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Coefficient rankings for the EURO 2004™ Qualification Draw

Qualifying competition to start in Autumn 2002

The official draw ceremony for the qualifying groups for Europe's major national team competition will take place at the Europarque Congress Centre in Santa Maria da Feira, Porto on 25 January 2002 at 11:00 hours (local time).

Fifty national associations will enter this draw in an attempt to become one of the fifteen teams to join hosts Portugal for the final tournament in 2004. According to the new competition regulations, the fifty participants will be divided into ten groups of five teams each. The winners of each group will qualify directly for the final round, whereas the ten group runners-up will have to compete in home-and-away play-off matches to determine the remaining five qualifiers.

A total of twelve dates have been reserved for the qualifying matches in accordance with the international match calendar on which the national associations will have to stage their eight qualifying matches: 7/8 September 2002, 12/13 October 2002, 15/16 October 2002, 29/30 March 2003, 1/2 April 2003, 7/8 June 2003, 10/11 June 2003, 6/7 September 2003, 9/10 September 2003, 11/12 October 2003. The dates for the play-off matches have been set on 15/16 November 2003 and 18/19 November 2003.

The fifty national teams entering the qualifying competition draw will be seeded according to the national associations' coefficient list calculated on the basis of the results achieved in the qualifying competitions for the 2002 FIFA World Cup and the EURO 2000™.

The precise draw procedure will be decided by the UEFA National Teams Committee at its meeting in January.

The coefficients are determined by dividing the total number of points obtained in the qualifying competitions of these two tournaments by the number of matches played. For Belgium and the Netherlands who did not participate in the qualifying competition for EURO 2000™, only the qualifying matches for the 2002 World Cup will be considered. Furthermore, as reigning European champions, France are top seed for the draw.

Attached is the coefficient ranking list.

Coefficient Ranking – European National Associations

National Association	EURO 2000™			World Cup 2002			Combined		
	Points	Matches	Coeff.	Points	Matches	Coeff.	Points	Matches	Coeff.
1. France *	21	10	2.100	-	-	-	21	10	2.100
2. Sweden	22	8	2.750	26	10	2.600	48	18	2.667
3. Spain	21	8	2.625	20	8	2.500	41	16	2.563
4. Czech Republic	30	10	3.000	20	10	2.000	50	20	2.500
5. Germany	19	8	2.375	17	8	2.125	36	16	2.250
6. Republic of Ireland	16	8	2.000	24	10	2.400	40	18	2.222
7. Romania	24	10	2.400	16	8	2.000	40	18	2.222
8. Italy	15	8	1.875	20	8	2.500	35	16	2.188
9. Belgium	-	-	-	17	8	2.125	17	8	2.125
10. Turkey	17	8	2.125	21	10	2.100	38	18	2.111
11. Russia	19	10	1.900	23	10	2.300	42	20	2.100
12. Croatia	15	8	1.875	18	8	2.250	33	16	2.063
13. Denmark	14	8	1.750	22	10	2.200	36	18	2.000
14. Netherlands	-	-	-	20	10	2.000	20	10	2.000
15. Yugoslavia	17	8	2.125	19	10	1.900	36	18	2.000
16. Poland	13	8	1.625	21	10	2.100	34	18	1.889
17. England	13	8	1.625	17	8	2.125	30	16	1.875
18. Slovenia	17	10	1.700	20	10	2.000	37	20	1.850
19. Ukraine	20	10	2.000	17	10	1.700	37	20	1.850
20. Scotland	18	10	1.800	15	8	1.875	33	18	1.833
21. Austria	13	8	1.625	15	8	1.875	28	16	1.750
22. Norway	25	10	2.500	10	10	1.000	35	20	1.750
23. Slovakia	17	10	1.700	17	10	1.700	34	20	1.700
24. Israel	13	8	1.625	12	8	1.500	25	16	1.563
25. Switzerland	14	8	1.750	14	10	1.400	28	18	1.556
26. Iceland	15	10	1.500	13	10	1.300	28	20	1.400
27. Bulgaria	8	8	1.000	17	10	1.700	25	18	1.389
28. Finland	10	8	1.250	12	8	1.500	22	16	1.375
29. Greece	15	10	1.500	7	8	0.875	22	18	1.222
30. Hungary	12	10	1.200	8	8	1.000	20	18	1.111
31. Cyprus	12	8	1.500	8	10	0.800	20	18	1.111
32. Bosnia-Herzegovina	11	10	1.100	8	8	1.000	19	18	1.056
33. Belarus	3	8	0.375	15	10	1.500	18	18	1.000
34. Wales	9	8	1.125	9	10	0.900	18	18	1.000
35. Estonia	11	10	1.100	8	10	0.800	19	20	0.950
36. Latvia	13	10	1.300	4	8	0.500	17	18	0.944
37. Northern Ireland	5	8	0.625	11	10	1.100	16	18	0.889
38. Georgia	5	10	0.500	10	8	1.250	15	18	0.833
39. FYR Macedonia	8	8	1.000	7	10	0.700	15	18	0.833
40. Lithuania	11	10	1.100	2	8	0.250	13	18	0.722
41. Armenia	8	10	0.800	5	10	0.500	13	20	0.650
42. Moldova	4	8	0.500	6	10	0.600	10	18	0.556
43. Albania	7	10	0.700	3	8	0.375	10	18	0.556
44. Faroe Islands	3	10	0.300	7	10	0.700	10	20	0.500
45. Azerbaijan	4	10	0.400	5	10	0.500	9	20	0.450
46. Liechtenstein	4	10	0.400	0	8	0.000	4	18	0.222
47. San Marino	0	8	0.000	1	8	0.125	1	16	0.063
48. Malta	0	8	0.000	1	10	0.100	1	18	0.056
49. Luxembourg	0	8	0.000	0	10	0.000	0	18	0.000
50. Andorra	0	10	0.000	0	10	0.000	0	20	0.000
Portugal **	23	10	2.300	24	10	2.400	47	20	2.350

* Seeded top as reigning European champions

** Directly qualified as hosts of the final tournament

NB Coefficient ranking is subject to approval by the National Teams Committee prior to the draw