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Facilities Requirements Overview

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1.1 Overview of required facilities

The tables below provide a brief summary of the facilities required for European Qualifiers matches. Further details and explanations are set out in the subsequent sections of this manual.

General stadium facilities

Area	Qualifying match requirements	Ref.
Stadium	Stadiums must meet the structural criteria of category 4 stadiums as per the <i>UEFA Stadium Infrastructure Regulations</i> . In principle, stadiums must be no more than a 90-minute bus drive from the nearest international airport with daily commercial flights from/to other European cities.	2.2
Power and utilities	Existing power (including back-up power), lighting, water and general utilities must be provided free of charge by the home team within the stadium areas used.	2.2.1
	Host associations 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.	2.6.10
	Host associations 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.	2.7
Floodlights	Average horizontal illuminance (E _h) > 1,400 lux and average vertical illuminance (E _v) > 1,000 lux.	2.2.2
	Back-up floodlight power must be available with an average illuminance of at least 900 lux (E _h), no more than 15 minutes after the power failure.	
Directional signage and ground rules	The host association must provide signage to guide local and visiting 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 (CCTV)	Stadiums must be equipped (both inside and outside) with permanent CCTV systems.	2.2.5
Public address system	Stadiums must be equipped (both inside and outside) with a fully operational public address system that is not affected by any failure of the main power supply.	2.2.6
Scoreboards, giant screens and internal stadium TV channel	The host association 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
Internet	<p>Internet connectivity should be made available in the team and referee dressing rooms as well as at the substitutes' benches and fourth official position.</p> <p>Cabled or wireless internet connections must be available for TV commentary positions and certain media areas such as the media working area, media seating (media tribune), photographers' working area and pitchside positions.</p> <p>High-speed internet connections must be available in the UEFA offices, the delegate's room, the doping control station and cabled to the commentary position for the UEFA venue data coordinator.</p> <p>Associations must make available and bear the rental cost of up to four dedicated high-speed internet lines in the broadcast compound for use by UEFA's technical suppliers (e.g. VAR system and transmission distribution supplier) as of MD-1.</p>	2.2.8

Area	Qualifying match requirements	Ref.
Telephone	The host associations are required to order international telephones for the UEFA offices, the delegate room and the doping control station. The installation costs must be assumed by the host, with call charges borne by the users.	2.2.8
UEFA offices and meeting rooms	A minimum of 30m ² of functional office space must be provided for UEFA offices with one fast colour copy machine (including technical assistance). Room(s) for NA, TV and matchday organisational meetings must be available.	2.2.9
Parking	70 spaces	2.2.10

Sporting facilities

Area	Qualifying match requirements	Ref.
Stadium pitch and alternative training ground	Pitches must measure 105m x 68m and be in the best possible condition. They must be equipped with fully functional drainage systems and, where weather conditions require it, high-quality pitch heating systems and pitch covers. An alternative training ground must be available for training sessions (if holding a training session in the stadium could render the pitch unfit for the match). A substitutes' warm-up area ideally measuring 4m x 20m or 3m x 25m must be defined in the area behind the first assistant referee.	2.3.1
VAR technology	Referee review area for VAR system	2.3.2
Facilities for teams and officials	First-class dressing rooms for teams and referees Medical room dedicated to players and referees close to the dressing rooms Doping control station located near the team dressing rooms, with a minimum size of 30m ² Room for the UEFA delegate located near the team and referee dressing rooms High-quality substitutes' benches to accommodate 18 people each Up to five additional technical seats behind or to the side of the substitutes' benches. Depending on the stadium infrastructure, the additional technical seats may also be integrated into the main substitutes' bench (i.e. total of 23 persons). Fourth official/home match manager's position, ideally between substitutes' benches	2.3.3

Ticketing

Area	Qualifying match requirements	Ref.
UEFA and EQ partners		
UEFA match officers and officials	Tickets required as appointed	2.4.2
VIP complimentary tickets	40 (+ 30 for 50–100% NAs for promotional purposes) VIP tickets must be for the best available seats in the stadium and must include access to the host association's highest VIP hospitality area. The total number of VIP tickets provided 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.	
Category 1 complimentary tickets	30 (+ 60 for 50–100% NAs for promotional purposes) Category 1 tickets must be for seats in the highest category in the stadium and located in a single section between the 16 m lines and as close to the centre line as possible.	

Area	Qualifying match requirements	Ref.
Category 1 purchase tickets	30	
	Same requirements as for complimentary Category 1 tickets.	

Visiting team allocation (unless agreed otherwise in writing by the associations)

Additional team seats behind the substitutes' bench and with access to the dressing room	The two associations must agree on the number and location of any additional team seats, i.e. for team staff who will not sit on the substitutes' bench or, if applicable, on the five technical seats.	2.4.3
VIP tickets	A minimum of 20 complimentary top-category seats must be made available (including access to the relevant hospitality area)	
Category 1, complimentary tickets	As a rule, category 1 tickets are for seats between the 16m lines. The associations must agree on the number of complimentary (free) category 1 tickets to be allocated to the visiting association. As a guide, the total number of free tickets available to the visiting association should not be lower than 100, composed of VIP tickets (minimum of 20 with hospitality as mentioned above) and category 1 tickets (with or without hospitality).	
Category 1 purchase	200 (no obligation to take full allocation)	
5% visiting team allocation	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 facilities

Area	Qualifying match requirements	Ref.
VIP hospitality	Access to host association's VIP hospitality for VIP ticket holders	2.5

Broadcaster facilities

Area	Profile A requirements	Profile B requirements	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		2.6.2
Commentary positions	15	10	2.6.3
Filming and video analysis position (e.g. commentary position) for home and visiting team	2 (one for each team)		3.9.6
Pitch reporter positions	2 positions with a clear view of the substitutes' benches and additional positions behind goals		2.6.4
Indoor studios	At least 1		2.6.5
Pitch-view studios	At least 2 with an unobstructed view of the pitch		
Flash interview positions	At least 6	At least 4	2.6.6
Super-flash interview positions	At least 2		

Area	Profile A requirements	Profile B requirements	Ref.
Pitchside presentation areas	2 areas of 15m x 3m (on either side of the substitutes' benches)		2.6.7
Broadcast compound	At least 1,000m ² of usable space		2.6.8
	Including a minimum of 6 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.		2.6.9
Observer seats	20	10	2.6.11

Media facilities

Area	Profile A requirements	Profile B requirements	Ref.
Media working area	50 seats	30 seats	2.7.1
Media tribune	At least 100 (at least 70 with desk)	At least 60 (at least 30 with desk)	2.7.2
Press conference room	At least 80 seats Platform at least 8m x 1.5m	At least 50 seats Platform at least 6m x 1.5m	2.7.3
	At least 24 audio split box outputs Podium with a table Lighting for broadcast, microphones and loudspeakers		
Mixed zone	To accommodate at least 50 journalists, including EQ broadcasters, non-rights-holding broadcasters, audio reporters and written press		2.7.4
Photographers' working area and match positions	Working area for at least 25 photographers with tables, chairs, power sockets and internet connection	Working area for at least 20 photographers with tables, chairs, power sockets and internet connection	2.7.5
	Seating and internet connection (preferably cabled) must be provided at all match positions.		
Camera storage for broadcasters	Secure location operated by the host association		2.7.7

Signage facilities

Area	Qualifying match requirements	Ref.
Storage room	Secure and lockable room for storing EQ materials	2.8.1