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# UEFA Football Law Programme

## Second edition

My professional life has been devoted to the fields of law and football – they are my work, but also my passion. More than ever, I value and appreciate how much the discipline of law is vital to football enterprise, especially in the constantly evolving and complex world of this wonderful sport.

As a key part of our unique suite of educational initiatives, the UEFA Football Law Programme seeks to address these challenges. By gathering the various stakeholders across the different levels of European football, the course aims to foster an open dialogue, creating an optimal environment for both further development and protection of the game – and to achieve a balance that works for everyone.

In this way, you can contribute to help make all our football organisations more efficient, generate awareness of the specific challenges posed by football law and ensure the long-term health of the game in Europe.

Aleksander Čeferin  
UEFA President

### Structure

The UEFA Football Law Programme (UEFA FLP) comprises **four week-long sessions** which address key issues and topical aspects of football law. The programme has been developed and is run by UEFA, in close collaboration with internationally renowned academic experts and practitioners.

The UEFA FLP runs over a period of 12 months. Successful participants will receive a Certificate of Advanced Study in football law (CAS, worth 10 ECTS credits) from Kadir Has University (Istanbul, Turkey) in cooperation with the University of Padova (Italy), Rey Juan Carlos University (Madrid, Spain) and UEFA.

**Session 1: Introduction to football law**  
Nyon (Switzerland)  
6–10 November 2017

**Session 2: FIFA transfer regulations**  
Madrid (Spain)  
15–19 January 2018

**Session 3: Other football rules and regulations**  
Padova (Italy)  
16–20 April 2018

**Session 4: CAS system and procedures**  
Nyon (Switzerland)  
10–13 September 2018

## Programme overview



### Session 1: Introduction to football law

Place: UEFA HQ, Nyon, Switzerland

Dates: 6–10 November 2017

Academic partner: Kadir Has University  
(session hosted by UEFA)

Kadir Has University Sports Studies Research Centre aims to provide the highest standards of education on sports law, management and media area and to make research on the intersection of sports and social sciences.

#### Topics

- UEFA and FIFA structures: rules and regulations
- Football stakeholders: ECA, FIFPro and EPFL
- Football law and state law: sources and relationship
- Introduction to Swiss law
- EU law and sport
- ECJ jurisprudence in sport: influence on football
- The Council of Europe and sport



#### Speakers (among others)

- Kepa Larumbe, Legal Director, Royal Spanish Football Federation
- Wouter Lambrecht, Head of Legal Affairs, ECA
- Juan de Dios Crespo Pérez, Sports Lawyer
- Jacopo Tognon, CAS Arbitrator



### Session 2: FIFA transfer regulations

Place: Madrid, Spain

Dates: 15–19 January 2018

Academic partner: Rey Juan Carlos University

Rey Juan Carlos University is a renowned Spanish public research university. Created in 1996, it offers high-quality education and academic excellence.

#### Topics

- FIFA transfer regulations: history and overview
- Players' status and player registration
- Contractual stability
- Federative rights and third-party influence
- International transfers of minors
- Training compensation and solidarity mechanisms
- International v national regulations



#### Speakers (among others)

- Omar Ongaro, Head of Player's Status, FIFA
- Michael Gerlinger, Legal Director, FC Bayer Munich
- Javier Ferrero, Sports Lawyer
- Lucas Ferrer, Sports Lawyer
- Alasdair Bell, Legal Director/General Counsel, UEFA
- Fabio Iudica, CAS Arbitrator

## A word from the programme directors

*"Given the complexity of the legal topics in football, it is important that all members of the football family cooperate and understand their respective positions to improve the current situation. What you will mostly gain from the UEFA FLP is this stakeholder knowledge, as well as the tools and ideas you need to improve cooperation. By welcoming participants from diverse backgrounds and different organisations, this programme will be key in fostering such collaboration in your daily work."*

**Michele Bernasconi, CAS Arbitrator**  
**Emilio Garcia, Managing Director Integrity, UEFA**



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### Session 3: Other football rules and regulations

Place: Padova, Italy  
Dates: 16–20 April 2018  
Academic partner: University of Padova

The University of Padova is one of Europe's oldest and most prestigious seats of learning. It was founded in 1222 as a school of law and was one of the most prominent universities in early modern Europe.

#### Topics

- Disciplinary procedures in football (FIFA and UEFA models)
- UEFA's financial fair play system
- The fight against doping: the role of WADA
- FIFA and confederations' anti-doping rules and procedures
- Match-fixing: rules and regulations
- FIFA intermediaries
- TV and IP rights
- Event and sponsorship contracts



#### Speakers (among others)

- Chris Bonett, Integrity Officer, UEFA
- Julien Zylberstein, Senior Legal Counsel, UEFA
- Ulrich Haas, CAS Arbitrator
- Simon Drake, Managing Director Business Affairs, UEFA



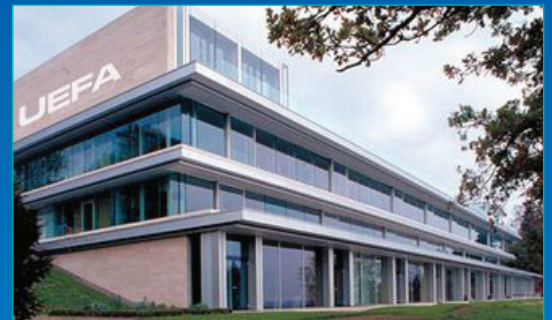
### Session 4: CAS system and procedures

Place: UEFA HQ, Nyon, Switzerland  
Dates: 10–13 September 2018

UEFA is the governing body of European football. It is an association of associations, a representative democracy, and the umbrella organisation for 54 national football associations across Europe.

#### Topics

- The role and functions of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)
- The ordinary procedure
- The appeal procedure
- Landmark cases in football (CAS) competence (financial fair play, contractual stability, training compensation, solidarity mechanisms, doping, disciplinary, match-fixing and transfers of minors)



#### Speakers (among others)

- William Sternheimer, Deputy General Secretary, CAS
- Efraim Barak, CAS Arbitrator and General Counsel, Israel Football Association
- Michele Bernasconi, CAS Arbitrator
- Jorge Ibarrola, Sports Lawyer

## A word from a national association

*"The UEFA FLP is everything about me, everything about what I am doing in my daily tasks at the Portuguese Football Federation. This education programme has provided me with updates and insights on current legal challenges. It has been a great support in regards to my daily work, especially regarding my relations with clubs and players."*

**Joao Leal, Legal Director, Portuguese Football Federation**

## Key information



### Target group and eligibility criteria

The UEFA FLP is specially designed for legal specialists who want to get up to speed on the most recent developments in football law and broaden their understanding of the issues involved. To encourage the exchange of ideas and opinions, the UEFA FLP is open to a wide range of participants with different backgrounds and from different organisations. A total of 24 participants will be selected per edition of the UEFA FLP.

Applicants must either:

- Work in the legal department of a UEFA member association; or
- Hold a legal position in a football club, players' union or league; or
- Work in law firm that deals with football cases.

### Timeline

- Application process from 1 March to 31 May 2017. Applicants must submit application form, CV and letter of recommendation from employer.
- June 2017 : selection – decision sent to all applicants.
- 6 November 2017: session 1 kicks off at UEFA HQ.

### Course fee

The UEFA course costs €5,000 per participant (to cover course materials, as well as lunches and coffee breaks during each session). Please note that this fee does not include dinners, travel and accommodation costs.

### Assessment

There will be three forms of assessment:

- Class attendance and active participation
- Practical case studies
- Oral exam

### Contact details

Any questions related to the UEFA FLP can be addressed to:

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## Testimonials

*"The UEFA FLP is an excellent programme in international football law which creates the opportunity to receive knowledge, advices and recommendations from experts and top practitioners in their respective fields. As such, this programme allows you to learn from the best. As an additional benefit, the UEFA FLP has helped me to foster my already existing international network in a great way."*

**Robin Steden, Head of Legal Department and Investor Relations,  
Borussia Dortmund GmbH & Co (ECA Member Club)**

*"The UEFA FLP is a world-class programme in football law. The fact that both speakers and participants come to a subject with strong and different experience gives rise to very practical discussions. This is why I believe the UEFA FLP can help considerably participants in their tasks at the players unions, especially thanks to the participants and speakers who already have a profound knowledge of the discussed issues."*

**Tony Higgins, Vice President,  
FIFPro Division Europe**

*"As Head of legal affairs at EPFL, I have come to realise how important it is to have a clear and robust understanding of legal issues. However, more importantly, I have experienced the need to position our organisation and department as well as to understand the political environment in which our experts operate. I believe the UEFA FLP will fully support us in addressing this key challenge in our field."*

**Ornella Desirée Bellia, Head of Legal Affairs, EPFL**

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