2026-27 UEFA Champions League preview

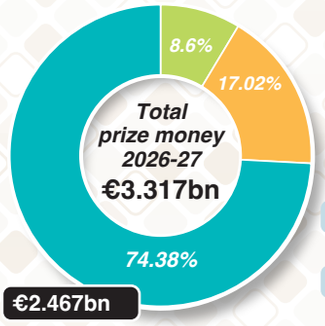
Riyadh Air Metropolitano Stadium *(Capacity: 70,000)* »
Set to host second showpiece, after staging 2019 final



Europe's premier club football competition returns with the third season of the innovative 36-team league phase format, delivering more dramatic moments while creating high-stakes matches against diverse opposition

Financial incentives

*Paris St-Germain earned **€146m** from defending title in 2026, with beaten finalists Arsenal projected income at **€143m.** Prize money remains unchanged for 2026-27, with gross revenue from UEFA competitions estimated at **€4.4bn***



UEFA Champions League / Super Cup: *Split between participation fee, club rankings and performances*

- UEFA Europa League: **€565m**
- UEFA Conference League: **€285m**

Performance pay:	Per team
League phase	€2.1m (win), €0.7m (draw)
Knock-out round play-off	€1.0m
Round of 16	€11.0m
Quarter-final	€12.5m
Semi-final	€15.0m
Final	€18.5m
Tournament winner	**€25.0m**

Squad valuations

*Premier League clubs have broken their all-time summer transfer record, spending more than **€4bn** – exceeding the combined expenditure of top-flight clubs in Spain, Italy, France and Germany*

Outside Premier League, most expensive transfer saw Yan Diomande join Real Madrid in €140m deal

Most valuable teams in UEFA Champions League (Sep 4)

	Average age	Transfermarkt estimated value (€bn)
Real Madrid	25.9	1.46
Man City	25.4	1.43
PSG	24.9	1.36
Arsenal	26.4	1.33
Barcelona	25.2	1.26
Bayern	27.0	1.04
Liverpool	25.9	1.03

Match schedule

*Each team plays eight matches – four at home and four away – against different opposition. Top eight qualify directly to **knockout stages,** while places 9-24 contest play-off to advance*

1 Sep 8-10

AEK Athens	LASK
Club Brugge	Aston Villa
Dortmund	Villarreal
Porto	Man City
Lille	Real Betis
Real Madrid	Inter
Barcelona	Feyenoord
Stuttgart	Viking
Liverpool	Atlético
PSG	Sl. Bratislava
Sporting CP	Galatasaray
Napoli	Arsenal
Fenerbahçe	Roma
PSV	Shakhtar
Como	Leipzig
Bayern	Bodø/Glimt
Man Utd	Sabah
Sl. Prague	Lens

2 Oct 13-14

Lens	Sporting CP
Sabah	Sl. Prague
Arsenal	Lille
Atlético	Man Utd
Inter	Club Brugge
Galatasaray	Barcelona
Leipzig	PSV
Viking	Bayern
Villarreal	Napoli
Feyenoord	Como
LASK	Liverpool
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Aston Villa	Fenerbahçe
Shakhtar	AEK Athens
Bodø/Glimt	Dortmund
Man City	PSG
Real Betis	Porto
Sl. Bratislava	Stuttgart

3 Oct 20-21

Fenerbahçe	Sl. Prague
Sabah	Dortmund
Roma	Sl. Bratislava
Porto	PSV
Liverpool	Villarreal
Man City	AEK Athens
PSG	Barcelona
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4 Nov 3-4

Shakhtar	Sporting CP
Galatasaray	Stuttgart
Atlético	Bayern
Barcelona	Aston Villa
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Harry Kane »
In talks with Bayern to extend contract with Bundesliga champions




***Anthony Gordon** Barcelona*

5 Nov 24-25

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Sporting CP	Man Utd

6 Dec 8-9

Viking	Feyenoord
Villarreal	Sabah
AEK Athens	Galatasaray
Roma	Sporting CP
Aston Villa	PSG
Barcelona	Man City
Bayern	Sl. Prague
Man Utd	Leipzig
Napoli	Club Brugge
Real Betis	Como
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Arsenal	Real Madrid
Dortmund	Inter
LASK	Fenerbahçe
Liverpool	Porto
PSV	Atlético
Lens	Bodø/Glimt
Stuttgart	Lille

7 Jan 19-20

Bodø/Glimt	Atlético
Galatasaray	Feyenoord
AEK Athens	Roma
Aston Villa	Dortmund
Inter	Liverpool
Porto	Sl. Prague
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8 Jan 27

Arsenal	Sabah
Roma	Lille
Atlético	Fenerbahçe
Dortmund	AEK Athens
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