

UEFA Nations League 2018/19 – League Phase Draw Procedure

Date and time: Wednesday, 24 January 2018

Place: Lausanne, Switzerland

Duration: approx. 40 minutes for technical part

Regulations: Art. 12-13 of the competition regulations

Participants: 55 teams, divided into the four leagues A, B, C and D

Objective: **The draw will decide on the group composition within each league (see Art. 13.02 of the competition regulations)**

Seeding: The teams in each league are seeded based on the UEFA national team competitions rankings (see Annex D.1.2 of the competition regulations)



League allocation

All 55 UEFA member associations participate in the UEFA Nations League 2018/19 and are divided into the four leagues on the basis of the UEFA national team competition rankings issued on 11 October 2017 (see Art. 13.01 of the competition regulations):

League A		League B		League C		League D	
1	Germany	13	Austria	25	Hungary	40	Azerbaijan
2	Portugal	14	Wales	26	Romania	41	FYR Macedonia
3	Belgium	15	Russia	27	Scotland	42	Belarus
4	Spain	16	Slovakia	28	Slovenia	43	Georgia
5	France	17	Sweden	29	Greece	44	Armenia
6	England	18	Ukraine	30	Serbia	45	Latvia
7	Switzerland	19	Rep. of Ireland	31	Albania	46	Faroe Islands
8	Italy	20	Bosnia-Herzeg.	32	Norway	47	Luxembourg
9	Poland	21	Northern Ireland	33	Montenegro	48	Kazakhstan
10	Iceland	22	Denmark	34	Israel	49	Moldova
11	Croatia	23	Czech Republic	35	Bulgaria	50	Liechtenstein
12	Netherlands	24	Turkey	36	Finland	51	Malta
				37	Cyprus	52	Andorra
				38	Estonia	53	Kosovo
				39	Lithuania	54	San Marino
						55	Gibraltar

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The UEFA national team coefficient rankings of 11 October 2017 are compiled based on the teams' results in the following competitions (see Annex D.1.2 of the competition regulations):

- 2014 FIFA World Cup (qualifying competition and final tournament);
- UEFA European Football Championship 2014-16 (qualifying competition and final tournament), and
- 2018 FIFA World Cup (qualifying competition, without play-offs)

Pot allocation

Nations League A

The 12 teams allocated to League A are divided into three draw pots as follows:

- Pot 1 will contain the four best-ranked teams, i.e. the teams ranked 1st to 4th;
- Pot 2 will contain the four teams ranked 5th to 8th;
- Pot 3 will contain the four teams ranked 9th to 12th.

#	Pot 1
1	Germany
2	Portugal
3	Belgium
4	Spain

#	Pot 2
5	France
6	England
7	Switzerland
8	Italy

#	Pot 3
9	Poland
10	Iceland
11	Croatia
12	Netherlands

Nations League B

The 12 teams allocated to League B are divided into three draw pots as follows:

- Pot 1 will contain the four teams ranked 13th to 16th;
- Pot 2 will contain the four teams ranked 17th to 20th;
- Pot 3 will contain the four teams ranked 21th to 24th.

#	Pot 1
13	Austria
14	Wales
15	Russia
16	Slovakia

#	Pot 2
17	Sweden
18	Ukraine
19	Rep. of Ireland
20	Bosnia-Herzeg.

#	Pot 3
21	N. Ireland
22	Denmark
23	Czech Republic
24	Turkey

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Nations League C

The 15 teams allocated to League C are divided into four draw pots as follows:

- Pot 1 will contain the four teams ranked 25th to 28th;
- Pot 2 will contain the four teams ranked 29th to 32th;
- Pot 3 will contain the four teams ranked 33th to 36th;
- Pot 4 will contain the three teams ranked 37th to 39th.

#	Pot 1
25	Hungary
26	Romania
27	Scotland
28	Slovenia

#	Pot 2
29	Greece
30	Serbia
31	Albania
32	Norway

#	Pot 3
33	Montenegro
34	Israel
35	Bulgaria
36	Finland

#	Pot 4
37	Cyprus
38	Estonia
39	Lithuania

Nations League D

The 16 teams allocated to League D are divided into four draw pots as follows:

- Pot 1 will contain the four teams ranked 40th to 43th;
- Pot 2 will contain the four teams ranked 44th to 47th;
- Pot 3 will contain the four teams ranked 48th to 51th;
- Pot 4 will contain the four teams ranked 52th to 55th.

#	Pot 1
40	Azerbaijan
41	FYR Macedonia
42	Belarus
43	Georgia

#	Pot 2
44	Armenia
45	Latvia
46	Faroe Islands
47	Luxembourg

#	Pot 3
48	Kazakhstan
49	Moldova
50	Liechtenstein
51	Malta

#	Pot 4
52	Andorra
53	Kosovo
54	San Marino
55	Gibraltar

Draw conditions

Draw conditions apply for “prohibited team clashes”, “winter venue restrictions” and “excessive travel restrictions”. When such a situation occurs or is anticipated to occur, the computer used to assist with the draw will indicate the next available group for the drawn team.

It must be noted that the number of options available to a team depends not only on the team’s own attributes (for example, “winter venue”) and those of the teams already drawn, but also on the attributes of the other teams still to be drawn. This is due to the computer calculations needed to anticipate all possible scenarios and to prevent any deadlock situation.

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Prohibited team clashes

Based on the UEFA Executive Committee decisions valid at the time of the draw, the following teams cannot be drawn into the same group:

Nations League B

- Ukraine / Russia

Nations League D

- Armenia / Azerbaijan

Winter venue restrictions

The following countries are taken into consideration as venues with high or medium risk of severe winter conditions: a group can include a maximum of two such winter venues.

Nations League C

- High risk of severe winter conditions: Norway and Finland
- Medium risk of severe winter conditions: Estonia and Lithuania

Excessive travel restrictions

The following excessive travel distance relationships (applicable both ways) are taken into consideration: a group can include a maximum of one such pair.

Nations League D

From/To	To/From
Andorra (Barcelona, ESP)	Kazakhstan (Astana)
Faroe Islands (Torshavn)	
Gibraltar (Faro, POR)	

From/To	To/From
Gibraltar (Faro, POR)	Azerbaijan (Baku)

Draw procedure

Nations League D

The draw starts with League D and Pot 4 which contains four balls. The drawn teams are assigned to the groups in ascending order from D1 to D4:

- A first ball is drawn and the team assigned to group D1.
- A second ball is drawn and the team assigned to group D2; and so on until Pot 4 has been emptied and each group of League D contains one Pot 4 team.

The draw continues with Pot 3. As a rule, the drawn teams are assigned to the groups in ascending order from D1 to D4, save in case of a draw condition applying.

The same procedure is applied to Pot 2 and finally to Pot 1. When all pots have been emptied, each group of League D must contain four teams each, one from each pot:

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Group D1
Pot 1 team
Pot 2 team
Pot 3 team
Pot 4 team

Group D2
Pot 1 team
Pot 2 team
Pot 3 team
Pot 4 team

Group D3
Pot 1 team
Pot 2 team
Pot 3 team
Pot 4 team

Group D4
Pot 1 team
Pot 2 team
Pot 3 team
Pot 4 team

Nations League C

The draw for League C starts with Pot 4 which contains three balls. The drawn teams are assigned to the groups in ascending order from C2 to C4:

- A first ball is drawn and the team assigned to group C2.
- The second team drawn is assigned to group C3 and the third team to group C4.

The draw continues with Pot 3. As a rule, the drawn teams are assigned to the groups in ascending order from C1 to C4, save in case of a draw condition applying.

The same procedure is applied to Pot 2 and finally to Pot 1. When all pots have been emptied, the four groups of League C are composed as follows:

Group C1
Pot 1 team
Pot 2 team
Pot 3 team

Group C2
Pot 1 team
Pot 2 team
Pot 3 team
Pot 4 team

Group C3
Pot 1 team
Pot 2 team
Pot 3 team
Pot 4 team

Group C4
Pot 1 team
Pot 2 team
Pot 3 team
Pot 4 team

Nations League B

The draw for League B starts with Pot 3 which contains four balls. The drawn teams are assigned to the groups in ascending order from B1 to B4.

The draw continues with Pot 2 and then Pot 1. As a rule, the drawn teams are assigned to the groups in ascending order from B1 to B4, save in case of a draw condition applying.

When all pots have been emptied, the four groups of League B are composed as follows:

Group B1
Pot 1 team
Pot 2 team
Pot 3 team

Group B2
Pot 1 team
Pot 2 team
Pot 3 team

Group B3
Pot 1 team
Pot 2 team
Pot 3 team

Group B4
Pot 1 team
Pot 2 team
Pot 3 team

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Nations League A

The draw for League A follows the same procedure as for League B. When all pots have been emptied, the four groups of League A are composed as follows:

Group A1
Pot 1 team
Pot 2 team
Pot 3 team

Group A2
Pot 1 team
Pot 2 team
Pot 3 team

Group A3
Pot 1 team
Pot 2 team
Pot 3 team

Group A4
Pot 1 team
Pot 2 team
Pot 3 team