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Programa de beneficios para clubes participantes en la UEFA Nations League 2024/25 y 2026/27 y en la UEFA EURO 2028.

(Circular n° 38/2026 UEFA)

Por medio de la presente, la RFEF informa a todos sus afiliados del contenido de la Circular UEFA n° 38/2026, relativa al programa de beneficios destinado a los clubes que liberen jugadores para las competiciones de selecciones nacionales masculinas organizadas por la UEFA durante el ciclo vinculado a la UEFA EURO 2028.

De conformidad con lo trasladado por la UEFA, el Comité Ejecutivo de la UEFA ha aprobado el mecanismo y los principios de distribución de las cantidades destinadas a los clubes que liberen jugadores para la UEFA Nations League 2024/25 y 2026/27, la fase de clasificación para la UEFA EURO 2028 y la fase final de la UEFA EURO 2028, estableciéndose asimismo el procedimiento para la solicitud, validación y abono de las correspondientes cantidades a los clubes beneficiarios.

Asimismo, la UEFA recuerda que los clubes que deseen participar en el programa deberán presentar el formulario de adhesión adjunto y cumplir los requisitos establecidos al efecto, de conformidad con los plazos y procedimientos previstos en la propia circular.

Con el objetivo de facilitar la adecuada comprensión del contenido, se adjuntan a la presente:

- Circular UEFA n° 38/2026.
- Formulario de adhesión al programa de beneficios para clubes.

En caso de necesitar cualquier otro tipo de información complementaria al respecto, no duden en contactar con el área de Asesoría Jurídica, la cual se encuentra a disposición de todos los estamentos del fútbol español para esclarecer las dudas que la nueva reglamentación pudiera generar.

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

Las Rozas de Madrid, a 23 de junio de 2026.

Álvaro de Miguel Casanueva
Secretario General



No. 38/2026

TO UEFA MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

For the attention of
the President and the General Secretary

Your reference	Your correspondence of	Our reference	Date
		F\RDI	15 June 2026

Benefits for clubs participating in the 2024/25 UEFA Nations League, 2026/27 UEFA Nations League and the 2026-28 UEFA European Football Championship

Dear Sir or Madam,

Since 2008, UEFA has distributed a share of the revenue from the UEFA European Football Championship every four years to clubs releasing players for UEFA's men's national A-team competitions. This follows from the consecutive memorandums of understanding (MoUs) reached between UEFA and European Football Clubs (EFC), formerly ECA. For the current cycle of the programme, which is tied to UEFA EURO 2028, the amount to be distributed will total €240m, based on the MoUs signed in September 2023 and extended on 9 October 2024. Furthermore, €4m left over from the previous club benefits cycle remains available for distribution.

The UEFA Executive Committee approved the mechanism and distribution principles and has decided to divide the overall amount of €244m into two pots:

- **€104m** to be distributed among the clubs that have released and will release release players for the 2024/25 and 2026/27 UEFA Nations League (UNL 2024/25 and UNL 2026/27) and the qualifying competition of the UEFA European Championship 2026-28 (EQ 2026-28), on a per-match basis
- **€140m** to be distributed among the clubs that will release players for UEFA EURO 2028, on a per-day basis

Article C.3 of the MoU states that *"there will be no additional payments from UEFA or any European National Association in relation to the release, insurance (for the insurance part also from non-European National Associations) or participation of players in national teams"*.

A. Distribution mechanism

The distribution mechanism has been left unchanged compared to the most recent edition of the programme.

1. UNL 2024/25 and 2026/27 and EQ 2026-28

€104m will be made available for the following competition phases:

- UNL 2024/25 and UNL 2026/27: league phase, League A quarterfinals and finals, and promotion/relegation play-offs between all leagues
- EQ 2026-28: group stage and play-offs

Centralised national A-team friendly matches, such as those played in parallel to the abovementioned UNL or EQ matches or before the 2026 FIFA World Cup or UEFA EURO 2028, are not part of this programme.

As in previous cycles, UNL and EQ matches will be treated the same and the per-match compensation for players will be equal for all clubs. The benefits associated with releasing players for the above-mentioned competitions will be calculated on a per-player per-match basis. The following criteria and principles apply:

- Only players listed on the match sheet are taken into account.
- In all cases, the clubs that benefit from these payments are those with which the players concerned are registered when the match in question takes place. Consequently, in case a player is on loan, the club who has the player on loan will benefit from the payments, and no benefits can be allocated for players without a club.
- Payments are made only to clubs that are registered with a UEFA member association. Therefore, no benefits are paid in relation to match sheet appearances by players registered with non-UEFA clubs.
- Neither the national associations nor the players released to their national teams have any right or entitlement to these amounts, which the national associations must pass on to their clubs in full.

Based on the expected number of matches, the projected per-player per-match rate is:

$$\frac{\text{€104 million}}{(588 \text{ matches} * 2 \text{ teams} * 23 \text{ players})} = \text{€3,845}$$

This represents an increase on the previous cycle's per-player per-match rate of €3,659.

The mechanism for distributing any leftover amounts (occurring, for example, if fewer than 23 players are on the match sheet or if players are released by non-UEFA clubs) will be determined by UEFA, in consultation with EFC, after the EQ play-offs in March 2028.

2. UEFA EURO 2028

€140m will be distributed among the clubs that release players for UEFA EURO 2028. The per-player per-day rate is calculated based on:

- the number of players registered for UEFA EURO 2028;

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- ii. the number of days each player spends at the final tournament, starting ten days before his national team's first match and finishing the day after his team's last match;
 - iii. the FIFA categorisation of clubs for training compensation, as per the latest guidelines set out in the relevant FIFA circular letter. UEFA will, in principle, refer to the club category indicated in FIFA's Transfer Matching System on 1 July 2028, with the following specifications:
 - a. As in previous editions, no club will be categorised as category 4.
 - b. UEFA reserves the right to upgrade a club's category, based on the category of the country where the club performs its competitive activity and the league to which the club belongs.

As for previous EUROs, the calculated per-day rate is multiplied by the following factors:

- 1 for category 1 clubs
- 2/3 for category 2 clubs
- 1/3 for category 3 clubs

Furthermore, the following principles apply:

- i. In all cases, the clubs that benefit from these payments are those with which the players concerned are registered during the relevant release period. Consequently, in case a player is on loan, the club who has the player on loan will benefit from the payments, and no benefits can be allocated for players without a club.
- ii. If a player registers with a new club during the release period in question, the compensation associated with that player will be divided pro rata between the former and the new club according to the player registration dates.
- iii. Payments are only made to clubs that are registered with a UEFA member association. Therefore, no benefits are paid in relation to match sheet appearances by players registered with non-UEFA clubs.
- iv. If a player included in the original player list is injured and replaced before his national team's first match, payment will be made only for the number of days the player was present during the ten days before this first match. If an injured goalkeeper is replaced after the first match, payment will be made for the number of days that he was present at the tournament. For a player who replaces an injured player, payment will be made from the day of replacement until the day after his national team's last match in the tournament.
- v. Neither the national associations nor the players released to their national teams have any right or entitlement to these amounts, which the national associations must pass on to their clubs in full.
- vi. The exact per-day amounts for each club category are calculated after the final tournament, based on the players' actual participation.

Given that the overall amount of compensation and the distribution principles remain unchanged, the forecasted per-day rates based on simulated EURO 2028 squads and tournament results remain the same as for EURO 2024:

	Overall amount	Amount per player per day
UEFA EURO 2028	€140m	Category 1: €10,200* Category 2: €6,800* Category 3: €3,400*
UEFA EURO 2024	€140m	Category 1: €10,187 Category 2: €6,791 Category 3: €3,395

*forecasted figures based on a simulation of EURO 2028

B. Payment procedure

As in previous cycles, any club that wishes to receive a share of these benefits must sign the enclosed club application form to confirm to UEFA its acceptance of and compliance with the principles established in the MoU between UEFA and EFC, as well as what is set out in the form.

Clubs only need to submit the form once to be eligible for payments in this club benefits cycle.

1. Amounts relating to UNL 2024/25 matches

Each UEFA member association will receive a preliminary list of its clubs that have released players for UNL 2024/25 matches and a list of the players who were on the match sheets of its national team matches during this period.

Each association is kindly asked to:

- i. immediately forward a copy of the enclosed club application form to all clubs concerned and inform them that the form must be returned to UEFA (clubbenefits@uefa.ch, with the national association in copy) by 30 July 2026 at the latest;
- ii. confirm to UEFA (clubbenefits@uefa.ch), also by 30 July 2026 at the latest, that the list of players for its UNL 2024/25 matches is correct. After this date, if no response to the contrary has been received, the list will be considered approved.

2. Amounts relating to the UNL 2026/27 league phase

Following the conclusion of the UNL 2026/27 league phase in November 2026, each UEFA member association concerned will receive a list of clubs that are eligible to a share of the benefits relating to these matches.

Each association is kindly asked to:

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- i. immediately forward a copy of the enclosed club application form to any of their clubs that had not already released players for UNL 2024/25 matches and inform them that the form must be returned to UEFA (clubbenefits@uefa.ch, with the national association in copy) by 15 January 2027 at the latest;
 - ii. confirm to UEFA (clubbenefits@uefa.ch), also by 15 January 2027 at the latest, that the list of players included on the match sheets for the UNL 2026/27 league phase is correct. After this date, if no response to the contrary has been received, the list will be considered approved.

3. Amounts relating to the EQ 2026-28 group stage and the UNL 2026/27 knockout stage and League A/B and B/C play-offs

Following the conclusion of the EQ 2026-28 group stage in November 2027, each UEFA member association concerned will receive by email a list of clubs that are eligible to a share of the benefits relating to these matches, and the UNL 2026/27 matches that took place in March and June 2027.

Each association is kindly asked to:

- i. immediately forward a copy of the enclosed club application form to any of their clubs that had not released players for UNL 2024/25 or UNL 2026/27 matches, and inform them that the form must be returned to UEFA (clubbenefits@uefa.ch, with the national association in copy) by 15 January 2028 at the latest;
- ii. confirm to UEFA (clubbenefits@uefa.ch) also by 15 January 2028 at the latest, that the list of players included on the match sheets for the EQ 2026-28 group stage (and, if applicable, the UNL 2026/27 matches in March and June 2027) is correct. After this date, if no response to the contrary has been received, the list will be considered approved.

4. Amounts relating to UEFA EURO 2028, the EQ 2026-28 play-offs and the UNL 2026/27 League C/D play-offs

After UEFA EURO 2028, the concerned member associations will receive by email a list of clubs that are eligible to a share of the benefits for the final tournament matches and the play-off matches in March 2028, together with the list of registered players if their national team participated in the EURO.

If applicable, each association is kindly asked to:

- i. immediately forward a copy of the enclosed club application form to any of their clubs that have not previously released players for men's national A team matches since September 2024, and inform them that the form must be returned to UEFA (clubbenefits@uefa.ch, with the national association in copy) by 15 September 2028 at the latest;
- ii. confirm to UEFA (clubbenefits@uefa.ch), also by 15 September 2028 at the latest, that the above-mentioned list of players registered for UEFA EURO 2028 and the list of players included on the match sheets for the EQ 2026-28 play-offs and the UNL 2026/27 League C/D play-offs are correct.

After this date, if no response to the contrary has been received, the lists will be considered approved.

C. Approval and payment schedule

To ensure that clubs receive timely payments and to spread the workload for UEFA's member associations, the approval and payment process will be staggered. The following schedule is envisaged:

Timing	NA review and approval	Payments
Q3 2026	UNL 2024/25 (league phase, League A knockout stage and League A/B, B/C and C/D play-offs)	UNL 2024/25 (league phase, League A knockout stage and League A/B, B/C and C/D play-offs)
Q1 2027	UNL 2026/27 league phase	
Q2 2027		UNL 2026/27 league phase
Q1 2028	EQ 2026-28 group stage UNL 2026/27 knockout stage League A/B and B/C play-offs	
Q2 2028		EQ 2026-28 group stage and UNL 2026/27 knockout stage and play-offs
Q3 2028	UEFA EURO 2028, EQ 2026-28 play-offs UNL 2026/27 League C/D play-offs	
Q4 2028		UEFA EURO 2028, EQ 2026-28 play-offs UNL 2026/27 League C/D play-offs

The UEFA administration can be contacted at clubbenefits@uefa.ch if you have any questions related to the club participation benefits programme.

Yours faithfully,

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Theodore Theodoridis
General Secretary

Enclosure

- Club application form

cc (with enclosure)

- UEFA Executive Committee
- UEFA National Team Competitions Committee
- UEFA Club Competitions Committee
- European members of the FIFA Council
- FIFA, Zurich
- European Football Clubs

ENCLOSURE: CLUB BENEFITS PROGRAMME - APPLICATION FORM

TO BE DULY SIGNED AND SENT BY EMAIL TO UEFA BY 30 JULY 2026

Email: clubbenefits@uefa.ch

Copy to

[Name of national association]

[Email]

CLUB APPLICATION FORM

[Name of the club]

[Name of the national association]

towards UEFA

Concerning the FIFA regulations on the release of players and the participation in the benefits of the UEFA Nations League 2024/25, 2026/27, 2028/29, 2030/31 and 2032/33; European Qualifiers 2026-28 and 2030-32; and UEFA EURO 2028 and 2032

We, the undersigned club, hereby confirm our commitment to support national team competitions and to comply with the FIFA regulations on the release of players as set out in Annexe 1 of the FIFA Regulations on the Status and Transfer of Players, as stipulated in and pursuant to the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding between UEFA and European Football Clubs (EFC, formerly ECA) signed on 6 September 2023 and amended on 9 October 2024 (hereafter: MoU).

We confirm that we wish to receive payments in accordance with the terms set out in this Application Form for our contribution to the successful staging of the abovementioned competitions ("UEFA National Team Competitions").

We understand that this signed Application Form must be returned to UEFA by the above date in order for us to receive payments. We acknowledge and agree that any such payments that we are entitled to receive, subject to the valid signature of this form, will be distributed via the national association (member of FIFA and/or UEFA) to which we are affiliated.

We acknowledge and agree that there will be no additional payments from UEFA or any UEFA Association (other than under purely domestic relations between national associations and their clubs) in recognition of our contribution to the successful staging of the UEFA National Team Competitions or in relation to the cost of insurance of players or any other matter arising from the release or participation of players to national teams (except for what is provided for in FIFA Club Protection Programme).

In particular, subject to the terms of the MoU, we agree:

- to recognise UEFA's national associations as the governing body for football at a national level, UEFA as the governing body for football at European level and FIFA as the governing body of football at worldwide level, in accordance with their Statutes;
- to participate only in competitions that are organised, recognised or authorised by UEFA/FIFA;
- not to be a member of any grouping (i.e. any combination or alliance) involving clubs from more than one UEFA national association other than EFC and/or other grouping authorised by UEFA;
- not to be a party to any legal proceedings against UEFA, or any UEFA national association (excluding purely domestic relations between our club and our national association) as regards the FIFA regulations on release of players;
- to make no claims in relation to the cost of insurance of players against UEFA and/or any national association or any other matter relating to the release or participation of players for European national teams in general against UEFA and/or any UEFA national association (excluding purely domestic relations between our club and our national association);
- to comply with the applicable procedure, timetable and calculation mechanism approved by the UEFA Executive Committee;
- to respect the existing International Match calendar until 2030 and as drawn up by FIFA following consultation with confederations, national associations, clubs, leagues and players for the subsequent period;
- to accept the principle of central marketing by UEFA together with UC3 for UEFA Club Competitions;
- to accept the redistribution of club competition revenues as set out in the MoU, the relevant Circular Letters of UEFA and as per the decisions of the UEFA Club Competitions Committee and the UEFA Executive Committee made in relation thereto;
- to recognise EFC as an established employers' organisation;
- to adhere to and comply with the UEFA and the FIFA Statutes and regulations;
- to recognise the Court of Arbitration for Sport ("CAS") in Lausanne (Switzerland) as the sole competent body to decide on any sports-related dispute between our club and UEFA and/or FIFA (and their respective national associations) including any dispute concerning the Statutes and/or regulations of UEFA and/or FIFA.

We acknowledge and agree that non-compliance with the above conditions and obligations will mean that our club forgoes any entitlement to receive payments in connection with our contribution to the successful staging of the UEFA National Team Competitions.

We have read and understood this Application Form, which is valid until 31 July 2033 and supersedes the form enclosed to UEFA circular letter 2022/39. In the event that the MoU is terminated in accordance with the applicable provisions set out in Paragraph F.5 thereof, then UEFA and/or the undersigned club will have the right (but not the obligation) to terminate this agreement. We confirm that our signature of this form constitutes a binding and irrevocable expression of our full agreement with it.

Place and date

On behalf of

[Name of the club]

[Signature]