

League phase draw procedure

Date and place:	Thursday, 8 February 2024, 18:00 CET in Paris
Duration:	approx. 40 minutes
Regulations:	Art. 12-13 of the competition regulations of the 2024/25 UEFA Nations League (“UNL competition regulations”)
Participants:	54 teams, divided into four leagues A, B, C and D
Objective:	The draw will decide on the group composition within each league (see Art. 13.02 of the UNL competition regulations)
Seeding:	The teams in each league are seeded based on the Access List for the 2024/25 UEFA Nations League (Annex C of the UNL competition regulations)

A. League allocation

The 54 UEFA member associations participating in the 2024/25 UEFA Nations League (‘UNL’) are divided into the four leagues based on the Access List (Annex C of the UNL competition regulations). The Access List is established based on the teams’ results in the 2022/23 UNL, considering promotion and relegation between the leagues and the results of the UNL finals 2023. The access list is pending the relegation play-outs as part of the 2022/23 UNL, and potential additional decisions taken by the UEFA Executive Committee before the draw takes place on 8 February 2024.

Nations League A		Nations League B		Nations League C		Nations League D	
1	Spain	17	Austria	33	Romania	49	Lithuania/Gibraltar*
2	Croatia	18	Czechia	34	Sweden	50	Moldova
3	Italy	19	England	35	Armenia	51	Malta
4	Netherlands	20	Wales	36	Luxembourg	52	Andorra
5	Denmark	21	Finland	37	Azerbaijan	53	San Marino
6	Portugal	22	Ukraine	38	Kosovo	54	Liechtenstein
7	Belgium	23	Iceland	39	Bulgaria		
8	Hungary	24	Norway	40	Faroe Islands		
9	Switzerland	25	Slovenia	41	North Macedonia		
10	Germany	26	Rep. of Ireland	42	Slovakia		
11	Poland	27	Albania	43	Northern Ireland		
12	France	28	Montenegro	44	Cyprus		
13	Israel	29	Georgia	45	Belarus		
14	Bosnia-Herzeg.	30	Greece	46	Lithuania/Gibraltar*		
15	Serbia	31	Türkiye	47	Estonia		
16	Scotland	32	Kazakhstan	48	Latvia		

*pending the results of the UNL 2022/23 play-outs

B. Pot allocation

Based on the Access List presented in section A, teams are divided into four draw pots for the draws of Leagues A, B and C, and into two draw pots for the draw of League D.

Nations League A

The 16 teams allocated to League A are divided into four draw pots as follows:

- Pot 1 will contain the four best-ranked teams, i.e. the teams ranked 1st to 4th;
- Pot 2 will contain the four teams ranked 5th to 8th;
- Pot 3 will contain the four teams ranked 9th to 12th;
- Pot 4 will contain the four teams ranked 13th to 16th.

#	Pot 1
1	Spain
2	Croatia
3	Italy
4	Netherlands

#	Pot 2
5	Denmark
6	Portugal
7	Belgium
8	Hungary

#	Pot 3
9	Switzerland
10	Germany
11	Poland
12	France

#	Pot 4
13	Israel
14	Bosnia-Herzegovina
15	Serbia
16	Scotland

Nations League B

The 16 teams allocated to League B are divided into four draw pots as follows:

- Pot 1 will contain the four teams ranked 17th to 20th;
- Pot 2 will contain the four teams ranked 21st to 24th;
- Pot 3 will contain the four teams ranked 25th to 28th;
- Pot 4 will contain the four teams ranked 29th to 32nd.

#	Pot 1
17	Austria
18	Czechia
19	England
20	Wales

#	Pot 2
21	Finland
22	Ukraine
23	Iceland
24	Norway

#	Pot 3
25	Slovenia
26	Rep. of Ireland
27	Albania
28	Montenegro

#	Pot 4
29	Georgia
30	Greece
31	Türkiye
32	Kazakhstan

Nations League C

The 16 teams allocated to League C are divided into four draw pots as follows:

- Pot 1 will contain the four teams ranked 33th to 36th;
- Pot 2 will contain the four teams ranked 37th to 40th;
- Pot 3 will contain the four teams ranked 41st to 44th;
- Pot 4 will contain the four teams ranked 45th to 48th.

#	Pot 1	#	Pot 2	#	Pot 3	#	Pot 4
33	Romania	37	Azerbaijan	41	North Macedonia	45	Belarus
34	Sweden	38	Kosovo	42	Slovakia	46	Lithuania / Gibraltar*
35	Armenia	39	Bulgaria	43	Northern Ireland	47	Estonia
36	Luxembourg	40	Faroe Islands	44	Cyprus	48	Latvia

* the team ranked in 46th position will be known after the UNL 2022/23 play-outs in March 2024 between Lithuania and Gibraltar. The winner of this play-out tie will remain in League C.

Nations League D

The six teams allocated to League D are divided into two draw pots as follows:

- Pot 1 will contain the two teams ranked 49th to 50th;
- Pot 2 will contain the four teams ranked 51st to 54th.

#	Pot 1	#	Pot 2
49	Lithuania / Gibraltar*	51	Malta
50	Moldova	52	Andorra
		53	San Marino
		54	Liechtenstein

* the team ranked in 49th position will be known after the UNL 2022/23 play-outs in March 2024 between Lithuania and Gibraltar. The defeated team of this play-out tie will play in League D.

C. Draw conditions

Draw conditions may apply for so-called prohibited team clashes, excessive travel restrictions and winter venues. When a draw condition occurs or is anticipated to occur, the computer used to assist with the draw will indicate the next available group for the drawn team.

It must be noted that the groups available to a team depend not only on the team's own attributes (for example an 'excessive travel restriction') and those of the teams already drawn, but also on the attributes of the other teams still to be drawn. This is due to the computer calculations needed to anticipate all possible scenarios and to prevent any deadlock situation.

Prohibited team clashes

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

- Armenia (League C, pot 1) / Azerbaijan (League C, pot 2)

The remaining prohibited team clashes cannot occur as the teams in question will play in in different leagues.

- Belarus (League C) / Ukraine (League B)
- Gibraltar (League C or League D) / Spain (League A)
- Kosovo (League C) / Bosnia-Herzegovina (League A)
- Kosovo (League C) / Serbia (League A)

The UEFA Executive Committee may decide on further prohibited pairs closer to the draw.

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.

Excessive travel restrictions

Out of 20 country pairs that have been identified as excessive (applicable both ways, 8 hours or above, based on direct flight times plus 90 minutes ground operations), four pairs in League B apply as draw conditions for the 2024/25 UNL.

From/To	To/From
Kazakhstan (League B, pot 4)	(1) England (League B, pot 1)
	(2) Iceland (League B, pot 2)
	(3) Republic of Ireland (League B, pot 3)
	(4) Wales (League B, pot 1)

A group can include a maximum of one such pair.

The following draw condition therefore applies: if a team of the list 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.

Winter venues

Nine countries have been identified as venues with high or medium risk of severe winter conditions for the league phase matches taking place on MD5&6 in November 2024.

- Belarus*
- Estonia
- Faroe Islands
- Finland
- Iceland
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Norway
- Ukraine*

*Based on decisions by the UEFA Executive Committee, Belarus and Ukraine organise their respective home matches on neutral ground until further notice.

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:

League A: no winter venue restriction applies.

League B: no winter venue restriction applies. The four winter venues allocated to League B, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Ukraine, all belong to pot 2. They can therefore not be drawn into the same group.

League C: no winter venue restriction applies. The four winter venues belonging to pot 4 (Belarus, Estonia, Latvia (pot 4), and potentially Lithuania) can be drawn into the same group as the only other winter venue of League C, Faroe Islands (pot 2).

League D: no winter venue restriction applies. Lithuania may participate in League D, depending on the outcome of the UNL 2022/23 play-outs in March 2024.

D. Draw procedure

Nations League D

The draw starts with League D and Pot 1 which contains two balls. The drawn teams are assigned to the groups in ascending order from D1 to D2.

- A first ball is drawn and the team assigned to group D1;
- The second ball is drawn and the team assigned to group D2;

The draw continues with Pot 2.

- A first ball is drawn and the team assigned to group D1;
- A second ball is drawn and the team assigned to group D2;
- A third ball is drawn and the team assigned to group D1;
- The fourth ball is drawn and the team assigned to group D2.

When both pots have been emptied, both groups D1 and D2 contain three teams each.

Group D1	Group D2
Pot 1 team	Pot 1 team
Pot 2 team	Pot 2 team
Pot 2 team	Pot 2 team

Nations League C

The draw continues with League C and Pot 1 which contains four balls. The drawn teams are assigned to the groups in ascending order from C1 to C4, save in case of a draw condition applying.

- A first ball is drawn and the team assigned to group C1;
- A second ball is drawn and the team assigned to group C2;
- A third ball is drawn and the team assigned to group C3;
- The fourth ball is drawn and the team assigned to group C4, after which Pot 1 has been emptied and groups C1 to C4 all contain one Pot 1 team.

The draw continues with Pot 2 and follows the same rules as described above for Pot 1. The same procedure is then applied to Pot 3 and finally to Pot 4. When all pots have been emptied, each of the four groups of League C contains four teams, one from each pot:

Group C1	Group C2	Group C3	Group C4
Pot 1 team	Pot 1 team	Pot 1 team	Pot 1 team
Pot 2 team	Pot 2 team	Pot 2 team	Pot 2 team
Pot 3 team	Pot 3 team	Pot 3 team	Pot 3 team
Pot 4 team	Pot 4 team	Pot 4 team	Pot 4 team

Nations League B

The draw for League B follows the same procedure as for League C. When all pots have been emptied, the four groups of League B are composed as follows:

Group B1	Group B2	Group B3	Group B4
Pot 1 team	Pot 1 team	Pot 1 team	Pot 1 team
Pot 2 team	Pot 2 team	Pot 2 team	Pot 2 team
Pot 3 team	Pot 3 team	Pot 3 team	Pot 3 team
Pot 4 team	Pot 4 team	Pot 4 team	Pot 4 team

Nations League A

The draw for League A follows the same procedure as for Leagues C and B.

The draw concludes with the fourth and last ball being drawn from Pot 4 of League A.

When all pots have been emptied, the four groups of League A are composed as follows:

Group A1	Group A2	Group A3	Group A4
Pot 1 team	Pot 1 team	Pot 1 team	Pot 1 team
Pot 2 team	Pot 2 team	Pot 2 team	Pot 2 team
Pot 3 team	Pot 3 team	Pot 3 team	Pot 3 team
Pot 4 team	Pot 4 team	Pot 4 team	Pot 4 team