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Ticket sales for UEFA Champions League final

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Tickets for the Istanbul final available for sale to the general public from 31 March

Between noon on Thursday 31 March and Friday 15 April, the general public will be able to apply for tickets for the 2004/05 UEFA Champions League final to be played at the Atatürk Olympic Stadium in Istanbul on Wednesday 25 May, kicking-off at 20.45 (CET). Applications must be made via UEFA's official web site, www.uefa.com, where each applicant must complete the on-line application form.

Capacity for the Istanbul final is just under 70,000 as some seats will be taken up by security and media arrangements, while others will not be put on sale as the view might be obstructed. Over half of the capacity will be reserved for supporters of the two finalists, who will be able to apply for tickets directly through their clubs. Some 14,500 tickets have been allocated to the 'football family', which includes national associations plus commercial and broadcasting partners. A further 7,500 tickets are being sold to Turkish nationals. Supporters who have been allocated tickets on the local market will not be entitled to tickets from the 'international general public' allocation.

The remaining 7,500 tickets are the ones being offered to the worldwide general public via www.uefa.com. Prices range from 50 Euros in Category 4 to 130 or 150 Euros in the two-tier Category 1. Category 2 tickets are priced at 100 or 110 Euros, while a Category 3 ticket costs 90 Euros. In addition, there will be an administration fee of 15% plus a charge for secure delivery of the tickets by express courier. Payment must be made by credit cards.

All applications successfully made during the 16-day 'window' will go into a ballot. Incorrect or incomplete applications will be rejected along with any multiple entries. The 'lucky winners' in the ballot will be notified by the end of April. Tickets will then be dispatched two to three weeks before the final.

All applicants for tickets must accept the ticketing terms and conditions. Action will be taken in cases of infringement. Online applications will be checked against police data to ensure that anyone banned from stadiums is unsuccessful in any attempt to purchase tickets. Persons attending the final are warned that tickets will be personalised and that checks at the stadium are planned. UEFA underlines that no tickets are being distributed via agencies or brokers. European football's governing body also encourages fans not to be lured into deals with touts who not only demand exorbitant prices but are often not in possession of the tickets they claim to have for sale.

Full information can be found on uefa.com and further details may also be requested by e-mail via uclfinal05@biletix.com.

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