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Belgium still on top of UEFA Fair Play ranking

Twelve 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 March 2006, leader Belgium and another eleven 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 25 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 eleven 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 25 matches)

UEFA Fair Play 2005/06

Includes matches from: 01/06/2005 up to: 31/03/2006

		Total Points	Matches played
1.	BEL	8.168	77
2.	SWE	8.142	53
3.	FIN	8.124	58
4.	NED	8.123	74
5.	LAT	8.114	29
6.	SUI	8.088	73
7.	NOR	8.084	67
8.	EST	8.068	26
9.	SLO	8.040	37
10.	GER	8.026	125
11.	ENG	8.022	102
12.	SVK	8.015	56
13.	DEN	7.990	52
14.	POR	7.987	61
15.	MDA	7.972	35
16.	FRA	7.967	123
17.	RUS	7.967	77
18.	WAL	7.959	33
19.	LTU	7.922	38
20.	AUT	7.915	47
21.	POL	7.900	51
22.	CYP	7.898	38
23.	UKR	7.898	61
24.	IRL	7.880	39
25.	ISL	7.875	35
26.	ARM	7.864	32
27.	BLR	7.864	36
28.	NIR	7.858	31
29.	ROU	7.822	80
30.	CZE	7.813	68
31.	HUN	7.797	48
32.	ITA	7.787	101
33.	KAZ	7.752	34
34.	ESP	7.735	104
35.	SCO	7.720	40
36.	GRE	7.715	55
37.	MKD	7.712	37
38.	ALB	7.707	27
39.	CRO	7.674	44
40.	ISR	7.668	38
41.	SCG	7.650	60
42.	BUL	7.643	63
43.	AZE	7.642	29
44.	TUR	7.562	33
45.	BIH	7.507	34
46.	GEO	7.446	28
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47.	FAR	8.016	22
48.	LIE	8.014	10
49.	LUX	7.739	17
50.	AND	7.678	13
51.	MLT	7.613	23
52.	SMR	7.392	12

Total matches: 1293

Group 1: 25 or more matches played, Group 2: less than 25 matches played

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