



NATIONAL TEAM COMPETITIONS



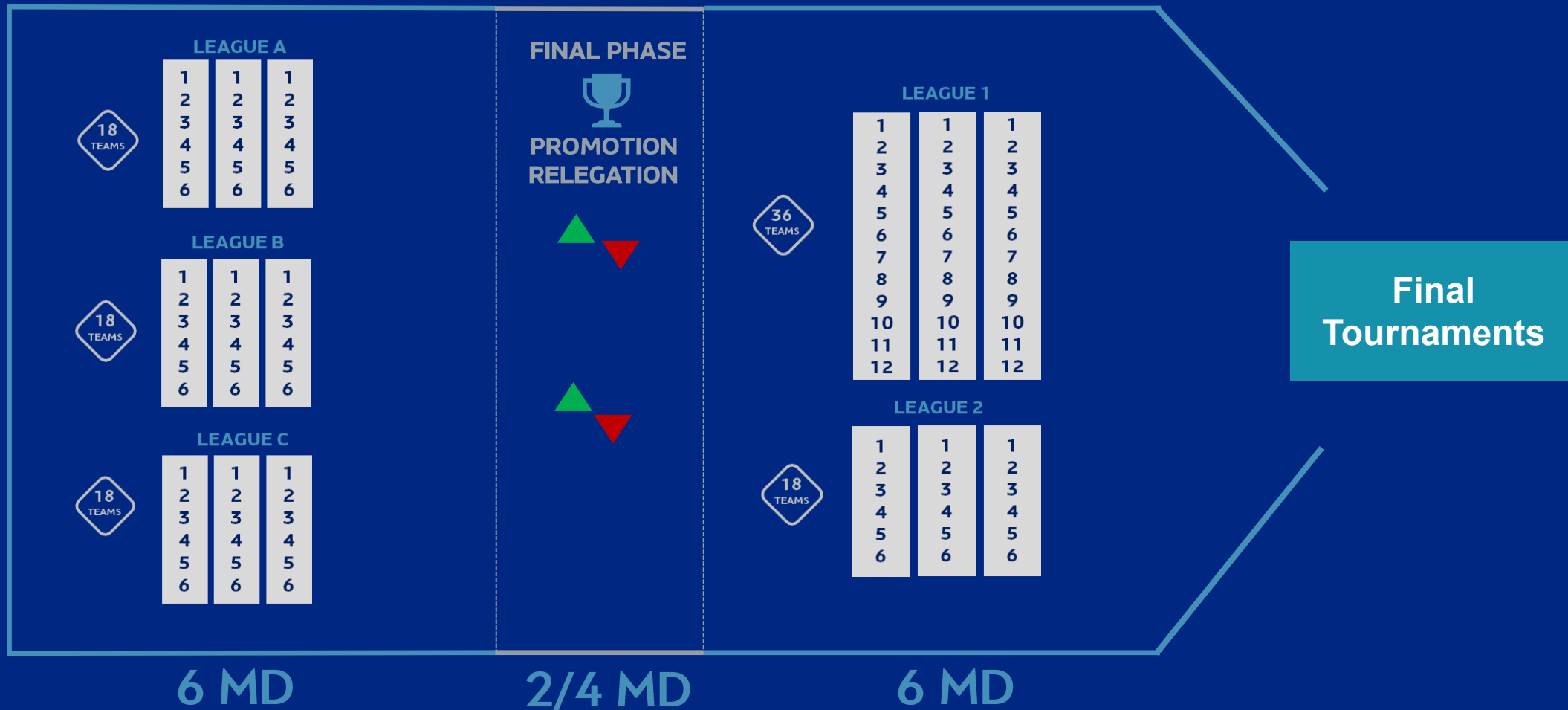
MEN'S COMPETITIONS

Review process 2025/26

UEFA MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM COMPETITIONS - FORMAT CONCEPT POST 2028



TRANSITION



Final
Tournaments

UNL FROM 4 TO 3 LEAGUES



16
TEAMS

LEAGUE A

1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4

16
TEAMS

LEAGUE B

1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4

16
TEAMS

LEAGUE C

1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4

6
TEAMS

LEAGUE D

1	1
2	2
3	3



18
TEAMS

LEAGUE A

1	1	1
2	2	2
3	3	3
4	4	4
5	5	5
6	6	6

18
TEAMS

LEAGUE B

1	1	1
2	2	2
3	3	3
4	4	4
5	5	5
6	6	6

18
TEAMS

LEAGUE C

1	1	1
2	2	2
3	3	3
4	4	4
5	5	5
6	6	6

If 53/55 teams (instead of 54), one group in league C will have 5 or 7 teams with relevant adjustments

UNL IN 3 LEAGUES / 18-18-18 (GROUPS OF 6)

GROUPS OF 6 – 6 MD



LEAGUE A/B/C (3 pots of 6 teams)

Pot 1	1	2	3	4	5	6
Pot 2	7	8	9	10	11	12
Pot 3	13	14	15	16	17	18



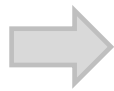
Step 1. Create 3 groups of 6 teams
(2 teams per pot)



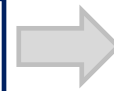
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6	6	6

GR1 GR2 GR3

1	1	1
2	2	2
3	3	3
4	4	4
5	5	5
6	6	6



Step 2. Create 6 matches for each team
in the group



1	
2	Home & Away
3	Home
4	Away
5	Home
6	Away

BALANCED OPPOSITION
Home & Away against own pot / Single leg against other pots

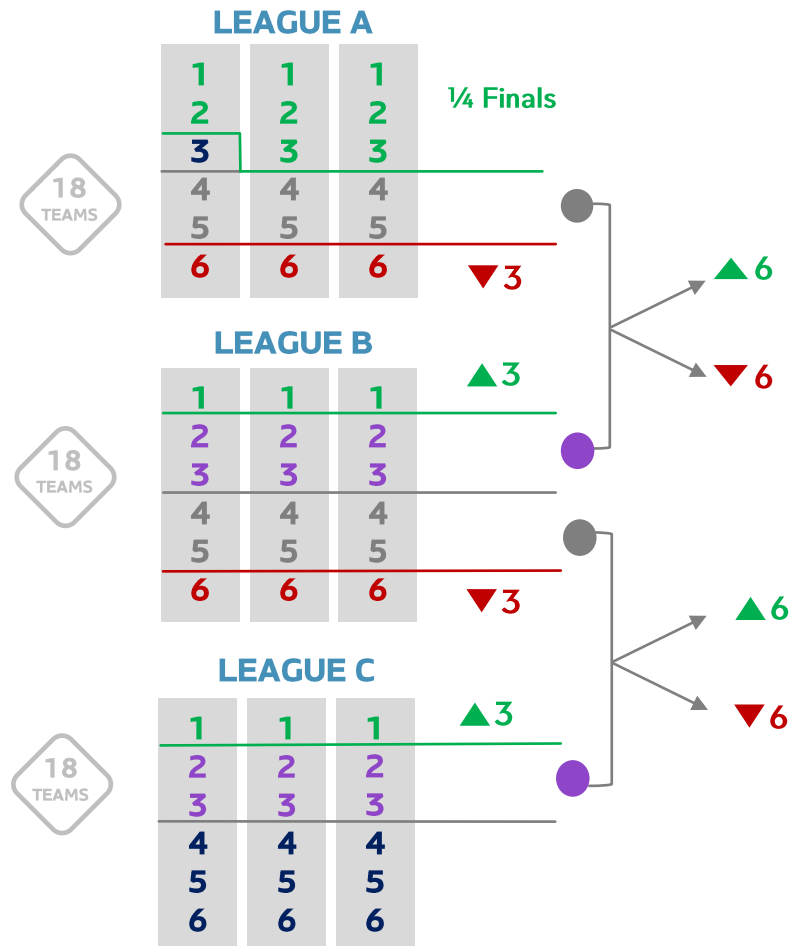
	Matches against		
	Pot 1	Pot 2	Pot 3
For Pot 1 teams	2	2	2
For Pot 2 teams	2	2	2
For Pot 3 teams	2	2	2

UNL IN 3 LEAGUES / 18-18-18 (GROUPS OF 6)

UNL QF/F4 AND PROMOTION-RELEGATION PO



Automatic Promotion/relegation + Promotion/relegation matches



UNL IN 3 LEAGUES / EQ IN 2 LEAGUES



LEAGUE A

1	1	1
2	2	2
3	3	3
4	4	4
5	5	5
6	6	6

LEAGUE B

1	1	1
2	2	2
3	3	3
4	4	4
5	5	5
6	6	6

LEAGUE C

1	1	1
2	2	2
3	3	3
4	4	4
5	5	5
6	6	6

18
TEAMS

18
TEAMS

18
TEAMS

36
TEAMS

18
TEAMS

LEAGUE 1

1	1	1
2	2	2
3	3	3
4	4	4
5	5	5
6	6	6
7	7	7
8	8	8
9	9	9
10	10	10
11	11	11
12	12	12

LEAGUE 2

1	1	1
2	2	2
3	3	3
4	4	4
5	5	5
6	6	6

If 53/55 teams (instead of 54), one group in league 2 will have 5 or 7 teams with relevant adjustments



EQ IN 2 LEAGUES / 36-18 (GROUPS OF 12/6)

LEAGUE 1 / GROUPS OF 12 – 6 MD

LEAGUE 1 (3 pots of 12 teams)

Pot 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Pot 2	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Pot 3	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36



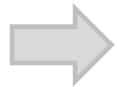
Step 1. Create 3 groups of 12 teams
(4 teams per pot – 2 from top half / 2 from bottom half)



LEAGUE 1		
GR1	GR2	GR3
1	1	1
2	2	2
3	3	3
4	4	4
5	5	5
6	6	6
7	7	7
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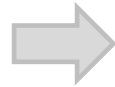
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5	5	5
6	6	6
7	7	7
8	8	8
9	9	9
10	10	10
11	11	11
12	12	12



Step 2. Create 6 matches for each team in the group

Each team plays 2 teams of each pot



Example for Team 1

GR1	
1	
2	Home
3	Away
4	
5	Away
6	
7	Home
8	
9	
10	Home
11	Away
12	

BALANCED OPPOSITION
2 teams from each pot / single leg

	Matches against		
	Pot 1	Pot 2	Pot 3
For Pot 1 teams	2	2	2
For Pot 2 teams	2	2	2
For Pot 3 teams	2	2	2

EQ IN 2 LEAGUES / 36-18 (GROUPS OF 12/6)

LEAGUE 2 / GROUPS OF 6 – 6 MD (SAME AS UNL GROUPS)

LEAGUE 2 (3 pots of 6 teams)

Pot 1	1	2	3	4	5	6
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Pot 3	13	14	15	16	17	18



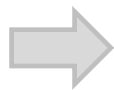
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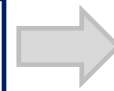
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BALANCED OPPOSITION
Home & Away against own pot / Single leg against other pots

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For Pot 3 teams	2	2	2

EQ IN 2 LEAGUES / 36-18 (GROUPS OF 12/6)

QUALIFICATION TO FINAL TOURNAMENT

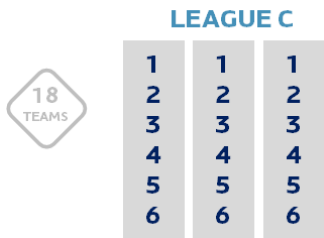
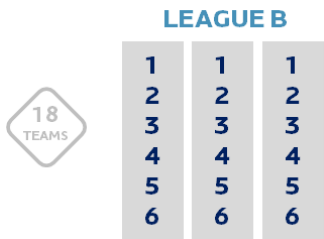
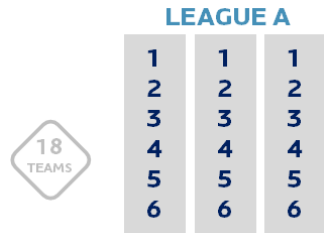


UNL

TRANSITION



EQ



6 MD

FINAL PHASE



PROMOTION
RELEGATION

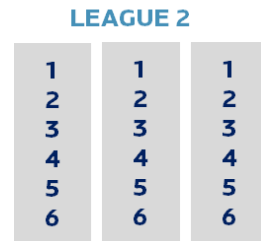
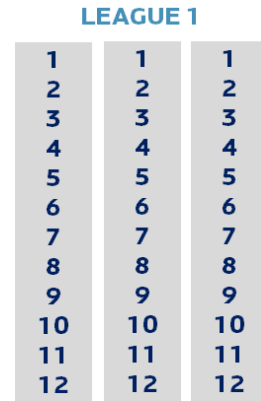


A/B: Applicable for
next UNL only



B/C: Applicable for
next UNL and EQ phase

2/4 MD



6 MD



DIRECT
QUALIFICATION



PLAY OFFS