Draws for UEFA Champions League and UEFA Europa League

Draws for knock-out rounds to be held on 18 December

The draws for the knock-out rounds of the 2009/2010 UEFA club competitions will take place on Friday 18 December at UEFA headquarters in Nyon, Switzerland.

The pairings for the first knock-out round of the UEFA Champions League as well as the Round of 32 and the Round of 16 of the UEFA Europa League will be made during ceremonies to be staged at UEFA, starting at 12.00 and 13.00 respectively. The draws will be conducted by UEFA General Secretary Gianni Infantino and UEFA Director of Competitions Giorgio Marchetti.

The UEFA Champions League draw will see the winners from one group facing the runners-up from another group, with the runners-up playing the first leg at home. The winners and runners-up of the same group cannot be drawn against each other. Clubs from the same association must not been drawn against each other.

The UEFA Europa League draw for the Round of 32 will see the 12 group winners and the four best third-ranked teams in the UEFA Champions League group stage, being drawn against the 12 UEFA Europa League runners-up and the remaining four third-ranked teams in the UEFA Champions League group stage. The winners and runners-up of the same group cannot be drawn against each other. Group winners and the four best third-ranked in the UEFA Champions League group stage will play the return leg at home. Clubs from the same association cannot be drawn against each other.

There will then follow an integral draw for the Round of 16 with the qualified teams from the Round of 32, indicated as Winners of matches 1 to 16. The first team drawn will play the first leg at home.

Media representatives wishing to attend the draws must apply for accreditation via e-mail to accreditations@uefa.ch before Thursday 17 December midday.

A sound system will be installed for ENG crews but no extra facilities such as telephone or ISDN lines will be available inside the draw hall and there are no special facilities for radio stations or websites. Due to interference problems, it is recommended for sound engineers not to use the following frequencies while in the House of European Football: 783.875 MHz, 786.125 MHz, 782.250 MHz, 782.875 MHz, 784.625 MHz, 785.250 MHz, 792.500 MHz, 794.875 MHz.

Both draws will be transmitted live on uefa.com and on Eurosport.