

European Club Football Restructuring Scheme 2020

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE 2020-2021

July

Qualified
 (1) last 16 of the Champions League campaign 2019-2020
 (2) the best placed club side else of each of the top 4 European leagues due to UEFA ranking
 (3) 3 best placed national league champions of the 2019-2020 season due to UEFA ranking
 (4) Europa League winner 2019-2020

August First Stage

1	- 24 participating club sides start the competition in a league format
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3	in August
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5	- 12 clubs seeded in a top half (red) due to UEFA ranking
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7	- 12 clubs in a bottom half (blue)
8	- first round of 12 matches: each blue side hosting a red one
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10	- second round of 12 matches: each red side hosting a blue one, but a different one from the first round
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13	- after two rounds of matches the top 12 sides of the table become the red sides and the bottom 12 become the blue ones
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September Second Stage

1	- draw of the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th round of matches to be played in September and
2	October
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4	- 2 home and 2 away matches with every side getting one home and one away tie to a red side as well as to a blue side
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6	- at the end of October each club has played 3 home and 3 away games against 6 different clubs altogether resulting in a table from which the bottom 4 clubs will be eliminated leaving 20 clubs in the competition
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8	- there will be no further division of the table in a red or blue half
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November Third Stage

1	- draw of the 7th and 8th round of
2	matches to be played in November
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4	- each side will play one home and one away tie
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6	- as long as possible there have to be arranged matches between clubs who are yet to meet
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8	- at the end of November each club still in the competition has played
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10	4 home and 4 away games resulting in a table from which the bottom
11	2 clubs will be eliminated leaving
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13	18 clubs in the competition
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December Fourth Stage

1	- draw of the 9th and 10th round of
2	matches to be played in December
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4	- each side will play one home and one away tie
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6	- as long as possible there have to be arranged matches between clubs who are yet to meet
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8	- at the end of December each club still in the competition has played
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10	5 home and 5 away games resulting in a table from which the bottom
11	2 clubs will be eliminated
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13	- all 16 clubs still remaining in the competition are automatically qualified to participate in the Champions League campaign 2021-2022
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Relegated
the bottom 8 clubs after the fourth stage in December

February Fifth Stage

1	- from February to April there will be
2	played 6 more rounds of matches,
3	two in each month, with every side
4	getting alternating home and away
5	draws
6	- every round of matches will be drawn
7	separately, because after every round
8	played the bottom 2 sides of the
9	table will be eliminated
10	- the longer the tournament goes
11	the more likely clubs will meet two
12	or even three times
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14	- at the end of April there will be
15	4 clubs remaining in the competition
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May Sixth Stage

4th	vs	1st
3rd	vs	2nd

- in early May the 4 sides remaining in the competition will play out the 2 semifinals at neutral venues

winner vs winner

- in late May the 2 semifinal winners will play out the final at a neutral venue

Promoted
 2 finalists from the Champions Cup
 2 finalists from the Europa League
 2 best placed national champions due to UEFA club ranking
 2 best placed national champions due to UEFA nations ranking

CHAMPIONS CUP 2020-21

Qualified
 Every winning club side of a national league championship not qualified to play in the UEFA Champions League

First Stage

- 16 top sides seeded due to UEFA ranking
- amongst the remaining sides there will be drawn the number of matches to reduce the competition to 32 participants
- playing one home and one away leg

Second Stage

Group stage of 32 sides
drawn in 8 groups per 4 sides
playing each other home and away for a total of 6 rounds
between September and December
top 2 of each group going through

Third Stage

First knock out stage of 16 sides qualified from the group stages
playing one home and one away leg
8 winners going through

Fourth Stage

Second knock out stage of the 8 winners
playing one home and one away leg
4 winners going through

Fifth Stage

Semifinal stage of the 4 winners
playing one home and one away leg
winners going through to the final

Sixth Stage

One off final with both finalists being awarded promotion to the next Champions League campaign

EUROPA LEAGUE 2020-21

First Stage

128 club sides start, drawn in 64 ties
playing one home and one away leg
32 top sides seeded due to UEFA ranking

Second Stage

64 sides drawn in 32 ties
playing one home and one away leg
16 top sides seeded due to UEFA ranking

Third Stage

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Seventh Stage

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