


UEFA Champions League first qualifying round draw

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Article summary

The UEFA Champions League first qualifying round draw takes place on 15 June.

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The UEFA Champions League first qualifying round draw is streamed live at 12:00 CET on Tuesday 15 June at the House of European Football in Nyon, Switzerland.

Last season's group contenders Ferencváros, UEFA Europa League quarter-finalists Dinamo Zagreb and 1979 European Cup runners-up Malmö are among 31 teams entering at this stage. The 32nd slot will be filled by the winners of the preliminary round final on 25 June.

Ties take place on 6/7 and 13/14 July, with extra time and a penalty shoot-out if required. Winners advance to the UEFA Champions League second qualifying round (draw at 12:00 CET on Wednesday); all losing sides progress to the UEFA Europa Conference League Champions Path second qualifying round (draw at 13:30 CET on Wednesday).

How the draw works

- The draw features the 31 teams entering this round (the champions of the associations ranked 20 to 51 according to their association club coefficient, except Liechtenstein), and one preliminary round winner.

- The teams will be divided equally between seeded and unseeded clubs in accordance with the club coefficient rankings.
- The UEFA administration has formed four groups of eight teams with an equal number of seeded and unseeded teams (four each in every group) for the draw in accordance with the principles set by the Club Competitions Committee. Clubs from the same association cannot be drawn against each other.
- For each group, two pots will be prepared: one for the seeded teams and the other for the unseeded teams.
- For each group, the balls containing the names of the seeded sides will be placed in one bowl and the balls containing the unseeded teams will be put into another bowl. One ball will be taken from each bowl and placed in a large empty bowl in the middle, where they will be shuffled.
- The same procedure will be carried out with the remaining balls to complete all the pairings of the first group and then repeated to determine the pairings for the remaining groups. The first side drawn in each tie will be the home team of the first leg.

Seeding groups

Group 1

Seeded

Malmö (SWE)
Legia Warszawa (POL)
Slovan Bratislava (SVK)
Lincoln Red Imps (GIB)

Unseeded

Riga FC (LVA)
Fola Esch (LUX)
Shamrock Rovers (IRL)
Bodø/Glimt (NOR)

Group 2:

Seeded

CFR Cluj (ROU)
Shkëndija (MKD)
Alashkert (ARM)
Budućnost Podgorica (MNE)

Unseeded

HJK Helsinki (FIN)
Connah's Quay Nomads (WAL)
Mura (SVN)
Borac Banja Luka (BIH)

Group 3:

Seeded

Ludogorets 1945 (BUL)
Sheriff Tiraspol (MDA)

Dinamo Tbilisi (GEO)

Kairat Almaty (KAZ)

Unseeded

Shakhtyor Soligorsk (BLR)

Neftçi (AZE)

Maccabi Haifa (ISR)

Teuta (ALB)

Group 4:

Seeded

Dinamo Zagreb (CRO)

Ferencváros (HUN)

Žalgiris Vilnius (LTU)

Flora Tallinn (EST)

Unseeded

Linfield (NIR)

Valur (ISL)

Hibernians (MLT)

Winners of the preliminary round – one of Folgore (SMR) / Prishtina (KOS) / HB

Tórshavn (FRO) / Inter Club d'Escaldes (AND)