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Información relevante sobre las competiciones de la UEFA de clubes para la temporada 2022/2023

(Circular n.º 22/2022 de la UEFA)

Por medio de la presente, la RFEF comunica a todos sus afiliados el contenido de la Circular UEFA n.º 22/2022, publicada en fecha 3 de mayo de 2022.

En la citada circular, la UEFA informa sobre el procedimiento de inscripción, la vestimenta de juego y la elegibilidad de los jugadores de las siguientes competiciones de la UEFA: Champions League, Europa League, Europa Conference League y Youth League.

Se adjunta el texto de la Circular n.º 22/2022 de la UEFA, junto con sus respectivos anexos, a fin de que sea debidamente conocida y atendida por todos los afiliados a la RFEF. Asimismo, podrán encontrar a continuación una traducción del contenido de la citada circular:

"Para ayudar en los preparativos para las competiciones de clubes de la UEFA 2022/23, le adjuntamos la información sobre lo siguiente:

- Procedimiento de inscripción para las competiciones de clubes 2022/23 (Anexo 1)**
- Vestimenta de juego para las competiciones de clubes de la UEFA 2022/23 (Anexo 2)**
- Elegibilidad de los jugadores para las competiciones de clubes de la UEFA 2022/23 (Anexo 3)**
- Liga Juvenil de la UEFA 2022/23 (Anexo 4)**
- Plataforma UEFA TIME (Anexo 5)**

Aunque los procedimientos descritos en los Anexos 1 a 3 también se aplican a la UEFA Youth League, es importante la información adicional sobre dicha competición, en relación con el formato de la



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competición, el proceso de inscripción y la elegibilidad e inscripción de los jugadores (Anexo 4).

En el Anexo 5 encontrará una guía detallada e instrucciones sobre los diferentes usos de la plataforma UEFA TIME que ayudará a los clubes a realizar diversas tareas durante la temporada de competición de clubes.

En el caso de cualquier imprevisto, que tenga un efecto directo sobre la inscripción o el inicio de la Champions League 2022/23, Europa League, Conference League o Youth League, por favor, informe inmediatamente a la UEFA de cualquier cambio o retraso en sus competiciones nacionales.

*Como en años anteriores, le rogamos que **nos facilite sus calendarios de partidos nacionales**, incluyendo sus fechas de la liga nacional y las fechas de las competiciones de copa nacionales para la próxima temporada. Esto nos dará una visión completa de las fechas ya utilizadas, así como los cambios para el fútbol europeo, que podremos compartir con todas las asociaciones.*

Por favor, envíe su calendario nacional para 2022/23 o 2023 a entry@uefa.ch

Gracias por su atención a la información aquí contenida, así como a los documentos anexos y por su inestimable colaboración”.

En caso de necesitar cualquier otro tipo de información complementaria al respecto, no duden en contactar con el área de Asesoría Jurídica y/o el área de Competiciones de la RFEF, los cuales se encuentran a disposición de todos los estamentos del fútbol español para esclarecer las dudas que la presente información pudiera generar.

Lo que se comunica para el general conocimiento y a los efectos oportunos.

Las Rozas de Madrid, a 5 de mayo de 2022.

Andreu Camps Povill
Secretario General



No. 22/2022

TO UEFA MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

For the attention of
the President and the General Secretary

Your reference	Your correspondence of	Our reference	Date
		CLC/FOP	03 May 2022

2022/23 UEFA club competitions

UEFA Champions League, UEFA Europa League, UEFA Europa Conference League and UEFA Youth League

Registration procedure, playing attire and player eligibility

Dear Sir or Madam,

To assist with your preparations for the 2022/23 UEFA club competitions, please find enclosed information about the following:

- Registration procedure for the 2022/23 club competitions (Enclosure 1)
- Playing attire for the 2022/23 UEFA club competitions (Enclosure 2)
- Player eligibility for the 2022/23 UEFA club competitions (Enclosure 3)
- 2022/23 UEFA Youth League (Enclosure 4)
- UEFA TIME platform (Enclosure 5)

As in previous years, details of the official registration procedure, playing attire and player eligibility have been combined in one circular letter. This will facilitate the handling of all processes regarding preparations for the 2022/23 UEFA club competitions and give you a better overview of the important processes and deadlines, as well as avoiding unnecessary communications.

Although the procedures described in Enclosures 1 to 3 also apply to the UEFA Youth League, important additional information on that competition, regarding the competition format, the entry process and the eligibility and registration of players, is provided in Enclosure 4.

In Enclosure 5 you will find detailed guidance and instructions on the different uses of the UEFA TIME platform, which will help clubs to perform various tasks during the club competition season.

The UEFA administration continues to monitor COVID-19 developments and further information on measures, guidelines and changes to the 2022/23 club competition regulations may be provided at a later stage.

Electronic versions of all regulations can be found in the [UEFA Documents portal](#) in due course. Furthermore, the reasoning for key amendments to the regulations and further information on the regulations and the competitions can be found in the [Documents](#) section of TIME, for the attention of your participating club(s). Details of how you and your clubs can access and use TIME can be found in Enclosure 5.

In the case of any unforeseen events, that have a direct effect on the registration or start of the 2022/23 UEFA Champions League, the 2022/23 UEFA Europa League, the 2022/23 UEFA Europa Conference League or the 2022/23 UEFA Youth League season, please immediately inform UEFA of any impact, irregularity, change or delay to your domestic competitions.

As in previous years, please provide us with your domestic match calendars, including your domestic league and domestic cup competition dates for the next season. This will give us a complete picture of the dates already used as well as the changes for European football, which we will then be able to share with all associations. Please email your domestic calendar for 2022/23 or 2023 to entry@uefa.ch.

Thank you in advance for giving your fullest attention to the information contained in this letter and its enclosures, and for your valuable cooperation.

Yours faithfully,

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Theodore Theodoridis
General Secretary

Enclosures

- Enclosure 1: Registration procedure for the 2022/23 UEFA club competitions
- Enclosure 2: Playing attire for the 2022/23 UEFA club competitions
- Enclosure 3: Player eligibility for the 2022/23 UEFA club competitions
- Enclosure 4: 2022/23 UEFA Youth League
- Enclosure 5: UEFA TIME Platform

cc (with enclosures)

- UEFA Executive Committee
- UEFA Club Competitions Committee
- European members of the FIFA Council
- FIFA, Zurich
- ECA, Nyon
- EL, Nyon



2022/23 registration procedures for the UEFA Champions League, UEFA Europa League, UEFA Europa Conference League and UEFA Youth League

Please find below detailed information concerning the above registration procedures, which have not changed from previous seasons.

In order to check the eligibility of each participating club, a pre-registration procedure is applied, followed by the final registration. This means that, by the specified pre-registration deadline, each national association must send UEFA the admission criteria forms for all clubs that have qualified or could potentially still qualify for UEFA club competitions by that date. Then by the final registration deadline, the other entry documents (i.e. official entry form) must be sent to UEFA or completed online (i.e. playing attire) for all the clubs that have actually qualified.

All entry documents (official entry form and admission criteria form) and further information can be downloaded from the [Documents](#) section of UEFA TIME. Details of how to access TIME and give access to your clubs can be found in Enclosure 5 of this circular. For information on stadium matters, please refer to the Club Competitions 2022/23 Stadium Venue Announcement that was sent to the stadium contacts of each national association by email on 25 March.

The pre-registration and final registration procedures are explained in detail below. Please adhere to all the deadlines indicated.

1. Pre-registration – 13 May 2022

National associations must submit the following form as a **manually countersigned PDF** of the original document (*colour copy, if possible; signed by hand; no electronic signatures*) to entry@uefa.ch by **13 May** at the latest:

- An **official admission criteria form (UEFA club competitions 2022/23)** completed in full for each club that has qualified or could potentially still qualify for the UEFA Champions League, the UEFA Europa League, the UEFA Europa Conference League and the UEFA Youth League. One form must be submitted for each club, whether they are participating in the UEFA Youth League only or are entering both the UEFA Champions League, UEFA Europa League or UEFA Europa Conference League and the UEFA Youth League.

Regarding the admission to UEFA's club competitions, please refer to the criteria and procedures set out in Articles 3 and 4 of the regulations of the various competitions. The access list, which applies the coefficient ranking system to determine admission to these competitions, is included in Annex A to these regulations.

Please be aware that all submissions for the pre-registration phase are to be regarded as provisional, until the admission criteria listed in the competition regulations have been fulfilled, at the latest by the final registration date. This also applies, for example, to clubs whose season is over, but which have not completed the licensing process, i.e. licences have not yet been granted.

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In the case of any unforeseen events, that have a direct effect on the preparation or start of the 2022/23 UEFA Champions League, the 2022/23 UEFA Europa League, the 2022/23 UEFA Europa Conference League or the 2022/23 UEFA Youth League season, please immediately inform UEFA (entry@uefa.ch) of any impact, irregularity, change or delay to your domestic competitions.

2. Final registration – 1 June 2022

The following must be submitted by the deadline of **1 June**:

- The **official competition entry form**, listing all the clubs that have qualified for the UEFA Champions League, the UEFA Europa League, the UEFA Europa Conference League and the UEFA Youth League (see below). The national associations must submit the form as a **manually countersigned PDF** of the original document (*colour copy, signed by hand; no electronic signatures*) to entry@uefa.ch by **1 June** at the latest. Please make sure the club names are correct, as these will be used for all purposes relating to the UEFA club competitions. Please also note that national associations that are unable to send the results of their domestic league and cup competition(s) by 13 May must submit them by 1 June to confirm which clubs have qualified for the above-mentioned competitions.
- Each team that has qualified for the UEFA Champions League, the UEFA Europa League, the UEFA Europa Conference League and the UEFA Youth League must **register their playing attires** in the TIME KIT platform by the deadline, including the approval of their national association. For more information regarding playing attire registration and the TIME KIT platform, see Enclosures 2 and 5 of this circular letter.

With regard to the official registration for the **UEFA Youth League** in particular, please note the following:

- On entering the 2022/23 UEFA Champions League (on submission of the official competition entry form by their national association), clubs agree that if they qualify for the group stage, to also take part in the 2022/23 UEFA Youth League (UEFA Champions League path) in accordance with the competition regulations. See Articles 3 and 4 of the Regulations of the UEFA Youth League 2022/23 and Article 6.01(p) of the Regulations of the UEFA Champions League 2022/23.
- When submitting the official competition entry form, the national associations must **confirm the age category** of their domestic championship that gives access to the UEFA Youth League 2022/23. Please note that this age category was confirmed last year for the entire 2021-24 cycle and therefore needs to be the same for the 2022/23 season.
- All domestic youth champions that have qualified for the UEFA Youth League (including clubs whose senior team has qualified for the qualifying rounds or play-offs of the UEFA Champions League, or for the qualifying rounds, play-offs or group stage of the UEFA Europa League or UEFA Europa Conference League) must be listed on the official entry form.

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- In accordance with Articles 3.03 to 3.05 of the 2022/23 UEFA Youth League Regulations, if the domestic youth champion of one of the 32 best-ranked associations has also qualified for the competition through the UEFA Champions League, it will enter the UEFA Champions League path of the UEFA Youth League, while the first place in the domestic champions path will be vacated and filled by the UEFA Youth League titleholder unless they have otherwise qualified. Any additional vacancy will be filled by the next association in the coefficient rankings whose domestic youth champion has not already qualified (see Annex A of the UEFA Youth League Regulations). Consequently, associations ranked 33 or below who are interested in entering a domestic youth champion in the UEFA Youth League are invited to complete the form(s) accordingly. However, participation is subject to the principles set out in Articles 3.03 to 3.05 of the UEFA Youth League Regulations. The final access list for the UEFA Youth League will be communicated to all parties only after the UEFA Champions League play-offs, when all the participants in both UEFA Youth League paths are known.
- If your domestic youth championship is not due to be completed by **1 June**, please inform the UEFA administration immediately by email to entry@uefa.ch.

In line with the final registration deadline of 1 June, each club participating in the 2022/23 club competition season is asked to complete its TIME Organisation Profile and Stadium Organisation Passport and keep it up to date in accordance with the instructions set out in the user guide. Further information can be found in circular letter 06/2021.

3. Regulations and additional documents on TIME

Electronic versions of regulations can be found on the [UEFA Documents portal](#) along with the reasoning for amendments to the regulations, the access list and other information on the regulations and the competitions. Details of how to access TIME and give access to your clubs can be found in Enclosure 5 of this circular.

Please make sure all clubs concerned have appropriate access.

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4. Draws

The schedule of draws for the 2022/23 season is given below. Please also note that the 2022/23 fixture and draw list in FAME and TIME gives details of all UEFA club competition draws: dates, times, venues, competition stages and dates of matches.

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| - UCL preliminary round | Tuesday, 7 June 2022 |
| - UCL & UECL first qualifying round | Tuesday, 14 June 2022 |
| - UCL & UECL second qualifying round | Wednesday, 15 June 2022 |
| - UCL, UEL & UECL third qualifying round | Monday, 18 July 2022 |
| - UCL, UEL & UECL play-offs | Tuesday, 2 August 2022 |
| - UCL group stage
UYL (UEFA Champions League path group stage) | Thursday, 25 August 2022 |
| - UEL & UECL group stage | Friday, 26 August 2022 |
| - UYL (Domestic Champions path round 1 and round 2) | Tuesday, 30 August 2022 |
| - UCL round of 16 & UEL, UECL KO play off's | Monday, 7 November 2022 |
| - UYL KO play off's | Tuesday, 8 November 2022 |
| - UYL round of 16, quarter-finals, semi-finals and final | Monday, 13 February 2023 |
| - UEL & UECL round of 16 | Friday, 24 February 2023 |
| - UCL, UEL & UECL quarter-finals, semi-finals and final | Friday, 17 March 2023 |

This information will be confirmed in due course, and your clubs will receive confirmation of all dates, times and venues prior to each draw.

Regardless of whether the draws are to be held in person or streamed live online, each club must appoint a competent representative to attend. They will be expected to sort out match arrangements (number of tickets available, safety, travel, hotels, etc.) with the opposing club directly, in person or virtually. If a club representative is not available, the club must authorise someone else (an association representative, a UEFA committee member or an authorised representative of another club from the same country) to liaise on its behalf. If an association representative has to represent one of its clubs, the UEFA administration must be informed accordingly, in writing, at least three days prior to the draw.

The draw invitations and further information regarding each draw, the set-up, attendance and whether physical presence is needed will be sent to the clubs in due course. In cases where club representatives are able to attend a draw in Nyon, they are requested to book their own hotel rooms. Club and association representatives who need invitations to obtain a visa for Switzerland should submit a written request to the UEFA administration at least two weeks before the draw in question, including the following information: name, function, date and place of birth, nationality, passport number, date of issue and expiry of passport, and requested dates for the person's stay.

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5. Stadium matters

For each venue proposed, all sections of the TIME Stadium Passport must be updated by the national association and club concerned. Each participating club has direct access and editing rights to their own Stadium Passport.

All venues must hold valid safety, floodlight and, when applicable, artificial turf certificates, covering the entire period of the competition. The national association is responsible for checking and confirming the validity of the safety certificate in the 'Safety' section. The certificates must be uploaded to the Stadium Passport by the following deadlines:

- Safety certificate
 - One month before each draw involving the club concerned
- Floodlighting certificate
 - One month before each draw involving the club concerned
- Artificial turf certificate
 - 1 June
 - UEFA Champions League, UEFA Europa League and UEFA Europa Conference League
 - 29 July
 - UEFA Youth League

Failure to provide valid certificates will result in the venue not being approved.

6. Anti-Doping & Medical Matters

With regard to anti-doping matters, please refer to Article 8 of the 2022/23 regulations of the UEFA Champions League, UEFA Europa League, UEFA Europa Conference League and UEFA Youth League, as well as the 2021 UEFA Anti-Doping Regulations.

As was the case last season, out-of-competition controls will be conducted by UEFA. Further information on this will be sent to you in due course.

In 2019 UEFA launched a concussion awareness campaign to educate players, coaches, referees, doctors and the general public about the dangers of concussion in football. With this in mind, and as a further step towards protecting the health of players, the UEFA Medical Committee has prepared a Concussion Charter to be signed by a club representative, the head coach and the team doctor of each participating team. A circular letter will be sent out in due course, requesting that the signed charter is sent to medical@uefa.ch. Further information on the process, other medical issues, including medical regulations and minimum medical requirements will be provided in that same circular letter. If there are any medical questions in the meantime, please send them to medical@uefa.ch.



Enclosure 2

Playing attire for the 2022/23 UEFA club competitions

Playing attire for the 2022/23 UEFA Champions League, the 2022/23 UEFA Europa League, the 2022/23 UEFA Europa Conference League and the 2022/23 UEFA Youth League

Please find below some information regarding equipment used in UEFA club competition matches.

This enclosure explains some of the principles of the *UEFA Equipment Regulations* that we feel warrant clarification, as well as some of the key provisions of the regulations.

1. New KIT (Kit Information Tool) platform for playing attire approvals for teams participating in UEFA competitions

This new digital platform is aimed to facilitate the current playing attire selection and approval processes and will become an integral part of the approval process for the upcoming 2022/23 season.

The screenshot displays the TIME platform interface for the KIT (Kit Information Tool). The left sidebar menu includes options like Dashboard, My Matches, My Mini-Tournaments, My Organisation, Stadiums, and KIT (highlighted). The main content area shows the 'Attire registration' section with a notification: 'You have 2 attires registered with UEFA'. Below this, there are filters for Seasons and Competitions, a search bar, and a 'New attire' button. A table lists the registered attire:

STATUS	TEAM	SEASON	COMPETITION	ACTIONS
Submitted	Team A	2021/2022	UEFA Champions League	[Trash icon]
Approved	Team A, Youth	2021/2022	UEFA Champions League	[Trash icon]

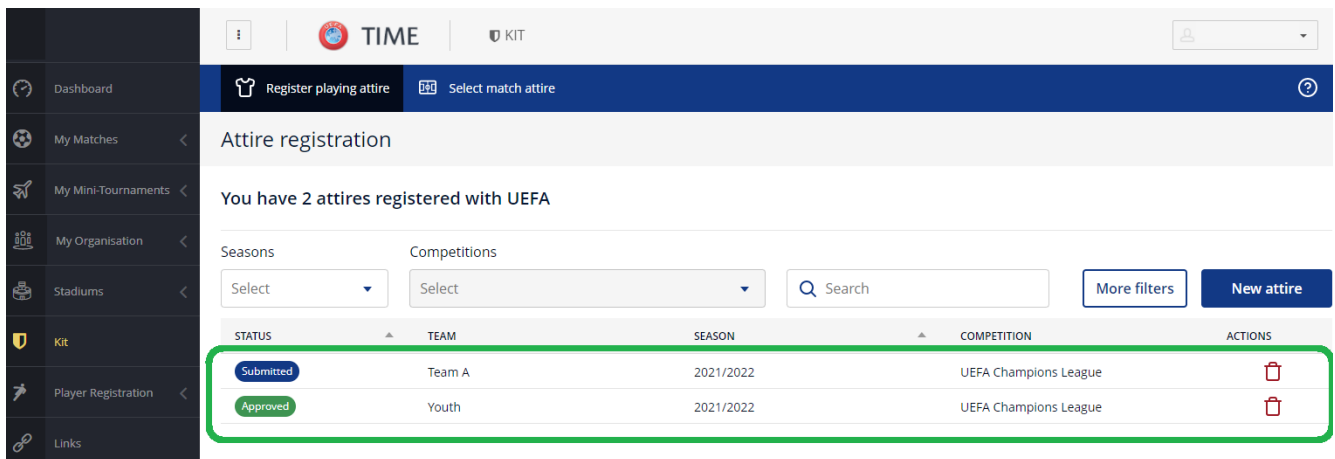
NB – If you do not have access to TIME, or do not see the KIT module in the menu bar, please contact your club's TIME user manager to ensure you have the correct access. Please see Enclosure 5 of this circular letter for more details.

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The KIT tool has two functions:

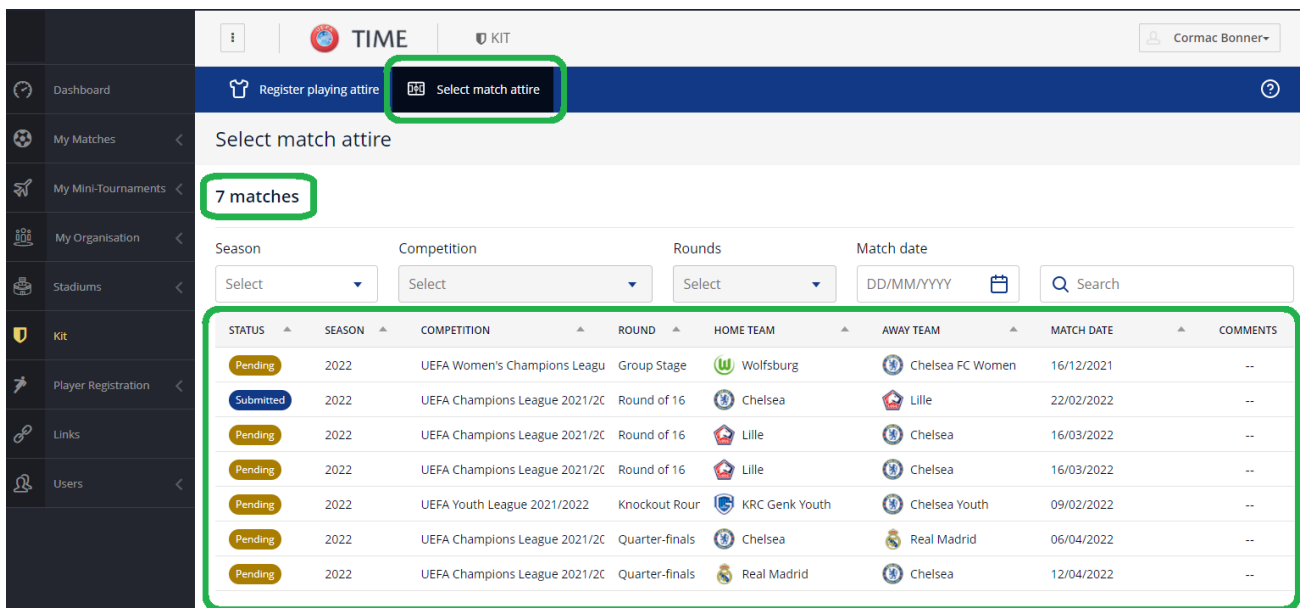
1.1. Playing attire registration

The new process moves the registration of playing attire from the previous paper form to the KIT online tool, where the attires must be entered directly online by the club and must then be validated by the relevant National Association. This Playing Attire Registration section enables clubs to view all their teams' registered playing attires and add any new playing attires for approval.



1.2. Match kit selection

The KIT tool contains a **Select match attire** section for teams to enter their match playing attire agreements for each match.



A full KIT platform user guide will be published by **6 May** in TIME Documents.

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2. Approval process

As a reminder, teams participating in the qualifying rounds of the UEFA Champions League (UCL) and/or the qualifying rounds and play-offs of the UEFA Europa League (UEL) and UEFA Europa Conference League (UECL) are permitted to use their domestically approved playing attire in these rounds, provided that any sponsor advertising is also worn for domestic matches and complies with the relevant provisions of the UEFA Equipment Regulations. The same applies for all matches up to and including the quarter-finals of the UEFA Youth League (UYL). This means that for these rounds of the UEFA competitions, there are no restrictions (other than those mentioned in the UEFA Equipment Regulations relating to use of sponsor advertising) on the number or size of sponsor logos or manufacturer identifications on playing attire.

However, as of the **UEFA Champions League play-offs, UEFA Europa League group stage, UEFA Europa Conference League group stage** and **UEFA Youth League semi-finals**, teams must only use playing attire that complies with the UEFA Equipment Regulations and has been approved by UEFA.

1) Pre-approval process

To limit the risk of having to make changes once attire has already been produced, we encourage teams and manufacturers to submit designs or samples for pre-approval during the design and production process. Physical attire is always subject to final approval, as specified in point 4) below. Requests for pre-approval can be sent to KitApproval@uefa.ch.

2) Playing attire registration

For the 2022/23 season, teams must register all the details related to their playing attire (outfield player and goalkeeper colours, manufacturer, sponsor(s), charity logos, etc.) on the KIT platform, and upload front and back pictures of their range of outfield player and goalkeeper attires. This must be completed by **1 June**. If available, website/merchandising photos of the playing attires provide the best opportunity for an initial review.

3) Initial review on the KIT tool in TIME

On the basis of the information and photos, the UEFA administration will, when possible and time permitting, review the information to see if there are any obvious concerns in relation to compliance with the Equipment Regulations, and you may be contacted in case any further information is needed or if it is already clear that changes may be required.

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4) Physical sample review

Irrespective of any pre-approval of items, or no negative feedback being received following the initial check described above, teams must send in samples of all playing attire (i.e. first and second-choice outfield player shirts, shorts and socks, first and second-choice goalkeeper shirts, shorts and socks, any supplementary outfield player and goalkeeper attire or attire items) by the following deadlines:

a) UEFA Champions League:

- **4 July 2022** for teams that qualify directly for the UEFA Champions League play-offs and group stage
- **29 July 2022** for teams that qualify for the third qualifying round of the UEFA Champions League.

b) UEFA Europa League:

- **4 July 2022** for teams that qualify directly for the UEFA Europa League play-offs and group stage
- **12 August 2022** for teams that qualify for the UEFA Europa League play-offs from the qualifying phase

c) UEFA Europa Conference League

- **4 July 2022** for teams that qualify directly for the UEFA Europa Conference League play-offs
- **12 August 2022** for teams that qualify for the UEFA Europa Conference League play-offs from the qualifying rounds

d) UEFA Youth League:

- Immediately after their quarter-final matches, teams that qualify for the UEFA Youth League semi-finals must submit any attire that is different from senior team attire that has already been approved by UEFA for the season in question.

All shirts and shorts submitted to UEFA for approval must include an example of the numbers and letters that will be used.

UEFA will inspect the playing attire and provide the teams and associations with a written decision as soon as possible after these deadlines.

Finally, when sending playing attire samples to UEFA for approval or pre-approval, please indicate the **production costs** of the relevant items and **not** the retail costs on the shipping invoice, to ensure smooth shipping and delivery.

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3. Playing attire colours

Clear identification of the outfield players and goalkeepers of the two teams is a requirement of Law 4 of the Laws of the Game. This is essential for the match officials and players, as well as for spectators in the stadium and at home, and we consider it a fundamental requirement.

Each team must therefore have at least two outfield player attires in sufficiently contrasting colours that could be worn by opposing teams in a match. For example, if one outfield player attire is made up of predominantly light colours, the other outfield player attire should comprise predominantly dark colours.

Teams with striped shirts (especially ones made up of light and dark stripes) or shirts in two colours (e.g. sleeves in a different colour to the body) must pay particular attention to the contrast requirements. For example, a first choice of blue/white stripes with a second choice of an all-white shirt is not sufficient. The second choice must contrast strongly with both colours of the first-choice shirt. If this is not the case, a third choice of outfield player attire will be requested.

Additionally, teams must have, at least two goalkeeper attires that must not only contrast fully with each other (shirts, shorts and socks), but that must each also contrast fully with the outfield player attires. The goalkeeper attires must not, therefore, contain any of the colours contained in either outfield player attires, or be of similar shades (e.g. white outfield player attire and light-grey goalkeeper attire). This also applies to any additional player attires submitted. In other words, teams must ensure that for every outfield player attire submitted, they submit a minimum of two fully contrasting goalkeeper attires. If goalkeeper attires are submitted that contain the colours of the playing attires (e.g. same colour shorts and socks) then additional goalkeeper colours will be requested.

4. Playing attire colour selection

When selecting colours for the 2022/23 season, particularly goalkeeper colours, please bear in mind that there are a limited number of colours available to referees, for which the following colours will be used in the 2022/23 UEFA club competitions:

Black, Yellow, Red, Blue

In order to facilitate the planning of match playing attire agreements, we strongly recommend teams avoid selecting goalkeeper attires that include more than one of the referee colours.

5. Combination of playing attire options

Teams must be prepared to combine elements of their approved outfield player attires, or approved goalkeeper attires if necessary. The primary objective must be the clear distinction of the teams on the pitch. Commercial or aesthetic objections to combining attire items **will not** be taken into account by UEFA to ensure the required contrast between different match participants.

Playing attire for the 2022/23 UEFA club competitions

6. Definition of colours by match

For the UEFA Champions League, UEFA Europa League and UEFA Europa Conference League qualifying rounds, teams are expected to agree on their colours between themselves. If they cannot do so, however, the matter must be referred to the UEFA administration in order to avoid an issue on the day of the match. However, the referee is always entitled to take a final decision.

For subsequent rounds, the process for defining the match colours will be reviewed within the new platform referred to in section 2 of this enclosure, however the priority order for the choice of colours will be as set out in the 'Colour choices and combinations' section of the UEFA Equipment Regulations.

For the UEFA Youth League group stage (UEFA Champions League path), in principle the colour combinations used by the youth teams should be the same as those used for the senior team's match. If a youth team does not use the same playing attire as their senior counterparts, the colours for the match must be agreed on between the two teams.

For the UEFA Youth League domestic champions path (first and second rounds), as well as for the first knock-out play-off round, the round of 16 and the quarter-finals, the colours must be agreed on by the two teams, subject to final approval by the referee at the organisational meeting.

7. Equipment regulations changes for the 2022/23 season

At the moment of the publication of this circular, some minor amendments and clarifications to the UEFA Equipment Regulations are under discussion. The most significant of these is a change to Article 28.04 regarding sleeve sponsors in UEFA club competition matches that would align the rules to those applicable to the front of shirt sponsor. The key change would be that the sleeve sponsor used for UEFA club competition matches may be any shirt sponsor used in an official domestic competition.

Other amendments under discussion include clarifications in the definition of a shirt sponsor and a charity logo.

Full details of these amendments will be shared following an eventual approval of the new changes. Nonetheless, while we believe the new proposals will in most cases add more flexibility for teams, to make planning and production easier a flexible approach to the application of the new regulations will be adopted for the 2022/23 season. If an item of playing attire would have been approved under previous wording and has already been produced for the new season, this item will not be refused for the coming season even if it would not be approved under the new wording.



Enclosure 3

Player eligibility for the 2022/23 UEFA club competitions

2022/23 player eligibility for the UEFA Champions League, UEFA Europa League, UEFA Europa Conference League and UEFA Youth League

Please find below some additional information with regard to the player eligibility for the above competitions.

Please note that for the UEFA Champions League, UEFA Europa League and UEFA Europa Conference League, all references relate to Chapter VII, Articles 44 to 46 of the regulations for the 2022/23 season. For the Youth League, references relate to Chapter VII, Articles 35 and 36 of the regulations for the 2022/23 season.

The only exception to this is in paragraph 9 of this enclosure, where specific reference is made to the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players.

1. Responsibility

As a reminder, in all UEFA club competitions, the national associations and clubs are wholly responsible for observing the requirements set out in the above-mentioned provisions and as explained below. Each player must be duly registered with their national association as playing for the club concerned in accordance with the association's own rules and those of FIFA, notably the *FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players*. Neither the referee nor the UEFA match delegate is responsible for verifying the eligibility of players.

2. Medical examination

Players must undergo a medical examination in accordance with the mandatory criteria set out in the UEFA Medical Regulations (2022 edition). Confirmation that every player has undergone this examination must be recorded on the official player lists, which must be signed by the club doctor. This includes List A, List B, the UEFA Youth League player list, and any players subsequently registered for any of the competitions in question. The club doctor is solely responsible for ensuring that each player's medical examination has been duly performed.

The medical examination is an eligibility criterion, so a player may only play in the aforementioned UEFA club competitions if the club doctor has confirmed that he has undergone the required medical examination. Provided that the player is included on the relevant official player list by the set deadline, confirmation of the medical examination may be sent after the registration deadline, but the player will only be eligible to play a match if the UEFA administration has received this confirmation at least 24 hours before the match in question. For clarification, in the absence of such confirmation, the player concerned may not be replaced on the player list.

3. Player list quotas and guidelines

3.1. List A for UEFA Champions League, UEFA Europa League and UEFA Europa Conference League – goalkeepers and locally trained players

Each club may have a maximum of 25 players on List A at any point during the season. Clubs must respect the following rules when registering players on this list and may have to remove players if the requirements are not met:

- Clubs must include at least two goalkeepers on List A (and at least three in total across List A and List B).
- 8 places out of the total of 25 are reserved exclusively for 'locally trained players' as defined below:
 - A 'locally trained player' is either a 'club-trained player' or an 'association-trained player'.
 - A 'club-trained player' ('ACT player') is a player who, between the ages of 15 (or the start of the season during which he turns 15) and 21 (or the end of the season during which he turns 21), and irrespective of his nationality and age, has been registered with his current club for a period, continuous or not, of three entire seasons (i.e. a period starting with the first official match of the relevant national championship and ending with the last official match of that national championship) or 36 months. In the context of this paragraph, the season immediately preceding a player's 15th birthday may be counted if his birthday is after the last match of the relevant national championship but before or on 30 June (winter championships) or 31 December (summer championships), and the season immediately following his 21st birthday may be counted if his birthday is on or after 1 July (winter championships) or 1 January (summer championships) but before the first match of the relevant national championship.
 - An 'association-trained player' ('AAT player') is a player who, between the ages of 15 (or the start of the season during which the player turns 15) and 21 (or the end of the season during which the player turns 21), and irrespective of his nationality and age, has been registered with a club or with other clubs affiliated to the same national association as that of his current club for a period, continuous or not, of three entire seasons (i.e. a period starting with the first official match of the relevant national championship and ending with the last official match of that relevant national championship) or of 36 months. In the context of this paragraph, the season immediately preceding a player's 15th birthday may be counted if his birthday is after the last match of the relevant national championship but before or on 30 June (winter championships) or 31 December (summer championships), and the season immediately following his 21st birthday may be counted if his birthday is on or after 1 July (winter championships) or 1 January (summer championships) but before the first match of the relevant national championship.
- If a club has fewer than eight locally trained players in its squad, the maximum number of players on List A is reduced accordingly. The possible combinations of club and association-trained players are listed in Annex H of the competition regulations.

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The player registration system performs automatic checks on the quota of locally trained players and includes historical information on the status of each player.

- Players who were listed as 'ACT or AAT' in the previous season's player lists and are still with the same club will appear with this option already ticked and will not be editable.
- Players who were listed as 'ACT' or 'AAT' in the previous season's player lists and are now with a different club in the same national association will be editable but the 'AAT' box will already be ticked.
- When listing a new player as 'ACT' or 'AAT', a pop-up window will appear asking you to explain why this player should be considered as an 'ACT' or 'AAT' player. This explanation must include the full details of the player's career between the ages of 15 and 21, including the exact dates of each transfer (dd/mm/yy), to allow us to check whether he qualifies as locally trained under paragraphs 45.04 and 45.05 of the Champions League Europa League and Europa Conference League regulations.

On the basis of this information, the UEFA Football Operations Unit will be able to confirm that the player is considered as locally trained and will save him as such in the system for future registrations.

It is important to provide full career information on any new locally trained player, to avoid further correspondence after the submission of the player list.

If a player has been wrongly indicated as 'ACT' or 'AAT' by one of your clubs, please inform us by email and we will modify our records accordingly.

3.2. List B for UEFA Champions League, UEFA Europa League and UEFA Europa Conference League – youth players

An unlimited number of youth players who fulfil the conditions set out in the competition regulations may be registered on List B at any stage during the 2022/23 season. A national association must register these players with the UEFA administration by 24:00 CET on the day before the match in question. A player may be registered on List B if he was born on or after 1 January 2001 and, since his 15th birthday, has been eligible to play for the club concerned for any uninterrupted period of two years, or a total of three consecutive years with a maximum of one loan period to a club in the same association for a period not longer than one year by the time he is registered with UEFA. Players aged 16 may be registered on List B if they have been registered with the participating club for the previous two years without interruption.

For List B players who have spent a period of time away from the club (and therefore whose 'at club since' date is not sufficient to verify their eligibility for a B list), full career details, including the exact dates of each transfer and/or loan (dd/mm/yy), must be indicated in the 'notes' field of the player list.

By way of clarification, a player on List A who fulfils the conditions for List B, or who subsequently becomes eligible for inclusion on List B, may be added to List B in accordance with the above conditions. However, in such instances, the place vacated on List A can only be filled at the next registration date.

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As a reminder from paragraph 3.1 above, if List A contains only two goalkeepers, at least one goalkeeper must be registered on List B at all times.

3.3. UEFA Youth League player list

Each club must announce a list of a maximum of 40 players for the entire season by 30 August 2022 (24:00 CET), at least four of whom must be goalkeepers. This list, which must be submitted by the club to the national association for validation and then forwarded to UEFA, may then be amended at any time up until seven days before each match in the competition, always respecting the minimum quota of goalkeepers.

Players are eligible to play in the competition if they were born on or after 1 January 2004. In addition, clubs are allowed to register up to **five** over-age players, provided the following criteria are fulfilled:

- The player was born on or after 1 January 2003.
- The player has been eligible to play for the club concerned without interruption for the two years immediately preceding 6 September 2022, or has been eligible to play for the club concerned for two of the three years immediately preceding 6 September 2022 and registered with a maximum of one other club in the same association for an uninterrupted period of up to one year for the other one.
- The player is duly registered on the list of 40 players by 30 August 2022 in accordance with paragraphs 36.01 and 36.02 of the Regulations of the UEFA Youth League 2022/23.
- The player is not replaced on the list of 40 players, except in the event of long-term injury/illness or registration with another club.
- If the player is removed from the list due to long term injury/illness and replaced by another player born on or after 1 January 2003, the original player cannot be re-registered on recovery.

For each match in the competition, a shortlist of 20 players must be submitted online by the club by 24:00 CET on the day before the match. The 20 players must be selected from the list of 40. This list of 20 does not need to be submitted and signed by the national association.

A minimum of **14** places on the 20-player shortlist are reserved exclusively for players who have been eligible to play for the club concerned without interruption for the two years immediately preceding 6 September 2022 ('Youth ACT'), or have been eligible to play for the club concerned for two of the three years immediately preceding 6 September 2022 and registered with a maximum of one other club in the same association for an uninterrupted period of up to one year for the other one. Furthermore, the 20-player shortlist may include a **maximum of three** of the five players born on or after 1 January 2003 who are registered on the list of 40 players in accordance with paragraph 36.04.

Total players on shortlist (potential)	'Free' players	Club-trained players (Youth ACT)	Total players on shortlist (effective)
20	6	14	20
20	6	13	19
20	6	12	18

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Finally, as a reminder, any player who is fielded in three or more 2022/23 Champions League, Europa League or Europa Conference League matches – from the group stage of those competitions – ceases to be eligible to play in the UEFA Youth League.

4. Player list registration – TIME

The club TIME player list registration managers access the player registration portal and receive player registration notifications and reminders. If different people are responsible for the player registration process for different club teams (e.g. the teams participating in the UEFA Youth League and the UEFA Champions League), then the club TIME user manager must create separate access profiles for them. A full user guide on the Player Registration platform is available in TIME Documents.

(NB – If you are responsible for player registration in your club and do not have access to TIME, or do not see the player registration module in the TIME menu bar, please contact the TIME user manager of your club to ensure you have the right access. Please see Enclosure 5 of this circular letter for further details of the user management process).

For the UEFA Champions League, UEFA Europa League and UEFA Europa Conference League A and B lists, and the UEFA Youth League lists of 40 players, the procedure is as follows:

1. Each club compiles its player list in TIME and submits it online to its national association.
2. The national association receives a notification and validates the list in TIME.
3. The player list is considered as having been officially submitted in accordance with the competition regulations once the national association has validated it, as this automatically submits the list to UEFA. The national association must therefore validate the list by the registration deadline (see Annex 1 of Enclosure 3 of this circular letter).
4. A PDF copy of the player list is automatically emailed to the club concerned once the list has been validated by the national association and submitted to UEFA.
5. The club must check, print and have this PDF copy of the player list signed by both the authorised club representative and the club doctor, then scan it and email it back to the national association. It is important to sign the correct version of the list, i.e. the one generated on validation by the national association, to ensure the information is accurate.
6. The national association countersigns the list and uploads the scanned document in TIME by 12:00 CET on the working day following the deadline.
7. UEFA checks and validates the list.

Any list that does not bear all three signatures will be deemed invalid.

NB – Signed lists must no longer be sent by email to UEFA, but **must be uploaded in TIME**. More information can be found in the TIME player registration user guide.

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Additional players on List A for the qualifying phase or play-offs (as set out in paragraph 6 below) can only be registered by emailing the duly completed A2 form to players@uefa.ch. Once again, the form must be signed by the relevant club representative and club doctor, and validated by the national association. These additional registrations cannot be carried out online.

List B, on the other hand, is always accessible online (in TIME under Player Registration > My Archive), and players can be added to/removed from this list up to 24:00 CET on the day before each match, including validation by the National Association by this deadline. This must always be done using the TIME platform.

Exceptionally however, the list of 20 players to be submitted for each match in the UEFA Youth League has only to be signed by the club representative. Neither the club doctor nor the national association need to sign this list, as the same information will already have been verified by these parties on the list of 40 players. This list must be uploaded by the club in TIME.

4.1. Technical staff section of the player lists

To avoid having to manually enter staff on the match sheet for every match, clubs can also use the player list in TIME to register all technical staff who will have a function during a match. This should be done in the same way as for registering players, indicating their date of birth and function at the club.

Please note that a maximum of one assistant coach (who must have the necessary qualification as determined by the UEFA Club Licensing and Financial Sustainability Regulations) must be registered with this role in the player list. Anyone else in the staff carrying out a similar role may be registered as 2nd assistant coach.

Entries for technical staff may be updated at any time by clubs or national associations. This new feature applies to all staff except head coaches and assistant coaches. In the event of a head coach or assistant coach change, the club (or the national association) must immediately inform UEFA.

The names of all technical staff will appear on every match sheet downloaded from TIME and can then be indicated as being on the substitutes' bench or technical seats. However, in the event of any late changes, the names and dates of birth of additional staff not registered in advance in TIME can always be added manually to the match sheet in TIME. Although there is no limit to the number of staff that can be registered in TIME, only the first 20 will appear on the match sheet excerpt; so, please make sure that you register only staff who are likely to take a seat on the substitutes' bench or additional technical seats.

5. 'At club since' date

The 'at club since' date on the player lists can be modified directly by the club or national association. Please note that this is the most recent date on which the player was registered with the club (not when he was first registered with the club if he has since left and returned).

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For example, if a player was registered with Club A on 1 July 2021, then went on loan to Club B for six months, returning to Club A on 1 January 2022, his 'at club since' date on a player list for the 2022/23 season for Club A will be the date on which he returned from the loan, i.e. 1 January 2022.

For players who are registered on a club's B list and who temporarily left the club after the required two-year registration period, the exact dates of registration with the club in question must be provided in the 'notes' field of the player list, so that we can check that this player is eligible for List B.

6. Player registration deadlines

The deadlines for registering players and submitting player lists have been amended in line with the match calendar and can be found in Annex 1 at the end of this enclosure.

For the qualifying phase and play-offs of the UEFA Champions League, the UEFA Europa League and the UEFA Europa Conference League, a club may register a maximum of two new eligible players on List A for each round after the relevant round's player registration deadline, provided the quota of locally trained players is respected. Such registrations have to be made by means of the A2 Excel form (and not through the TIME platform) and must be completed by 24:00 CET on the day before the relevant first-leg match. The club's national association must also have confirmed in writing that the new player is eligible to play at domestic level at that time.

7. Playing for different clubs

7.1. UEFA Champions League, UEFA Europa League and UEFA Europa Conference League – qualifying rounds

In application of paragraph 44.06 of the Champions League, Europa League and Europa Conference League regulations

- This paragraph applies to a player who is fielded in any qualifying match, up to and including the play-offs, of either the Champions League, the Europa League or the Europa Conference League.
- A player who is fielded in these rounds is eligible to play for another club in any of the UEFA club competitions, but only from the group stage, provided he is registered with his new club by the deadlines laid down in the competition regulations (2 September 2022).

7.2. UEFA Champions League, UEFA Europa League and UEFA Europa Conference League – registration of new players on 2 February 2023

In application of paragraphs 46.01 and 46.02 of the Champions League, Europa League and Europa Conference League regulations

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As in the past, clubs are entitled to register three new players for the Champions League round of 16, Europa League knockout round play-offs and / Europa Conference League knockout round play-offs. The rules related to the registration of these players are as follows:

- All three new players may have been fielded in UEFA club competitions during the same season.
- There is no restriction on which competition these players have previously been fielded in, so a player may be fielded in the Champions League group stage for one club and the Champions League round of 16 for another club.
- There is no restriction regarding which competition the previous club of these players is participating in, so a player may be fielded in the Champions League group stage for one team and the Europa League knockout round play-offs for another team even if his previous team is also participating in the Europa League knockout round play-offs. Similarly, a player may be fielded in the Europa League group stage for one team and the Europa Conference League knockout round play-offs for another team even if his previous team is also participating in the Europa Conference League knockout round play-offs.

Finally, please note that paragraph 46.01 of the UEFA Champions League, UEFA Europa League and UEFA Europa Conference League regulations relates to the eligibility of players for UEFA club competitions, irrespective of whether the player was already registered with the club for domestic competitions. Any player who was already registered with a club domestically during the group stage matches but not registered with UEFA, and who will then be added to or will replace another player on List A for the knockout stages, will therefore have to be registered as one of the three new eligible players.

7.3. UEFA Youth League

Paragraph 35.07 of the competition regulations states that a player is eligible to be fielded only for one single club in the UEFA Youth League in the course of the same season. Once a player has been fielded for a club, he cannot be registered for another club during the same season.

Players who have participated in the UEFA Youth League may, however, play for another team in the UEFA Champions League, UEFA Europa League or UEFA Europa Conference League, subject to the provisions of paragraphs 7.1 and 7.2 above if they have also played for the senior team of their last club during the season in question. Similarly, a player who has played in the UEFA Champions League, UEFA Europa League or UEFA Europa Conference League with one club but who has not been fielded in the Youth League for that team, may play for his new club in the same season's UEFA Youth League if he played fewer than three times in the UEFA Champions League, UEFA Europa League or UEFA Europa Conference League during the season in question.

8. Replacement of injured or ill goalkeepers

In the UEFA Champions League, the UEFA Europa League and the UEFA Europa Conference League, an injured goalkeeper may be replaced on List A in accordance with the conditions set out in paragraph 46.04 of the UEFA Champions League, UEFA Europa League and UEFA Europa Conference League

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regulations. An illness or injury is considered long-term if, in the opinion of the UEFA Medical Committee, it is expected to last at least 30 days from the day it started/occurred. In the event that an injured goalkeeper is replaced on List A in accordance with this provision but then subsequently recovers before the end of the 30-day period, he cannot be reinstated on the player list in place of his substitute until the 30 days have elapsed.

9. January transfers and loan agreements

It has been observed that, on occasion, a player is transferred from one club to another in January and then immediately loaned back to the original club for the remainder of the season. For clarification, in such situations, UEFA must be notified of the player's movements. Given that he has officially left his original club, he must be removed from its player lists, and when he is loaned back he is regarded as one of the three new players who can be registered in January.

10. International transfer certificate

In recent years, UEFA has regularly received queries from clubs about how to interpret the rules governing player registration in the UEFA club competition regulations, which actually refer to the national associations' own rules and to the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players (more specifically to those laid down in Annexe 3 thereto). We would therefore like to inform you that the UEFA administration has adopted the following approach:

- a) The player lists to be submitted to the UEFA administration may include a player for whom an international transfer certificate (ITC) has not yet been created by his former association but for whom an ITC was requested during the new association's national registration period and, at the very latest, by the deadline set in the UEFA club competition regulations for the submission of player lists (see paragraph 8.1.2 of Annexe 3 of the FIFA regulations).
- b) A player is not, however, eligible to participate in a UEFA club competition for his new club until the ITC has been created by his former association (see paragraph 8.2.8 of Annexe 3 of the FIFA regulations). UEFA may check in the FIFA Transfer Matching System (TMS) to see whether the ITC has been created by the former association.
- c) Additionally, a player, who is registered by its new association on a provisional basis due to the latter not having received any response by the former association after 7 days as from the relevant ITC request in accordance with paragraph 8.2.6 of Annex 3 to the FIFA regulations, is considered eligible to participate in a UEFA club competition for his new club.

Furthermore, if the FIFA Players' Status Committee decides to authorise the new association to provisionally register the player with his new club (in accordance with paragraph 8.2.7 of Annexe 3 to the FIFA regulations), the player in question is considered eligible to participate in a UEFA club competition

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for his new club as soon as written confirmation of the decision has been transmitted by the new club to the UEFA administration.

Finally, for clarification, if a club includes on its list – by the set deadline – a player for whom an ITC has been requested but not yet created, this player may not be replaced on the list in the event that the ITC is not subsequently created by the former association.

11. Duty to notify the UEFA administration

During the course of the season, the national associations are required to notify UEFA **immediately in writing of the departure** (i.e. as a result of a transfer or loan) of any players from clubs taking part in its club competitions. This notification must indicate the date of the transfer or loan and the club to which the player has been transferred or loaned. Any player who is transferred or loaned from a participating club must be removed from the relevant player list and a new player can only be added to the list at the next registration date.

Similarly, a player who has been removed from a player list because he has been loaned to another club can only be registered again on the player list at the next registration date.

UEFA must also be notified as soon as possible about any change of head coach or 1st assistant coach, including details of that person's coaching qualifications.

12. Squad list updates

As in the past, clubs are able to modify their squad lists directly in the player registration system. Any player who is no longer registered with a club can be removed from the squad list by the club player registration manager. The player's departure date from the club must be entered.

13. List of suspended players

Before the beginning of the season, the UEFA administration will send each national association a list of players and coaches who have pending suspensions to be served during the 2022/23 season. Each national association is responsible for forwarding this list to its participating clubs. This list should be consulted if players or coaches are transferred, and UEFA's disciplinary services will be happy to provide you with additional information on this matter if required. As a reminder, for all UEFA club competitions, only players who are duly registered with UEFA can serve pending UEFA suspensions.

14. Contact information

For any questions regarding player eligibility or the player registration system in TIME, please contact the UEFA Football Operations Unit at players@uefa.ch.

– Annex 1: Player registration deadlines for the 2022/23 UEFA club competitions



Enclosure 3 – Annex 1

Player registration deadlines for the 2022/23 club competitions

Player registration deadlines for the 2022/23 club competitions

Competition Stage	Match dates	Deadline for player registration and submission of lists to UEFA
UEFA Champions League <i>Preliminary round</i>	21 June (semi-finals) and 24 June (final) 2022	Friday 17 June 2022 (24:00CET)
UEFA Champions League <i>First qualifying round</i>	5/6 and 12/13 July 2022	Thursday 30 June 2022 (24:00CET)
UEFA Europa Conference League <i>First qualifying round</i>	7 and 14 July 2022	Friday 1 July 2022 (24:00CET)
UEFA Champions League <i>Second qualifying round</i>	19/20 and 26/27 July 2022	Thursday 14 July 2022 (24:00CET)
UEFA Europa Conference League <i>Second qualifying round</i>	21 and 28 July 2022	Friday 15 July 2022 (24:00CET)
UEFA Champions League <i>Third qualifying round</i>	2/3 and 9 August 2022	Thursday 28 July 2022 (24:00CET)
UEFA Europa League <i>Third qualifying round</i>	4 and 11 August 2022	Friday 29 July 2022 (24:00CET)
UEFA Europa Conference League <i>Third qualifying round</i>	4 and 11 August 2022	Friday 29 July 2022 (24:00CET)
UEFA Champions League <i>Play-off matches</i>	16/17 and 23/24 August 2022	Thursday 11 August 2022 (24:00CET)
UEFA Europa League <i>Play-off matches</i>	18 and 25 August 2022	Friday 12 August 2022 (24:00CET)
UEFA Europa Conference League <i>Play-off matches</i>	18 and 25 August 2022	Friday 12 August 2022 (24:00CET)
UEFA Champions League <i>Group stage</i>	From 6 September 2022	Friday 2 September 2022 (24:00CET)
UEFA Europa League <i>Group stage</i>	From 8 September 2022	Friday 2 September 2022 (24:00CET)
UEFA Europa Conference League <i>Group stage</i>	From 8 September 2022	Friday 2 September 2022 (24:00CET)
UEFA Champions League <i>Round of 16 onwards</i>	From 14 February 2023	Thursday 2 February 2023 (24:00CET)
UEFA Europa League	From 16 February 2023	Thursday 2 February 2023 (24:00CET)

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<i>Knockout round play-offs onwards</i>		
UEFA Europa Conference League <i>Knockout round play-offs onwards</i>	From 16 February 2023	Thursday 2 February 2023 (24:00CET)
UEFA Youth League	From 6 September 2022	Tuesday 30 August 2022 (24:00CET)



2022/23 UEFA Youth League

In the context of your preparations for the upcoming 2022/23 UEFA Youth League, we would like to give you additional information regarding the format established for the competition, the official registration procedure, and the eligibility and registration of players.

1. **Competition format**

The format gives more youth players experience of international football and assists in their transition from the youth team to professional football. The competition has two paths, as indicated below.

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE PATH

The 32 clubs playing the UEFA Champions League are also entitled to take part in the UEFA Youth League, in a group stage where they play the same opponents as in the UEFA Champions League Group Stage.

DOMESTIC CHAMPIONS PATH

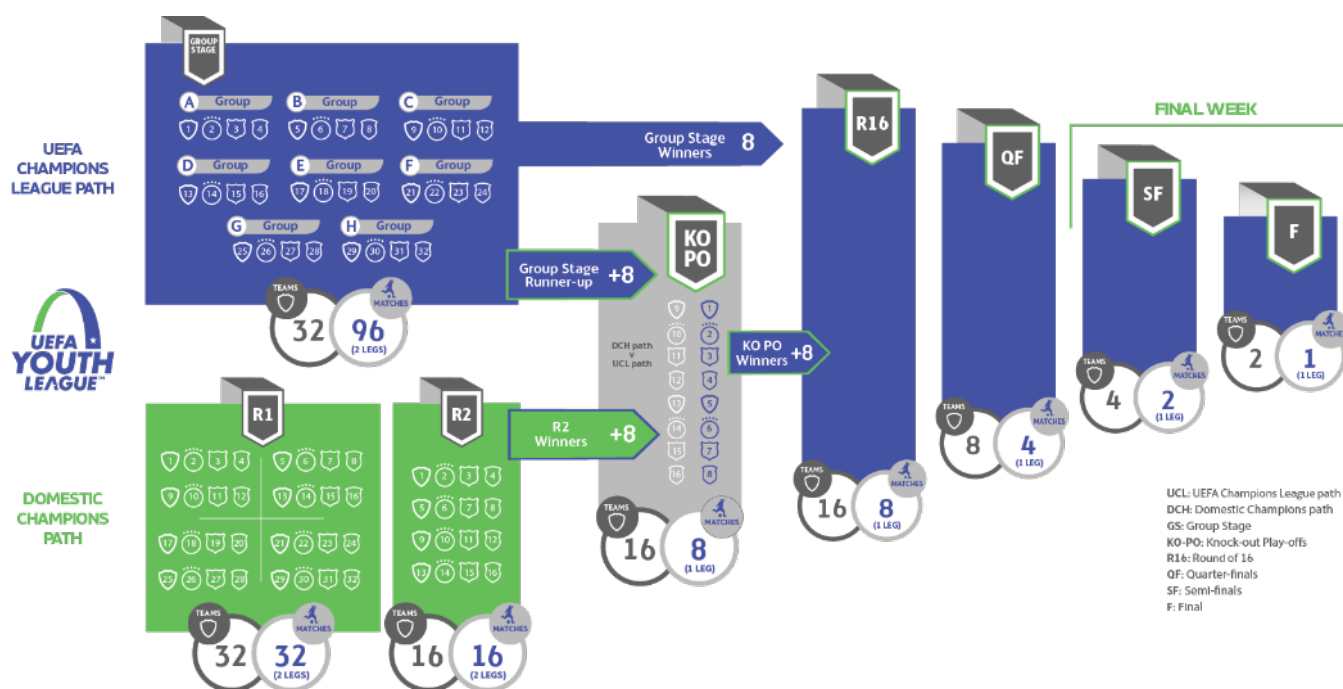
The 32 best-ranked associations according to the access list (see Enclosure A of the Regulations of the UEFA Youth League 2022/23) have the opportunity to enter their domestic youth champions in a distinct knockout path, from which eight teams will qualify to play in the knockout phase against teams qualified from the UEFA Champions League path.

If a domestic youth champion club has also qualified for the competition via the UEFA Champions League, its youth team will participate in the UEFA Champions League path and the first place vacated in the domestic champions path will be filled by the UEFA Youth League titleholder if it does not qualify for the competition. Any additional vacancy will be filled by the domestic youth champion of the next association in the rankings whose domestic youth champion has not already qualified (see Annex A of the UEFA Youth League regulations). This makes it possible for associations ranked lower than 32 to also enter a team.

For further information on the competition format, please refer to Chapter II of the Regulations of the UEFA Youth League.

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2. Competition registration procedure

For detailed further information on the official registration procedure, **please refer to Enclosure 1 of this circular letter.**

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE PATH

On entering the 2022/23 UEFA Champions League (through the submission of the official entry form by the relevant national association), participating clubs agree, if qualified for the group stage of that competition, to take part in the 2022/23 UEFA Youth League (UEFA Champions League path) with one of their youth teams in accordance with the regulations governing this competition (see Articles 3 and 4 of the Regulations of the UEFA Youth League 2022/23 and Article 6.01(o) of the Regulations of the UEFA Champions League 2022/23).

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The 32 best-ranked associations according to the access list (see Enclosure A of the Regulations of the UEFA Youth League 2022/23) also have the opportunity to enter their domestic youth champions in the UEFA Youth League. The associations in question must submit the relevant admission criteria form and a duly signed entry form on which the relevant club is indicated.

AGE CATEGORY OF THE DOMESTIC CHAMPIONSHIP

As per the Club Competition Committee decision national associations retain the freedom to determine the age category of their domestic championships that give access to the UEFA Youth League. However, the national associations' choice for season 2021/22 applies for the entire three-year cycle (2021/24). Please note that this age category was confirmed last year for the entire 2021-24 cycle and therefore needs to be the same for the 2022/23 season.

The deadlines have been set as follows:

UEFA Youth League registration

All national associations are requested to confirm the UEFA administration (by email to entry@uefa.ch) no later than **13 May 2022** which of its domestic youth championships (i.e. which age category) will offer access to the UEFA Youth League in accordance with the aforementioned section. If this domestic youth championship will not be finished before **1 June 2022**, please inform the UEFA administration immediately (also by email to entry@uefa.ch).

Online UEFA Youth League venue announcement form

To be completed online by the national association in the stadium venue announcement section on the TIME platform for all clubs that could potentially qualify for the UEFA Youth League: **27 May 2022**.

Stadium matters

(Stadium, safety certificate, floodlighting certificate, football (artificial) turf certificate)

For all clubs that could potentially qualify for the UEFA Youth League: **29 July 2022**.

3. Player eligibility, registration, and other new key amendments

Information relating to player eligibility and registration for the UEFA Youth League can be found in Articles 35 and 36 of the Regulations of the UEFA Youth League 2022/23.

The UEFA Youth League will continue to be an Under-19 competition. Therefore, a player is eligible for inclusion on the 2022/23 UEFA Youth League player list if he was born on or after 1 January 2004. Additionally, a maximum of **five** club-trained U20 players (born on or after 1 January 2003) can be included in the overall list of 40 players available for the competition, provided that certain criteria are fulfilled (see Article 36.04 of the Regulations of the UEFA Youth League).

Each club will be invited to register a list of **40 players** at the start of the season in the player registration section in TIME. This list must be submitted by the club to its respective national association and then forwarded to UEFA, as explained in the Enclosure 3 of this circular letter and Article 36.01 of the Regulations of the UEFA Youth League.

For each match in the competition, each participating club must enter a **shortlist of 20 players** in the TIME platform the day before the match (see Article 36.05 of the Regulations of the UEFA Youth League).

As a minimum, **14 places** on that 20-player shortlist are reserved exclusively for players who have been eligible to play for the club concerned without interruption for the two years immediately preceding 6 September 2022 or have been eligible to play for the club concerned for two of the three years immediately preceding 6 September 2022 and registered with a maximum of one other club from the same association for an uninterrupted period of up to one year for the other one.

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2022/23 UEFA Youth League

With regards to the match procedures, please be informed that a maximum of **five substitutes** listed on each team's match sheet to take part in the match. Each team however, may make their substitutions on no more than three separate occasions during the match. A player who has been substituted may take no further part in the match.

In relation to disciplinary matters, please be informed that exceptionally, **all yellow cards expire on completion of the quarter-finals**. They are not carried forward to the semi-finals.

4. Contact

Cooperation between associations and clubs has been a key factor in the competition's success so far. We are counting on you, once again, to keep creating and maintaining a great platform and experience for your youth players.

To optimise communication between the various parties concerned, each club will be asked, in due course, to provide details of a UEFA Youth League contact person who speaks fluent English.

Should you have any questions or need more information concerning the UEFA Youth League, please feel free to contact the Football Operation Team at UYLMatchOps@uefa.ch.



Using the UEFA Team Information Exchange (TIME) platform

TIME is a platform for preparing and organising UEFA matches. It must be used by all clubs during the club competition season for a range of tasks, which are set out below together with the process for creating access and user profiles. Additional information on each of the sections below can be found in the relevant User Guides available in the TIME Documents section.

The TIME platform address is: <https://time.uefa.com>

1. TIME User Management

Your National Association (NA) is responsible for appointing a Club TIME User Manager for each of its clubs that has qualified for the first time, or could potentially qualify, for one of the UEFA club competitions. This must be done by the National Association's own TIME User Manager, so in case of issues from the club side, please contact your National Association. Any TIME user access questions to UEFA from clubs will be referred to the relevant NA.

The Club TIME User Managers are responsible for managing staff access to TIME within their club, including giving access to the TIME Documents page and giving access rights as "Managers" (with edit rights) and "Viewers" (read-only access) for TIME Stadium Passports, TIME Player List Registration, TIME Online Match Sheets, TIME Match Preparation Forms and TIME Kit for all their club's participating teams.

(Club TIME User Managers are responsible for managing staff access to TIME within their club)



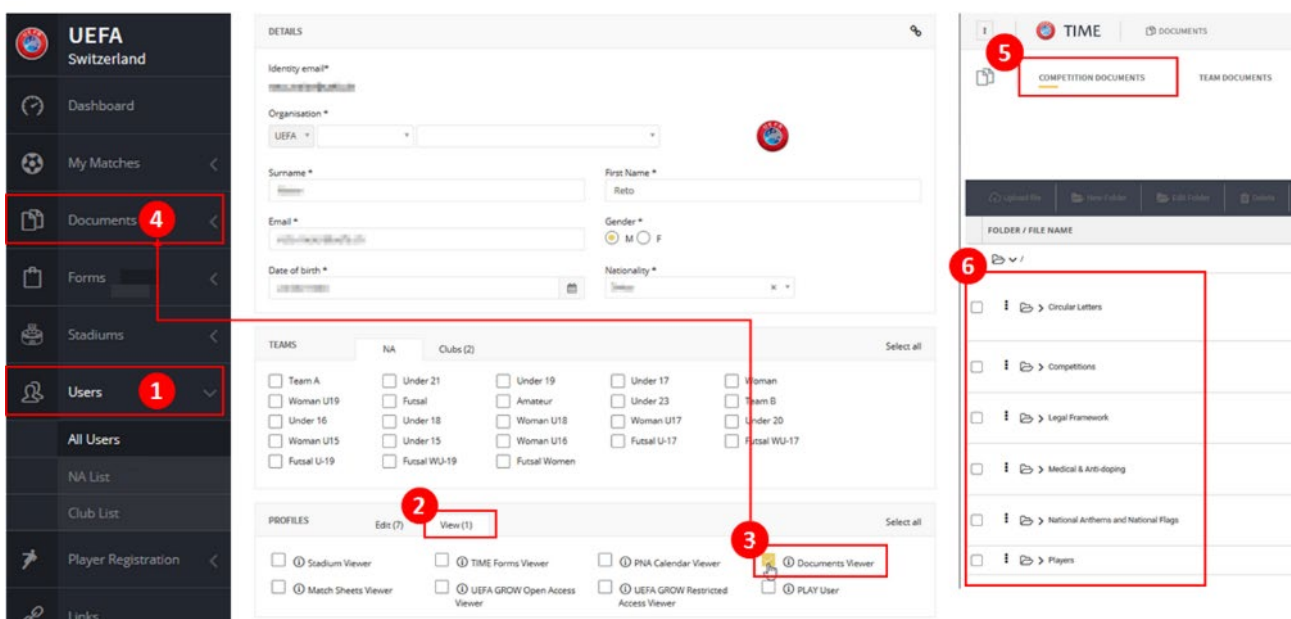
Once you have entered your TIME login, you will be taken to the dashboard page, which gives you access to all the relevant sections of TIME for your user profile. If you want to make any changes to your user profile, please contact your Club TIME User Manager.

2. TIME Documents

The UEFA's [TIME Documents](#) section is used as the main platform to share informational documents with clubs and contains the relevant entry forms and documents, including:

- international match calendar
- fixture and draw list, indicating all match dates, as well as all the dates and venues for the season's draws
- Access list for the UEFA club competitions
- Reasoning for key amendments to UEFA Champions League, UEFA Europa League, UEFA Europa Conference League and UEFA Super Cup
- Reasoning for key amendments to UEFA Youth League

It is the club's TIME User Manager responsibility to give access to any users that need TIME documents access within their club.



(Steps 1-3, Club Time User Manager to give access TIME documents / Steps 4-6, TIME user to access TIME documents)

As a reminder, please note that all UEFA regulations and guidelines can now be found in the [UEFA Documents portal](#).



3. TIME KIT – Kit Information Tool

A new digital platform aimed to facilitate and enhance the current playing attire approval and match playing attire selection processes will be used for the new season. This platform will become an integral part of the playing attire approval process.

The new process will see teams registering their playing attires directly into the new platform including the validation by the relevant National Association, replacing the previous playing attire form, as well as providing a platform for teams to prepare the match playing attire agreements for each match.

Further explanations on the use of TIME KIT are set out in this Circular Letter in Enclosure 2 – Playing attire for 2022-23.

4. TIME Stadium Passport

The TIME Stadium Passport allows each National Association, but also clubs and where applicable stadium operators, to provide UEFA with up-to-date information about the stadiums used in UEFA competitions. Clubs are therefore requested to check the information registered in their Stadium Passport and update as necessary, as well as to close any actions points once resolved.

The screenshot displays the TIME platform interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the 'TIME' logo and a search bar. Below this is a menu with several categories: OVERVIEW, GENERAL INFORMATION (with a green checkmark), PLAYERS/OFFICIALS AREAS (with a red exclamation mark), SPECTATORS AREAS (with a red exclamation mark), TV & MEDIA FACILITIES (with a red exclamation mark), SAFETY (with a green checkmark), ADDITIONAL INFO CATEGORY 3 & 4 (with a green checkmark), and ACTION POINTS (with a green checkmark). The main content area is divided into two panels. The left panel, titled 'STADIUM DETAILS', lists various stadium attributes: Name, City, Safety Certificate (30/06/2022), Floodlight Certificate (29/01/2021), Pitch (Artificial Turf), Pitch dimensions (105 x 68), UEFA Authorized capacity (9018), and Category (Category 4). The right panel, titled 'STADIUM PASSPORT', shows a progress summary for each category: General Information (73%), Players / Official Areas (76%), Spectators Areas (74%), TV & Media Areas (69%), Safety Certificate (100%), Additional Info Category 3 & 4 (59%), and Action Points (100%).

5. TIME Forms

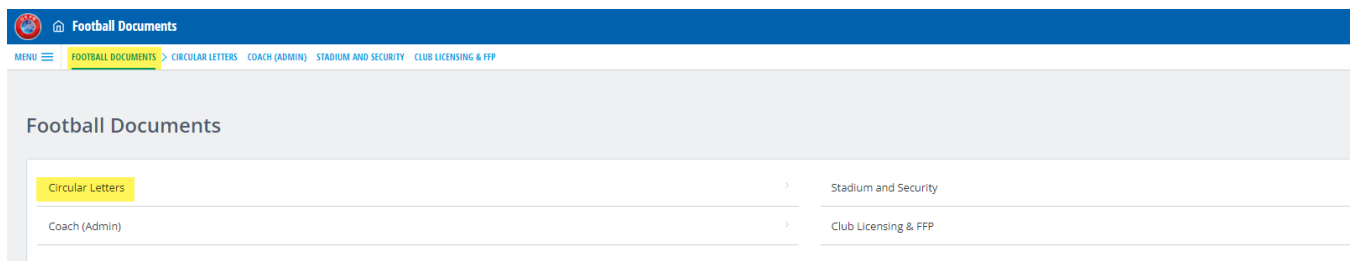
TIME Forms may be used at certain times during the season to gather information. If this is the case, you will be informed in advance of the need to complete a TIME Form, and the TIME User Manager must then allocate the appropriate person access to TIME Forms in order to complete the information required.



6. TIME Organisation Passport

UEFA has expanded the existing TIME Platform to allow users to update key information related to their organisation quickly and efficiently. For example, clubs can now easily update the names and contact details for the various persons in key management and operational roles within their organisation, as well as to identify who should receive various UEFA notifications.

Each club participating in the coming club competition season is asked to complete their TIME Organisation Passport **by 1 June 2022** and keep it up-to-date in accordance with the instructions set out in the TIME Organisation Passport User Guide. This ensures that everyone using the TIME platform will always see recent and accurate information. Further information can be found in UEFA Circular Letter No 06/2021 sent on 15 February 2021 in FAME.



7. TIME Player List Registration

UEFA's TIME online platform must be used to register players and complete online match sheets **for all matches** in the UEFA Champions League, UEFA Europa League, UEFA Europa Conference League and UEFA Youth League.

As mentioned above, player lists have to be submitted using the TIME platform, which enables clubs to enter their player lists directly for validation by their National Association.

The Club TIME Player List Registration Managers access the player registration portal within the TIME platform and receive player registration notifications and reminders. If different people are responsible for the player registration process for different club teams (e.g. the teams participating in the UEFA Youth League and the UEFA Champions League), then the club TIME user manager must create separate access profiles for them.

The player and staff members registration process through TIME is detailed in the Enclosure 3 - Player Eligibility of this circular letter.



8. TIME Match Sheets

UEFA's TIME platform allows users to complete match sheets both online and offline. Clubs must submit match sheets in TIME for all matches from the preliminary rounds.

The Club TIME Online Match Sheets Managers will have access to the match sheet portal in TIME and will receive match sheet notifications and reminders.

The match sheet must be completed by indicating which players make up the starting 11 and which are substitutes. Technical staff, meanwhile, must be shown as being on the substitutes' bench or additional technical seats. Tactical line-ups can also be submitted.

The match sheets are shared electronically only when both teams have submitted their match sheets and no earlier than 90 minutes before kick-off (tactical line-ups will not be shared with the other team). This tool can be used offline and the match sheet submission is synchronised once an internet connection has been established.

9. TIME Match Preparation Form

As soon as a match fixture is confirmed, the TIME Match Preparation Form will become available for teams to share information and help prepare the matches, replacing the email exchanges that were used in the lead-up to matches. In addition, the names of the UEFA delegate for the match, as well as the names and nationalities of the UEFA referees will be published on the TIME Match Preparation Form of the relevant match.