

# New UEFA Champions League format in 2024

UEFA has approved a major overhaul of the Champions League – Europe's primary club football tournament – with an expanded 36-team league system set to be introduced



## EXPANDED FORMAT

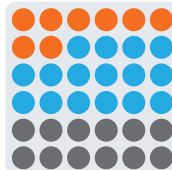
*From 2024/25 season, single league introduced, which includes all 36 teams – existing eight groups of four format scrapped*

**36** Group stage teams – increased by four

## INCREASED MATCHES

*Each team plays eight league stage ties – four home and four away – against different opposition. Up from six currently*

**189** Total matches – increase of 64 from current 125-game season



## NEW ALLOCATIONS

■ **Two places:** Additional slots awarded to nations, based on performance in Europe's club competitions in previous season

■ **One place:** Awarded to third-placed team in domestic league ranked fifth in Europe – currently France

■ **One place:** "Champions Path" qualification increased from four to five teams

## QUALIFICATION

■ **Top 8:** Advance directly to Last 16

■ **9th-24th place:** Contest two-legged play-off to progress to Last 16

■ **25th-36th place:** Eliminated

*Similar format changes also applied to **UEFA Europa League** and **UEFA Europa Conference League***

