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Rome UEFA Executive Committee decisions

New format for Intertoto Cup and Version 2.0 of UEFA Club Licensing Manual approved

The UEFA Executive Committee today finished its meeting held in Rome, originally scheduled to end tomorrow, and in a full afternoon decided on the following issues:

To approve the proposal for a change to the format of the UEFA Intertoto Cup for the season 2006/07. In the new format, there will be three rounds instead of five, and the 11 winning teams from the third round will qualify for the Second Qualifying Round of the UEFA Cup. In principle all 49 participating associations will have one place.

To approve the new version of the UEFA Club Licensing Manual Version 2.0. This new version, which is the result of a long consultation process involving among others all 52 UEFA member associations, looks more consistent in structure, and the criteria to be fulfilled by the clubs are better explained and linked to set objectives. The new Manual aims to be an equal and non discriminatory application of the licensing procedures including main changes in the sporting area, with the introduction of the obligation for all players to undergo medical examination; in the personnel and administrative area, now including a stronger link (for the head and assistant coach) to the UEFA Coaching Convention; in the infrastructure area with a more consistent approach; and, finally, in the financial area, foreseeing stricter financial discipline, including the submission of budgeted information by the clubs.

All of the changes in the new Club Licensing Manual Version 2.0 are for the financial year closing June 2007, which means that they will have to be implemented as of the previous football season, so already next year for the football season 2006/07.

To approve the regulations, in conformity with their decision taken in the June meeting in Manchester, of the UEFA European Under-21 Championship 2006/07, the first of the Under-21 final tournaments scheduled to take place now in odd years, and coming immediately after the Under-21 final tournament of 2006.

To approve the regulations for the UEFA European Under-17, Under-19 and Women's Under-19 Championships 2006-07.

To approve the proposal to hold the XXXII Ordinary UEFA Congress 2008 in Ukraine.

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