



UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CLUB MANUAL 2023/24

Facilities Requirements Overview

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1 FACILITY REQUIREMENTS



1.1 OVERVIEW OF REQUIRED FACILITIES

The tables below provide a brief summary of the facilities required for the different rounds and shows the increase in demands as the competition progresses. Further details and explanations are set out in the corresponding sections of this manual.

General stadium facilities

Area	Play-offs	Group stage	Round of 16	Quarter-finals	Semi-finals	Ref.
Stadium	Stadiums must meet the structural criteria of a category 4 stadium according to the <i>UEFA Stadium Infrastructure Regulations</i> .					2.2
Power and utilities	Existing power (including backup power), lighting, water and general utilities must be provided free of charge by the home club within the stadium areas used.					2.2.1
	A local 5A 220-230V (always on) power connection must be provided to the UEFA GLT supplier at distribution points within the stadium, powered from a technical supply.					2.3.2
	A local 5A 220-230V (always on) power connection must be provided to the UEFA EPTS supplier at distribution points within the stadium, powered from a technical supply.					2.3.2
	A 380V 32A/3P (12160VA - 10KW) power feed must be provided for the graphics van					2.7.8
	Clubs must provide specific levels of power for all broadcast facilities: indoor studios, pitch-view studios, tribune presentation positions, flash interview positions, pitchside presentation positions and commentary positions.					2.7.10
	Clubs must provide power and sockets free of charge for all media areas; in particular for the media working area, the media tribune and the photographers' match positions.					2.8
	The club's LED advertising system must run from a reliable, backed-up power source. If UEFA has to provide the LED system, existing power (including backup power) must be provided free of charge.					2.9.3
Floodlights	Eh ave >1,400 lux and Ev ave >1,000 lux.	Average horizontal illuminance (Eh ave) > 1,500 lux and average vertical illuminance (Ev ave) > 1,250 lux.			2.2.2	
	Backup floodlight power must be available with an average illuminance of at least 900 lux (Eh) no more than 15 minutes after the power failure.					
Directional signage and ground rules	Clubs must provide signage to guide visiting club supporters in a recognisable, understandable format, as well as ground rules including prohibited items, ideally in the form of internationally recognised pictograms.					2.2.3
Access control system	Modern electronic access controls and mechanical counting systems must be installed and used, delivering real-time analysis of data on crowd flows and spectator attendance.					2.2.4
Closed-circuit television system	Stadiums must be equipped (both inside and outside) with permanent closed-circuit television surveillance systems.					2.2.5
Public address (PA) system	Stadiums must be equipped (both inside and outside) with a fully operational PA system that is not affected by any failure of the main power supply.					2.2.6
Scoreboards, giant screens and internal stadium TV channel	Clubs must ensure that any scoreboards, giant screens and the internal stadium TV channel are fully available to display the necessary match information.					2.2.7

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Internet	<p>High-speed internet connections (Wi-Fi) must be available in the UEFA offices, the delegate's room, the doping control station, the LED board controller's position (commentary or pitchside position), the broadcast compound (ADSL or internet cable line for the UEFA graphics supplier and internet cable line for the football technologies supplier) and the Champions Club. The installation and usage costs of the ADSL or internet cable line for the UEFA graphics and football technologies supplier will be assumed by the home club.</p> <p>Internet connectivity (Wi-Fi) should be made available in the visiting team and referee dressing rooms.</p> <p>Cabled and wireless internet connections must be available for TV commentary positions and certain media areas such as the media working area, media tribune, photographer working area and pitchside positions.</p>					2.2.8
Telephone	Clubs are required to provide international telephone lines for UEFA offices and the delegate's room. The club bears the installation costs and the users pay the call charges.					2.2.8
Radio frequencies	Since the UEFA venue team uses walkie-talkies, clubs are requested to clear the necessary radio frequencies with the responsible authorities free of charge.					2.2.8
UEFA offices and meeting rooms	Minimum of 100m ² of functional office space for UEFA offices with two fast colour copy machines (including technical assistance) must be provided. Room(s) for club, TV and organisational meetings must be available.					2.2.9
Parking	60 spaces	180 spaces				2.2.10
	These parking spaces must be in prime positions and provided free of charge. They are for the use of UEFA and UCL partners only.					
	Clubs must provide up to ten parking spaces free of charge for the official UCL cars.					

Sporting facilities

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Stadium pitch and alternative training ground	<p>The pitch must measure 105m x 68m and be in the best possible condition. It must be equipped with a fully functional drainage system and, where weather conditions require it, a high-quality pitch heating system and a pitch cover.</p> <p>An alternative training ground must be available for training sessions (in case holding a training session in the stadium could render the pitch unfit for the match).</p>					2.3.1
Goal-line technology	Positions for 14 GLT cameras					2.3.2
VAR technology	Referee review area for VAR system					2.3.2
EPTS technology	Positions for 8 EPTS cameras					2.3.2
Facilities for teams and officials	<p>First-class dressing rooms for teams and referees</p> <p>Medical room for players and referees close to the dressing rooms</p> <p>Doping control station located near the team dressing rooms</p> <p>Room for the UEFA delegate located near the team and referee dressing rooms</p> <p>High-quality substitutes' benches to accommodate up to 19 people each</p> <p>If space permits, up to eight additional technical seats behind or to the side of the substitutes' benches</p> <p>Fourth official/venue director's position, ideally between substitutes' benches</p>					2.3.3

Ticketing

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UEFA and UCL partners

UEFA match officers and officials	Tickets required as appointed					2.4.1
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VIP tickets*	10	50	50	50	50	
	*VIP tickets must be for the best available seats in the stadium. The total number of VIP tickets provided by a club should not exceed 10% of the total VIP seating area; where this would be the case, additional first-class tickets should be provided to make up the shortfall.					
First-class complimentary tickets with hospitality*	0	289	314	326	350	
	*First-class complimentary tickets must be for seats in the highest category in the stadium and located in a single section between the 16m lines and as close to the halfway line as possible.					
First-class complimentary tickets without hospitality*	50	41	66	99	125	
	*First-class complimentary tickets must be for seats in the highest category in the stadium and located in a single section between the 16m lines and as close to the halfway line as possible.					
Additional first-class complimentary tickets*	0	0	0	0	0	
	*Additional first-class complimentary tickets: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On the same basis as the complimentary ticket allocation, UEFA will reimburse the club for these specified amounts, at retail price. • UEFA may purchase additional first-class tickets up to these specified amounts, at retail price. These tickets must be located in the same area as the complimentary first-class tickets 					
First-class purchase tickets	350	350	410	660	880	
Second-class purchase tickets	335	346	433	638	821	
Third-class purchase tickets	185	208	315	562	629	

Visiting club allocation (unless agreed otherwise in writing by the clubs)

Additional seats for technical staff	Ideally, 7 seats in the stand with easy access to the technical zone (5 seats is the minimum requirement)	2.4.2
VIP tickets	20 (including access to relevant hospitality area) VIP tickets must be for the best available seats in the stadium.	
First-class purchase tickets	200 (no obligation to take full allocation) First-class tickets must be for seats in the highest category in the stadium and located in not more than two continuous blocks between the 16m lines and as close to the halfway line as possible.	
Visiting club supporters	At least 5% of the total approved UEFA stadium capacity (defined as the total capacity of all seats – including corporate, VIP, season ticket, etc. – once seats lost for segregation and camera positions have been deducted)	

Hospitality

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VIP hospitality	Access to home club's VIP hospitality for VIP ticket holders					2.5

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Champions Club	None	At least 400m ² open and usable space near VIP/first-class complimentary seats	A larger open and usable space near VIP/first-class complimentary seats may be needed in order to accommodate the increased number of guests. ideally a minimum of 500m ²			2.5.1

Sponsor facilities

Area	Play-offs	Group stage	Round of 16	Quarter-finals	Semi-finals	Ref.
Promotional areas in and around the stadium for UCL sponsors and licensees	In principle, at least two separate areas, one 17m x 6m and one 8m x 5m		In principle, at least three separate areas, one 17m x 6m and two 8m x 5m			2.6.1
Facilities for matchnight promotions	Appropriate changing facilities within the stadium for participants in any UCL sponsors' activities (e.g. player mascots)					2.6.2

Broadcaster facilities

Area	Play-offs	Group stage	Round of 16	Quarter-finals	Semi-finals	Ref.
Camera positions	Main cameras, pitchside halfway camera, 16m cameras, low behind-goal cameras, beauty camera, bench cameras, high behind-goal cameras, reverse-angle cameras, mini-cameras, tunnel camera, crane cameras, 6m cameras, rail cameras, Steadicams, hot-head cameras, 20m cameras, aerial cameras, goal-line cameras and ENG cameras					2.7.2
Commentary positions	30		45		50	2.7.3
Filming and video analysis position (e.g. commentary position) for home and visiting club	2					3.10.5
Pitch reporter positions	2 positions with a clear view of the substitutes' benches and additional positions behind goals					2.7.4
Indoor studios	At least 1					2.7.5
Pitch-view studios	At least 1 with an unobstructed view of the pitch					
Additional pitch-view studios/platforms/indoor studios	At least 1 with an unobstructed view of the pitch		At least 2 with an unobstructed view of the pitch			2.7.6
Flash interview positions	At least 5		At least 8		At least 10	
Super-flash interview positions	At least 2					
Pitchside presentation areas	2 areas of 15m x 3m (on either side of the substitutes' benches)					2.7.7
Broadcast compound	At least 1,000m ² of usable space		At least 2,300m ² of usable space		At least 2,800m ² of usable space (500m ² can be in a separate location)	2.7.8

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	Including a minimum of 6 uplinks in any separate uplink area		Including a minimum of 10 uplinks in any separate uplink area			
Cabling	Necessary cabling infrastructure (e.g. cable bridges and trenches) to enable broadcasters to install all cables safely and securely Access to any existing pre-cabled systems in the stadium must be provided free of charge to rights-holding broadcasters on request.					2.7.9
Observer seats	15		30			2.7.11
Host broadcaster office	Small office for the host broadcaster, if requested					2.7.12

Media facilities

Area	Play-offs	Group stage	Round of 16	Quarter-finals	Semi-finals	Ref.
Media working area	50		75			2.8.1
Media tribune	At least 100 (at least 70 with desks)		At least 200 (at least 100 with desks)			2.8.2
Press conference room	At least 80 seats At least 24 audio split box outputs Camera platform of at least 8m x 1.5m Podium with a head table Lighting for TV broadcast, microphones and loudspeakers Simultaneous interpretation is mandatory as of the round of 16					2.8.3
Mixed zone	To accommodate at least 50 journalists, including UCL broadcasters, non-rights-holding broadcasters, audio reporters and written press					2.8.4
Photographer working area and match positions	Working area for at least 25 photographers Seating and connectivity must be provided at all match positions A minimum of 50 photographers must be accommodated around the pitch					2.8.5
Camera storage for broadcasters	Secure location operated by the club					2.8.7

Signage and LED facilities

Area	Play-offs	Group stage	Round of 16	Quarter-finals	Semi-finals	Ref.
Working and storage rooms	Secure and lockable room of minimum 100m ² with forklift access for UEFA signage supplier and (if applicable) additional 40m ² storage area for LED boards					2.9.1
Truck parking and security	Secure parking area for a 14m signage truck and (if applicable) additional secure parking area for a 14m LED truck from MD-3 until MD+1					2.9.2