



Women's Euro 2013 – Principles for determining the best third-placed teams

For UEFA Women's EURO 2013, as for Finland 2009, twelve teams participate in the final tournament. The 12 teams were drawn into three groups and the three group winners, three runners-up and two best third-placed teams qualify for the quarter-finals.

In 2009 there was some evidence of teams playing on the results. Specifically, the main problems were created by the qualification of the two best third-ranked teams given the cross-influence of group results combined with the impossibility of playing all matches of MD3 at the same time.

Consequently, at their meeting of 20/21 March 2012, the UEFA Executive Committee took a decision to introduce a new principle to determine the best third-placed teams for the quarter-finals as follows:

“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.”

This principle should prevent teams playing on the results (teams have to win/score points), and the potentially different strengths of the groups will not be an issue (goal difference not taken into consideration).

In case a draw would be necessary to determine the team(s) qualified for the quarter-finals, it would take place as follows:

Date: Thursday, 18 July 2013

Time: 23.30 local time

(it would enable the England team, playing in Linköping on that night, to join the draw if involved)

Place: UEFA Women's EURO 2013 stadium Nya Parken, Norrköping – Press Conference room

The draw would be conducted by Karen Espelund, UEFA Executive Committee member and Chairwoman of the UEFA Women's Football Committee.