



# UEFA Football Law Programme

Sixth edition

ACADEMY

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A PROGRAMME FOR  
LEGAL SPECIALISTS  
WHO WANT TO  
UPDATE AND  
DEEPEN THEIR  
UNDERSTANDING OF  
FOOTBALL LAW



# FOREWORD FROM THE UEFA PRESIDENT

As someone who has devoted his career to law and football, I understand the essential role of law in sport, particularly when navigating the ever-changing and complex European football landscape. The UEFA Football Law Programme is a vital component of our already exceptional range of educational initiatives. This course brings together various European stakeholders for an open and constructive dialogue, forming an ideal environment for further refinement in safeguarding the game.

Each of you is already a specialist in this field. Still, the topics covered within this programme will help you broaden your knowledge of our sport's unique legal challenges and help you enhance the efficiency of your day-to-day work.

So join us in our quest to ensure the enduring prosperity of European football for years to come.

Aleksander Čeferin  
UEFA President



## UEFA Football Law Programme (UEFA FLP)

### A programme for legal specialists who want to update and deepen their understanding of football law

The UEFA Football Law Programme (FLP) comprises four week-long sessions that address key issues of football law. Designed and run by UEFA in close collaboration with internationally renowned academic experts and practitioners, the programme is intended for legal specialists who need insight into the most recent developments in football law while broadening their understanding of the issues. To encourage the exchange of ideas and opinions, the UEFA FLP is open to a wide range of participants with different backgrounds and from a variety of organisations.

On completing the UEFA FLP, graduates will have:

- a deeper knowledge of football law;
- a better understanding of the latest jurisprudence;
- experience of presenting in front of the CAS;
- a strong network of legal specialists in football.

### Testimonials



“ The UEFA FLP is an incredible programme for anyone who wants to learn and deepen their knowledge of football law. It has the best speakers, who offer practical perspectives on the subjects but are also connected to universities and contribute in-depth academic content. Not forgetting the endless opportunities for networking. It has been an amazing experience which benefited my daily work at the Portuguese Football Federation. I highly recommend it! ”

■ **Marta Cruz, Head of the legal department, Portuguese Football Federation & CAS Arbitrator**



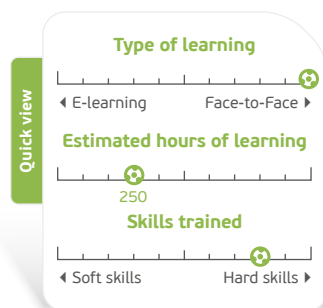
“ The FLP far exceeded my expectations of a practical and specialised course in sports law. In addition to an excellent programme at a high level, in which the content is presented by proven experts, I met exceptional people, both professionally and in terms of character. As a club lawyer, I still benefit greatly from the knowledge I acquired and the broad network I built up. The programme was an absolute enrichment for me and can be highly recommended to every ambitious club lawyer. ”

■ **Tarek Brauer, Managing Director Organisation & HR, SV Werder Bremen**



“ If you want to gain a 360-degree perspective on football law and broaden your knowledge, this programme is an excellent opportunity, plus you'll feel chosen with the network it provides. Being a student again after a long break in such a friendly atmosphere encouraged each of us to be more open-minded and exchange ideas. In this specific area of law, not only carefully selected lecturers, but also your classmates will ensure you can improve beyond your expectations. ”

■ **Duygu Yaşar, Lawyer, DY Law Firm & CAS Arbitrator**



#### Who

Legal specialists or senior executives working on legal issues in national associations, clubs, players' unions, leagues and law firms



#### When

Every second year.  
Sixth intake starts in autumn 2025



#### How long

12 months



#### Where

Iconic locations all over Europe



#### Price

€7,900



#### Number of participants

24-26



#### Academic certification

Certificate of advanced studies (CAS),  
10 ECTS credits

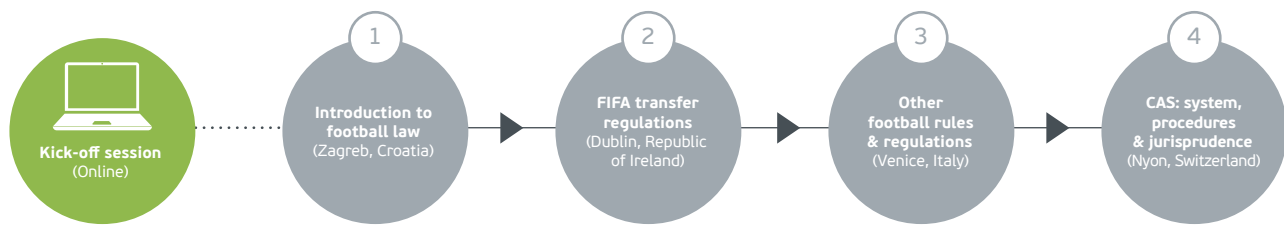


#### Language

English

## Programme overview

The UEFA FLP lasts one year, starting in September 2025 and ending in September 2026. It is kicked off with a half-day introductory session online, then divided into four mandatory week-long sessions. Each session is dedicated to a specific topic of football law and is managed by one of the programme partners. Additional short online webinars may be organised between sessions.



### SESSION 1: INTRODUCTION TO FOOTBALL LAW

22-26 September 2025

Location: Zagreb, Croatia

#### Topics

- UEFA and FIFA structures: rules and regulations
- Football stakeholders: ECA, FIFPRO and European Leagues
- Football law and state law: sources and relationship
- Introduction to Swiss law
- EU law and sport
- ECJ jurisprudence in sport: influence on football
- Council of Europe and sport

### SESSION 2: FIFA TRANSFER REGULATIONS

23-27 February 2026

Location: Dublin, Republic of Ireland

#### Topics

- FIFA transfer regulations: history and overview
- Players' status and player registration
- Contractual stability
- Federative rights and third-party influence
- International transfers of minors
- Training compensation and solidarity mechanisms
- Release of players to national associations
- International v national regulations

### SESSION 3: OTHER FOOTBALL RULES AND REGULATIONS

13-17 April 2026

Location: Venice, Italy

#### Topics

- Disciplinary procedures in football (FIFA and UEFA models)
- UEFA's financial sustainability framework
- Fight against doping: the role of WADA
- FIFA and confederations' anti-doping rules and procedures
- Match-fixing: rules and regulations
- FIFA intermediaries
- Match organisation rules
- Player eligibility rules and nationality issues
- TV and IP rights
- Event and sponsorship contracts

### SESSION 4: CAS: SYSTEM, PROCEDURES AND JURISPRUDENCE

September 2026 (exact date tbc by December 2025)

Location: UEFA headquarters, Nyon, Switzerland

#### Topics

- Role and functions of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS)
- Ordinary procedures
- Appeal procedures
- Landmark cases in football: CAS competence, financial fair play/sustainability, contractual stability, training compensation, solidarity mechanisms, doping, disciplinary, match-fixing and transfers of minors

## Partners



Kadir Has University,  
Istanbul, Türkiye

Ca' Foscari University  
of Venice, Italy

Law faculty at the  
University of Rijeka

Football Association  
of Ireland

European Club  
Association (ECA)

European Leagues

FIFPRO Europe





## Workload and assessment

The total amount of work necessary to complete the UEFA FLP is estimated to be around 250 hours, comprising approximately 20 days of face-to-face seminars, preparatory readings for every session, preparation of case studies and research for the oral exam during the last session.

There will be three forms of assessment:

- Class attendance and participation
- Practical case studies and individual presentations
- Oral exam

## Academic certification

Programme graduates will receive a certificate of advanced studies (CAS) in football (worth 10 ECTS credits) from Kadir Has University in cooperation with the faculty of law of the University of Rijeka, Ca' Foscari University of Venice and UEFA.

## Programme fees

- €7,900, including all programme materials, lunches and coffee breaks during each session
- Please note this fee does not include travel and accommodation
- Costs are covered by UEFA for representatives of its member associations

## Application process

Candidates must complete the application form on [UEFAacademy.com](http://UEFAacademy.com) and submit it online along with a CV and a letter of recommendation from an employer (related to sport and/or law) by the application **deadline of 30th April 2025**.

Applications will be reviewed by the UEFA FLP applications committee, some candidates might be asked to conduct an interview. The final decision on successful candidates will be taken by **end of June 2025**.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- work in the legal department of a UEFA member association;
- hold a legal position in a club, players' union, or league; or
- work in a law firm that handles football cases.

Applicants must also prove that they have career development goals and a good command of English (both spoken and written).

Please note that the UEFA FLP is designed for people who have not attended a programme on football law in the past.

## LIFT certification

The UEFA Academy was awarded the LIFT (Learning Impact for Today and Tomorrow) by EFMD for the period 2024 to 2027. This certification recognises the impact of the UEFA Academy programmes on its participants, their organisations and society at large.



## A WORD FROM THE PROGRAMME DIRECTORS

// Given the complexity of the legal topics in football, it is important for everyone in football to cooperate and understand their respective positions to improve the current situation. What you will mostly gain from the UEFA FLP is this stakeholder knowledge, as well as the tools you need to improve cooperation. By welcoming participants from a variety of backgrounds and organisations, this programme fosters such collaboration in your daily work. //

- Michele Bernasconi, UEFA Legal Advisor, CAS Arbitrator
- William McAuliffe, Head of Disciplinary





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