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## TO UEFA MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

For the attention of the President and the General Secretary

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## **UEFA Safety and Security Regulations, 2019 edition**

Dear Sir or Madam,

At its meeting in Baku on 29 May 2019, the UEFA Executive Committee approved the new UEFA Safety and Security Regulations (2019 edition) [SSR], which will replace the 2006 edition and come into force on 15 June 2019.

The amendments are designed to reflect the contemporary context of safety and security in UEFA competitions. Please find below a non-exhaustive list with some of the most significant amendments:

- 1) Amendment of the provisions on engagement with supporters, reflecting the need for proactive and regular communication with them  $\rightarrow$  *Article 5*
- 2) Addition of a reference to the need for local, national and international coordination arrangements to ensure an integrated approach to safety, security and service  $\rightarrow$  Article 6.02
- 3) Addition of a reference to UEFA's guidance regarding pyrotechnics, reinforcing the position that there can be no safe use of pyrotechnics in spectator areas within stadiums → *Article 6.04*
- 4) Addition of the possibility to reduce the ticket allocation for future matches involving a visiting association or club that does not fulfil the requirements regarding recording of ticketholder details → Article 16.04
- 5) Amendment of the rule whereby tickets sold to supporters of the visiting team must not exceed the price paid for tickets of a comparable category that are sold to supporters of the home team, by adding that this rule is not applicable to tickets available to season ticket holders, persons who are members of a supporters' club or tickets sold as part of a promotional package → Article 20

- 6) Addition of the obligation on match organisers to undertake an appropriate risk assessment with police and to record reasons if police escorts for teams and officials are not provided → *Article 23*
- 7) Addition of a *ratio* between the number of travelling stewards and the number of travelling supporters, with the possibility to reduce the ticket allocation for future matches involving a visiting association or club which does not provide the required number of travelling stewards → *Articles* 24.03 and 24.04
- 8) Alignment of the SSR with the decision of the UEFA Executive Committee (sent out via UEFA Circular letter 34/2018), allowing the selling or distribution of alcohol within the stadium and its private environs only if and within the limits permitted under the national and local law → Article 36
- 9) Addition of the requirement that copies of the emergency, contingency, stadium evacuation and counter terrorism plans be held in the stadium control room (or at a pre-determined location within the stadium for category 1 stadiums) and made available for inspection, to guarantee basic safety and security procedures which must be in place regardless of the level of the competition → Article 41.05
- 10) Incorporation into the SSR of the European Football United Against Racism resolution adopted by UEFA Congress in May 2013 and of the Guidelines for Match Officials in cases of Racist behaviour in football stadiums approved by UEFA Executive Committee in July 2009, to reinforce UEFA's three step procedure where racist behaviour occurs in matches and to emphasise UEFA's zero-tolerance approach towards racism → Article 45, Annex B and Annex C

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Kenny Scott, Head of Safety & Security Operations (Kenny.Scott@uefa.ch).

Yours faithfully,

UEFA

Theodore Theodoridis General Secretary

## **Enclosure**

- PDF version of the UEFA Safety and Security Regulations (Edition 2019)

## cc (with enclosures)

- UEFA Executive Committee
- UEFA Stadium and Security Committee
- UEFA National Team Competitions Committee
- UEFA Club Competitions Committee
- UEFA Women's Football Committee
- UEFA Youth and Amateur Football Committee
- UEFA Fair play and Social responsibility Committee
- European members of the FIFA Council
- FIFA, Zurich