



# Regulations of the UEFA European Women's Championship

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## **Preamble**

The following regulations have been adopted on the basis of Articles 49(2)(a), and 50(1) of the *UEFA Statutes*.

## **I General Provisions**

### **Article 1**

#### **Scope of application**

- 1.01 The present regulations govern the rights, duties and responsibilities of all parties participating and involved in the preparation and organisation of the 2011-13 UEFA European Women's Championship (hereinafter the competition).

#### **Use of masculine and feminine form**

- 1.02 In these regulations, the use of the masculine form refers equally to the feminine, and vice versa.

## **II Entries – Admission – Duties**

### **Article 2**

#### **Entries for the competition**

- 2.01 UEFA stages the competition every four years, over two seasons.
- 2.02 All UEFA member associations (hereinafter associations) are invited to enter their senior women's national team for the competition.

#### **Admission criteria**

- 2.03 To be eligible to participate in the competition, an association must fulfil the following criteria:
- a) it must confirm in writing that the association itself, as well as its players and officials, agree to respect the statutes, regulations, directives and decisions of UEFA;
  - b) it must confirm in writing that the association itself, as well as its players and officials, agree to recognise the jurisdiction of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, as defined in the relevant provisions of the *UEFA Statutes* and agree that any proceedings before the CAS concerning admission to or exclusion from the competition will be held in an expedited manner in accordance with the *Code of Sports-related Arbitration* of the CAS and with the directions issued by the CAS;
  - c) it must fill in the official entry documents (i.e. all documents containing the information deemed necessary by the UEFA administration for ascertaining compliance with the admission criteria), which must reach the UEFA administration by the deadline set by the latter and



communicated in due course through a circular letter sent to all associations.

### **Admission procedure**

- 2.04 The UEFA General Secretary decides on admission to the competition. Such a decision is final.

### **Duties of the associations**

- 2.05 On entering the competition, participating associations agree:
- a) to comply with the *Laws of the Game* issued by the IFAB;
  - b) to respect the principles of fair play as defined in the *UEFA Statutes*;
  - c) to play in the competition until their elimination and to field their strongest team throughout the competition;
  - d) to stage all matches in the competition in accordance with the present regulations;
  - e) to comply with all decisions regarding the competition taken by the UEFA Executive Committee, the UEFA administration or any other competent body and communicated appropriately (by UEFA circular letter or by official letter, fax or email);
  - f) to observe the *UEFA Safety and Security Regulations* for all matches in the competition;
  - g) to stage all matches in the competition in a stadium meeting the structural criteria of the stadium category required by paragraph 12.01;
  - h) not to represent UEFA or the UEFA European Women's Championship without UEFA's prior written approval;
  - i) to indemnify, defend and hold UEFA and its subsidiaries and all of their officers, directors, employees, representatives, agents and other auxiliary persons free and harmless against any and all liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, claims, actions, fines and expenses (including reasonable legal expenses) of whatsoever kind or nature resulting from, arising out of, or attributable to any non-compliance by the participating association or any of its players, officials, employees, representatives or agents with these regulations;
  - j) to adhere to the principles governing the release of players for association teams as laid out in Annex 1 of the *FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players*.

### **III Trophy, Plaques and Medals**

#### **Article 3**

#### **Trophy**

- 3.01 The original trophy, which is used for the official presentation ceremony at the final and at other official events approved by UEFA, remains in UEFA's keeping and ownership at all times. A full-size replica trophy, the UEFA Women's EURO winners trophy, is awarded to the winning association.
- 3.02 Any association which wins the trophy three consecutive times or five times in total receives a special mark of recognition. Once a cycle of three successive wins or five in total has been completed, the association concerned starts a new cycle from zero.
- 3.03 Replica trophies awarded to winners of the UEFA European Women's Championship (past and current) must remain within the relevant association's control at all times and must not leave the association's country without UEFA's prior written consent. Associations must not permit a replica trophy to be used in any context where a third party (including, without limitation, associations' sponsors and other commercial partners) is granted visibility or in any other way which could lead to an association between any third party and the replica trophy and/or the competition. Associations must comply with any trophy use guidelines that the UEFA administration may issue from time to time.
- 3.04 Associations may not, and may not permit any third party to, develop, create, use, sell or distribute any promotional materials or merchandise bearing any representation of the trophy or any replica thereof (including, without limitation, trophy lift images) or use any such representation in a manner that could lead to an association between any third party and the trophy, replica trophy and/or the competition.

#### **Plaques**

- 3.05 Each association that competes in the final tournament receives a commemorative plaque.

#### **Medals**

- 3.06 35 gold medals are presented to the winning team, 35 silver medals to the runner-up and 35 bronze medals to the defeated semi-finalists. Additional medals may not be produced.

## **IV Responsibilities**

### **Article 4**

#### **Responsibilities of the participating associations**

- 4.01 The associations are responsible for the behaviour of their players, officials, members, supporters and any person carrying out a function at a match on their behalf.
- 4.02 The association in the territory of which a qualifying match or the final tournament is being staged is considered the host association.
- 4.03 The host association is responsible for order and security before, during and after the match. The host association may be called to account for incidents of any kind and may be disciplined.
- 4.04 Matches must, in principle, be played in a stadium within the territory of the host association. Exceptionally, matches may be played in the territory of another UEFA member association, if so decided by the UEFA administration and/or the UEFA disciplinary bodies, for reasons of safety or as a result of a disciplinary measure.

#### **Additional responsibilities for the final tournament**

- 4.05 The UEFA Executive Committee will entrust one of UEFA's member associations with the organisation and staging of the final tournament via a tender process. On the basis of the present regulations and the staging agreement concluded with UEFA, the appointed final tournament host association is responsible for all match-related organisational tasks and shall fully respect any and all rights granted by UEFA to third parties in connection with the final tournament.
- 4.06 The UEFA administration informs the twelve associations participating in the final tournament about any further guidelines, directives or decisions related to the final tournament and provides them with all relevant documents in due time.

## **V Insurance**

### **Article 5**

#### **General principles**

- 5.01 Everyone involved in the competition (qualifying competition and final tournament) is responsible for its own insurance cover.
- 5.02 The participating associations are responsible for and undertake to conclude all necessary and adequate insurance cover for their delegations, including players and officials, at their own expense for the whole duration of the competition.

- 5.03 If the host association is not the owner of the stadium used, it is also responsible for ensuring that the stadium owner and/or tenant in question provides a fully comprehensive insurance cover, including third-party liability and property damage. If appropriate insurance policies are not provided by the stadium owner and/or tenant in due time, the host association is required to conclude the necessary additional insurance cover at its own cost, failing which it may be concluded by UEFA at the host association's expense.
- 5.04 Claims for damages against UEFA are expressly excluded and anyone involved must hold UEFA harmless from any and all claims for liability arising in relation to the competition. In any case, UEFA may request anyone involved to provide, free of charge, written releases of liability and/or hold harmless notes, and/or confirmations and/or copies of the policies concerned in one of UEFA's official languages.

#### **A. Qualifying competition**

- 5.05 Host associations must conclude – with reputable insurers and at their own cost – all necessary insurance in connection with the staging and organising of the matches, including third-party liability and spectator accident cover. Host associations are responsible for ensuring that UEFA is included as a co-insured party.
- 5.06 The third-party liability policy must include an appropriate guaranteed sum for damage/injury for all occurrences (not excluding bad weather, force majeure and terrorism) to persons, objects, property, and for pure financial economic losses, and it must correspond to the specific circumstances of the associations concerned.

#### **B. Final tournament**

- 5.07 The host association staging the final tournament must conclude at its own expense adequate insurance cover for all of its risks arising from organising and staging the final tournament under these regulations, in accordance with its responsibilities, as set out in Article 4 of these regulations and in the staging agreement and communicated by UEFA from time to time.
- 5.08 UEFA concludes insurance cover in accordance with its responsibilities, as set out in the staging agreement.

## **VI Competition System**

### **Article 6**

#### **Competition stages**

6.01 The competition consists of a qualifying competition and a final tournament.

### **Article 7**

#### **A. Qualifying competition**

7.01 The qualifying competition consists of:

- a) a preliminary round;
- b) a group stage;
- c) play-off matches.

7.02 Participating associations will be divided as follows:

- The team of the final tournament's host association qualifies automatically for the final tournament.
- The lowest-ranked teams in the UEFA women's national team coefficient ranking for the group stage draw (see Annex I) start the competition in the preliminary round as follows:
  - less than 39 entries: no preliminary round
  - 39 to 41 entries: four teams
  - more than 41 entries: eight teams
- The remaining teams will start the competition in the group stage.

7.03 The exact structure of the qualifying competition will be communicated by the UEFA administration in writing before the draw for the preliminary round, which will take place after completion of the 2009-11 UEFA European Qualifying Competition for the FIFA Women's World Cup.

#### **a) Preliminary round**

##### **Group formation**

7.04 The associations participating in the preliminary round are drawn into groups of four teams.

##### **Match system**

7.05 All matches in the preliminary round must be played in the form of a mini-tournament in one of the countries in the group. Each team plays each of the other teams in the group once, with three points awarded for a win, one point for a draw and no points for a defeat.

7.06 The winner(s) of the mini-tournament(s) will qualify for the group stage.

### **Equality of points**

- 7.07 If two or more teams are equal on points on completion of a mini-tournament, their position within the group is established according to the following criteria, in the order given:
- a) higher number of points obtained in the group matches played between the teams in question;
  - b) superior goal difference from the group matches played between the teams in question;
  - c) higher number of goals scored in the group matches played between the teams in question.

If, after having applied criteria a) to c) to several teams, two teams still have an equal ranking, the criteria a) to c) are reapplied to determine the ranking of the two teams. If this procedure does not lead to a decision, criteria d) and e) apply.

- d) Results of all group matches:
    1. superior goal difference
    2. higher number of goals scored
  - e) position in the UEFA women's national team coefficient ranking used for the group stage draw (see Annex I).
- 7.08 If two teams which have the same number of points and the same number of goals scored and conceded play their last group match against each other and are still equal at the end of that said match, the ranking of the two teams in question is determined by kicks from the penalty mark (Article 16) and not by the criteria listed under 7.07 a) to e), provided no other teams within the group have the same number of points on completion of all group matches. Should more than two teams have the same number of points, the criteria listed under paragraph 7.07 apply. This procedure is only necessary if a ranking of the teams is required to determine the group winner.

### **b) Group stage**

#### **Group formation**

- 7.09 The associations participating in the group stage will be drawn into seven groups (or, in the case where more than 46 associations enter the competition, eight groups) of five or six teams. The groups will include teams seeded by the UEFA administration, according to the principles set out in Annex I.

#### **Match system**

- 7.10 Group-stage matches are played according to a league system, with each team playing twice all the other teams in its group in a series of home-and-

away matches. Three points are awarded for a win, one point for a draw, and none for a defeat.

- 7.11 The group winners - and the best runner-up in the case where less than 47 associations enter the competition - qualify directly for the final tournament.
- 7.12 The six remaining runners-up (or the six best runners-up in the case where more than 46 associations enter the competition) contest play-off matches to determine the remaining participants in the final tournament.

#### **Equality of points after the group matches**

- 7.13 If two or more teams are equal on points on completion of the group matches, the following criteria are applied to determine the rankings:
  - a) higher number of points obtained in the group matches played between the teams in question;
  - b) superior goal difference from the group matches played between the teams in question;
  - c) higher number of goals scored in the group matches played between the teams in question;
  - d) higher number of goals scored away from home in the group matches played between the teams in question.

If, after having applied criteria a) to d) to all teams on equal points, two or more teams still have an equal ranking, criteria a) to d) are reapplied to determine the ranking of these teams. If this procedure does not lead to a decision, criteria e) and f) apply.

- e) Results of all group matches:
    - 1. superior goal difference
    - 2. higher number of goals scored
    - 3. higher number of goals scored away from home;
  - f) position in the UEFA women's national team coefficient ranking used for the group stage draw (see Annex I).
- 7.14 To determine the ranking of the best runners-up, only results against the teams in first, third, fourth and fifth place are taken into account, with the following criteria being taken into consideration in the order given:
    - a) higher number of points obtained in these matches;
    - b) superior goal difference from these matches;
    - c) higher number of goals scored in these matches;
    - d) higher number of away goals scored in these matches;
    - e) position in the UEFA women's national team coefficient ranking used for the group stage draw (see Annex I).

### **c) Play-off matches**

- 7.15 The play-off ties are determined by means of a draw. The runners-up with the best position in the UEFA women's national team coefficient ranking (see Annex I, paragraph 1.2.2) are seeded for the draw.

#### **Match system**

- 7.16 Play-off matches are played according to the knockout system, with each team playing each opponent twice, in home-and-away matches. The seeded teams play the return match at home. The team which scores the greater aggregate of goals in the two matches qualifies for the final tournament. Otherwise, the provisions of paragraph 7.17 apply.

#### **Away goals and extra time in the knockout system**

- 7.17 For matches played under the knockout system, if the two teams involved in a tie score the same number of goals over the two legs, the team which scores more away goals qualifies for the next stage. If this procedure does not produce a result, i.e. if both teams score the same number of goals at home and away, two 15-minute periods of extra time are played at the end of the second leg. If, during extra time, both teams score the same number of goals, away goals count double (i.e. the visiting team qualifies). If no goals are scored during extra time, kicks from the penalty mark (Article 16) determine which team qualifies for the next stage.

### **Article 8**

#### **B. Final tournament**

##### **Group formation**

- 8.01 Twelve teams participate in the final tournament: the group winners, potentially the best runner-up (see paragraph 7.11), the winners of the play-off matches and the team of the final tournament host association, which qualifies automatically. The UEFA administration allocates the 12 teams into three groups (Groups A, B and C) of four teams each by means of a draw.

- 8.02 The three groups are formed as follows:

Group A	Group B	Group C
A1	B1	C1
A2	B2	C2
A3	B3	C3
A4	B4	C4

##### **Final draw**

- 8.03 The three top-seeds are the host association (position A1), the highest-ranked team (B1) and the second-ranked team (C1) according to the principles set out in Annex I. The teams ranked third, fourth and fifth are seeded and will be drawn into positions A2, B2 and C2. The remaining six



teams are not seeded and will be drawn into positions A3, B3, C3, A4, B4 and C4.

#### **Group match schedule**

- 8.04 Each team plays each of the other teams in the same group once, according to the league system (three points for a win, one point for a draw, none for a defeat). The group matches will be played in accordance with the following schedule. The last two matches in each group must both kick off at the same time. The first-named team will be considered as the home team.

	<i>Matchday 1</i>	<i>Matchday 2</i>	<i>Matchday 3</i>
Group A	A1 v A3	A4 v A1	A1 v A2
	A2 v A4	A2 v A3	A3 v A4
Group B	B1 v B3	B4 v B1	B1 v B2
	B2 v B4	B2 v B3	B3 v B4
Group C	C1 v C3	C4 v C1	C1 v C2
	C2 v C4	C2 v C3	C3 v C4

#### **Equality of points**

- 8.05 If two or more teams are equal on points on completion of all the matches in their group, the following criteria are applied, in the order given, to determine the rankings:

- a) higher number of points obtained in the matches between the teams in question;
- b) superior goal difference in the matches between the teams in question;
- c) higher number of goals scored in the matches between the teams in question (if more than two teams finish equal on points).

If, after having applied criteria a) to c) to all teams on equal points, two or more teams still have an equal ranking, criteria a) to c) are reapplied to determine the ranking of these teams. If this procedure does not lead to a decision, criteria d) and e) apply.

- d) Results of all group matches:

1. superior goal difference
2. higher number of goals scored

- e) position in the UEFA women's national team coefficient ranking used for the final draw (see Annex I).

- 8.06 If two teams which have the same number of points and the same number of goals scored and conceded play their last group match against each other and are still equal at the end of that match, their final rankings will be determined by kicks from the penalty mark (Article 16), provided that no other team within the group has the same number of points on completion of all

group matches. Should more than two teams have the same number of points, the criteria listed under paragraph 8.05 (a) to (e) will apply. This procedure is only necessary if a ranking of the teams is required to determine the teams qualified for the quarter-finals.

#### **Quarter-finals**

- 8.07 The group winners, runners-up and two best third-placed teams play the quarter-finals over one match, as follows:

Quarter-final 1: Winner Group A v Third place Group B or C

Quarter-final 2: Winner Group B v Runner-up C

Quarter-final 3: Winner Group C v Third place Group B or A

Quarter-final 4: Runner-up Group A v Runner-up B

#### **Semi-finals**

- 8.08 The four winners of the quarter-finals play the semi-finals over one match, as follows:

Semi-final 1: Winners Quarter-final 1 v Winners Quarter-final 4

Semi-final 2: Winners Quarter-final 2 v Winners Quarter-final 3

#### **Final**

- 8.09 The winners of the semi-finals contest the final as follows:

Winners Semi-final 1 v Winners Semi-final 2

#### **Same number of goals in a quarter-final, semi-final or the final**

- 8.10 If the result stands as a draw at the end of normal playing time, extra time of two periods of 15 minutes is played. If the two teams are still equal after extra time, the winners are determined by kicks from the penalty mark (Article 16).

### **VII Match Dates, Venues and Kick-off Times**

#### **Article 9**

##### **A. Qualifying competition**

##### **Match dates**

- 9.01 The following dates are reserved for matches in the qualifying competition of the 2011-13 UEFA European Women's Championship:

##### **Preliminary round**

##### **2011**

- a) 3 – 8 March

## **Group stage**

### **2011**

- b) 17/18 September
- c) 21/22 September
- d) 22/23 October
- e) 26/27 October
- f) 19/20 November
- g) 23/24 November

### **2012**

- h) 15/16 February
- i) 31 March/1 April
- j) 4/5 April
- k) 16/17 June
- l) 20/21 June
- m) 15/16 September
- n) 19 September (date for the last matches in all groups)

### **Play-offs**

- o) 20/21 October 2012
- p) 24/25 October 2012

For play-off matches, the home team decides on the exact date of the match which must be announced to their opponents and the UEFA administration seven days after the play-off draw.

- 9.02 If all associations concerned are in agreement and in line with the principles governing the release of players to association teams as laid down in Annex 1, Article 1 of the *FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players*, matches in the qualifying competition may be played on any other date, for example on the international friendly match dates, with the exception of the last group matches which, for reasons of sporting fairness, must take place on the same day. The play-off matches must be completed by 25 October 2012.
- 9.03 Meetings to determine fixtures in the group stage will take place immediately after the group stage draw. Associations must agree on the exact date of each match (e.g. Saturday, 17 September 2011). Associations which are not represented at these meetings will automatically accept the decisions taken by the other associations in their group. If the associations in question are unable to reach agreement, the matches will take place according to a standard fixture list drawn up by the UEFA administration. Any subsequent

changes of date are subject to the approval of the UEFA administration. In such a case, the host association for the match in question must also inform the other associations in the group.

#### **Appointment of the mini-tournament hosts**

- 9.04 The UEFA administration appoints the host(s) of the preliminary-round mini-tournament(s) in accordance with the principles laid down in Annex III.

#### **Venues and kick-off times**

- 9.05 The venues of the preliminary-round and group stage matches are fixed by the host associations and announced to their opponents and the UEFA administration at least 60 days in advance. Match venues for the play-offs have to be fixed by the host associations and announced to their opponents and the UEFA administration seven days after the play-off draw. When fixing a venue, the host association must take into account the length of the journey to be undertaken by the visiting association. Unless the visiting association agrees otherwise, the venue for a qualifying match must be no more than a two-hour bus drive from the nearest international airport. The kick-off times must be announced to the UEFA administration at least 30 days before the match (and no more than seven days after the play-off draw in the case of play-off matches). For reasons of sporting fairness, the UEFA administration is entitled to order the last decisive group matches to be played at the same time.

#### **Arrival of the teams**

- 9.06 The associations must arrange for their teams to arrive at the match venue early enough in order to be able to hold their pre-match press conference before the media deadlines of both countries involved, but in any case no later than 24 hours before kick-off (or start of the mini-tournament). A team arriving more than one day before the start of a mini-tournament is responsible for the extra costs incurred as a result of its early arrival.

#### **Departure of visiting teams (mini-tournaments)**

- 9.07 Visiting teams should depart the day after their last match in a mini-tournament. Teams departing any later bear the extra costs incurred as a result of their late departure.

### **B. Final tournament**

#### **Match dates**

- 9.08 The final tournament will take place in July 2013.
- 9.09 The UEFA administration is responsible for drawing up the match schedule for the final tournament in conjunction with the local organising committee (LOC), whom it will consult in this regard. Each team must have a rest period of at least 48 hours between matches.

### **Arrival of the teams in the host country**

- 9.10 Each association taking part in the final tournament must arrive at its team hotel in the host country at least two days before its first match.

### **Arrival of the teams at the match venue**

- 9.11 The teams must arrive at their transfer hotel or be within a 60km radius of the stadium where their match is to be played no later than 24 hours before kick-off.

### **Training grounds**

- 9.12 UEFA offers each association a pre-selected training ground. Should an association choose a training ground other than those which have been pre-selected, then the association concerned bears all the costs incurred.
- 9.13 In any case, all training grounds used by associations are referred to as "official" from two days before the first match of the final tournament and the provisions laid out in paragraph 29.14 apply.

## **VIII Refusal to Play, Cancellation of a Match, Match Abandoned and Similar Cases**

### **Article 10**

#### **Refusal to play and similar cases**

- 10.01 If an association refuses to play or is responsible for a match not taking place or not being played in full, the Control and Disciplinary Body takes a decision in the matter.
- 10.02 The Control and Disciplinary Body can validate the result as it stood at the moment when the match was abandoned if the match result was to the detriment of the association responsible for the match being abandoned.
- 10.03 If an association is disqualified during the qualifying competition, or at the final tournament, the results of all of its matches are declared null and void, and the points awarded forfeited.
- 10.04 If an association that has qualified for the final tournament does not compete, the UEFA administration may replace it and, if so, decides which association is to take its place according to the results achieved by the associations eliminated previously.
- 10.05 An association which refuses to play or is responsible for a match not taking place or not being played in full loses all rights to payments from UEFA.
- 10.06 Upon receipt of a reasoned and well-documented request from the association concerned, the UEFA administration may set an amount of compensation due for financial loss.

## **Article 11**

### **A. Qualifying competition**

#### **Mini-tournament or match cancelled before departure of the visiting team(s)**

- 11.01 If the host association finds that a match or mini-tournament cannot take place, for example because the field is not fit for play, it must notify the visiting association(s), the referees and the UEFA match delegates before their departure from home and the UEFA administration at the same time. In this case, the match(es) must be played at another venue and/or on (an)other date(s) as agreed by the host association (for the venue) and the visiting association(s) (for the date(s)), subject to the approval of the UEFA administration.

#### **Match cancelled after departure of the visiting team**

- 11.02 If any doubt arises as to the condition of the field of play after the visiting teams' departures from home, the referee decides on the spot whether or not it is fit for play.
- 11.03 If the referee declares that the match cannot commence because the field is not fit for play or for any other reason, it must be played either the next day or on another date as agreed by the host and visiting associations, subject to the approval of the UEFA administration. An agreement must be reached within two hours of the referee's decision to cancel the match. In case of dispute, the UEFA administration fixes the date and kick-off time of the match. Its decision is final.

#### **Match abandoned**

- 11.04 If a match is abandoned before the end of normal time or during any extra time because the field is not fit for play or for any other reason, it must be replayed in full either the next day or on another date as agreed by the host association and the visiting association, subject to the approval of the UEFA administration. An agreement must be reached within two hours of the referee's decision to abandon the match. In case of dispute, the UEFA administration fixes the date and kick-off time of the match. Its decision is final.

#### **Expenses**

- 11.05 If the circumstances require the host association to notify the visiting association(s) and the referee before their departure from home of a match not being able to be played and if the host association fails to do so, it is responsible for the travel, board and lodging expenses of the visiting association(s) and the referees.
- 11.06 In all other cases, each association bears its own expenses, including additional expenses resulting from the match having to be (re)played later than initially scheduled. However, if a match cannot take place for reasons

beyond control and the visiting association(s) return(s) home, the travel, board and lodging expenses of the visiting association(s), as well as the relevant hosting costs, are borne by the associations in equal parts.

### **B. Final tournament**

- 11.07 If the referee declares the field of play unfit for play, the match will be played the following day, unless, for reasons beyond control, the match cannot take place then. In this case, the UEFA administration takes a final decision.
- 11.08 If a match cannot commence or is abandoned before the end of normal playing time or during any extra time, because the field is not fit for play or for any other reason, it must be played or replayed in full the next day. If, for reasons beyond control, the match cannot be replayed the next day, the UEFA administration takes a final decision.

## **IX Stadiums and Match Organisation**

### **Article 12**

#### **Stadium categories**

- 12.01 Unless stipulated otherwise in these regulations, matches in the competition must be played in a stadium which meets the structural criteria of the following categories as defined in the *UEFA Stadium Infrastructure Regulations* (2010 edition):
- a) category 2 for the qualifying competition;
  - b) category 4 for the final tournament.

#### **Exceptions to a structural criterion**

- 12.02 The UEFA administration may grant an exception to a specific structural criterion for the stadium category in question in cases of particular hardship and upon reasoned request, for instance owing to the current national legislation or if the fulfilment of all the required criteria would force an association to play its home matches on the territory of another association. An exception can be granted for one or more matches in the competition or for the whole duration of the competition. Such decisions are final.

#### **Stadium certificate and safety certificate**

- 12.03 Each host association is responsible for:
- a) inspecting every stadium concerned and issuing stadium certificates which have to be forwarded to the UEFA administration confirming that the stadiums meet the structural criteria of the required stadium category;
  - b) sending the UEFA administration a copy of the certificate issued by the competent public authorities confirming that the stadium, including its facilities (emergency lighting system, first aid facilities, type of protection against intrusion by spectators into the playing area, etc.), has been

thoroughly inspected and meets all the safety requirements laid down by the applicable national law.

- 12.04 The UEFA administration accepts or rejects the stadiums on the basis of these certificates. Such decisions are final.

#### **Stadium inspections**

- 12.05 The UEFA administration may carry out stadium inspections at any time before and during the competition to check whether the required structural criteria have been and are still being met. Cases of non-conformity with an applicable structural criterion may be referred to the UEFA Control and Disciplinary Body, which decides on appropriate measures in accordance with the *UEFA Disciplinary Regulations*.

#### **Artificial turf**

- 12.06 With the exception of the final tournament, which must be played on natural turf, matches in the competition may be played on artificial turf in accordance with the *UEFA Stadium Infrastructure Regulations* and provided that such artificial turf meets the *FIFA Recommended 2-Star Standard*, in compliance with the *FIFA Quality Concept for Football Turf - Handbook of Requirements, May 2009 Edition*.
- 12.07 The owner of the artificial turf and the host association are fully responsible for meeting the above requirements, in particular those related to:
- maintenance work and ongoing improvement measures; and
  - safety and environmental measures as set out in the *FIFA Quality Concept for Football Turf - Handbook of Requirements, May 2009 Edition*.
- 12.08 The owner of the artificial turf and the host association must obtain sufficient warranties and/or guarantees related to the material and the installation from the manufacturer and the installer of the artificial turf.
- 12.09 UEFA cannot be held responsible for any damages to third parties resulting from the use of the artificial turf.
- 12.10 A host association organising a qualifying-competition match in a stadium with the required standard of artificial turf has to inform its opponents and the UEFA administration at least 60 days in advance (no more than seven days after the play-off draw in the case of play-off matches). A copy of the relevant certificate, issued within the 12 months preceding the relevant match, must be sent to the UEFA administration at the same time.

#### **Clocks**

- 12.11 Clocks in the stadium showing the amount of time played may run during the match, provided they are stopped at the end of normal time in each half, i.e. after 45 and 90 minutes respectively. This stipulation also applies in the event of extra time (i.e. after 15 and 30 minutes).



### **Giant screens**

- 12.12 In the qualifying competition, the results of other matches can be shown on the scoreboard and/or giant screen during the match, while simultaneous transmissions and replays are authorised for press monitors and closed-circuit channels only. Delayed footage of the match being played may be transmitted on the giant screen inside the stadium provided that the host association has obtained all the necessary third-party permission to transmit such footage including (without limitation) permission from the UEFA match delegate, the host broadcaster producing the live international feed of the match and any relevant local authorities. Moreover, the host association must ensure that such footage is transmitted on the giant screen during the match only when the ball is out of play and/or during the half-time interval or break before extra time (if any) and that it does not include any images that:
- a) may have an impact on the playing of the match;
  - b) may be reasonably considered as controversial insofar as they are likely to encourage or incite any form of crowd disorder;
  - c) may display any public disorder, civil disobedience or any commercial and/or offensive material within the crowd or on the pitch; or
  - d) may be deemed to criticise, undermine or damage the reputation, standing or authority of any player, match official and/or any other party at the stadium (including any images that are aimed at highlighting, directly or indirectly, any offside offence, fault committed by a player, potential mistake of a match official and/or any behaviour which is contrary to the principle of fair play).
- 12.13 The UEFA administration and the host association will agree on the terms and conditions governing all scoreboard and giant screen transmissions during the final tournament.

### **Retractable stadium roofs**

- 12.14 Before the match, the UEFA match delegate, in consultation with the referee, decides whether a stadium's retractable roof will be open or closed during the match. This decision must be announced at the pre-match organisational meeting, although it may subsequently be altered at any time prior to kick-off if the weather conditions change, again in consultation with the referee.
- 12.15 If the match starts with the roof closed, it must remain closed for the entire match. If the match starts with the roof open, only the referee has the authority to order its closure during the match subject to any applicable laws issued by a competent state authority. Such a decision may only be taken if the weather conditions seriously deteriorate. If the referee does order the closure of the roof during the match, it must remain closed until the final whistle.

## **Balls**

- 12.16 Balls used must conform to the requirements laid down in the *Laws of the Game*.
- 12.17 For qualifying-competition matches, as well as for training sessions, balls must be provided by the host association. Balls used in the final tournament are supplied by UEFA.

## **Article 13**

### **Match organisation**

- 13.01 The UEFA, FIFA, UEFA Women's EURO and UEFA Respect flags, as well as the flags of the teams taking part in the match, must be flown at the stadium at all matches in the competition. The national anthems of both teams involved must be played.
- 13.02 At all matches in the competition, the players are invited to shake hands with their opponents and the referee team after the line-up ceremony as well as after the final whistle, as a gesture of fair play.
- 13.03 Only six team officials, one of whom must be a team doctor, and seven (final tournament: 12) substitute players are allowed to sit on the substitutes' bench, i.e. a total of 13 (final tournament: 18) persons. The names of all these persons and their functions must be listed on the match sheet.
- 13.04 If space so permits, up to five additional technical seats are allowed for association staff providing technical support to the team during the match (kit manager, assistant physiotherapist, etc.). Such seats must be outside the technical area and positioned at least five metres away from the benches but with access to the dressing rooms. The names of all these persons and their functions must be listed on the match sheet.
- 13.05 Smoking is not allowed in the technical area during matches.
- 13.06 The host association must ensure an appropriate medical service at matches, including stretchers and a sufficient number of carriers, an ambulance and stand-by medical personnel. Stretchers must be kept by the substitutes' benches.
- 13.07 The following provisions must also be observed during the qualifying competition:
  - a) An appropriate number of complimentary and purchase tickets, to be fixed by mutual agreement, must be set aside for the visiting association.
  - b) The official UEFA representatives and at least four representatives of the visiting association must be provided with complimentary top-category seats in the VIP sector.
  - c) The day before the match, weather permitting, the visiting association is allowed to train for a maximum of one hour on the field where the match is to take place. In addition, the visiting association may hold private

training sessions at a location to be agreed on with the host association, but not at the stadium where the match is being played.

## **X Laws of the Game**

### **Article 14**

14.01 Matches are played in conformity with the *Laws of the Game* promulgated by the International Football Association Board (IFAB).

#### **Substitution of players**

14.02 The substitution of three players per team is permitted in the course of the match. The use of substitution boards (preferably electronic) to indicate the substitution of players is compulsory. Substitution boards must be numbered on both sides.

14.03 During the game, substitutes are allowed to leave the technical area to warm up. At the pre-match organisational meeting, the referee determines where exactly they may warm up (behind the first assistant referee or behind the advertising boards behind the goal) and how many substitutes are allowed to warm up simultaneously. In principle, three substitutes per team are allowed to warm up at the same time; exceptionally, if space so permits, the referee can allow up to seven substitutes of each team to warm up simultaneously in the dedicated area.

#### **Match sheet**

14.04 Before each match, each team receives a match sheet on which the numbers, surnames, first names, dates of birth and, if applicable, the shirt names of the 18 players in the squad (23 players in the final tournament) must be indicated, together with the surnames and first names of the officials seated on the substitutes' bench and on the additional technical seats. The match sheet must be properly completed in block capitals, and signed by the captain and the competent association official.

14.05 The 11 first-named players must commence the match. The other 7 (12 in the final tournament) are designated as substitutes. The numbers on the players' shirts must correspond with the numbers indicated on the match sheet. The goalkeepers and team captain must be identified.

14.06 Both teams must hand their match sheets to the referee at least 75 minutes before kick-off.

14.07 The referee may ask to see the personal identity card or passport of the players listed on the match sheet. Each player participating in a UEFA competition match must be in possession of an official personal identity card/passport, each containing her photograph and date of birth.

14.08 If the match sheet is not completed and returned in time, the matter will be submitted to the Control and Disciplinary Body.

- 14.09 Only three of the substitutes listed on the match sheet may take part in the match. A player who has been substituted may take no further part in the match.
- 14.10 If there are fewer than seven players on either of the teams, the match is abandoned. In this case, the Control and Disciplinary Body decides on the consequences.

#### **Replacement of players on the match sheet in the qualifying competition**

- 14.11 After the match sheets have been completed, signed and returned to the referee by both teams, and if the match has not yet kicked off, the following provisions apply for the qualifying competition:
- a) If any of the first 11 players listed on the match sheet are not able to start the match due to unexpected physical incapacity, they may be replaced by any of the seven substitutes listed on the initial match sheet. The substitute(s) in question may then be replaced by a registered player (players) not listed on the initial match sheet (but included in the list of 23 players as laid down in paragraph 17.04), so that the quota of substitutes is not reduced. During the match, three players may still be substituted.
  - b) If any of the seven substitutes listed on the match sheet are not able to be fielded due to unexpected physical incapacity, they may be replaced by any registered player not listed on the initial match sheet (but included in the list of 23 players as laid down in paragraph 17.04).
  - c) The associations concerned must, upon request, provide the UEFA administration with the necessary medical certificates.

#### **Replacement of players on the match sheet in the final tournament**

- 14.12 After the match sheets have been completed, signed and returned to the referee by both teams, and if the match has not yet kicked off, the following provisions apply for final tournament matches:
- a) If any of the first 11 players listed on the match sheet are not able to start the match due to unexpected physical incapacity, they may be replaced by any of the 12 substitutes listed on the match sheet. Such replacements will reduce the quota of substitute players accordingly for the final tournament match in question. During the match, three players may still be substituted.
  - b) If any of the 12 substitutes listed on the match sheet are not able to be fielded due to unexpected physical incapacity, they may not be replaced, which means that the quota of substitute players will be reduced accordingly for the final tournament match in question.
  - c) The associations concerned must, upon request, provide the UEFA administration with the necessary medical certificates.

## **Article 15**

### **Half-time interval, break before extra time**

- 15.01 The half-time interval lasts 15 minutes. If extra time is required, there is a five-minute break between the end of normal time and the start of extra time. As a rule, the players remain on the field of play during this five-minute break, at the discretion of the referee.

## **Article 16**

### **Kicks from the penalty mark**

- 16.01 For matches where the winners need to be decided by kicks from the penalty mark the procedure laid down in the *Laws of the Game* applies.
- 16.02 The referee decides which goal will be used for the kicks:
- a) For reasons of safety/security, state of the field of play, lighting or other similar reasons, the referee may choose which goal will be used without tossing a coin. In this case, she is not required to justify her decision, which is final.
  - b) If she considers that either goal can be used for the kicks, then, in the presence of the two captains, she decides that the head side of the coin corresponds to one goal and the tail side to the other. She then tosses the coin to determine which goal will be used.
- 16.03 To ensure that the procedure is strictly observed, the referee is assisted by the assistant referees and the fourth official, who also note down the numbers of the players on each team who take kicks from the penalty mark. The assistant referees position themselves according to the diagram in the *Laws of the Game*.
- 16.04 If the taking of kicks from the penalty mark cannot be completed because of reasons beyond control, the results are decided by the drawing of lots by the referee in the presence of the UEFA match delegate and the two team captains.
- 16.05 If, through the fault of a team, the taking of kicks from the penalty mark cannot be completed, the provisions of paragraphs 10.01 to 10.05 apply.

## **XI Player Eligibility**

### **Article 17**

#### **Nationality**

- 17.01 Each association must select its national representative team from players who hold the nationality of its country and who comply with the provisions of Articles 15 to 18 of the *Regulations governing the Application of the FIFA Statutes*.

## **Age**

- 17.02 Players who are 16 years of age by the end of the calendar year when the match is played are eligible to play in the competition. The associations are responsible for the strict observation of this provision.

### **List of 25 players (provisional) for the preliminary round**

- 17.03 For pre-registration purposes, each participating association must provide the UEFA administration with a provisional list of no more than 25 players indicating for each the surname, first name, date of birth, shirt name (if applicable), shirt number and club. The surname and first name of the head coach must also be indicated on this list which must be submitted to the UEFA administration at least seven full days before the start of the mini-tournament.
- 17.04 Amendments to this list are allowed until the final 18-player list is submitted to the UEFA match delegate.

### **List of 18 players (final) for the preliminary round**

- 17.05 Before the start of a mini-tournament, the UEFA administration provides all participating teams with a form which must be completed with the surname, first name, date of birth, shirt name (if applicable), shirt number and club of the 18 players selected for the mini-tournament. The surname and first name of the head coach must also be indicated on this list.
- 17.06 Only the 18 players named on the final 18-player list are entitled to play in the tournament. With the exception of goalkeepers, who may be replaced only upon submission of written medical evidence in one of UEFA's official languages, no player can be replaced during the tournament. In cases of particular hardship and upon reasoned request, the UEFA General Secretary may grant exceptions.
- 17.07 For age and identity verification purposes, this final list must be submitted with each player's passport or identity card to the UEFA match delegate the day before the start of the mini-tournament. A meeting with the UEFA representatives and the heads of delegation of the participating teams is held for this purpose.
- 17.08 The 18 players must wear set numbers between 1 and 23. No number may be used by more than one player in the course of a mini-tournament.
- 17.09 For all matches in the mini-tournament in question, players must wear the number indicated on the final 18-player list.

### **Players registered for the group stage or play-off matches**

- 17.10 Each association must provide the UEFA administration with a list of 23 players (surnames, first names, club and date of birth) as well as the surnames, first names and date of birth of the head coach, mentioning his coaching qualification. This list must be in possession of the UEFA

administration at least 24 hours before each group stage or play-off match is played.

- 17.11 Only 18 of these 23 registered players are authorised to take part in the match. Amendments to the list are not allowed after the deadline mentioned in paragraph 17.10 above.

### **Players registered for the final tournament**

- 17.12 A list of up to 40 players must be submitted to the UEFA administration 30 full days before the opening match in the final tournament. No further changes may be made to this list after this deadline. At least four of these 40 players must be goalkeepers.
- 17.13 Only 23 of the 40 players listed are authorised to take part in the final tournament. A list of these 23 players must be in the possession of the UEFA administration at least ten full days before the opening match in the final tournament. Three of these 23 players must be goalkeepers.
- 17.14 In the event of serious injury to a registered player before her team's first match in the final tournament, the player in question may be substituted only if a doctor from the UEFA Medical Committee and the team doctor concerned both confirm that the injury is sufficiently serious to prevent the player from taking part in the final tournament. In this case, the association concerned is entitled to call upon an additional player from the list of 40 players. Subject to final approval by the UEFA administration, the newly registered player will be included in the updated list of 23 players registered for participation in the final tournament. All 23 players and the head coach are listed on the match sheets for each final-tournament match.
- 17.15 The players' official passports/identity cards, each containing a photograph and date of birth, must be submitted to the UEFA representatives, for verification of age and identities of these 23 players, two days before the first match of the team concerned. If a player is not in possession of a valid passport/identity card, she will not be allowed to take part in the final tournament.
- 17.16 The lists of 23 players are published by the UEFA administration.

## **XII Kit**

### **Article 18**

#### **Numbers**

- 18.01 The numbers used on the players kits are between 1 and 23. The number 1 must be worn by a goalkeeper. The numbers on the back of the shirts must correspond with the numbers indicated on the official player list.

### **Competition logo**

- 18.02 The competition logo badge will be distributed by UEFA to the associations. This badge must appear on the free zone of the right shirt sleeve (from the perspective of the wearer). The competition logo badge may not be used for any other purpose, including commercial or promotional activities.

### **Titleholder logo**

- 18.03 The reigning titleholder must wear the titleholder logo badge provided by UEFA. This badge must appear on the free zone of the right shirt sleeve (instead of the competition logo badge). The titleholder logo badge may not be used for any other purpose, including commercial or promotional activities.

### **Respect badge**

- 18.04 UEFA also provides the associations with a UEFA Respect badge. This badge must be worn positioned horizontally and in the centre of the free zone on the left shirt sleeve (from the perspective of the wearer). The UEFA Respect badge may not be used for any other purpose, including commercial or promotional activities.

### **Responsibility**

- 18.05 The UEFA match delegate has the right and duty to check kit items at the match venue. He is also entitled to send such items to the UEFA administration for further checks after the match.

## **A. Qualifying competition**

### **UEFA Kit Regulations**

- 18.06 The 2008 edition of the *UEFA Kit Regulations* applies to all matches of the qualifying competition, unless specified otherwise in these regulations.

### **Kit approval procedure**

- 18.07 The UEFA administration sends the Kit Approval form to each association in due time for confirmation that the kits listed for this competition are still valid. If they are no longer valid, new sample kits have to be sent to the UEFA administration for approval at least two weeks before their intended use.

### **Colours**

- 18.08 As a rule, the home team is entitled to wear its first-choice kit as announced to the UEFA administration on the Kit Approval form, unless the associations concerned agree otherwise in due time, in which case details must be submitted to the UEFA administration in writing. If the associations are unable to agree on the colours to be worn by their teams, the UEFA administration decides. If the referee notices on the spot that the colours of the two teams could lead to confusion, she decides on the colours in consultation with the UEFA match delegate and the UEFA administration.



## **B. Final tournament**

### **UEFA Kit Regulations**

18.09 The 2012 edition of the *UEFA Kit Regulations* applies to all matches of the final tournament, unless specified otherwise in these regulations.

#### **Kit approval procedure**

18.10 Kit used by the associations qualified for the final tournament (including playing attire and all other kit items) must be sent to the UEFA administration, who will confirm the exact approval procedure at the final draw workshop. On the basis of the procedure communicated, the UEFA administration will issue a written decision regarding the approval of kit items.

#### **Numbers**

18.11 Players must be allocated fixed numbers.

18.12 Numbers must also be placed on the front of the shirt at chest height.

#### **Player names**

18.13 Players' names are compulsory on the back of the shirts.

#### **Colours**

18.14 The UEFA administration issues a written decision regarding the playing colours for matches in the final tournament. If on the matchday, in the opinion of the referee or the UEFA administration, the colours of the two teams could lead to confusion, they will be changed. The decision of the referee in consultation with the UEFA administration is final.

#### **Kit free of sponsor advertising**

18.15 All kit items worn during the final tournament must be free of any sponsor advertising, in particular:

- a) for any event held at a stadium, from arrival at the stadium until departure from the stadium;
- b) for any training session designated as official by the UEFA administration; and
- c) at any official UEFA press conference.

#### **Special material**

18.16 Each association participating in the final tournament may be provided with special material (drinking bottles, drinks cooler, medical bags, warm-up bibs, captain's armbands, etc.) which must be used at the final tournament, to the exclusion of any similar items.

### **Warm-up bibs**

- 18.17 Only warm-up bibs provided by UEFA may be used during official training sessions, pre-match warm-up held at a stadium and the warm-up of substitute players during the match.

## **XIII Referees**

### **Article 19**

- 19.01 The *General Terms and Conditions for Referees* apply to the referee teams appointed for this competition.

#### **Appointment of referee teams for the qualifying competition**

- 19.02 The Referees Committee, in cooperation with the UEFA administration, appoints a referee for each match. Only referees whose names appear on the official FIFA list of referees are eligible. The assistant referees are appointed by the association of the referee, in accordance with criteria established by the Referees Committee. The fourth official is appointed by the host association, who assumes all the relevant travel costs and daily allowances. Exceptionally, the assistant referees and the fourth official may be appointed directly by UEFA. See Annex V for information regarding the appointment of referees.

#### **Appointment of referee teams for the final tournament**

- 19.03 The Referees Committee, in cooperation with the UEFA administration, appoints the referees, assistant referees and fourth officials for the final-tournament matches. The Referees Committee's decision is final.

#### **Arrival of referee teams for the qualifying competition**

- 19.04 The referee team must arrange to arrive at the venue the day before the start of the mini-tournament or the match.
- 19.05 If the referee and/or assistant referees and/or fourth official do not arrive at the match venue by the evening before the match or the start of the mini-tournament, the UEFA administration and all associations concerned must be informed immediately. The Referees Committee, in cooperation with the UEFA administration, takes the appropriate decisions. If it decides to replace the referee and/or assistant referees and/or fourth official, such a decision is final, and no protests against the person or nationality of the referee and/or assistant referees and/or fourth official are allowed.

#### **Unfit referee**

- 19.06 If a referee becomes unfit before or during a match and is unable to officiate, the designated substitute referee (see Annex V) replaces her. If an assistant referee becomes unfit before or during a match and is unable to officiate, the fourth official replaces her. Such decisions are made on a case-by-case

basis by the UEFA administration in cooperation with the Referees Committee. Such a decision is final.

#### **Referee's report**

- 19.07 Directly after the match, the referee validates the official match report and has it sent to the UEFA administration together with both match sheets. Whenever possible, such communication is done electronically in application of the UEFA procedure for data gathering and official data validation as set forth below.
- 19.08 For the purposes of live data gathering and official data validation, the UEFA administration appoints a UEFA venue data coordinator (VDC) for each match to register, during the match, all major events such as goals, bookings and substitutions. After the match, the referee liaises with the VDC, stating the reasons for each yellow and red card issued and electronically validating the match report. The UEFA match delegate is responsible for faxing the match sheets to UEFA directly after the match (and sending the originals to the UEFA administration by regular mail with his report). In case of red cards or any other major incidents, the referee writes an additional detailed report and sends it to the UEFA administration by fax or email within 12 hours of the end of the match.

#### **Referee liaison officer**

- 19.09 During their stay at the match venue, the referees are taken care of, in accordance with the specific directives issued in this regard by the UEFA administration, by a referee liaison officer, who is an official representative of the host association.

### **XIV Disciplinary Law and Procedures – Doping**

#### **Article 20**

##### **UEFA Disciplinary Regulations**

- 20.01 The provisions of the *UEFA Disciplinary Regulations* apply for all disciplinary offences committed by associations, officials, members or other individuals exercising a function at a match on behalf of an association, unless the present regulations stipulate otherwise.
- 20.02 Participating players agree to comply with *the Laws of the Game, UEFA Statutes, UEFA Disciplinary Regulations, UEFA Anti-Doping Regulations, UEFA Kit Regulations* as well as the present regulations. They must notably:
- a) respect the spirit of fair play and non-violence, and behave accordingly;
  - b) refrain from any activities that endanger the integrity of the UEFA competitions or bring the sport of football into disrepute;
  - c) refrain from anti-doping rule violations as defined by the *UEFA Anti-Doping Regulations*.

## **Article 21**

### **Yellow and red cards**

- 21.01 As a rule, a player who is sent off the field of play is suspended for the next match in the competition. The Control and Disciplinary Body is entitled to augment this punishment.
- 21.02 A player is automatically suspended for the next competition match after two cautions in two different matches as well as after the fourth and any subsequent caution.
- 21.03 Single cautions that are received in the preliminary round and have not resulted in a suspension expire on completion of the preliminary round. They are not carried forward to the group stage.
- 21.04 Cautions and pending yellow-card suspensions expire on completion of the qualifying competition. They are not carried forward to the final tournament.
- 21.05 In the final tournament, single yellow cards that have not resulted in a suspension expire on completion of the quarter-finals and are not carried forward to the semi-finals.
- 21.06 Cautions and pending yellow-card suspensions expire on completion of the competition.

## **Article 22**

### **Declaration of protests**

- 22.01 Associations are entitled to protest. The party protested against and the disciplinary inspector have party status.
- 22.02 The protest fee is EUR 1,000. It must be paid at the same time as the protest is filed.

### **A. Qualifying competition**

- 22.03 Protests must reach the Control and Disciplinary Body in writing, stating the reasons, within 24 hours of the match.
- 22.04 This 24-hour time limit cannot be extended.

### **B. Final tournament**

- 22.05 Protests regarding the eligibility of players on the list of 23 players must reach the UEFA administration six full days before the first match in the final tournament.
- 22.06 Protests lodged during the final tournament must be presented in writing to the Control and Disciplinary Body within a maximum of 12 hours of the end of the match.

## **Article 23**

### **Reasons for protest**

- 23.01 A protest is directed against the validity of a match result. It is based on a player's eligibility to play, a decisive breach of the regulations by the referee, or other incidents influencing the match.
- 23.02 Protests concerning the state of the field of play must be submitted to the referee in writing by the relevant officials before the match. If the state of the field of play becomes questionable in the course of the match, the team captain must inform the referee, in the presence of the captain of the opposing team, orally without delay.
- 23.03 Protests cannot be lodged against factual decisions taken by the referee.
- 23.04 A protest against a caution or expulsion from the field of play after two cautions is admissible only if the referee's error was to mistake the identity of the player.

## **Article 24**

### **Appeals**

- 24.01 The Appeals Body deals with appeals lodged against decisions of the Control and Disciplinary Body. The *UEFA Disciplinary Regulations* apply.

### **Final tournament**

- 24.02 To be valid, appeals lodged during the final tournament must be submitted to the official UEFA tournament office in writing within 24 hours of the dispatch of the contested decision.

## **Article 25**

### **Doping**

- 25.01 Doping is defined as the occurrence of one or more of the anti-doping rule violations set out in the *UEFA Anti-Doping Regulations*.
- 25.02 Doping is forbidden and is a punishable offence. In case of anti-doping rule violations, UEFA will instigate disciplinary proceedings against the perpetrators and take the appropriate disciplinary measures in accordance with the *UEFA Disciplinary Regulations* and *UEFA Anti-Doping Regulations*. This may include the imposition of provisional measures.
- 25.03 UEFA may test any player at any time.
- 25.04 The associations undertake to ensure that the *Acknowledgment and Agreement* form (see Annex VI) is duly completed and signed before the beginning of the competition for each minor participating. These forms must be kept by the associations and submitted to UEFA upon request.

- 25.05 The associations undertake to verify in accordance with their respective domestic laws who is considered a minor and what requirements the form has to fulfil to be legally binding.

## **XV Financial Provisions**

### **Article 26**

#### **A. Qualifying competition**

- 26.01 UEFA does not impose levies on qualifying-competition matches.
- 26.02 The host association bears the costs of board, lodging and travel within its territory for the official UEFA representatives. Their international travel expenses and daily allowances are covered by UEFA.
- 26.03 The travel costs and daily allowances of the match officials appointed by the host association are borne by the host association.

#### **Preliminary round**

- 26.04 In principle, mini-tournament hosts retain their revenue and bear all organisational costs (including any and all taxes, duties and levies).
- 26.05 The host association bears the following costs for the visiting teams:
- a) the board and lodging in a hotel of at least medium standard for a maximum of 24 persons per delegation;
  - b) local transport;
  - c) laundry service for the match kit of the competing teams and referees.
- The host association's obligations commence one day before the first matchday and end one day after the last matchday.
- 26.06 To cover the costs of the mini-tournament, the host association receives a contribution from the associations of the visiting teams amounting to EUR 20,000 per visiting team. This amount is debited from the UEFA accounts of the visiting associations concerned and credited to the UEFA accounts of the host association on completion of the mini-tournament.
- 26.07 The visiting associations cover their international travel expenses to and from the mini-tournament venue.
- 26.08 UEFA credits the host association with EUR 20,000 to cover the costs of board and lodging of the official UEFA representatives (see paragraph 26.02).

#### **Group stage and play-off matches**

- 26.09 In principle, the host association retains its revenue and bears all organisational costs (including any and all taxes, duties and levies).

- 26.10 The visiting association bears its own travel, board and lodging costs, unless the associations concerned agree otherwise. Where appropriate, the provisions of paragraph 11.06 apply.

## **Article 27**

### **B. Final tournament**

#### **Overall receipts**

- 27.01 The overall receipts consist of the following:
- a) revenue from ticket sales for all matches;
  - b) revenue generated by the exploitation of the commercial rights (see definition in Article 29);
  - c) other income.

#### **Participating associations**

- 27.02 The following costs are covered by UEFA:
- a) International travel expenses of the 11 visiting delegations – return ticket by air-conditioned bus, rail (first-class or sleeper) or air (economy class) – for a maximum of 35 persons per delegation (23 players and 12 officials). A lump sum to cover travel expenses is credited to the visiting associations. For air travel, the fare is calculated from the visiting association's main airport to the international airport nearest to the team's headquarters in the host country and based on existing published full fare economy tariffs of the national home carrier.
  - b) Local ground transport is provided to the 12 participating delegations within the territory of the host country for a maximum of 35 persons. Any additional transport must be arranged and paid for by the associations.

For the group matches of the final tournament, the cost of board and lodging for the 12 participating delegations has to be paid by the participating associations. UEFA will determine a fixed sum to cover these costs from two days before the team's first match until one day after the end of the last group matches. UEFA will pay the cost of board and lodging (maximum of 35 persons per delegation) for the knockout matches until one day after the team has been eliminated or one day after the final for the finalists. Exceptions to this are permitted in case of any unforeseen circumstances which arise as a result of transport difficulties and which are acknowledged as such by the UEFA administration.

- 27.03 The UEFA administration takes a decision regarding any dispute concerning the settlement of accounts in relation to the 12 participating associations. Its decision is final.
- 27.04 The amounts paid by UEFA are gross amounts. As such, they cover any and all taxes, levies and charges.

- 27.05 Based on the success of the exploitation of media and commercial rights, the UEFA Executive Committee decides upon the amount and distribution scheme of the contribution payable to each participating association.

#### **Referee costs**

- 27.06 UEFA covers international travel, board and lodging expenses (accommodation, meals and excursions), plus daily allowances and bonus payments, for referees and assistant referees, in accordance with the amounts decided by the Referees' Committee on proposal of the UEFA administration.

### **Article 28**

#### **Tickets quota of participating associations**

- 28.01 Each association taking part in the final tournament is entitled to purchase tickets for its matches. The UEFA administration determines the number of tickets. Safety and security factors, including the possible segregation of fans within the ground, may be taken into account when the tickets are allocated.
- 28.02 Terms and conditions for returning a certain quantity of tickets will be determined by the UEFA administration. These terms and conditions will be binding.
- 28.03 A number of complimentary tickets are provided to each participating association. The number of tickets is determined by the UEFA administration and communicated in due time.

## **XVI Exploitation of the Commercial Rights**

### **Article 29**

#### **Definitions**

- 29.01 For the purposes of these regulations, the following terms have the following meanings:
- a) "Commercial rights" means any and all commercial rights and opportunities on a worldwide basis in and in relation to the final tournament and/or the qualifying competition (as applicable) including, without limitation, the relevant media rights, marketing rights and data rights, as defined hereafter.
  - b) "Media rights" means the right to create, distribute and transmit on a linear and/or demand basis for reception at any time anywhere in the world by any and all means and in any and all media, whether now known or devised in the future (including, without limitation, all forms of television, radio, wireless and internet distribution), audio-visual, visual and/or audio coverage of all relevant aspects of the competition and all associated and/or related rights, including fixed media and interactive rights.



- c) "Marketing rights" means the right to exploit by any and all means and in any and all media whether now known or devised in the future any types of advertising, promotion (including, without limitation, electronic and virtual promotion and ticket promotions), endorsement, public relations, marketing, merchandising, licensing, franchising, sponsorship, hospitality, concessions, travel and tourism, publishing, betting, gaming, retailing, music, and all other commercial association rights and opportunities in relation to the final tournament and/or the qualifying competition (as applicable) that are not media rights or data rights.
- d) "Data rights" means the right to compile and exploit statistics and other data in relation to the final tournament and/or the qualifying competition (as applicable).
- e) "Association imagery" means, in relation to any participating association, that association's (and its team's) name, nickname, symbols, emblems, logos, marks, designations, shirts and other kit colours and designs (with or without any references to the shirt manufacturers).
- f) "Sponsors" means the official sponsors of the final tournament, appointed by UEFA.

### **General**

- 29.02 UEFA declines all responsibility and liability in the event of any conflict between any agreement entered into by an association and any arrangement entered into by UEFA relating to the exploitation of the commercial rights to the competition.
- 29.03 Upon registration of an association for the competition, UEFA has the non-exclusive right to use and/or sub-license the right to use free of charge the association's imagery for: (a) the staging and organising of the competition (and future editions of the competition), (b) promotional purposes related to the competition (and future editions of the competition), (c) editorial purposes (including on/for the UEFA digital services) and/or (d) other purposes reasonably designated by UEFA. Any such use may occur after the competition and may include references to and/or branding of third parties, including sponsors, provided that no such reference or branding implies an endorsement of any such third party or their products and/or services by the relevant association. This paragraph does not relate to the imagery of any association's players.
- 29.04 Upon registration of an association for the competition, UEFA has the non-exclusive right, if such association qualifies for the final tournament, to use and/or sub-license the right to use free of charge that association's imagery for incorporation into commercial and promotional merchandise and materials (together with packaging and promotional materials for such merchandise and materials) provided that any such merchandise and materials (a) relate to the final tournament, (b) include the competition name

and/or a competition logo, (c) include association imagery from each of the other participating associations and (d) do not give undue prominence to the association imagery of any one or set of participating associations. The requirements specified in (c) and (d) do not apply to the use of the association imagery of the participating association that wins the competition where such association imagery is featured in images of the celebration of its victory following the final match (for example, photographs of the presentation and lifting of the trophy). Such merchandise and materials may be sold or distributed free of charge and may include customary references to and/or branding of any manufacturer, distributor and/or provider of the relevant merchandise and materials, provided that no such reference or branding implies an endorsement of any such third party or their products and/or services by any participating association. This paragraph does not relate to the imagery of any association's players.

- 29.05 Associations must obtain all necessary third party rights and consents that are required in order for them to comply with this chapter (chapter XVI) and, upon request, must supply UEFA free of charge with the necessary documentation (including, without limitation, any third party consents) required to allow UEFA to use and exploit its rights under these regulations.

#### **A. Qualifying competition**

- 29.06 The host association of any match of the qualifying competition is entitled to exploit the commercial rights in relation to such a match. The mini-tournament hosts hold the commercial rights of all matches played in the respective mini-tournament. In exploiting the rights, a host association must observe the stipulations of Article 48 of the *UEFA Statutes* as well as the regulations governing the implementation of that article and any other instructions or guidelines issued by UEFA from time to time.
- 29.07 All associations participating in the qualifying competition must take all legal and other measures that UEFA, in its sole discretion, deems appropriate to prohibit, prevent and stop any unauthorised exploitation of the commercial rights to the qualifying competition and to protect such rights.
- 29.08 All agreements relating to the exploitation of commercial rights to any match of the qualifying competition must be presented to the UEFA administration upon request. The withholding of any such agreement will be referred to the Control and Disciplinary Body and may result in disciplinary sanctions.
- 29.09 Notwithstanding Article 29.06, UEFA owns and has the sole right, to the exclusion of the participating associations and any other party, to exploit the marketing rights to the qualifying competition generally or as a collective whole, including, by way of example, the right to nominate sponsors in relation to the qualifying competition or the competition (including qualifying competition) as collective wholes. No participating association may participate in or allow any third party to use any rights granted by the participating association in any aggregation of marketing rights in any way

that would permit a third party to create an association with the qualifying competition, the competition or the final tournament generally or as collective wholes. As a result, any grant by a participating association of marketing rights relating to the qualifying competition must be conditional upon the grantee and other third parties not exploiting the relevant rights in such a manner. By way of example, no participating association may create, or permit a third party to use rights granted by it to create, a website that is promoted as an official or dedicated website of the qualifying competition as a whole.

- 29.10 All agreements relating to the exploitation of commercial rights to any match of the qualifying competition must include (as an integral part thereof), and be subject to, Article 48 of the *UEFA Statutes* and the regulations governing its implementation. Furthermore, any such agreement must stipulate that if any amendment is made to such article and/or regulations, then the agreement must be amended as necessary to conform with the relevant amendment within 30 days of the new regulations coming into force.
- 29.11 For the purpose of directly or indirectly promoting the competition, and in particular within programmes produced by or on behalf of UEFA, the host association of (i) any match in the qualifying competition and (ii) any friendly match played as from the first match of the qualifying competition up to the start of the final tournament, shall ensure that any third party owning rights on images of such a match grants UEFA the right to use and exploit and authorise others to use and exploit on a perpetual worldwide basis, by any and all means and in any and all media whether now known or invented in the future, throughout the world, for the full duration of such rights, up to 15 minutes of audio and/or visual material from each match, free of charge and without payment of any associated clearance costs. For any match of the qualifying competition where production of a signal is foreseen, the host association undertakes to provide UEFA free of charge and at least 24 hours prior to the kick-off of each match with access to the transmission details for receiving the broadcast signal at a location of UEFA's choice. These broadcasts can be recorded by UEFA for purposes envisaged in this paragraph and a copy of such recordings shall be made available to the relevant host association upon request. If the signal is unavailable for whatever reason the host association undertakes to provide UEFA free of charge with a recording of the entire match, in Digibeta (or if not available, in Betacam SP) format (or such other format as may be requested by UEFA) to be (i) given to the UEFA match delegate as soon as possible after the end of the match or alternatively but in exceptional circumstances (ii) sent to a destination determined by UEFA the day following the relevant match.
- 29.12 For the purposes of live data gathering and official data validation, the host association of each match in the qualifying competition must also ensure that UEFA is granted free of charge access and accreditation for one UEFA venue data coordinator to the press box, together with working space and

facilities (including desk, seating and dedicated broadband internet access). The UEFA venue data coordinator must also be provided with accreditation and access to the referee before and after the match in order to enable UEFA's live data gathering and official data validation programme to operate.

- 29.13 Participating associations may not use or authorise any third party to use any of the registered or unregistered UEFA European Women's Championship trademarks or any graphic material or artistic forms developed in connection with the competition in programmes, promotions, publications or advertising or otherwise without the prior written consent of UEFA and may not develop, use, register, adopt or create any mark, logo, or symbol which refers to the qualifying competition, the competition or the final tournament or which is, in UEFA's reasonable opinion, confusingly similar to, is a colourable imitation of, is a derivation of, or which unfairly competes with such trademarks, materials or forms.

#### **B. Final tournament**

- 29.14 UEFA owns and has the sole right, to the exclusion of the participating associations and any other party, to exploit all of the commercial rights to the final tournament including, without limitation, those arising at, and relating to, the official training ground of each participating association. UEFA may exercise its right to exploit these commercial rights at its sole discretion and on a universal basis.
- 29.15 The commercial rights arising at, and relating to, the official training ground of each participating association commence two days before the first match of the final tournament and terminate upon the conclusion of the final tournament.
- 29.16 All participating associations must provide all necessary assistance and cooperation to UEFA in taking any and all legal and other measures that UEFA, in its sole discretion, deems appropriate to prohibit, prevent and stop any unauthorised exploitation of the commercial rights to the final tournament and to ensure that all commercial rights to the final tournament remain owned and exercised solely and exclusively by UEFA without restrictions. In this regard, no association may use or exploit, directly or indirectly, any commercial rights to the final tournament without the express prior written agreement of UEFA and subject to such conditions as UEFA may require. Each association must ensure that its partners, commercial or otherwise, do not use or otherwise exploit directly or indirectly any commercial rights to the final tournament without UEFA's express prior agreement, which may be granted or withheld at its sole discretion.

- 29.17 A participating association may not display (including on any clothing) any third party commercial identification or branding in any stadium or training ground of the final tournament or at any official UEFA press conference other than:
- a) on the kit used at unofficial training sessions;
  - b) in the indoor press conference facility at its official training facility (except during any official UEFA press conference held at such facility, see paragraph 30.13); and
  - c) manufacturer's identification on kit in accordance with the *UEFA Kit Regulations*.

This provision applies from two days before the first match of the final tournament until the conclusion of the final tournament.

- 29.18 Associations participating in the final tournament may be permitted to make coaching films, which must not be used for any purposes whatsoever other than solely for the instruction of players, referees and officials of the relevant associations. Permission to film and produce such coaching films must be obtained from the UEFA administration in writing. Such permission sets out any relevant financial and other conditions. Any such requests for permission must be submitted to UEFA at least 30 days before the start of the final tournament. All intellectual property rights for any material recorded for such purposes must be assigned to UEFA in writing and, if so requested by UEFA, a copy of all relevant materials filmed provided to UEFA within 24 hours of such request.

## **XVII Media Matters**

### **Article 30**

- 30.01 The commitments and responsibility of the associations towards the international media are to provide information, news and access to players and officials, while protecting the game and the teams.
- 30.02 The associations must also provide full cooperation to UEFA on media activity before and during the final tournament.

#### **A. Qualifying competition**

- 30.03 Each association must appoint a team press officer to coordinate cooperation between the association and the media in accordance with UEFA's regulations and guidelines. The team press officer must ensure that the media facilities provided by the association for home matches meet the standards required for the match. Where requested, the team press officer assists UEFA in compiling editorial features and statistics to help promote the competition, and in providing information on teams and schedules. The team press officer must be present at all home and away matches in order to coordinate all media arrangements, including training sessions and pre- and

post-match press conferences and interviews, and to cooperate with the opposing team press officer and the UEFA media officer (if appointed). The visiting team press officer must send a full list of media accreditation requests at least five working days before the match to the home team press officer. Both team press officers must ensure that all accreditation requests come from bona fide media representatives.

- 30.04 For all matches in the qualifying competition, an adequate number of seats must be put at the disposal of both local and visiting media representatives. These seats must be covered, centrally located and allow an unobstructed view of the whole pitch. At least half of these seats must be equipped with desks, power supplies, and internet connections.

#### **Training sessions**

- 30.05 If the teams arrange to hold a training session the day before the match, it has to be open to all sectors of the media for at least 15 minutes. If access is restricted to 15 minutes, the host association, together with the visiting team press officer or, if appointed, the UEFA media officer, is responsible for ensuring that the stadium is clear of media after this time, and that all permanently-installed cameras are turned off.

#### **Press conferences**

- 30.06 Each team must hold a pre-match press conference the day before the match. Ideally, the press conference will be staged in the stadium but, in any case, they must take place in the city where the match is to be played. The press conferences of both teams must be arranged so that a media representative can attend both, and so that media deadlines in the countries concerned can be respected. Each press conference must be attended by at least the head coach of the team plus one or, preferably, two players. If the press conferences are held in the match stadium, the host association is responsible for providing a qualified interpreter and any technical facilities necessary. Otherwise each team is responsible for providing the required services and facilities at their own press conference.
- 30.07 The post-match press conference at the venue must start no later than 20 minutes after the final whistle. The host association is responsible for providing a qualified interpreter and any technical facilities necessary. Both teams are obliged to make their head coach and a player available for this press conference. Both team press officers (or, if appointed, the UEFA media officer) are responsible for the coordination of press conferences and broadcast interviews.

#### **Mixed zone**

- 30.08 After the match, a mixed zone must be set up for the media on the way from the dressing rooms to the team transport area. This area must be accessible only to coaches, players and representatives of the media. The host association must ensure that the area is safe and not accessible by the

general public or any other non-authorised people. All players of both teams are obliged to pass through the mixed zone in order to offer reporters additional opportunities to conduct interviews with players.

### **Interviews**

- 30.09 All interview requests must be coordinated with and approved by the UEFA media officer, if appointed. All interview locations must be pre-determined by the home team press officer and the UEFA media officer (if appointed). All interviews are to be held with the prior consent of the interviewees. Interviews are not permitted before, during or after the match on the field of play itself or in its immediate vicinity. However, arrival, half-time and flash interviews can take place under the following circumstances.
- a) Interviews are allowed with coaches and players upon their arrival at the stadium, at a pre-determined location where a fixed camera can be positioned before entry to the dressing rooms. Such interviews may only take place subject to the agreement of the team(s). If appointed, the UEFA media officer coordinates and approves such interview requests. Once the coaches and players have entered the dressing rooms, no further interviews are permitted.
  - b) A half-time interview may only be conducted in a designated area between the substitutes' benches and dressing-rooms with one of the listed team officials, subject to the agreement of the team(s). No players, including those on the substitutes' bench, may be interviewed at half-time.
  - c) Flash interviews take place immediately after the final whistle in an area between the substitutes' benches and the dressing rooms. Both teams must make their head coach and at least one key player available.

### **Media positioning**

- 30.10 The UEFA media officer, if appointed, assisted by both team press officers, must ensure that:
- a) no media representatives are allowed on the field of play before, during or after the match, with the exception of a hand-held host broadcaster camera crew covering the team line-ups before the match and the activities after the final whistle, if this has been previously approved by both team press officers and the UEFA media officer (if appointed);
  - b) non-authorised media representatives are not allowed on the playing area or the area between the boundaries of the field and the spectators. Only media representatives who have been granted permission as agreed by the home team press officer (and/or the visiting team press officer), such as accredited photographers and audiovisual rights-holder camera crews, are allowed to carry out their work in the specific locations assigned to them (Annex IIa and IIb);

- c) no media representatives are allowed in the players' tunnel or the dressing room area, with the exception of flash interviews in the predefined positions and a host broadcaster camera in a fixed position covering the teams during the stud control in the players' tunnel before they enter the pitch;
- d) the dressing rooms are off limits to representatives of the media before, during and after the match with the exception of a host broadcaster camera filming the team kits in the dressing rooms before the arrival of the teams, with the prior agreement of the teams.

### **B. Final tournament**

- 30.11 Each participating association must appoint a team press officer for the whole tournament to coordinate media matters in cooperation with his team, the opposing team press officer and the media as well as UEFA and UEFA media officers in accordance with UEFA's regulations and guidelines. The team press officer assists UEFA in compiling editorial features and statistics to help promote the competition, compiles information for UEFA's official media platforms for the tournament, provides regular team news and schedules and ensures that the team meets their media obligations as defined by the regulations. The team press officer must attend all team media activities as well as travel with the team to all matches and work alongside the UEFA media officer.

### **Training sessions**

- 30.12 The day before the match, the teams must hold an official training session at the stadium where the match is to be played. In case of bad pitch conditions, UEFA can ask the teams to hold the official training session at an alternative location. The training session has to be open to all sectors of the media for at least 15 minutes. If access is restricted to 15 minutes, it is the responsibility of the team press officer and the UEFA media officer to ensure that the stadium is clear of media after this time and that all permanently-installed cameras are turned off.

### **Official UEFA press conferences**

- 30.13 Each team must hold one official UEFA press conference the day prior to their match and one immediately after the match (official post-match UEFA press conference). Official UEFA press conferences must always be held at the stadium where the match is to be played. Official UEFA press conferences have to be organised in cooperation with the UEFA media officer in order to help media representatives meet their deadlines in the countries concerned. Each official UEFA press conference must be attended by at least the head coach of the team plus one or, preferably, two players. Access to these official UEFA press conferences must be open to all accredited media representatives. UEFA-provided backdrops must be used at all official UEFA press conferences.



- 30.14 The official post-match UEFA press conference at the match stadium must start no later than 20 minutes after the end of the match. Both teams are obliged to make their head coach, as well as at least one player available for this press conference. The UEFA media officer, taking into consideration the interview timings for broadcasters, decides on the order of the coaches attending the press conference. It is the role of the team press officers to provide translation.

#### **Mixed zone**

- 30.15 After the match, a mixed zone must be set up for the media on the way from the dressing rooms to the team transport area. This area – accessible only to coaches, players and representatives of the media to offer reporters opportunities to conduct interviews – must be divided into four areas: one for audiovisual rights-holders and for UEFA's official media platforms, one for written press, one for audio media and one for audiovisual non-rights holders. UEFA will ensure that the area is safe and not accessible by the general public or any other unauthorised people. All players of both teams are obliged to pass through the mixed zone in order to offer reporters additional opportunities to conduct interviews with players. UEFA issues the appropriate access passes.

#### **Accreditations**

- 30.16 Accreditation of media representatives is the sole responsibility of UEFA. The associations are consulted by UEFA for careful checking of applications received from media representatives from their countries. All applicants receive a written response to their accreditation application as soon as possible after the application deadline, which is announced in due time. Accreditation applications are processed via the UEFA online accreditation system.
- 30.17 Accreditation applications from media reporting in writing only, irrespective of the support they use (e.g. newspaper, internet websites, mobile portals), are accepted on condition that they do not cover the game live in sound and/or picture (which includes press conferences and the mixed zone).
- 30.18 Any live audio transmission of the game(s) via internet and wireless technology, or the sale or distribution of any commentary of the game(s) on any media, is expressly prohibited unless specifically authorised by UEFA.
- 30.19 Only photographs taken by officially accredited photographers may be published on permitted publications via the internet as long as they appear as stills and not as moving pictures, quasi-video streaming or slide shows. Moreover, photographs published on permitted publications via the internet must have an interval of at least 20 seconds between the postings of each such photograph.

- 30.20 The final decision on acceptance or refusal of accreditation applications is the sole responsibility of UEFA at its entire discretion. In addition, UEFA may withdraw an accreditation at any time.
- 30.21 UEFA determines the allocation of supplementary access devices (SADs) for individual matches.

### **Interviews**

- 30.22 All interview requests have to be coordinated with and approved by the UEFA media officer. All interview locations must be pre-determined by the UEFA media officer. All interviews are to be held with the prior consent of the interviewees. Interviews are not permitted before, during or after the match on the field of play itself or in its immediate vicinity. However, arrival, half-time and flash interviews can take place under the following circumstances.
- a) Interviews are allowed with coaches and players upon their arrival at the stadium, at a pre-determined location where a fixed camera can be positioned before entry to the dressing rooms. Such interviews may only take place subject to the agreement of the team(s). Once the players and coaches have entered the dressing rooms, no further interviews are permitted.
  - b) A half-time interview may only be conducted in a designated area between the substitutes' benches and dressing rooms with one of the listed team officials, subject to the agreement of the team(s). No players, including those on the substitutes' bench, may be interviewed at half time.
  - c) Flash interviews take place immediately after the final whistle in an area between the substitutes' benches and the dressing rooms. Both teams must make their head coach and at least one key player available.

### **Media positioning**

- 30.23 The UEFA media officer, assisted by both team press officers, must ensure that:
- a) no media representatives are allowed on the field of play before, during or after the match, with the exception of a hand-held host broadcaster camera crew covering the team line-ups before the match and the activities after the final whistle, if this has been agreed in advance by UEFA;
  - b) non-authorised media representatives are not allowed on the playing area or the area between the boundaries of the field and the spectators. Only media representatives who have been granted permission by the UEFA media officer, such as accredited photographers and audiovisual rights-holder camera crews, are allowed to carry out their work in the specific locations assigned to them;
  - c) no media representatives are allowed in the players' tunnel or the dressing room area, with the exception of flash interviews in the

predefined positions and a host broadcaster camera in a fixed position covering the teams during the stud control in the players' tunnel before they enter the pitch;

- d) the dressing rooms are off limits to representatives of the media before, during and after the match with the exception of a host broadcaster camera filming the team kits in the dressing rooms before the arrival of the teams.

## **XVIII Intellectual Property Rights**

### **Article 31**

- 31.01 UEFA is the exclusive owner of all intellectual property rights of the competition, including any current or future rights in all audio and visual (with or without audio) material of the final competition, UEFA's names, logos, brands, music, medals, plaques and trophies. Any use of the aforementioned rights requires the prior written approval of UEFA and must comply with any conditions imposed by UEFA.
- 31.02 All rights to the fixture list, as well as any data and statistics collected by UEFA (including databases in which such data is stored) in relation to the matches of and players' participation in the competition are the sole and exclusive property of UEFA. No tickets or accreditation may be used by anyone in order to gain access to a venue of the final tournament for the purposes of collecting or gathering such data, and such activities are expressly prohibited. The foregoing prohibition does not apply to the participating associations, subject to any and all such data collected being used solely for the purposes of instructing their team, players and officials and expressly excluding any other exploitation or use whatsoever.

## **XIX Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)**

### **Article 32**

- 32.01 In case of litigation resulting from or in relation to these regulations, the provisions regarding the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) laid down in the *UEFA Statutes* apply.

## **XX Unforeseen Circumstances**

### **Article 33**

- 33.01 Any matters not provided for in these regulations, such as cases of force majeure, are settled by the UEFA General Secretary, whose decisions are final.

## **XXI Closing Provisions**

### **Article 34**

- 34.01 The UEFA administration is entrusted with the operational management of the competition and is therefore entitled to take the decisions and adopt the detailed provisions necessary for implementing the present regulations.
- 34.02 All annexes form an integral part of these regulations.
- 34.03 Any breach of these regulations may be penalised by UEFA in accordance with the *UEFA Disciplinary Regulations*.
- 34.04 If there is any discrepancy in the interpretation of the English, French or German versions of these regulations, the English version prevails.
- 34.05 These regulations were adopted by the UEFA Executive Committee at its meeting on 4 October 2010 and come into force on 1 November 2010.

For the UEFA Executive Committee:

Michel Platini  
President

Gianni Infantino  
General Secretary

Nyon, 4 October 2010

## **ANNEX I: Coefficient Ranking System**

### **1. Cornerstones and principles**

#### **1.1. Matches taken into consideration**

All women's national A-team matches played in the UEFA European Women's Championship and FIFA Women's World Cup qualifying competitions (including, as relevant, preliminary round, group stage and play-off matches) and final tournaments are taken into consideration.

#### **1.2. Reference period**

An entire competition (qualifying competition plus final tournament) is referred to in this annex as a cycle. If reference is made only to the most recent qualifying competition this is defined as a half cycle. For the calculation of the women's national team coefficient to be used for the group stage draw, play-off draw or final draw, as a rule, two and a half cycles are taken into account, i.e. the last three qualifying competitions and the last two final tournaments.

##### **1.2.1. Group stage draw**

For the calculation of the women's national team coefficient to be used for the group stage draw for the 2011-13 UEFA European Women's Championship, the following competitions are taken into consideration:

- a) 2007 FIFA Women's World Cup (2005-07 UEFA European Qualifying Competition for the FIFA Women's World Cup and FIFA final tournament)
- b) UEFA European Women's Championship 2007-09 (qualifying competition and final tournament)
- c) 2009-11 UEFA European Qualifying Competition for the FIFA Women's World Cup

##### **1.2.2. Play-off draw**

For the calculation of the women's national team coefficient to be used for the play-off draw for the 2011-13 UEFA European Women's Championship, the following competitions are taken into consideration:

- a) UEFA European Women's Championship 2007-09 (qualifying competition and final tournament)
- b) 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup (2009-11 UEFA European Qualifying Competition for the FIFA Women's World Cup and FIFA final tournament)
- c) 2011-13 UEFA European Women's Championship (qualifying competition: group stage only)

### **1.2.3. Final draw**

For the calculation of the women's national team coefficient to be used for the final draw for the 2011-13 UEFA European Women's Championship, the following competitions are taken into consideration:

- a) UEFA European Women's Championship 2007-09 (qualifying competition and final tournament)
- b) 2011 FIFA Women's World Cup (2009-11 UEFA European Qualifying Competition for the FIFA Women's World Cup and FIFA final tournament)
- c) 2011-13 UEFA European Women's Championship (qualifying competition: group stage and play-offs)

### **1.3. Women's national teams specificity**

To reflect the difference in the competitive level of second division and preliminary round matches, these matches are awarded fewer points (1/4 of the points) in the coefficient calculation.

### **1.4. Match points**

Points are awarded for each match played in the qualifying competition and final tournament. Match points are awarded only for matches that have actually been played, in accordance with the result ratified by UEFA. For each match, points are awarded as follows:

- a) 10,000 points (2,500 points for second division or preliminary round matches) are awarded to each women's national A-team irrespective of the result.
- b) A win is worth 30,000 points and a draw 10,000 points (7,500 and 2,500 points respectively for second division and preliminary round matches).
- c) For each goal scored, 501 points are added, and for each goal conceded, 500 points are deducted (126 and 125 points respectively for second division and preliminary round matches). This rule also applies to any goals scored during extra time.
- d) For the play-off matches the points according to paragraphs a) to c) above are awarded after normal playing time for the first leg and after normal playing time, or extra time if applicable, for the second leg. No points are awarded for the penalty shoot-out.
- e) If a knock-out match in a final tournament ends with a penalty shoot-out, both teams are awarded 10,000 points - as for a draw. In addition, the winning team is awarded an extra 10,000 points. The goals scored in the penalty shoot-out do not count.

Example: Team A defeats Team B 4-1

	<b>Team A</b>	<b>Team B</b>
+ 10,000 points for each match	10,000	10,000
+ 30,000 points for a win	30,000	n/a
+ 501 points for a goal scored	4x 501	1x 501
- 500 points for a goal conceded	1x (-500)	4x (-500)
<b>Total match points</b>	<b>41,504</b>	<b>8,501</b>

Example: Team C and Team D tie, 2-2, during the preliminary round

	<b>Team C</b>	<b>Team D</b>
+ 2,500 points for each preliminary round match	2,500	2,500
+ 2,500 points for a draw	2,500	2,500
+ 126 points for a goal scored	2x 126	2x 126
- 125 points for a goal conceded	2x (-125)	2x (-125)
<b>Total match points</b>	<b>5,002</b>	<b>5,002</b>

### 1.5. Bonus points

Bonus points, as indicated in the table below, are awarded to teams for any match in the play-offs for the final tournaments and in the final tournaments.

	Play-offs	Group Stage	Quarter-final	Semi-final	3rd place match	Final
UEFA Women's EURO	<b>6,000</b>	<b>9,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>28,000</b>	n/a	<b>38,000</b>
FIFA Women's World Cup	<b>6,000</b>	<b>9,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>28,000</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>38,000</b>

### 1.6. Cycle calculation

For each individual women's national team, the points obtained in all official matches during a given cycle (or half cycle) are added together and divided

by the number of matches played during such period. The result is the coefficient of the cycle (or half cycle).

For teams that do not qualify for a final tournament, only results of matches played in the qualifying competition are taken into account to calculate the coefficient of the cycle.

### **1.7. Weighting factor**

More recent results are given greater consideration. The coefficient of the half cycle counts twice (weighting factor 2), the coefficient of the most recent cycle also counts twice (weighting factor 2) and the coefficient of the less recent cycle counts once (weighting factor 1).

## **2. Calculation method for compiling the rankings**

The coefficients of the relevant two and a half cycles are each multiplied by their respective weighting factor, added up and divided by five (corresponding to the sum of the weighting factors). The result is the overall coefficient of the women's national team, which is used to compile the rankings.

## **3. Particular cases**

- a) For associations that have not participated in certain cycles in the relevant reference period, only cycles (and/or the half cycle) in which they were involved are taken into account with their respective weighting factor. The final result is divided by the sum of the weighting factors of the cycles (and/or the half cycle) concerned.
- b) In the case of an association that hosted a UEFA Women's EURO or FIFA Women's World Cup final tournament during one of the last two full cycles and therefore has no points from the respective qualifying competition, the points earned in the 2009-11 European Qualifying Competition for the FIFA Women's World Cup are used.
- c) In the case of the association hosting the final tournament of the UEFA European Women's Championship 2011-13, which will therefore not have participated in the last qualifying competition, the coefficient will be based solely on the last two cycles with their respective weighting factors.

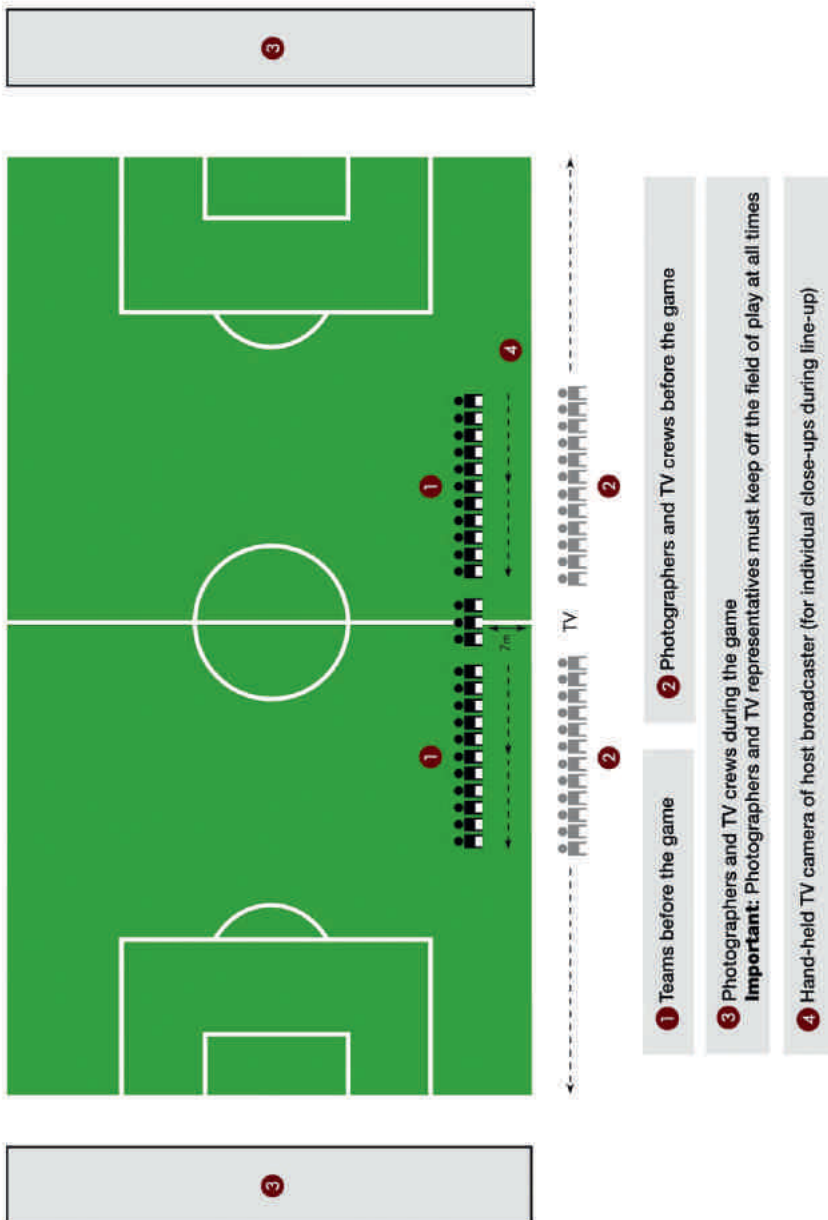


#### **4. Equal coefficients**

If two or more associations have the same coefficient, the following criteria apply:

- a) coefficient for their most recent cycle;
- b) average goal difference in their most recent cycle;
- c) average number of goals scored in their most recent cycle;
- d) fair play ranking in their most recent cycle;
- e) drawing of lots.

## ANNEX IIa : Media Positioning at UEFA Matches



## ANNEX IIb: TV Camera Positions

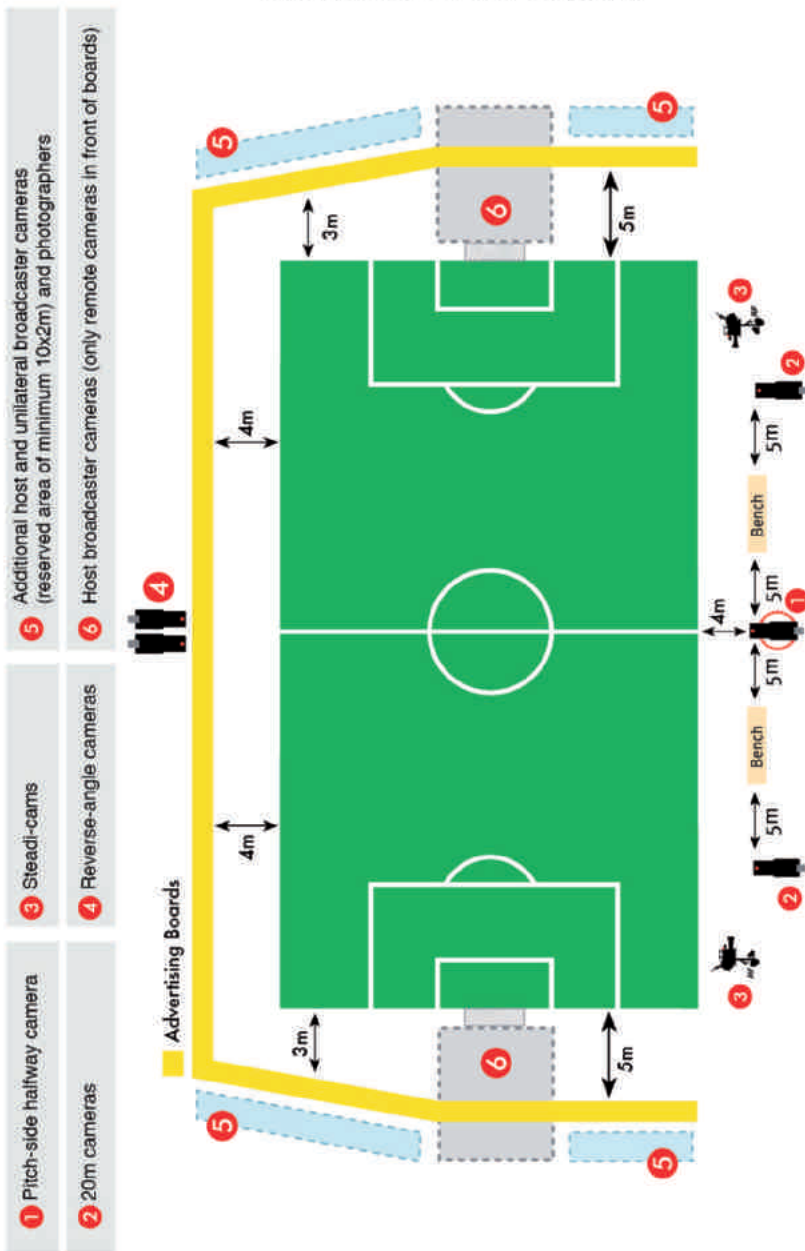


DIAGRAMME SHOWS STANDARD PITCH SET-UP. ALL DETAILS SUBJECT TO INDIVIDUAL STADIUM CONDITIONS.

Note: Pitch-side cameras to be positioned so that they do not present any danger to the players, coaches and match officials.

## **ANNEX III: Instructions for the Organisation and Staging of Mini-Tournaments**

This annex sets out the requirements for hosting a mini-tournament in the UEFA European Women's Championship.

UEFA's Mini-Tournament Manual that all member associations have received aims to assist the host association with the implementation of these instructions.

For the sake of simplicity, "host" refers to the national association hosting a mini-tournament.

### **1. CHOICE OF MINI-TOURNAMENT HOST**

The competition entry documents include a form on which associations can indicate their interest in hosting a preliminary-round mini-tournament. The information provided on this form will allow UEFA to select hosts if the number of interested associations exceeds the number of mini-tournaments.

In principle, the UEFA administration will decide on the mini-tournament hosts prior to the draw.

- a) If there are more associations interested in hosting a mini-tournament than mini-tournaments to be allocated, the UEFA administration will choose hosts according to the following criteria:
  - Quality of the infrastructure (stadiums, tournament hotel, etc)
  - Promotional concept
  - Previous experience as a host, including for the UEFA youth competitions
- b) If there are fewer associations interested than mini-tournaments to be allocated, the UEFA administration will conduct a draw to determine the hosts.

### **2. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**

The mini-tournament must be organised according to the following schedule.

#### **Day 1:**

Arrival of all teams  
Arrival of all referees  
Arrival of the UEFA match officers  
Tournament organisational meeting

#### **Day 2:**

First matchday:      Matches 1 v 3 and 2 v 4

**Day 3:**

Rest day

**Day 4:**

Second matchday: Matches 1 v 4 and 3 v 2

**Day 5:**

Rest day

**Day 6:**

Rest day

**Day 7:**

Third matchday: Matches 2 v 1 and 4 v 3

**Day 8:**

Departure of all teams

Departure of the referees

Departure of the UEFA match officers

For reasons of sporting fairness, the matches played on the last match day in a mini-tournament must kick off at the same time unless the results in the mini-tournament on the third matchday would not make a difference to the rankings.

The host is responsible for notifying the other participating teams and the UEFA administration of all match details (venues, kick-off times and hotel accommodation) by the set deadlines.

### **3. ACCOMMODATION**

The delegations must be accommodated in medium-standard hotels (3-star minimum).

All hotel rooms must have en-suite bathroom and toilet facilities and adequate wardrobe space. Rooms must be cleaned daily.

The host must ensure that the teams can prepare for their matches in a comfortable, quiet and undisturbed environment.

At the organisational meeting, the host must provide the delegations with clear information on the safety regulations and procedures applicable in case of an emergency, rules regarding telephones and mini-bars in the rooms, as well as the code of conduct applicable in the hotel.

A room occupancy plan must be prepared by the host and distributed to the UEFA match officers only.

### **3.1. Rooms for the delegations**

The host is responsible for providing the following facilities/services for each delegation (maximum of 24 persons per delegation):

- twin rooms for the players (18 players = 9 rooms);
- single rooms for the six delegation officials (6 rooms);
- one room for medical treatment, equipped with a massage table;
- one storage room;
- one meeting room for a minimum of 30 persons, equipped with a TV/DVD set and overhead projector.
- A 24-hour laundry service for the playing strips of the participating teams (kit which has been worn for matches, i.e. shirts, shorts and socks, but not tracksuits).

If possible, each delegation must be accommodated on a different floor.

### **3.2. Rooms for the referees and UEFA match officers**

The host is responsible for providing:

- single rooms for the referees and the UEFA match officers;
- a 24-hour laundry service for the playing strips of the referees (kit which has been worn for matches, i.e. shirts, shorts and socks, but not tracksuits).

All referees and UEFA match officers must be accommodated on the same floor, separate from the teams.

## **4. MEALS**

The host must provide each delegation with three meals per day.

The hotel restaurant must be flexible with regard to the meal times, with timings based on the match and training schedules of the teams in question.

The menus must follow sports nutritional guidelines and, in addition, must take into account the special dietary requests of the participating teams.

### **4.1. Snacks or additional meals**

Snacks or meals in addition to the three meals provided by the host must be made available to the teams upon request and paid for by the team concerned.

### **4.2. Drinks**

The host must ensure that a sufficient supply of still mineral water, soft drinks and tea/coffee is available for the teams at meals. In addition, the host must provide each team with a sufficient supply of still mineral water in their bedrooms, at all training sessions and at matches.

The participants themselves must pay for all other drinks.

## 5. TRAINING SESSIONS

Each team must be allocated with its own training ground for the entire duration of the tournament. Exceptionally, two grounds may be shared by four teams. The teams must be given the possibility to use these grounds at any time and as often as requested.

The training grounds must be of a similar size and type as the match grounds and be in good condition. They must be fully marked and equipped with standard and/or mobile goals. The training grounds must be located within a 20-minute bus drive from the team's accommodation.

Each training ground must offer dressing rooms suitable for 25 persons equipped with individual seated toilets.

## 6. MATCH ORGANISATION

### 6.1. Match arrangements

A minimum of eight ball girls/boys must be provided for each match.

Ten match balls must be provided for each match.

In accordance with the stipulations of Article 13 of the regulations, the host must contact the visiting teams in good time before the tournament in order to ensure that they bring their national anthems (CD or tape of maximum 90 seconds) and national flags with them and make them available for the matches in good time.

#### Matchday countdown

The following countdown must be respected (time indicated is in minutes before kick-off).

- 75' (latest) Arrival at the stadium of the teams, referees, UEFA match delegate and/or referee observer
- 75' (latest) Both teams complete, sign the match sheet and hand it over to the referee or UEFA match delegate
- 60' to -15' Warm-up period on field
- 8' Studs control (in corridor)
- 6' Teams enter the field and stand in line facing the VIP box
- 4' National anthem of "away" team
- 3' National anthem of "home" team

- 2' Teams shake hands and break for team photos
- 1' Coin toss – referees and captains
- 0' Kick-off

The exact timing of the studs control and entry of teams to the field may be adapted to each venue according to distances between the dressing rooms and the pitch.

## **7. TRANSPORT**

The teams, international referees and UEFA match officers must be welcomed upon their arrival in the host country and transported from their point of arrival to the hotel. They must also be provided with transport from their accommodation to their point of departure on the day they leave.

The host is responsible for providing the following vehicles:

### *Teams*

A modern, 50-seater air-conditioned bus with driver for the entire duration of the tournament.

### *Referees*

Two people carriers (minibuses with 6- 8 seats) with drivers.

As a rule, the UEFA representatives will travel with the referees.



## **ANNEX IV: Respect Fair Play Assessment**

### **Introduction**

1. The fair play assessment forms part of the respect campaign. Conduct according to the spirit of fair play is essential for the successful promotion and development of and involvement in sport. The objective of activities in favour of fair play is to foster a sporting spirit, as well as the sporting behaviour of players, team officials and spectators, thereby increasing the enjoyment of all those involved in the game.

### **UEFA Respect fair play rankings**

2. In its efforts to promote fair play, UEFA establishes association fair play rankings for each season, based on all matches played in all UEFA competitions (national representative and club teams) between 1 May and 30 April. In establishing these rankings, only those associations whose teams have played at least the required number of matches (i.e. total number of matches assessed divided by the number of associations) are taken into account. For this purpose, fair play conduct is assessed by the appointed UEFA match delegate.

### **Criteria for an additional place in the UEFA Europa League**

3. In reward for the fair play example they set, the three best-ranked associations which attain an average of 8.0 points or more in the rankings each receive one additional place in the next season's UEFA Europa League. If associations are equal on points in the rankings, lots will be drawn by the UEFA administration to define the associations that receive an additional place. These additional places are reserved for the winners of the respective domestic top-division fair play competitions, provided that this national assessment is based at least on the following criteria: red and yellow cards, positive play, respect for the opponents as well as for the referee, and the behaviour of the team officials and of the crowd. If the winner of the domestic top-division fair play competition in question has already qualified for a UEFA club competition, the UEFA Europa League fair play place goes to the next-ranked team in the domestic top-division fair play rankings which has not already qualified for a UEFA competition.

### **Methods of assessment**

4. After the match, the UEFA match delegate is expected to complete a fair play assessment form in consultation with the referee and, where applicable, the referee observer. The referee confirms that fair play aspects have been duly discussed by signing the fair play assessment form.

5. The assessment form identifies six criteria (items) for the evaluation of the fair play performance of the teams. Assessment should be based on positive rather than negative aspects. As a general rule, maximum assessment marks should not be awarded unless the respective teams have displayed positive attitudes.

### **The individual items on the assessment form**

6. Red and yellow cards

Deduction from a maximum of 10 points:

- yellow card      1 point
- red card          3 points

If a player who has been cautioned with a yellow card commits another offence which would normally be punishable with a yellow card, but who must be sent off for this second offence (combined yellow and red card), only the red card counts, i.e. total of 3 points to be deducted.

If, however, a player who has been cautioned with a yellow card commits another offence for which the punishment is dismissal, a total of 4 points (1+3) must be deducted.

Red and yellow cards is the only item which may take a negative value.

7. Positive play

- maximum 10 points
- minimum 1 point

The aim of this item is to reward positive play which is attractive for the spectators. In assessing positive play, the following aspects should be taken into consideration:

*Positive aspects:*

- attacking rather than defensive tactics
- acceleration of the game
- efforts to gain time, e.g. bringing the ball quickly back into play, even when in a winning position
- continued pursuit of goals, even if the desired result (e.g. qualification or an away draw) has already been achieved

*Negative aspects:*

- deceleration of the game
- time-wasting
- tactics based on foul play
- play-acting, etc.

In general terms, positive play correlates with the number of goal-scoring chances created and the number of goals scored.

8. Respect for the opponents

- maximum 5 points
- minimum 1 point

Players are expected to respect the *Laws of the Game*, the competition regulations, opponents, etc. They are also expected to ensure that fellow team members and everyone else involved in the team abide by the spirit of fair play as well.

In assessing the players' behaviour vis-à-vis the opposition, double counting against the item 'red and yellow cards' should be avoided. However, the UEFA match delegate may take into account the seriousness of the offences punished by cards, as well as offences overlooked by the referee.

Assessment should be based on positive attitudes (e.g. helping an injured opponent) rather than infringements. Blameless behaviour, but without any particularly positive attitude or gestures towards opponents, should be assessed with a mark of 4 rather than 5.

9. Respect for the referees

- maximum 5 points
- minimum 1 point

Players are expected to respect the referees (including assistant referees and fourth officials) as people, as well as for the decisions they take. Double counting against the item 'red and yellow cards' should be avoided. However, the UEFA match delegate may take into account the seriousness of the offences punished by cards.

A positive attitude towards the referees should be rewarded by high marks, including the acceptance of doubtful decisions without protest. Normal behaviour, but without any particularly positive attitude or gestures with respect to the referee team, should be assessed with a mark of 4 rather than 5.

10. Behaviour of the team officials

- maximum 5 points
- minimum 1 point

Team officials, including coaches, are expected to make every effort to develop the sporting, technical, tactical and moral level of their team through all permitted means. They are also expected to instruct their players to behave in a manner which is in accordance with the fair play principles.

Positive and negative aspects of the behaviour of team officials should be assessed; e.g. whether they calm or provoke angry players or fans, how they accept the referee's decisions, etc. Cooperation with the media should also be considered as a factor in the assessment. Blameless behaviour, but

without any particularly positive attitude or gestures, should be assessed with a mark of 4 rather than 5.

11. Behaviour of the crowd

- maximum 5 points
- minimum 1 point

The crowd is considered to be a natural component of a football game. The support of the fans may contribute to the success of their team. The crowd is not expected to watch the game in silence. Encouragement of teams by shouting, singing, etc. may have a positive influence on the atmosphere, in accordance with the spirit of fair play.

The spectators are, however, expected to respect the opposing team and the referee. They should appreciate the performance of the opposition, even if they emerge as the winners. They must in no way intimidate or frighten the opposing team, the referee or opposing supporters.

A maximum number of points (5) should not be awarded unless all these requirements are satisfied, especially with respect to the creation of a positive atmosphere.

This item is applicable only if a substantial number of fans of the team concerned are present. If the number of fans is negligible, 'N/A' (not applicable) should be recorded under this entry.

### **Overall assessment**

12. The overall assessment of a team is obtained by adding up the points given for the individual items, dividing this total by the maximum number of points and multiplying the result by 10.
13. The maximum number of points per game generally equals 40. If, however, a given team is being supported by a negligible amount of fans, and the item "Behaviour of the crowd" is not being assessed as a result ('N/A' – see paragraph 11 above), the maximum number of points obtainable will be 35.

Example:

The various items for team 1 are assessed as 8+7+3+4+5+4, giving a total of 31. The general assessment will therefore be:

$$(31/40) \times 10 = \mathbf{7.75}$$

If team 2 had only a small number of fans, and the assessment for the other items was 7+8+2+5+2, with 24 as the total, the general assessment would be:

$$(24/35) \times 10 = \mathbf{6.857}$$

The general assessment should be calculated to three decimal points and not rounded up.

14. In addition to this assessment, the UEFA match delegate should also give brief written comments on the fair play performance of the teams, to explain the positive and negative aspects which formed the basis for his assessment. This written explanation may also include outstanding individual gestures of fair play by players, officials, referees or any other persons.

## ANNEX V: Appointment of Referees for the Qualifying Competition

### 1. Preliminary round mini-tournaments

UEFA appoints 3 referees from 3 different countries (e.g. GER, POL, SUI) plus 3 assistant referees, 1 from each of these countries. The 3 assistant referees are proposed by the associations of the 3 referees.

The host association appoints 1 substitute referee (fourth official) plus 1 assistant referee, in principle for the entire tournament.

If the referee has to be substituted, the fourth official will replace her.

Example: Host *ESP*

Match	Referee	Assistant referees	Fourth Official (substitute referee)
Spain – Italy	Referee GER	Assistant GER / Assistant POL	Referee POL
Croatia – Malta	Referee SUI	Assistant SUI / Assistant ESP	Referee ESP
Malta – Italy	Referee POL	Assistant POL / Assistant ESP	Referee ESP
Croatia – Spain	Referee GER	Assistant GER / Assistant SUI	Referee SUI
Italy – Croatia	Referee SUI	Assistant SUI / Assistant ESP	Referee ESP
Malta – Spain	Referee POL	Assistant POL / Assistant GER	Referee GER

### 2. Group stage and play-off matches

In principle, UEFA appoints 1 referee and 2 assistant referees from the same country. The 2 assistant referees are proposed by the referee's association.

The host association appoints 1 substitute assistant referee (fourth official).

If the referee has to be replaced, the assistant 1 will continue to referee the match; the assistant 2 will take the role of assistant 1 and the fourth official will act as assistant 2.

However, UEFA may appoint 1 referee as well as 2 assistant referees and 1 fourth official (substitute referee) from the same country. The assistant referees and fourth official are proposed by the referee's association.

If a referee has to be substituted, the fourth official will replace her.

## ANNEX VI: Doping Controls - Acknowledgment and Agreement

The undersigned player agrees to comply with the *UEFA Anti-Doping Regulations* and the applicable UEFA competition regulations, which she has read and understood. In particular, she acknowledges that she must refrain from using substances and methods prohibited by the *UEFA Anti-Doping Regulations*.

The undersigned player recognises that failure to comply with the said regulations may result in investigation and imposition of sanctions by UEFA. She acknowledges and agrees that UEFA has the jurisdiction to impose sanctions as provided for in the *UEFA Disciplinary Regulations* and the *UEFA Anti-Doping Regulations*.

The undersigned player agrees to undergo doping controls at any time (in and out of competition).

The undersigned player agrees that any dispute that remains unresolved after the legal remedies established by UEFA have been exhausted shall be submitted exclusively to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) for final and binding arbitration in accordance with the relevant provisions of the *UEFA Statutes*.

The undersigned has/have read and understood the present Acknowledgment and Agreement.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of player  
(surname, first name)

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Date of birth  
(day/month/year)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of player

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of parent/legal guardian  
(surname, first name)

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Signature of parent/legal guardian

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## AMENDMENTS

*The following amendments to the Regulations of the 2011-13 UEFA European Women's Championship were adopted by the Executive Committee at its meeting on 20/21 March 2012 to come into force immediately.*

New 8.06 bis The two third-placed teams with the higher number of points will qualify for the quarter-finals. Should two or three third-placed teams be equal on points, a draw will take place to determine the team(s) to qualify for the quarter-finals.

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### B. Final Tournament

New 11.08 "If the referee decides to abandon the match, for example because the field is unfit for play, the remaining match time must be played the next day, unless the case is referred to the UEFA Control and Disciplinary Body. If, for reasons beyond control, the match cannot be replayed the next day, the UEFA administration will take a final decision.

If the remaining time of the match has to be played the next day, or on another date set by the UEFA administration, the following principles apply:

- a) the match sheet may contain any of the eligible players who were on the list of 23 players when the match was abandoned, with the exception of players substituted or sent off during the abandoned match. The players who were in play at the time the match was abandoned may not be included on the match sheet as substitutes when the match is resumed;
- b) any sanctions imposed before the match was abandoned remain valid for the remainder of the match;
- c) players sent off during the abandoned match cannot be replaced and the number of players in the starting line-up remains at it was when the match was abandoned;
- d) the teams can make only the number of substitutions to which they were still entitled when the match was abandoned;
- e) the match must restart on the same spot where the abandoned match action occurred (i.e. free-kick, throw-in, goal kick, corner kick, penalty, etc.) If the match was stopped during the normal flow of the game, a dropped ball on the spot where it was abandoned shall be used to restart.

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New 11.09 If, for any reason, a match cannot commence, it must be played in full the next day or on another date set by the UEFA administration.

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