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Belgium currently top of UEFA Fair Play ranking

Fifteen countries in contention for three UEFA Cup places

UEFA's fair play ranking, based on all UEFA competition matches played, at both club and national team level, between 1 June 2005 and 31 May 2006, is currently headed by Belgium. Taking into account matches up to and including 31 December 2005, leader Belgium and another fourteen associations are in the race for the three additional slots to the first qualifying round of the 2006/07 UEFA Cup. For the current intermediary ranking, only associations having played a minimum of 22 matches are taken into account. This cut-off point is defined as the total number of UEFA matches divided by the number of national associations.

Once the UEFA Fair Play ranking is finalised at the end of the season, all national associations who have attained an average of eight points or more will go into a draw to determine which two countries will have the right, along with the outright winner, to enter an additional team for next season's UEFA Cup. At the moment, leaders Belgium and another fourteen national associations are above this 'pass mark'. However, any associations ranked with less than eight points today, could still join this draw for the two UEFA Cup places, should their Fair Play record improve by the end of the season and should they have played the required number of matches.

The fair play coefficient is based on criteria such as positive play, respect of the opponent, respect of the referee, behaviour of the crowd and of the team officials as well as cautions and dismissals.

The three associations which are allocated an additional UEFA Cup place will be entitled to enter the club that has won the domestic top-division fair play competition. If this club has already qualified for a UEFA club competition the second-placed team in the domestic competition may be entered and, should they also have already qualified, the third-placed team would be considered and so forth.

It is even possible for a team that has been relegated to the second highest division to qualify for the UEFA Cup, as a result of its exemplary fair play conduct during the domestic championship.

Attached: UEFA Fair Play ranking

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Total points
(Cut-off 22 matches)

UEFA Fair Play 2005/06

Includes matches from: 01/06/2005 up to: 31/12/2005

		Total Points	Matches played
1.	BEL	8.166	65
2.	SWE	8.127	50
3.	NED	8.118	62
4.	LAT	8.114	29
5.	FIN	8.111	55
6.	NOR	8.087	64
7.	GER	8.074	105
8.	EST	8.068	26
9.	SUI	8.057	62
10.	SLO	8.040	37
11.	RUS	8.032	63
12.	ENG	8.023	85
13.	SVK	8.016	50
14.	FAR	8.016	22
15.	FRA	8.009	101
16.	POR	7.989	52
17.	DEN	7.972	49
18.	MDA	7.959	31
19.	IRL	7.944	35
20.	LTU	7.922	38
21.	AUT	7.915	47
22.	CYP	7.914	35
23.	WAL	7.913	28
24.	UKR	7.898	51
25.	ISL	7.875	35
26.	ARM	7.864	32
27.	BLR	7.864	36
28.	POL	7.860	47
29.	ITA	7.844	77
30.	ROU	7.837	67
31.	CZE	7.816	64
32.	NIR	7.784	27
33.	HUN	7.779	44
34.	ESP	7.754	76
35.	MKD	7.712	37
36.	ALB	7.707	27
37.	SCO	7.705	38
38.	GRE	7.704	53
39.	CRO	7.672	43
40.	KAZ	7.672	29
41.	BUL	7.648	54
42.	AZE	7.642	29
43.	ISR	7.595	34
44.	SCG	7.592	54
45.	TUR	7.534	31
46.	BIH	7.492	33
47.	GEO	7.446	28
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48.	LIE	8.014	10
49.	LUX	7.739	17
50.	AND	7.678	13
51.	MLT	7.549	21
52.	SMR	7.392	12

Total matches: 1155

Group 1: 22 or more matches played, Group 2: less than 22 matches played

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