

European football set for radical overhaul

Twelve of Europe's top football clubs have agreed to join a new midweek competition, the *European Super League* – plotting a collision course with UEFA and its planned revamp of the Champions League by 2023-24

■ New elite European competition established by breakaway teams from English **Premier League**, Spanish **La Liga** and Italian **Serie A**

FOUNDING MEMBERS

Arsenal	ENG
Chelsea	ENG
Liverpool	ENG
Manchester City	ENG
Manchester Utd	ENG
Tottenham	ENG
Atletico Madrid	ESP
Barcelona	ESP
Real Madrid	ESP
AC Milan	ITA
Internazionale	ITA
Juventus	ITA



KEY MEN



- (1) **Florentino Perez**, chairman
 (2) **Andrea Agnelli**, vice-chairman
 (3) **Joel Glazer**, vice-chairman

Teams from German **Bundesliga** and French **Ligue 1** – including giants Bayern Munich and PSG – refuse to sign up to proposal



Plans have prompted widespread condemnation – vehemently opposed by sport's governing bodies and football associations

European Super League format

- Three further founding members anticipated to join – all **15** teams will qualify automatically each year
- **Five** teams will qualify annually based on previous season's results
- 20 teams, divided into two groups of 10, play each other home and away. Top eight qualify for knock-out stages, before single-match final

Super League: Potential sanctions



- Clubs banned from existing competitions
- Players denied opportunity to represent national teams
- Other legal measures

Sources: Super League, UEFA, AP

UEFA Champions League format

- Introduction of expanded **36-team one-league format**, with four teams added. Group stages abolished
- Each team plays 10 matches, based on seeding structure
- Top eight qualify for Last 16 – teams finishing 9th-24th play off for remaining eight places. Number of matches increased from 125 to 225

UEFA Champions League winners currently earn around **€80m** – topped up by coefficient ranking. Founding teams of European Super League would share upfront payment of **€3.5bn**, before any seasonal benefits

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