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## TO UEFA MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

For the attention of the President and the General Secretary

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## Decision of the UEFA Executive Committee related to the amendments of the UEFA Medical Regulations (edition 2022)

Dear Sir or Madam,

On 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021, the UEFA Executive Committee approved the new UEFA Medical Regulations (edition 2022), enclosed to this circular letter, which replaces as of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 the UEFA Medical Regulations (edition 2020).

To summarise, the main changes are the following:

- Main change in the Definitions section:
  - Article 2.01: Clarification that the Pitchside Emergency Doctor must be a physician trained to provide ALS (Advance Life Support) treatment as well as to recognise and manage lifethreatening conditions.
- Main changes in Chapter II: Medical Examination of players:
  - Article 3.02 a): Extension of all medical examinations as mandatory, also in all competition stages of the UWCL, UECL, WEURO and U-21;
  - Article 3.02 b): Extension of all medical examinations as mandatory, also in the final rounds of the WEURO Futsal, U-19 Futsal, Futsal Champions League and Region's Cup;
  - $\circ~$  Article 3.03: Results from medical examinations and tests of Players can be requested by UEFA.
- Inclusion of new Chapter III: Medical Examination of match officials
  - Article 9.01: Inclusion of mandatory medical examinations for the Match Officials under the responsibility of the member associations (identical to Players, except for the Neurological baseline test);
  - Article 9.02: Results from medical examinations and tests of Match Officials can be requested by UEFA.

- Main changes in the Minimum Medical Requirements section:
  - Article 10.02: Every team must bring its own emergency medical kit bag, including a defibrillator, to all UEFA competitions, matches and training sessions;
  - Article 12.01 b): Inclusion of the mandatory presence of one ALS ambulance at MD-1 training sessions in UWCL, UECL, WEURO, UYL and in all final rounds of UEFA competitions; removal of the U-21;
  - Article 12.06 of the *UEFA Medical Regulations*(edition 2020) is deleted, removing the obligation to have two stretcher teams on MD;
  - Article 13.01 b): Inclusion of the mandatory presence of the Pitchside Emergency Doctor
    + one stretcher team at MD-1 training sessions in UWCL, UECL, WEURO, UYL and in all final rounds of UEFA competitions; removal of the U-21.
- Inclusion of the detailed Medical Examinations of Players and Match Officials into the Annex A.
- Inclusion of detailed Minimum Medical Requirements into Appendix B. Inclusion that one AED (Automated External Defibrillator), one bag valve mask and one spinal board are mandatory at pitchside and, therefore, a condition to start a match in all UEFA competitions.

The new regulations are coming into force on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022.

Yours faithfully,

UEFA

Theodore Theodoridis General Secretary

Enclosure – UEFA Medical Regulations (edition 2022)

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- UEFA Executive Committee
- UEFA Medical Committee
- European members of the FIFA Council
- FIFA, Zurich