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Fondo de cesión de jugadores competiciones UEFA

En fecha 7 de abril de 2022 el Comité Ejecutivo de la UEFA aprobó las cantidades del fondo de cesión de jugadores que, por su participación en los campeonatos de la Nations League (20/21 y 22/23) y las rondas de clasificación del Campeonato Europeo (2022-2024), corresponderían a los clubes.

Adjunto a la presente se remite la Circular N.º. 39 de la UEFA informativa sobre el particular, así como el formulario que han de cumplimentar los clubes acreedores del derecho a recibir cantidad alguna de esos fondos.

En caso de necesitar cualquier otro tipo de información complementaria al respecto no duden en contactar con el Área Deportiva o el Área de Estrategia y Relaciones Internacionales de la RFEF.

Lo que se comunica a los efectos oportunos.

Las Rozas de Madrid, a 30 de junio de 2022.


Andreu Camps Povill
Secretario General



No. 39/2022

To UEFA's member associations

For the attention of
the President and the General Secretary

Your reference	Your correspondence of	Our reference	Date
		F\MAC\KLL	20 June 2022

Participation of clubs in the benefits of the UEFA Nations League 2020/21 & 2022/23 and the UEFA European Championship 2022-24

Dear Sir or Madam,

Since 2008, UEFA distributes every four years an amount from the UEFA European Football Championship to clubs that have released players for UEFA's A-national team competitions. For the current edition of this distribution programme, which is linked to UEFA EURO 2024, the overall amount has been determined to be EUR 240 million, based on the Memorandum of Understanding between UEFA and the European Club Association ("ECA") dated February 2019.

The UEFA Executive Committee has approved the mechanism and distribution principles at its meeting on 7 April 2022 in Nyon and has decided that the overall amount is divided into two pots:

- **EUR 100 million** will be distributed among those clubs which have released and/or will release players for the UEFA Nations League 2020/21 ("UNL 2020/21"), the UEFA Nations League 2022/23 ("UNL 2022/23") and the qualifying competition of the UEFA EURO 2024 ("EQ 2022-24"), on a per-match basis.
- **EUR 140 million** will be distributed among the clubs that will release players for the final tournament, commonly referred to as UEFA EURO 2024, on a per-day basis.

In this context, the aforementioned Memorandum of Understanding between UEFA and ECA states that "[...] there will be no additional payments from UEFA or any European National Association in relation to the release, insurance (for the insurance part also from non-European National Associations) or participation of players in national teams. [...]".

A. Distribution mechanism

The distribution mechanism has generally been left unchanged compared to the previous edition of the programme, which was related to UEFA EURO 2020.

1. UNL 2020/21, UNL 2022/23 and EQ 2022-24 (€ 100 million)

EUR 100 million will be made available for these competition phases:

- UNL 2020/21 and UNL 2022/23 (340 matches including the league phase, finals and relegation play-outs)
- EQ 2022-24 (249 matches including the group stage and the play-offs), and up to 10 friendly matches played by EURO host Germany in parallel to these matches¹

As for the previous cycle, there will be no difference in treatment between UNL and EQ matches.

The benefits associated with the release of players to the national teams will be calculated on a per player/per match basis. Clubs will receive an equal per-match compensation for players that they released to the participating teams, provided the below criteria are fulfilled.

To calculate the per-match fee, the following criteria and principles apply:

- Only players who were listed on the match sheet (maximum of 23 players per team) will be taken into account;
- Payments are only made to clubs that belong to a UEFA member association. Therefore, a match sheet appearance by a player registered for a non-UEFA club is not counted;
- No benefits can be allocated for players without club.

In all cases, the clubs to benefit from these payments are those with which the players concerned were registered when the match in question took place. For the avoidance of doubt, neither the national associations nor the players who were released to their national teams have any right or entitlement to these amounts, which the national associations are required to pass on to their clubs in full.

The projected per-match rate is:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\text{€ 100 million}}{\left((589 \text{ matches} * 2 \text{ teams} * 23 \text{ players}) + (10 \text{ preparation matches of Germany} * 23 \text{ players}) \right)} \\ & = \text{€ 3,659 per player per match} \end{aligned}$$

¹Other centralised friendly matches played between 2020 and 2024 played in parallel to UNL or EQ matches or before the EURO 2024 final tournament are not part of this programme.

The mechanism for the distribution of any leftover amounts (for example due to fewer than 23 players on the match sheet, or due to players released by non-UEFA clubs) will be determined in due course, after the conclusion of the European Qualifiers 2022-24 play-offs in March 2024.

2. UEFA EURO 2024 final tournament (€ 140 million)

EUR 140 million will be distributed among the clubs releasing players for the EURO final tournament in June/July 2024. A club's share is calculated as:

- i. the number of players selected for a national team that has qualified for UEFA EURO 2024;
- ii. the number of days each player was at the final tournament, starting ten days before the first match of his national team and finishing the day after the national team's last match in the final tournament; and
- iii. the FIFA categorisation of clubs for training compensation, as per the latest guidelines set out in the relevant FIFA Circular. UEFA will in principle rely on the club category indicated in FIFA's Transfer Matching System (TMS) by 1 July 2024, with the following specifications:
 - As for previous editions, no club will be categorised as category 4;
 - The categorisation will be based on the category of the country where a club performs its competitive activity (and the division this club belongs to).

As for previous EURO tournaments, the calculated per-day rate will be multiplied with the factors 1 for clubs of Category 1, 2/3 for clubs from Category 2 and 1/3 for clubs of Category 3.

Should FIFA review its categorisation of clubs before 1 July 2024, the system will be adapted accordingly.

Further, the following principles apply:

- Payments are only made to clubs that belong to a UEFA member association. Therefore, a player registered for an Ex-European club is not counted.
- No benefits can be allocated for players without club.
- In all cases, the clubs to benefit from these payments are those with which the players concerned were registered during the relevant release period. For the avoidance of doubt, neither the national associations nor the players who were released to their national teams have any right or entitlement to these amounts, which the national associations are required to pass on to their clubs in full.

The following table summarises the forecasted per-day rate:

	Overall amount	Amount per player per day
UEFA EURO 2024	EUR 140 million	Category 1: EUR 10,000* Category 2: EUR 6,670* Category 3: EUR 3,330*
UEFA EURO 2020	<i>EUR 130 million</i>	<i>Category 1: EUR 8,918</i> <i>Category 2: EUR 5,945</i> <i>Category 3: EUR 2,972</i>

* forecast based on simulated EURO squads and tournament results

The exact per-day amounts for each club category will be calculated after the completion of the final tournament, based on the actual participation of players.

Injured players:

For a player included in the original squad list of 23 players who was injured and replaced before the first match of his national team, payment will only be made for the number of days the player was present during the ten days before the first match of his national team.

For the player who replaced an injured player, payment will be made from the day of replacement until the day after the national team's last match in the final tournament.

B. Payment procedure

The following procedure will apply for the distribution of all payments (UNL, EQ and EURO final tournament) to implement the aforementioned distribution mechanism (as agreed between UEFA and ECA) as well as the relevant provisions of the MoU, in particular clause F.7, according to which any club – whether or not a member of the ECA – wishing to receive such payments is required to confirm to UEFA its acceptance of and compliance with the principles established in the MoU.

1. Amounts related to UNL 2020/21

Each UEFA member association will receive a preliminary list of clubs that have released players for the matches of the UNL 2020/21, together with a list of players that were on the match sheets of its national team during this period. Each association is requested to:

- i. immediately forward a copy of the enclosed Club Application Form to all the clubs on the above-mentioned list; and
- ii. inform them that to be eligible to receive a share of these benefits, they must return this form, duly signed, to UEFA (clubbenefits@uefa.ch, with a copy to their national association) by 1 July 2022 at the latest.

Other deadlines will be set related to the UNL 2022/23, EQ 2022-24 and the EURO 2024 final tournament, see points below. However, clubs do not have to resend the form to be eligible for further payments of this edition of the benefits programme;

- iii. confirm that their match sheets of the UEFA Nations League 2020/21 are correct. The corresponding form (send individually via email in due course) must be returned to UEFA by 1 July 2022, date following which the list is deemed to be approved.

2. Amounts related to the UNL 2022/23 league phase

After completion of the league phase in September 2022, each UEFA member association will receive a list of clubs who are eligible to a share of the benefits for those matches. If applicable, associations are requested to:

- i. immediately forward a copy of the enclosed Club Application Form to their clubs on the above-mentioned list that have not yet released players to UNL 2020/21; and
- ii. inform them that to be eligible to receive a share of these benefits, they must return this form, duly signed, to UEFA (clubbenefits@uefa.ch, with a copy to their national association) by 18 November 2022 at the latest;
- iii. confirm that their match sheets of the UEFA Nations League 2022/23 league phase are correct. The corresponding form (send individually via email in due course) must be returned to UEFA by 18 November 2022, date following which the list is deemed to be approved.

3. Amounts related to the UNL 2022/23 finals and the EQ 2022-24 group stage

After completion of the EQ 2022-24 group stage in November 2023, each UEFA member association will receive a list of clubs who are eligible to a share of the benefits for those matches. If applicable, associations are requested to:

- i. immediately forward a copy of the enclosed Club Application Form to their clubs on the above-mentioned list that have not yet released players to the UNL 2020/21 or the UNL 2022/23 league phase; and
- ii. inform them that to be eligible to receive a share of these benefits, they must return this form, duly signed, to UEFA (clubbenefits@uefa.ch, with a copy to their national association) by 19 January 2024 at the latest;
- iii. confirm that their match sheets of the EQ 2022-24 group stage and, if applicable, the UNL finals in June 2023 are correct. The corresponding form (send individually via email in due course) must be returned to UEFA by 19 January 2024, date following which the list is deemed to be approved.

4. Amounts related to the EQ 2022-24 play-offs, the UNL 2022/23 play-outs and the UEFA EURO 2024 final tournament

Following the EURO final tournament in July 2024, each UEFA member association will receive a list of clubs who are eligible to a share of the benefits for those matches. If applicable, associations are requested to:

- i. immediately forward a copy of the enclosed Club Application Form to their clubs on the above-mentioned list that have not yet released players to UNL 2020/21 or the UNL 2022/23 or EQ 2022-24 group stage matches; and
- ii. inform them that to be eligible to receive a share of these benefits, they must return this form, duly signed, to UEFA (clubbenefits@uefa.ch, with a copy to their national association) by 20 September 2024 at the latest;
- iii. confirm that, if applicable, their match sheets for the EQ 2022-24 play-offs, the UNL 2022/23 play-outs and/or their player list of the UEFA EURO 2024 final tournament is correct. The corresponding form (send individually via email in due course) must be returned to UEFA by 20 September 2024, date following which the list is deemed to be approved.

C. Payment schedule

To allow clubs to receive timely payments and to spread the workload for UEFA's member associations, the approval and payment process shall be staggered.

Timing	NA review and approval	Payments
Q3 2022	UNL 2020/21 (league phase, finals and play-outs)	UNL 2020/21 (league phase, finals and play-outs)
Q4 2022	UNL 2022/23 (league phase)	
Q1 2023		UNL 2022/23 (league phase)
Q4 2023	EQ 2022-24 (group stage) and UNL 2022/23 (finals)	
Q1 2024		EQ 2022-24 (group stage) and UNL 2022/23 (finals)
Q3 2024	EQ 2022-24 (play-offs) and UNL 2022/23 (play-outs) and UEFA EURO 2024 final tournament	
Q4 2024		EQ 2022-24 (play-offs) and UNL 2022/23 (play-outs) and UEFA EURO 2024 final tournament

Yours faithfully,

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Theodore Theodoridis
General Secretary

Enclosure

- Club application form

Cc (with enclosure)

- UEFA Executive Committee
- UEFA National Team Competitions Committee
- European members of the FIFA Council
- FIFA, Zurich
- ECA, Nyon

ENCLOSURE 1: CLUB APPLICATION FORM

TO BE DULY SIGNED AND SENT BY EMAIL TO UEFA BY 01.07.2022

Email: clubbenefits@uefa.ch

Copy to National Association:

Email of the Association:

CLUB APPLICATION FORM

by [name of the club]
affiliated to [name of the National Association]
towards UEFA

Concerning the FIFA regulations on the release of players and the participation in the benefits of the UEFA Nations League 2020/21, UEFA Nations League 2022/23, European Qualifiers 2022-24 and UEFA EURO 2024

We, the undersigned Club, hereby confirm our commitment to support national team competitions and to comply with the FIFA regulations on the release of players as set out in Annexe 1 of the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players and as stipulated in the Memorandum of Understanding between UEFA and the European Club Association (ECA) signed on 6 February 2019 (hereafter: MoU). We confirm that we wish to receive payments in accordance with the terms set out in this Application Form and in the MoU for our contribution to the successful staging of national team football in general and in particular the following competitions: UEFA Nations League 2020/21, UEFA Nations League 2022/23, European Qualifiers 2022-24 and UEFA EURO 2024 ("International Competitions"). We understand that this signed Application Form must be returned to UEFA by the above date in order for us to do so. We acknowledge and agree that any such payments that we are entitled to receive, subject to the valid signature of this form, will be distributed via the National Association (member of FIFA and/or UEFA) to which we are affiliated.

We acknowledge and agree that there will be no additional payments from UEFA or any National Association (other than under purely domestic relations between National Associations and their clubs) in recognition of our contribution to the successful staging of the International Competitions and to national team football in general, or in relation to the cost of insurance of players or any other matter arising from the release or participation of players to national teams in general.

In particular, we agree:

- to recognise UEFA and FIFA's respective Member Associations as the governing body for football at a national level, UEFA as the governing body for football at European level and FIFA as the governing body of football at worldwide level, in accordance with their Statutes;
- to participate only in competitions that are organised, recognised or authorised by UEFA/FIFA;

- not to be a member of any grouping (i.e. any combination or alliance) involving clubs from more than one UEFA Member Association other than the ECA and/or other grouping authorised by UEFA;
- not to be a party to any legal proceedings against UEFA, FIFA and/or any Member Association (the latter does not concern purely domestic relations between our Club and our Member Association) as regards the FIFA regulations on release of players;
- to make no claims in relation to the cost of insurance of players or any other matter relating to the release or participation of players for national teams against UEFA and/or FIFA and/or any other Member Association (the latter does not concern purely domestic relations between our Club and our Member Association);
- to comply with the applicable procedure, timetable and calculation mechanism defined by UEFA as regards the calculation and distribution of the above-mentioned payments;
- to respect the International Match calendar as drawn up by FIFA following consultation with Confederations, National Associations, Clubs, Leagues and Players;
- to accept the principle of central marketing by UEFA and the redistribution of club competition revenues as set out in the relevant Circular Letters of UEFA;
- to recognise the ECA as an established employers' organisation;
- to adhere to and comply with the UEFA and the FIFA Statutes and regulations;
- to recognise the Court of Arbitration for Sport ("CAS") in Lausanne (Switzerland) as the sole competent body to decide on any sports-related dispute between our Club and UEFA and/or FIFA (and their respective Member Associations) as well as any dispute concerning the Statutes and/or regulations of UEFA and/or FIFA.

We acknowledge and agree that non-compliance with the above conditions and obligations will mean that our Club forgoes any entitlement to receive payments in connection with our contribution to the successful staging of the International Competitions and to national team football in general and that any other appropriate measures may be taken, in accordance with the UEFA Statutes, the FIFA Statutes and their respective Rules and Regulations.

We have read and understood this Application Form, which is valid until 31 July 2024 and supersedes the form enclosed to UEFA circular letter 2019/42. In the event that the MoU is terminated in accordance with the applicable provisions set out in Paragraph F.5 thereof, then UEFA and/or the undersigned Club will have the right (but not the obligation) to terminate this agreement. We confirm that our signature of this document constitutes a binding and irrevocable expression of our full agreement with it.

Place and date

On behalf of

[Name of the Club]

Name:

Signature: