



UEFA EURO 2020
Qualifying Draw Procedure





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- Date and time:** Sunday, 2nd December 2018, 12h00 (start of show)
- Place:** Convention Centre, Dublin, Republic of Ireland
- Duration:** approx. 40 minutes for technical part
- Regulations:** Articles 12-15 / Annex B
- Participants:** 55 teams
- Objective:** **The draw will decide on the composition of the 10 qualifying groups (see Art. 13.01 of the competition regulations)**
- Seeding:** The teams are divided into 7 pots on the basis of the Overall UEFA Nations League Rankings issued on 21 November 2018

Starting points

- The 55 UEFA member associations enter the competition and participate in the qualifying draw.
- None of the UEFA EURO 2020 host associations' teams qualify automatically for the final tournament.
- The qualifying competition (European Qualifiers) is split into two stages: the group stage from March to November 2019 and the play-offs in March 2020. At the end of the qualifying competition the 24 teams participating in UEFA EURO 2020 will be known.
- The final tournament with the 24 qualified teams will be played in June-July 2020 across 12 European host cities.

Qualifying competition: group stage

- 10 groups; 5 groups of 5 teams (Groups A-E) and 5 groups of 6 teams (Groups F-J);
- League system on home and away basis;
- Group matches to be played according to the European Qualifiers match calendar from March to November 2019;
- The UEFA administration will publish the European Qualifiers Fixture List following the qualifying draw;
- The 10 group winners and the 10 group runners-up qualify directly for the final tournament;
- The four remaining spots will be completed with the teams that will have qualified through the play-offs in March 2020.

Team rankings and pot allocations

- The 55 teams involved in the draw are classified on the basis of the Overall UEFA Nations League Rankings issued on 21 November 2018;
- Based on these rankings, the 55 teams are divided into 7 pots with the UNL pot containing the four UNL Finalists teams followed by Pot 1 to Pot 6.
- UNL pot contains 4 teams, pot 1 contains 6 teams, pots 2 to 5 contain each 10 teams and Pot 6 contains the last 5 remaining teams.

UNL Pot	Pot 2	Pot 3
Team ranked 1 st	Team ranked 11 th	Team ranked 21 st
Team ranked 2 nd	Team ranked 12 th	Team ranked 22 nd
Team ranked 3 rd	Team ranked 13 th	Team ranked 23 rd
Team ranked 4 th	Team ranked 14 th	Team ranked 24 th
Pot 1	Team ranked 15 th	Team ranked 25 th
Team ranked 5 th	Team ranked 16 th	Team ranked 26 th
Team ranked 6 th	Team ranked 17 th	Team ranked 27 th
Team ranked 7 th	Team ranked 18 th	Team ranked 28 th
Team ranked 8 th	Team ranked 19 th	Team ranked 29 th
Team ranked 9 th	Team ranked 20 th	Team ranked 30 th
Team ranked 10 th		
Pot 4	Pot 5	Pot 6
Team ranked 31 st	Team ranked 41 st	Team ranked 51 st
Team ranked 32 nd	Team ranked 42 nd	Team ranked 52 nd
Team ranked 33 rd	Team ranked 43 rd	Team ranked 53 rd
Team ranked 34 th	Team ranked 44 th	Team ranked 54 th
Team ranked 35 th	Team ranked 45 th	Team ranked 55 th
Team ranked 36 th	Team ranked 46 th	
Team ranked 37 th	Team ranked 47 th	
Team ranked 38 th	Team ranked 48 th	
Team ranked 39 th	Team ranked 49 th	
Team ranked 40 th	Team ranked 50 th	

Draw conditions

Draw conditions apply for “competition-related reasons”, “prohibited team clashes”, “winter venue restrictions” and “excessive travel restrictions”. When such a situation occurs or is anticipated to occur, the computer used to assist with the draw will indicate the group available for the drawn team. It must be noted that the number of options available to a team depends not only on the team’s own attributes (for example, “winter venue”) and those of the teams already drawn, but also on the attributes of the other teams still to be drawn. Therefore the computer calculations need to anticipate all possible scenarios and to prevent any deadlock situation.

Competition-related reasons

The four UEFA Nations League finalist teams play the two final matches of this competition in June 2019. As a consequence, these teams have only eight match days available for European Qualifiers group stage matches and must be allocated to groups of five teams.

The following draw condition applies:

- **The 4 teams participating in the UEFA Nations League Finals 2019 are drawn into the first four groups with 5 teams (Groups A-D).**

In order to allow all twelve UEFA EURO 2020 host association teams to have a chance of qualifying as group winner or group runner-up, a maximum of two such teams can be drawn into the same group.

The following draw condition applies:

- **If one UEFA EURO 2020 host association team is or could be drawn into a group which already contains two such teams, the team drawn is placed in the first available group in alphabetical order as indicated by the computer.**

Prohibited team clashes

Based on the UEFA Executive Committee decisions valid at the time of the draw, the following teams cannot be drawn into the same group:

- Armenia / Azerbaijan
- Gibraltar / Spain
- Kosovo / Bosnia-Herzegovina
- Kosovo / Serbia
- Ukraine / Russia

The following draw condition applies:

- **If a clash occurs or could occur, the team drawn is placed in the first available group in alphabetical order as indicated by the computer.**

Note: Depending on the seeding pots (known on 21 November) some of the clashes will not be possible.

Winter venue restrictions

A number of countries have been identified as venues with high or medium risk of severe winter conditions. In order to minimise the risks of matches being negatively affected or even not being completed or played, a maximum of two such countries can be drawn into the same group:

Belarus
Estonia
Faroe Islands
Finland
Iceland
Latvia
Lithuania
Norway
Russia
Ukraine

The following draw condition applies:

- **If a team is or could be drawn into a group which already contains two such teams, that team is placed in the first available group in alphabetical order as indicated by the computer.**

Note: Depending on the seeding pots (known on 21 November) some of the clashes will not be possible.

Excessive travel restrictions

A number of countries have been identified with excessive travel distance in relation to other countries. In order to minimise the teams' travel burden, a maximum of one such pair can be drawn into the same group. The following table shows the restrictions, applicable both ways:

From/To	To/From
Andorra (Barcelona, ESP)	Kazakhstan (Astana)
England (London)	
France (Paris)	
Faroe Islands (Torshavn)	
Gibraltar (Gibraltar)	
Iceland (Reykjavik)	
Malta (Valletta)	
Northern Ireland (Belfast)	
Portugal (Lisbon)	
Republic of Ireland (Dublin)	
Scotland (Edinburgh)	
Spain (Madrid)	
Wales (Cardiff)	

From/To	To/From
Gibraltar (Gibraltar)	Azerbaijan (Baku)
Iceland (Reykjavik)	
Portugal (Lisbon)	

From/To	To/From
Armenia (Yerevan)	Iceland (Reykjavik)
Cyprus (Larnaca)	
Georgia (Tbilissi)	
Israel (Tel Aviv)	

The following draw condition applies:

- **If a team is or could be drawn into a group which already contains two such teams, that team is placed in the first available group in alphabetical order as indicated by the computer.**

Note: Depending on the seeding pots (known on 21 November) some of the clashes will not be possible.

Draw procedure

- The draw starts with the UNL Pot and Pot 1 and then continues from Pot 2 to Pot 6. Each pot is emptied entirely before proceeding to the next pot.
- As a rule and for each pot, the teams drawn are allocated in alphabetical order from group A to group J. When a draw condition applies or is anticipated to apply, the team drawn is allocated to the first available group, namely:
 - In UNL Pot, the four UEFA Nations League finalist teams will be allocated in the order as they are drawn to the groups A, B, C and D. In Pot 1, the teams will be allocated in the order as they are drawn to the groups E to J.
 - UEFA EURO 2020 host association teams: if a team is drawn, but cannot be allocated to a given group because that group already contains two hosts, that team is allocated to the first available group in alphabetical order.
- Since Pot 6 only contains 5 teams, these teams are drawn into the sixth positions in groups F to J.

Group A
UNL Pot team
Pot 2 team
Pot 3 team
Pot 4 team
Pot 5 team

Group B
UNL Pot team
Pot 2 team
Pot 3 team
Pot 4 team
Pot 5 team

Group C
UNL Pot team
Pot 2 team
Pot 3 team
Pot 4 team
Pot 5 team

Group D
UNL Pot team
Pot 2 team
Pot 3 team
Pot 4 team
Pot 5 team

Group E
Pot 1 team
Pot 2 team
Pot 3 team
Pot 4 team
Pot 5 team

Group F
Pot 1 team
Pot 2 team
Pot 3 team
Pot 4 team
Pot 5 team
Pot 6 team

Group G
Pot 1 team
Pot 2 team
Pot 3 team
Pot 4 team
Pot 5 team
Pot 6 team

Group H
Pot 1 team
Pot 2 team
Pot 3 team
Pot 4 team
Pot 5 team
Pot 6 team

Group I
Pot 1 team
Pot 2 team
Pot 3 team
Pot 4 team
Pot 5 team
Pot 6 team

Group J
Pot 1 team
Pot 2 team
Pot 3 team
Pot 4 team
Pot 5 team
Pot 6 team



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