



Key amendments document

UEFA Club Licensing Regulations for UEFA Women's Club Competitions

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Summary of main amendments

The present document summarises all substantial amendments to the UEFA Club Licensing Regulations for the UEFA Women's Champions League (Edition 2022) and gives the reason for the change.

Scope of application

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Article 1 – Scope of application

Article 16 – Licence

Following the Executive Committee's decision to introduce a second European women's club competition, the scope of the women's club licensing regulations has been extended. Clubs that qualify for any European women's club competition on sporting merit will have to obtain a UEFA licence from their licensor, subject to the final approval of the UEFA competition regulations.

Social and environmental sustainability

Terminology – Evolution from football social responsibility (FSR)

The terminology used by UEFA has evolved as part of a holistic approach to measures and investments that drive respect for human rights and the environment. All references to FSR have been updated accordingly.

Article 39 – Social and environmental sustainability officer (new article)

Licence applicants are required to appoint a social and environmental sustainability officer to enhance the implementation of SES policies and measures. The objective is to incentivise increased investment in and focus on SES matters, in accordance with the UEFA strategy 2024–30 and its objective to pursue a culture of sustainability, and the aim of the UEFA Football Sustainability Strategy 2030 to activate and accelerate action in this domain.

Two-year rule

Article 14 – Definition of licence applicant and two-year rule (previously: Definition of licence applicant and three-year rule)

The length of the rule has been adjusted from three to two years to align with the UEFA and domestic women's football competition landscape. The objective is to further support the development and professionalisation of women's football by facilitating investment in the game while safeguarding the integrity of competitions and the European sports model of promotion and relegation.

Licence applicant's identity, history and legacy

Article 52 – Licence applicant's identity, history and legacy (new article)

New provision to preserve and protect clubs' identity, history and legacy, thereby strengthening the integrity of the competitions and the European sports model. The provision is aligned with the 2024



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amendments to UEFA Statutes defending the integrity of club competitions and the principles of promotion and relegation, protecting clubs' history and legacy, and preventing the circumvention of sporting merit principles or the licensing process.

This provision aims at ensuring that football clubs own the key assets defining their identity thereby safeguarding their control over their assets whilst enabling clubs to optimise the commercial use and exploitation of such assets (e.g. licensing of products to external companies etc.)

No overdue payables

Article 59 – No overdue payables to football clubs

Article 60 – No overdue payables in respect of employees

An increasing number of licence applicants and licensees have professional men's and women's football teams. The wording of the regulations has been adjusted to ensure that overdue payables incurred by a men's football team do not affect the women's team's application for a licence, and vice versa.