



FOOTBALL OPERATIONS

CLUB LICENSING WORKSHOP
ZAGREB - 20 JANUARY 2026

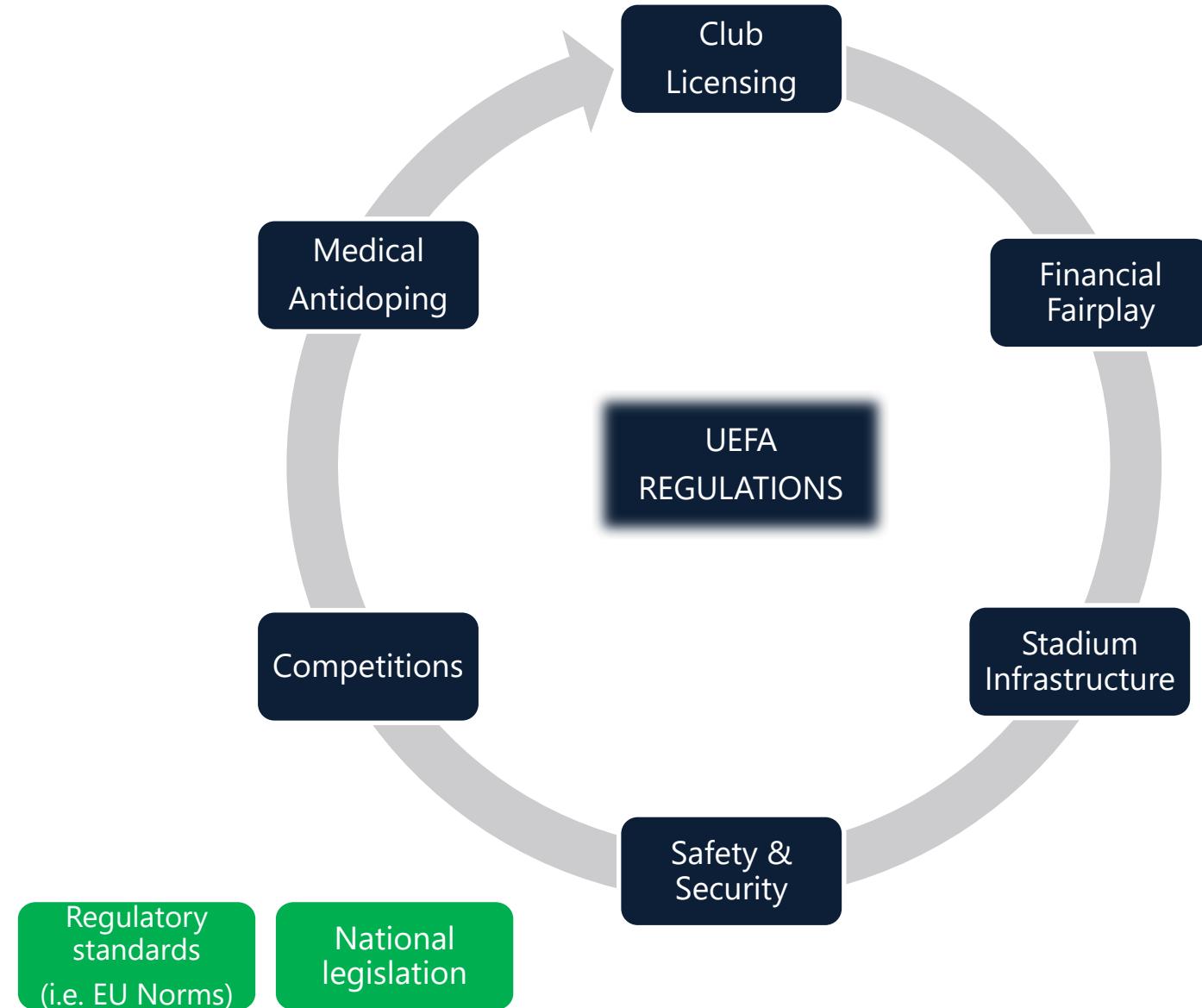
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STADIUM- RELATED



REGULATORY FRAMEWORK



and many more... LOTS of READINGS 😊

STADIUM



REQUIREMENTS

Operational Guidelines

Operational Requirements

Competition Regulations

Stadium Regulations

Guiding principles layer

- Operational recommendations

Event & Operation layer

- Club manuals

Competition layer

- Sporting matters
- Each competition a regulation

Infrastructure layer

- Minimum requirements
- Cat. 1, 2, 3, 4

Obtaining the UEFA License DOES NOT mean that the stadium fully complies with UEFA criteria for Q3, Play-Off and League Phase



NEW STADIUM INFRASTRUCTURE REGULATIONS

NEW STADIUM REGULATIONS



EDITION 2025

UEFA Stadium Infrastructure Regulations

Edition 2025

- Entered into force 1 June 2025
- Main changes focused on
 - Spectator areas
 - Sanitary facilities
 - Disabled spectators
 - Level of service and availability
 - Players & officials areas
 - Dressing rooms
 - Benches
 - Pitch surroundings
 - Terminology alignment with other regulations

SPECTATORS AREAS



SANITARY FACILITIES

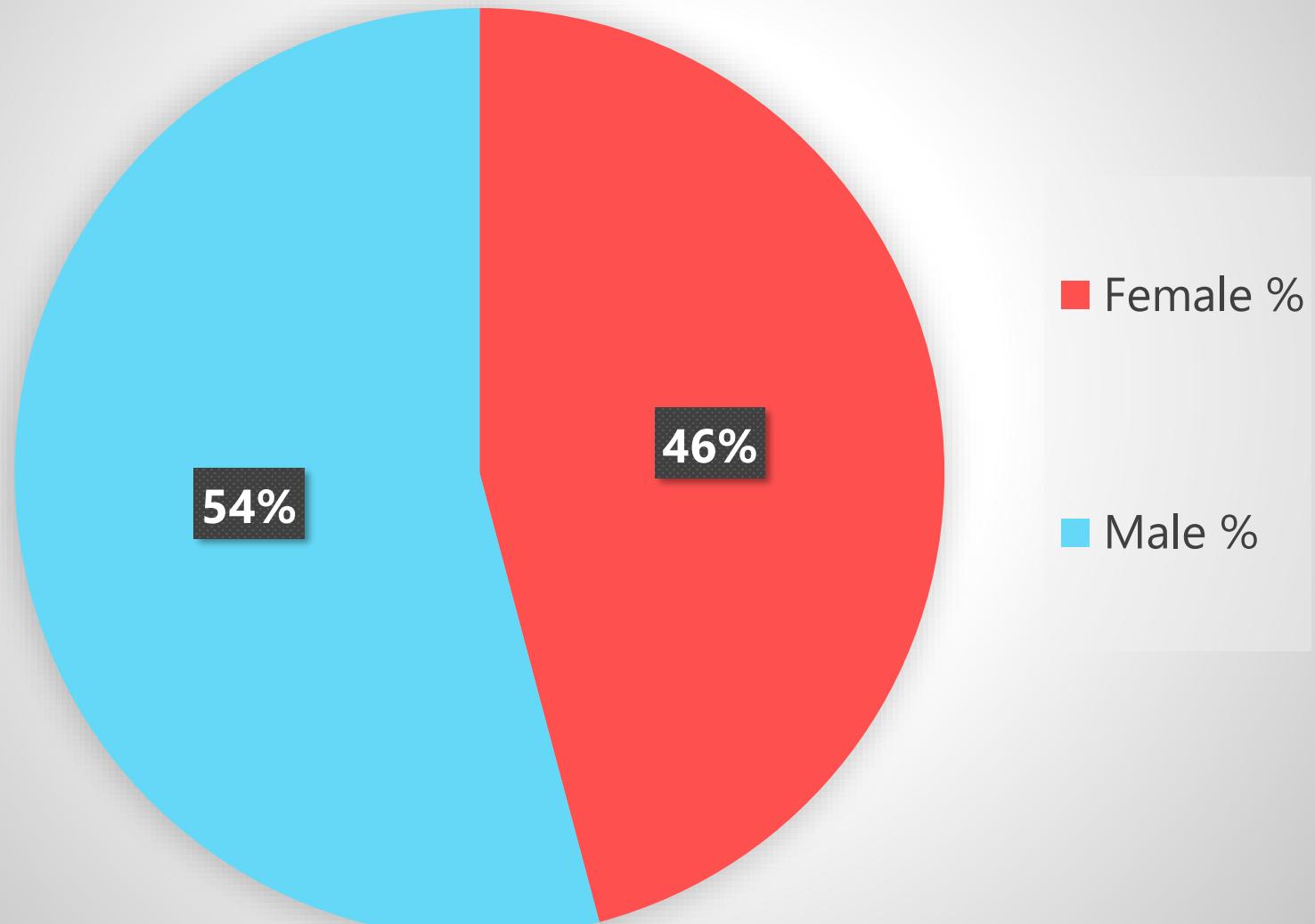
- Clean, accessible and well-equipped facilities
- 80% male, respecting minimum ratios
- 25% female respecting minimum ratios:
- Adaptable to the expected demographic

SPECTATORS AREAS



SANITARY FACILITIES

WEURO 2025 Average Split attendance





A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A WHEELCHAIR USER

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MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR

- Home sector/s
 - Recommended 0.5% of the UEFA spectator capacity
 - Minimum 0,1% of the UEFA spectator capacity
- Visiting sector/s
 - Defined numbers
- Sanitary facilities
 - Minimum of 1 for up to 15 wheelchair users
 - An additional 1 for every 10 additional wheelchair users
- Additional guidance – [UEFA Accessibility Guidelines](#)

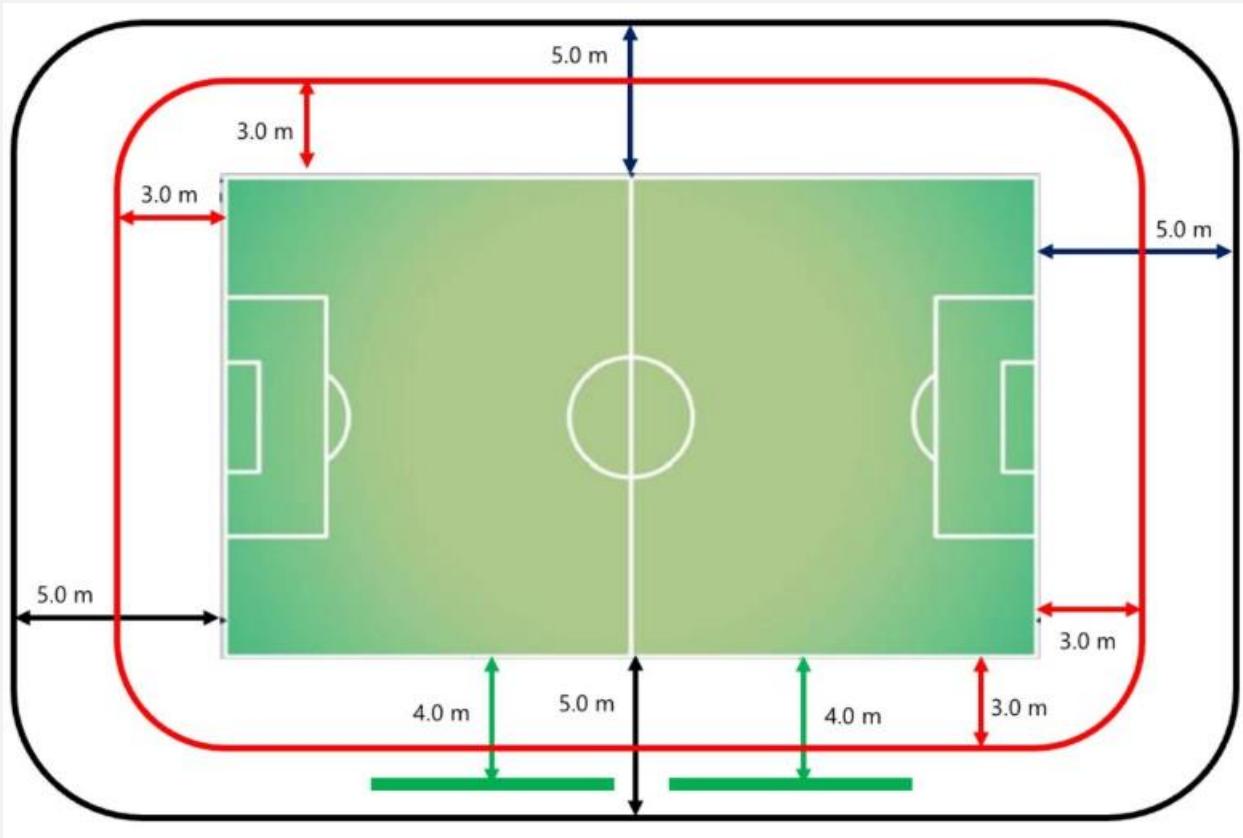


PITCH SURROUNDINGS



FOCUS POINTS

- **Minimum distances**
 - Line markings to perimeter boards
 - Line markings to walls/tribune/vertical obstacles



— Minimum distance for structural elements and fixed pitchside equipment, including advertising boards.

— Minimum distance for team benches

— Recommended minimum distance for structural elements to allow space required for fixed pitchside equipment and operations, including advertising boards.



SPECTATORS AREAS



DEMOUNTABLE TRIBUNES

Focus point, unchanged vs 2018 edition

- Art. 18.02 - *Stands must be fixed to a load-bearing foundation and may **not** be based on or contain **any tubular/scaffolding** structures. The material, design and construction of the stands must be clearly intended for **permanent** use.*





SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE GUIDELINES



- Promote sustainable development and operational change
- Encourage sustainable business and operating models
- Build on existing green architecture developments
- Focus on optimizing water and energy efficiency
- Support a circular economy approach
- Incorporate innovative solutions for new builds and refurbishments
- Provide an interactive platform for knowledge sharing and best practices



[#Link](#)



VENUE APPROVAL PROCESS

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PROCESS

February/March March/June June/July

Venue Announcement
Submitted by the NA

- **Circular Letter**

- Men's Club Competitions (UCL, UEL, UECL)
- Women's Club Competitions (UWCL)

Season Preparation

- **UEFA Inspection**

- New Stadium
- Not used in UEFA centralised competition(s) for more than 5 years
- Major stadium renovations

Venue Approval/Refusal

- **Approval/Refusal**

- Stadium meets the requirements
- Action Points

Update of UEFA Stadium Passport on TIME platform mandatory and critical to ensure smooth and compliant process

LICENSING CLUB COMPETITIONS

DIRECTLY LINKED

VENUE
APPROVAL

MINIMUM CRITERIA (e.g. Men's CC)



A LICENSING – FEBRUARY
Minimum criteria UEFA Cat.2

B QUALIFYING PHASE – JUNE/AUGUST
UCL/UEL/UECL Q1, Q2 UEFA cat. 2
UCL/UEL/UECL Q3 UEFA cat. 3
UCL PO UEFA cat. 4

C CENTRALIZED PHASE – END AUGUST/END JANUARY
UCL PO UEFA cat. 4
UEL/UECL LP UEFA cat. 4

D KNOCK-OUT PHASE – FEBRUARY/MAY
Minimum criteria UEFA cat. 4+

Obtaining the UEFA License **DOS NOT** mean that
We need your help to get this message
the stadium fully complies with UEFA criteria
across to your clubs
for Q3, Play-Off and League Phase

INCREASING CRITERIA



ACROSS THE QUALIFYING ROUNDS

Players & Officials

Pitch

- **Player's dressing rooms**

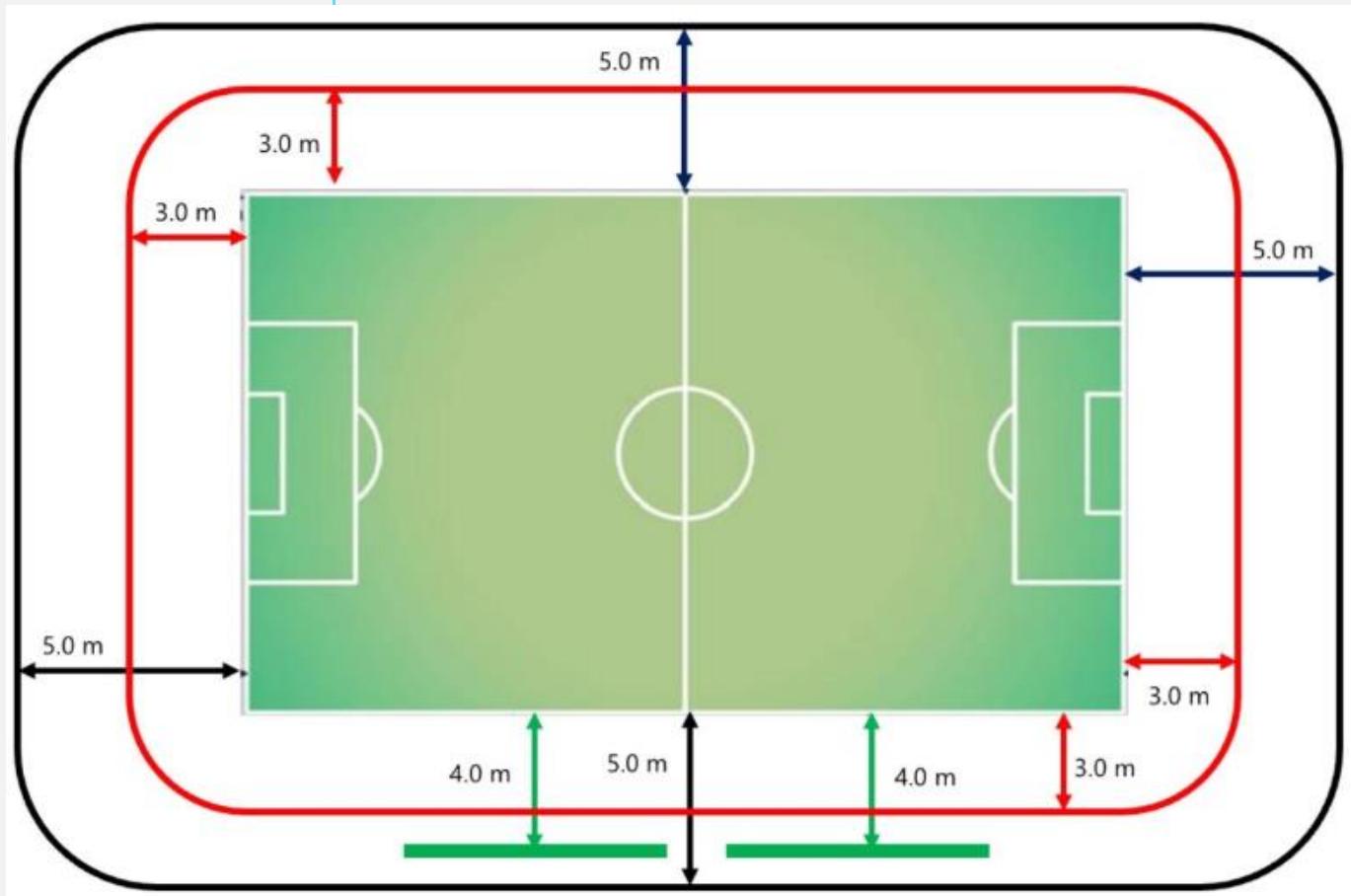
- **Pitch dimensions**

- Q1 and Q2

100m x 64m

VS

- Q3, Play-off and League Phase 105m x 68m



INCREASING CRITERIA ACROSS THE ROUNDS

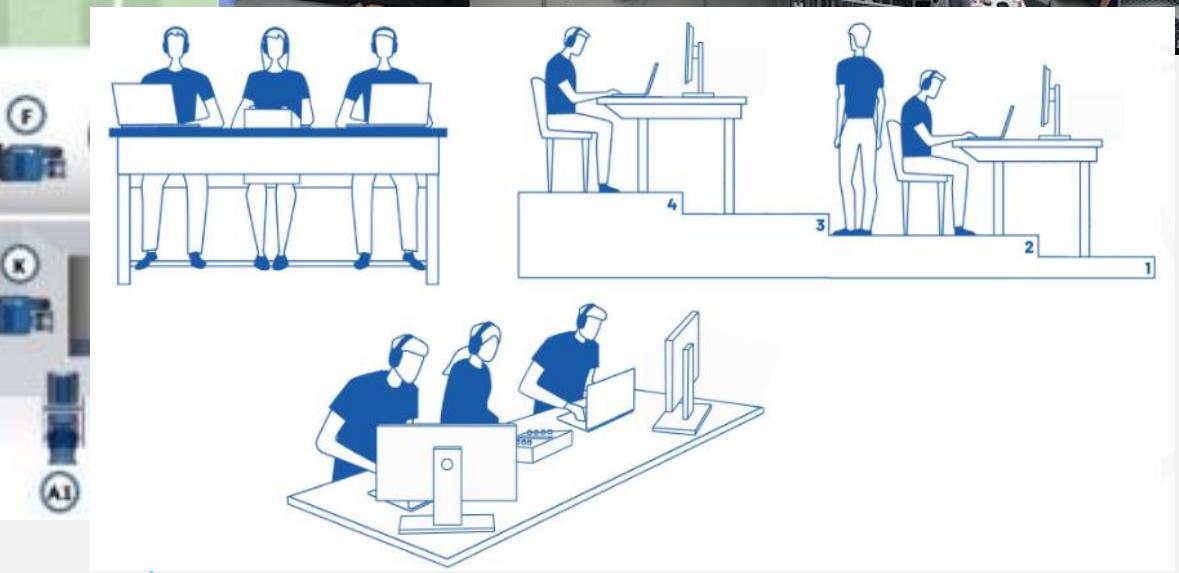
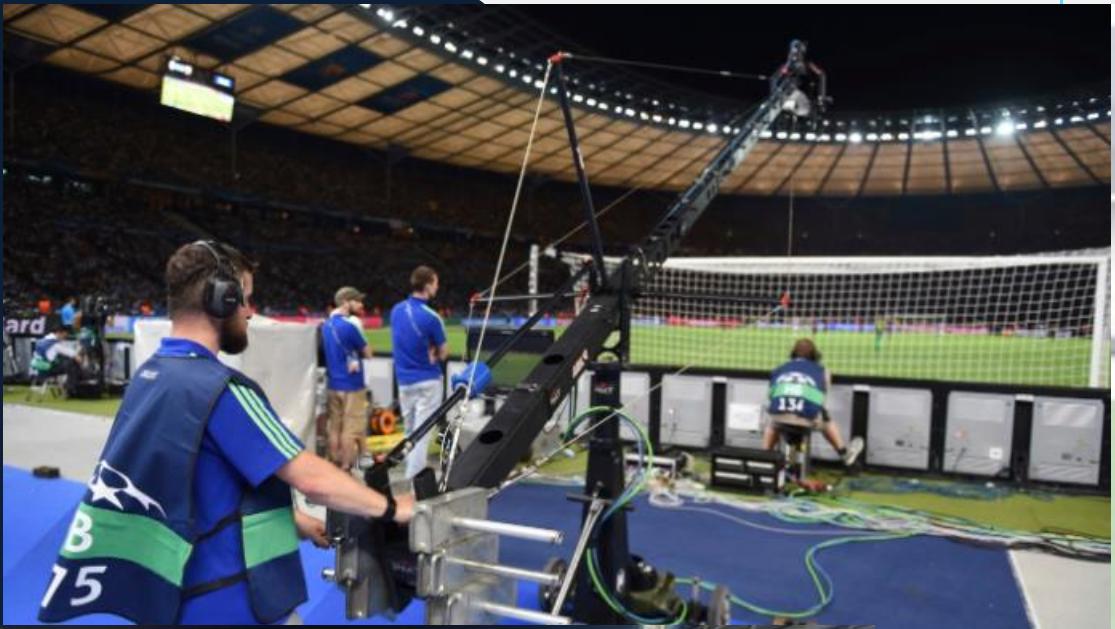


Players & Officials

Pitch

Broadcast & Media

- Player's dressing rooms
- Pitch dimensions
 - 100m x 64m vs 105m x 68m
- Camera platforms/positions
- Commentary positions
- Media seats
- Flash interview positions
- Broadcast compound



INCREASING CRITERIA ACROSS THE ROUNDS



Players & Officials

Pitch

Broadcast & Media

Floodlighting

- Player's dressing rooms
- Pitch dimensions
 - 100m x 64m vs 105m x 68m
- Camera platforms/positions
- Commentary positions
- Media seats
- Flash interview positions
- Broadcast compound
- Illuminance levels
 - 800Eh(lux)
 - 1'200Eh(lux)
 - 1'400Eh(lux)
- Back-up power supply
 - 900Eh(lux) for broadcast matches
 - No more than 15 minutes after the power failure



OVERVIEW

GENERAL INFORMATION ✓

PLAYERS & OFFICIALS AREAS ✓

SPECTATORS AREAS ✓

BROADCAST & MEDIA AREAS ✓

SAFETY ✓

ADD

Set Category

Export

STADIUM DETAILS

Name	Stadio Olimpico Grande Torino		
City	Turin		
Safety Certificate	30/06/2026 (Expiry date)		
Floodlight Certificate	07/04/2025 (Date of issue) 2325 Eh (lux) - 2321 Ev (lux)		
Pitch	Natural		
Pitch dimensions	105 x 68		
Stadium capacity	28177		
Seating capacity	28177		
Standing Capacity	No		
Visiting sector	1490		

STADIUM PASSPORT

General Information	83%	
Players & Official Areas	77%	
Spectators Areas	98%	
Broadcast & Media Areas	95%	
Safety Certificate	100%	
Additional Info	94%	
Action Points	100%	

DEVELOPMENT



STADIUM CONSULTANCY

- UEFA offers free consultancy services for stadium projects, to ensure compliance with standards
 - For New stadium as well as for Stadium renovations
 - Collaborative review sessions with key stakeholders to identify and address potential issues at early stage, before construction starts
 - Agenda topics cover key areas like
 - Players & Officials, Broadcast & Media, Spectator's and Accessibility, Safety & Security and Sustainability
 - All relevant documents and regulations are accessible online for reference and compliance
 - UEFA Documents (#link)
 - Federations are kindly asked to share information with their clubs and ensure to contact UEFA
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STANDING FACILITIES

2021/22

2022/23

2023/24

2024/25

2025/26

Year 0

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Independent study

5 NAs
First assessment

5 NAs
Observations
+
Quantitative
measurements

10 NAs
Detailed assessments
+
Quantitative
measurements

10 NAs
Assessment
+
**Stakeholders
Consultation**

STANDING FACILITIES



OBSERVATIONS & STAKEHOLDERS CONSULTATION

- Ongoing stakeholder consultation
- Key takeaways
 - Different experiences and cultural attitudes towards safety
 - Regulatory frameworks and decisions making varies
 - UEFA's recommendations will be based on best-practice prioritising spectator safety
- Next steps
 - Reporting including specific recommended framework
 - Further consultation
 - Submission for approval



THANKS FOR YOUR HELP IN MAKING
YOUR STADIUMS A BETTER PLACE!



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