



Union des associations européennes de football



Media Release

Date: 10/06/2005

Communiqué aux médias

No. 078

Medien-Mitteilung

Liverpool FC allowed to defend title

English club to enter in the first qualifying round

The Executive Committee decided to amend the regulations for the future editions of the UEFA Champions League, so that the title-holders will have the right to defend their title and therefore qualify automatically. At the same time, the number of clubs allowed per national associations will remain stable based on the associations' coefficient ranking.

Exceptionally, for the upcoming season, the UEFA Executive Committee today decided to allow the current UEFA Champions League title-holders to defend their title.

The UEFA Executive Committee also decided that:

- Liverpool FC would enter the competition in the first qualifying round, to be played on 12/13 and 19/20 July, with the draw taking place on 24 June.
- There will be no country protection for Liverpool FC.
- Liverpool FC will be included in the English market pool share with the status of lowest-placed English club.

The final access list for season 2005-06 is attached.

For further information:

UEFA Media Services: ++41-22 99 44 55 9

UEFA Director of Communications, William Gaillard: ++41-79 615 23 62

Route de Genève 46
CH-1260 Nyon 2
Tel. +41 22 994 45 59
Fax +41 22 994 37 37
media@uefa.ch
uefa.com

Access List for the 2005/06 UEFA Club Competitions
Liste d'accès aux compétitions interclubs 2005/06
Eintrittsliste für die UEFA-Klubwettbewerbe 2005/06

UEFA Champions League				UEFA Cup											
Group	Q 3		Q 2	Q 1	Rank.	Association	First Round			Q2	Q1				
TH							TH	UIC	UIC	UIC		FP	FP	FP	
CH	RU	N3	N4		1	Spain	CW		N5	N6					
CH	RU	N3	N4		2	England	CW		N5	N6					
CH	RU	N3	N4		3	Italy	CW		N5	N6					
CH	RU	N3			4	Germany	CW		N4	N5					
CH	RU	N3			5	France	CW		N4	N5					
CH	RU	N3			6	Portugal	CW		N4	N5					
CH		RU			7	Greece	CW	N3	N4	N5					
CH		RU			8	Netherlands	CW	N3	N4	N5					
CH		RU			9	Czech Republic	CW						N3		
←	CH		RU		10	Turkey	CW						N3		
	CH		RU		11	Scotland	←				CW		N3		
	CH		RU		12	Belgium	←				CW		N3		
	CH		RU		13	Switzerland					CW		N3		
	CH		RU		14	Ukraine					CW		N3		
	CH		RU		15	Norway					CW		N3		
	←	CH			16	Poland					CW	RU	N3		
		CH			17	Israel					CW	RU	N3		
		CH			18	Austria					CW	RU	N3		
		CH			19	Serbia and Montenegro					CW	RU	N3		
		CH			20	Bulgaria					CW	RU	N3		
		CH			21	Russia					CW	RU	N3		
		CH			22	Denmark					CW	RU			
		CH			23	Croatia					CW	RU			
		CH			24	Sweden					CW	RU			
		CH			25	Hungary					←			CW	RU
		←	CH		26	Romania					←			CW	RU
			CH		27	Slovakia					←			CW	RU
			CH		28	Slovenia					←			CW	RU
			CH		29	Cyprus								CW	RU
			CH		30	Moldova								CW	RU
			CH		31	Latvia								CW	RU
			CH		32	Finland								CW	RU
			CH		33	Bosnia-Herzegovina								CW	RU
			CH		34	Georgia								CW	RU
			CH		35	F.Y.R. Macedonia								CW	RU
			CH		36	Lithuania								CW	RU
			CH		37	Belarus								CW	RU
			CH		38	Iceland								CW	RU
			CH		39	Malta								CW	RU
			CH		40	Republic of Ireland								CW	RU
			CH		41	Armenia								CW	RU
			CH		42	Wales								CW	RU
					43	Liechtenstein								CW	
			CH		44	Albania								CW	RU
			CH		45	Northern Ireland								CW	RU
			CH		46	Estonia								CW	RU
			CH		47	Luxembourg								CW	RU
			CH		48	Azerbaijan								CW	RU
			CH		49	Faroe Islands								CW	RU
			CH		50	Kazakhstan								CW	RU
					51	Andorra								CH	
					52	San Marino								CH	

TH = title-holder / tenant du titre / Titelhalter

CH = domestic champion club / champion national / Landesmeister

RU = domestic league runner-up / vice-champion national / Vizelandesmeister

N3 = domestic league 3rd-placed club / 3e du championnat national / 3. der nationalen Meisterschaft

N4 = domestic league 4th-placed club / 4e du championnat national / 4. der nationalen Meisterschaft

N5 = domestic league 5th-placed club / 5e du championnat national / 5. der nationalen Meisterschaft

N6 = domestic league 6th-placed club / 6e du championnat national / 6. der nationalen Meisterschaft

CW = domestic cup-winner / vainqueur de coupe national / nationaler Pokalsieger

UIC = club qualified via UEFA Intertoto Cup / qualifié via UEFA Intertoto Cup / Vereine aus UEFA Intertoto Cup

FP = club qualified via Fair Play rankings / qualifié via classement du fair-play / Vereine aus Fairplay-Wertung

Q = qualifying rounds / tours de qualification / Qualifikationsrunden