the three additional slots to the first qualifying round of the 2007/08 UEFA Cup. For the current intermediary ranking, only associations having played a minimum of 23 matches are taken into account. This cut-off point is defined as the total number of UEFA matches divided by the number of national associations.

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 ten 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 should they have played the required number of matches.

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: UEFA Fair Play ranking

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Total points
(Cut-off 23 matches)

UEFA Fair Play 2006/07

Includes matches from: 01/06/2006

up to: 31/12/2006

		Total Points	Matches played
1.	SWE	8.258	57
2.	NOR	8.193	46
3.	DEN	8.133	61
4.	FIN	8.132	42
5.	ENG	8.131	75
6.	GER	8.104	82
7.	WAL	8.087	32
8.	SVK	8.068	43
9.	SUI	8.059	55
10.	EST	8.047	37
11.	FRA	8.025	88
12.	POL	7.986	52
13.	LVA	7.965	39
14.	FRO	7.959	29
15.	SCO	7.938	55
16.	IRL	7.935	41
17.	NED	7.931	73
18.	CRO	7.922	42
19.	ISL	7.921	37
20.	UKR	7.920	64
21.	KAZ	7.917	38
22.	POR	7.912	63
23.	ESP	7.882	80
24.	CZE	7.881	64
25.	LTU	7.838	43
26.	MDA	7.823	46
27.	MKD	7.822	39
28.	AUT	7.817	45
29.	BLR	7.809	47
30.	HUN	7.804	42
31.	NIR	7.770	33
32.	ITA	7.768	71
33.	BEL	7.755	64
34.	RUS	7.739	67
35.	ARM	7.694	33
36.	ROU	7.663	67
37.	SRB	7.654	48
38.	TUR	7.643	56
39.	SVN	7.629	41
40.	AZE	7.611	35
41.	GRE	7.586	56
42.	BUL	7.575	59
43.	ISR	7.563	48
44.	MLT	7.560	27
45.	CYP	7.557	38
46.	BIH	7.552	44
47.	ALB	7.477	24
48.	GEO	7.458	35
49.	LIE	7.973	16
50.	LUX	7.544	20
51.	SMR	7.245	15
52.	AND	7.069	18

Total matches: 1236

Group 1: 23 or more matches played, Group 2: less than 23 matches played

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