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## ***England earn UEFA Cup place via Fair Play ranking***

### **Nine clubs in running for two further UEFA Cup places**

The English club, Manchester City FC, have earned the right to enter the qualifying round of the 2003/2004 UEFA Cup, after England finished top of the UEFA Fair Play ranking for the 2002/2003 campaign. Although fifth in their domestic fair play competition, Manchester City FC were proposed by the Football Association as Manchester United FC, Newcastle United FC, Chelsea FC and Liverpool FC have already qualified for either the UEFA Champions League or the UEFA Cup next season.

Nine other associations finished the season with a Fair Play rating of 8 or more: Sweden, Finland, France, Denmark, Russia, Poland, Switzerland, Norway and Republic of Ireland.

These nine associations will now go into a draw on 6 June 2003 before the UEFA European Under-21 Football Championship 2004 qualifying match Switzerland v Russia in Fribourg, Switzerland (19:00 CET) to determine the remaining two places. The two associations successful in this draw will also be entitled to an extra place each in the qualifying round of the 2003/2004 UEFA Cup.

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. All UEFA competition matches are taken into account for the calculation of the Fair Play coefficient.

The other clubs nominated by their associations and who will go into the UEFA Fair Play draw are:

- Sweden have yet to inform UEFA of their national fair play results and will therefore enter the draw as **"Sweden"**.
- **FF Jaro**, runners-up in Finland's fair play competition to UEFA Champions League qualifiers HJK Helsinki.
- France have yet to inform UEFA of their national fair play results and will therefore enter the draw as **"France"**.
- The Danish league season runs until 22 June. Therefore they enter the draw as **"Denmark"**.
- **FC Shinnik Yaroslavl**, winners of Russia's domestic fair play competition.
- Poland, where the season is still underway will enter the draw as **"Poland"**.
- **FC Aarau**, winners of the Swiss fair play competition.
- **Viking FK**, who were runners-up in the Norwegian fair play table to UEFA Champions League qualifiers Rosenborg BK.
- **Cork City FC**, third in the Republic of Ireland's fair play ranking. First and second placed Bohemian FC and Derry City FC have already qualified for the UEFA Champions League and UEFA Cup respectively.

Attached is the official table of the UEFA Fair Play ranking.

Total points

## UEFA Fair Play 2002/03: Final ranking

(Cut-off 27 matches)

Includes matches from: 28/05/2002 up to: 31/05/2003

		Average Mark	Matches played
1.	ENG	8.202	134
2.	SWE	8.187	52
3.	FIN	8.167	45
4.	FRA	8.135	103
5.	DEN	8.131	58
6.	RUS	8.105	71
7.	POL	8.102	64
8.	SUI	8.083	70
9.	NOR	8.057	53
10.	IRL	8.006	42
11.	BEL	7.982	89
12.	GER	7.976	102
13.	CZE	7.939	87
14.	ISL	7.938	32
15.	EST	7.937	35
16.	SVK	7.930	50
17.	ESP	7.922	156
18.	ARM	7.921	32
19.	MOL	7.919	41
20.	AUT	7.875	56
21.	BLS	7.852	46
22.	ITA	7.840	144
23.	GEO	7.840	38
24.	HOL	7.827	83
25.	UKR	7.819	62
26.	SCO	7.800	55
27.	GRE	7.776	71
28.	CRO	7.770	58
29.	ISR	7.764	63
30.	LIT	7.753	38
31.	WAL	7.741	31
32.	POR	7.731	76
33.	LAT	7.731	40
34.	ROM	7.727	43
35.	NIR	7.716	39
36.	CYP	7.706	48
37.	SLO	7.695	45
38.	MLT	7.680	31
39.	HUN	7.674	55
40.	AZE	7.660	33
41.	BHZ	7.604	47
42.	TUR	7.572	51
43.	ALB	7.516	32
44.	RSM	7.484	57
45.	MKD	7.378	33
46.	BUL	7.351	44
47.	KZK	8.170	9
48.	AND	7.760	23
49.	FAR	7.684	23
50.	LUX	7.661	25
51.	SMR	7.600	21
52.	LIE	7.377	12

**Total  
matches: 1424**

Group 1: 27 or more matches played, Group 2: less than 27 matches played

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