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## Preamble

The following regulations have been adopted on the basis of Article 50(1) of the *UEFA Statutes*.

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# I General Provisions

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## Article 1 Scope of application

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- 1.01 These regulations apply whenever expressly referred to by specific regulations governing a competition to be played under the auspices of UEFA. Such regulations may contain further requirements that add to or supersede the provisions of these regulations.
- 1.02 These regulations govern the minimum structural criteria to be fulfilled by a stadium in order for it to be classified (in ascending rank order) as UEFA category 1, 2, 3 or 4. The higher the category is, the stricter and more numerous the criteria ([Article 5](#) to [Article 38](#)). The structural criteria applicable to specific categories are presented in the form of tables showing the criteria gradation between the different categories. Structural criteria that are not presented in the form of tables apply to all categories.
- 1.03 These regulations further set out the responsibilities for monitoring compliance with the structural criteria for the required stadium category and specify the conditions under which the UEFA administration may grant an exception to a specific structural criterion ([Article 3](#)).
- 1.04 These regulations do not affect the legal obligations arising from national law applicable to stadium facilities.

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## Article 2 Connection with competition regulations

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- 2.01 The relevant UEFA competition regulations:
- specify the minimum category of stadium required for matches in the competition concerned;
  - may define further and/or stricter structural criteria for the required category than those set out in these regulations.

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## Article 3 Roles and responsibilities

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- 3.01 Each association on whose territory matches in a UEFA competition are played is responsible for:
- inspecting every stadium concerned and completing the corresponding online form confirming to the UEFA administration that each stadium meets the structural criteria of the required stadium category;
  - confirming to the UEFA administration that the stadiums, including their stands and facilities (emergency lighting system, first aid facilities, protection against intrusion by spectators into the playing area, etc.), have been thoroughly inspected by the competent public authorities and that the latter have confirmed in writing that the stadiums meet all the safety requirements laid down by the applicable national law.

- 3.02 The UEFA administration makes decisions on stadiums to be used on the basis of the above form and confirmation, and any other information gathered by UEFA. Such decisions are final.
- 3.03 The UEFA administration may inspect stadiums at any time before and during the UEFA competition in which they are used, to check whether the required structural criteria are met.
- 3.04 The UEFA administration may grant exceptions to specific structural criteria in cases of particular hardship and upon reasoned request, subject to the stadium meeting key and/or additional facility requirements as indicated in the relevant competition regulations. Exceptions are always granted for a limited period of time. Such decisions are final.
- 3.05 The stadium owner and operator must make every reasonable effort to ensure that the stadium infrastructure meets the highest possible sustainability standards. Efforts are encouraged, in particular, to optimise:
- energy and water usage;
  - waste management.

The [UEFA Sustainable Infrastructure Guidelines](#) shall be used for reference.

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## Article 4 Definition of terms

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- 4.01 For the purpose of these regulations, the following definitions and abbreviations apply:

### Back-up test

In this context, a simulation of a loss of power in a specific area or system. The primary goal is to assess the resilience and correct response of e.g. a backup generator. It helps to identify weaknesses in the power infrastructure and ensures that backup systems are capable of maintaining critical operations during a real blackout scenario.

### Black building test

In this context, a blackout test conducted for the entire venue. The test involves intentionally cutting off the full building's power supply to evaluate how well the building's systems like floodlighting function under complete power loss.

### Competition area

The technical areas as defined in the *IFAB Laws of the Game* and all areas that are primarily used by players and the referee team as well as the officials and venue team members during the match, plus the fourth official's position, any seats in the stands used by either team's sporting delegation, the referee review area (RRA) if VAR is used, the players' tunnel, the team and referee dressing rooms, the medical room and the doping control station.

### IFAB

The International Football Association Board.



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#### UEFA spectator capacity

All seats and allocated standing places in the stadium that comply with these regulations, minus any seats permanently assigned to media and broadcasters.

#### VIP

High ranking guest or official of the participating teams or UEFA, invited to attend a match.

- 4.02** Any masculine or feminine grammatical forms used to refer to people in the different language versions of these regulations are used for readability only and should be understood to cover people of all genders, except where clear from the context.

## II Areas for players and officials

### Article 5 Field of play

- 5.01 The field of play must be smooth and level and comply with the *IFAB Laws of the Game*. Guidance can be found in the [UEFA Pitch Quality Guidelines](#). Its surface must be green and the line markings white. The following requirements must also be met:

Category	Length line markings	Width line markings	Additional requirements
1 and 2	100–105m	64–68m	Pitch watering facilities
3 and 4	105m	68m	Automated under-soil pitch irrigation system Pitch heating and/or pitch cover (depending on the location and climate)

- 5.02 No lines other than football ones, as defined in the *IFAB Laws of the Game*, may be visible on the field of play.
- 5.03 The field of play must be entirely covered with either a natural playing surface (100% natural grass), reinforced natural grass (hybrid) or artificial football turf (100% artificial fibres).
- 5.04 Artificial football turf must:
- have been granted the required FIFA certification, which can only be delivered after the turf in question has been tested by a FIFA-accredited laboratory and confirmed as meeting the latest FIFA standards;
  - have a valid FIFA Quality or Quality Pro certificate that meets the requirements of the competition at the time the stadium is announced and for the duration of the competition season;
  - meet all the requirements of the national legislation in force (if any).
- 5.05 Stadiums must be constructed and equipped in such a way that the field of play is playable on all matchdays in the UEFA competition season.
- 5.06 No physical structure can be less than 21m above the field of play.
- 5.07 The area immediately adjacent to the field of play must be safe for players, team officials and the referee team. Any structural element or fixed pitchside equipment must be positioned at least 3m from the line markings, as set out in [Annex A](#), and at least 1m from the back of the goal net.
- 5.08 At least 2m of operational space should be available behind any advertising boards to allow for pitchside operations involving ball kids, stewards, photographers,

cameras and camera operators. If insufficient space is available at pitchside, it may have to be made available in the stands.

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## Article 6 Warm-up area

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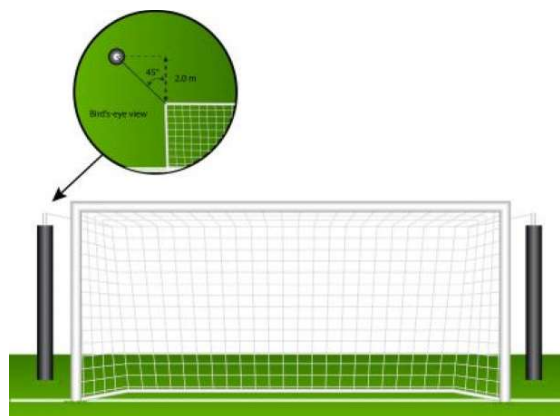
- 6.01 Two warm-up areas for substitutes must be determined, one for each team, on the same side of the pitch as the corresponding team bench. The warm-up areas must be covered with natural or artificial turf, ideally the same as the field of play. The two warm-up areas must have the same surface and be the same size, each ideally measuring 4m x 20m or 3m x 25m to accommodate five substitutes and a fitness coach per team, all at the same time. If such spaces are not available on the same side of the pitch as the corresponding team bench, a solution must be foreseen behind the goals, behind the advertising boards (if installed).
- 6.02 At stadiums where the substitutes' warm-up areas are adjacent to the field of play, a safety corridor is required immediately behind the touchline. In principle, it must be at least 1m wide and be marked out as follows:
- using a dashed line (50cm dashes spaced 1m apart) in a discreet shade of the same colour as the surface on which it is painted;
  - from the edge of the technical area to the corner flag.
- 6.03 Artificial turf used for warm-up areas must be of a high quality, well maintained and securely fixed to the ground.

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## Article 7 Goals and spare goal

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- 7.01 Goals must be made out of aluminium or a similar material, be round or elliptical and not pose any danger to players. Moreover, they must comply with the *IFAB Laws of the Game*, which means, in particular, that:
- a. the distance between the inside of the posts must be 7.32m;
  - b. the distance from the lower edge of the crossbar to the ground must be 2.44m;
  - c. the goalposts and the crossbar must be white and have the same width and depth, which must not exceed 12cm;
  - d. the goals must be firmly secured to the ground.
- 7.02 Any additional poles supporting the goal net (goal-net stanchions) should be positioned at a 45-degree angle relative to the back corners of the net and, where possible, at a distance of at least 2m from the back of the net. If positioned between the goal line and advertising boards, stanchions must be covered with a padded material at least 4cm thick, to avoid injuring any players or creating a safety hazard, and be a uniform non-white colour.



**7.03** In addition, all goals (including spare goals) must meet the following requirements:

Category	Additional requirements
1 and 2	n/a
3 and 4	No additional structural elements or physical support may be used inside the net or in its immediate surroundings other than bars fixing the goal net to the ground and goal net stanchions behind and outside the net. Portable goals must not be used.

**7.04** At least one spare goal that can be easily installed if the circumstances so require must be available within the stadium.

## Article 8 Team benches and fourth official's position

**8.01** Stadiums must be equipped with two team benches located either side of the halfway line, parallel to the touchline, each with seating for at least 20 people and positioned at least 4m from the touchline, with an unobstructed view of the entire field of play. All seats must be covered and appropriately segregated from the general public.

**8.02** If the team benches provide fewer seats than required by the competition regulations, the remaining seats must be accommodated to the side of each team bench (or behind if the team benches are in the stands), with access to the dressing rooms. They must be segregated from the general public and, ideally, covered. The set-up must be the same for both teams.

**8.03** Each technical area and its markings must comply with the [\*IFAB Laws of the Game\*](#).

**8.04** Between the team benches, a position with a seat and a desk must be provided for the fourth official, at pitch level, segregated from the general public and, ideally, covered.

## Article 9 Protocol flag display

**9.01** Stadiums must be equipped with a minimum of five flagpoles or another adequate structure allowing five flags to be flown.

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## Article 10 Rooms in the competition area

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- 10.01 In principle, all spaces in [Article 11](#) to [Article 14](#) should be in the same building, close one to another and near the players' tunnel, giving access to the team benches.
- 10.02 All these spaces must be clean, well lit, ventilated and/or heated, clearly signposted and equipped with a stable and reliable Wi-Fi network.

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## Article 11 Team and referee dressing rooms

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- 11.01 Stadiums must be equipped with at least one dressing room for each team, ideally with separate areas for players, team officials, physiotherapy and storage. Team and referee dressing rooms must each be equipped with:
- showers with hot water,
  - sinks,
  - toilet paper,
  - filled soap dispensers,
  - hairdryers,

and must meet the following specific minimum requirements:

Category	Installations	Recommended dimensions
1 and 2	<p><b>Sanitary facilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 5 showers</li><li>• 2 separate seated toilets</li></ul> <hr/> <p><b>Player and team official changing area</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Seating and clothes-hanging facilities or lockers for at least 26 people,</li><li>• 1 large refrigerator</li><li>• 1 TV monitor (with appropriate connections for projecting) or 1 tactical board</li></ul> <hr/> <p><b>Physiotherapy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 massage table</li></ul> <hr/> <p><b>Storage</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 table and/or free storage space</li></ul>	60m <sup>2</sup>

Category	Installations	Recommended dimensions
3 and 4	<b>Sanitary facilities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 showers</li> <li>• 3 separate seated toilets</li> </ul>	n/a
	<b>Player changing area</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seating and clothes-hanging facilities or lockers for at least 23 players,</li> <li>• 1 large refrigerator</li> <li>• 1 TV monitor (with appropriate connections for projecting) or 1 tactical board</li> </ul>	55m <sup>2</sup>
	<b>Team official changing area</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seating and clothes-hanging facilities or lockers for at least 7 team officials</li> <li>• 1 table</li> <li>• 2 chairs</li> </ul>	20m <sup>2</sup>
	<b>Physiotherapy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 massage tables</li> </ul>	15m <sup>2</sup>
	<b>Storage</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 table and/or free storage space</li> </ul>	5m <sup>2</sup>

**11.02** Stadiums must be equipped with a main referees' dressing room that meets the following specific minimum requirements:

Category	Installations	Recommended dimensions
All cat.	<b>Sanitary facilities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 showers</li> <li>• 1 seated toilet</li> </ul> <b>Changing area</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 refrigerator</li> <li>• 1 table</li> <li>• 2 chairs</li> <li>• seating and clothes-hanging facilities or lockers for 4 people</li> </ul>	20m <sup>2</sup>

- 11.03 Ideally, one additional dressing room should be provided adjacent to or at least near the main referees' dressing room in case of mixed referee teams. It must meet the following specific minimum requirements:

Category	Installations	Recommended dimensions
All cat.	<p><b>Sanitary facilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 shower</li><li>• 1 seated toilet</li></ul> <p><b>Changing area</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 refrigerator</li><li>• 1 table</li><li>• 2 chairs</li><li>• seating and clothes-hanging facilities or lockers for 2 people</li></ul>	n/a

- 11.04 Stadiums must guarantee direct, private and secure access for both teams and the referees from their dressing rooms to the playing area.

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#### Article 12 Delegate's room

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- 12.01 Stadiums must be equipped with a room that is exclusively reserved for the UEFA delegate and referee observer (if any), with an easy access to the teams' and referees' dressing rooms.

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#### Article 13 Emergency medical room for players and officials

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- 13.01 Stadiums must be equipped with an emergency medical room as set out in the *UEFA Medical Regulations*.

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#### Article 14 Doping control station

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- 14.01 Stadiums must be equipped with a dedicated doping control station as set out in *UEFA Anti-Doping Regulations*.

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#### Article 15 Parking spaces for teams and officials

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- 15.01 Parking space for a minimum of two buses, three minivans and seven cars must be available for the teams and officials in a safe and secure area in the immediate vicinity of their respective entrances. If such parking is not possible in the immediate vicinity, a safe and secure drop-off area must be organised.

## Article 16 Floodlighting

- 16.01 Stadiums must be equipped with a floodlighting system that allows to maintain at least the following average illuminance, measured according to the [UEFA Lighting Guide](#):

Category	Horizontal illuminance (E <sub>h ave</sub> )	Vertical illuminance (E <sub>v ave</sub> )
1	≥350 lux or sufficient to allow the host broadcaster to ensure adequate broadcasting of the match	
2	800 lux with uniformity ratios of U <sub>1h</sub> >0.4 and U <sub>2h</sub> >0.6	350 lux on each reference plane with uniformity ratios of U <sub>1v</sub> >0.35 and U <sub>2v</sub> >0.45
3	1,200 lux with uniformity ratios of U <sub>1h</sub> >0.4 and U <sub>2h</sub> >0.6	700 lux on each reference plane with uniformity ratios of U <sub>1v</sub> >0.35 and U <sub>2v</sub> >0.45
4	1,400 lux with uniformity ratios of U <sub>1h</sub> >0.5 and U <sub>2h</sub> >0.7	1,000 lux on each reference plane with uniformity ratios of U <sub>1v</sub> >0.4 and U <sub>2v</sub> >0.5

- 16.02 The stadium floodlight system must be regularly maintained to meet the required minimum illuminance values. A lighting certificate that is valid for the entire competition period must be issued no more than one year before the date of the home team's first match in the UEFA competition concerned.

- 16.03 In addition, to ensure that matches can proceed in the event of a power failure, an independent backup power supply must be available and able to provide at least the following average horizontal illuminance:

Category	For matches played under floodlights	For broadcast matches
1	n/a	n/a
2	350 E <sub>h</sub> (lux)	350 E <sub>h</sub> (lux)
3	350 E <sub>h</sub> (lux)	800 E <sub>h</sub> (lux)
4	350 E <sub>h</sub> (lux)	900 E <sub>h</sub> (lux) no more than 15 minutes after the power failure.



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- 16.04 A floodlighting power backup test must be performed at least once a year. Stadium emergency systems must be fully functional and comply with the country's health and safety norms and standards. To verify the correct functionality of the entire stadium, a full black building test is recommended every four years.

### III Areas for spectators

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#### Article 17 UEFA spectator capacity

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- 17.01 Stadiums must have the following minimum UEFA spectator capacity, as defined in [Paragraph 4.01](#):

Category	UEFA spectator capacity
1	200
2	1,500
3	4,500
4	8,000

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- 17.02 At least 5% of the UEFA spectator capacity must be made available to visiting supporters in a dedicated sector of the stadium. It must be possible for this sector of the stadium to be segregated from other sectors and all related facilities and services (e.g. sanitary, catering, first-aid) must be available exclusively to visiting supporters, accessible and in operation for as long as visiting supporters have access to the stadium.
- 17.03 If an exception to the stadium category requirement is granted and this results in a UEFA spectator capacity that is lower than the minimum number usually required, at least 5% of the minimum UEFA spectator capacity for stadiums of the category usually required by the competition regulations must be made available to visiting supporters.

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#### Article 18 Stands and spectator facilities

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- 18.01 Seats for spectators must be individual, numbered, firmly fixed in place, robust, made of a shatterproof, non-flammable material, and have a backrest of a minimum height of 30cm when measured from the surface of the seat.
- 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.
- 18.03 Standing accommodation, terraces, platforms, benches and seats without backrest are permitted/prohibited as follows:

Category	
1	Permitted provided that benches and seats without backrest are firmly fixed in place.

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2 to 4 Prohibited.

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- 18.04** Stadiums must be in good condition and all areas must be clean and well lit. There must be no loose material (e.g. stones, concrete) that could be hazardous, thrown or otherwise misused.
- 18.05** Spectator areas must provide unobstructed lines of sight of the field of play.
- 18.06** Catering facilities must be available in every sector, be accessible and remain open for as long as spectators have access to the sector. Catering prices for visiting supporters must not exceed those for home supporters.

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## Article 19 Sanitary facilities for spectators

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- 19.01** A sufficient number of permanent, clean and hygienic sanitary facilities must be available in every sector, accessible and distributed evenly throughout all sectors, with a minimum of 25% of sanitary facilities dedicated to female spectators. The sanitary facilities must operate for as long as spectators have access to the stadium. These areas must be bright, clean and hygienic and be kept in that condition throughout each matchday.

Sanitary facilities must be equipped with:

- toilets/urinals that flush;
- sinks with clean water;
- toilet paper;
- towels and/or hand dryers;
- filled soap dispensers firmly fixed in place.

- 19.02** Stadiums must be able to provide for 80% of spectators being male, respecting the following minimum ratios:
- 1 seated toilet and 1 sink per 250 male spectators;
  - 1 urinal per 125 male spectators.

At the same time, to allow for variations in demographics between matches, stadiums must be able to provide for at least 25% of spectators being female, respecting the following minimum ratios:

- 1 seated toilet and 1 sink per 120 female spectators in the home sectors;
- 1 seated toilet and 1 sink per 80 female spectators in the visiting sector.

Consideration should also be given to the accommodation of diverse genders.

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## Article 20 First-aid facilities for spectators

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- 20.01** Fully equipped first-aid facilities that have been approved by the competent local authorities must be available in every sector, be accessible and remain in operation

for as long as spectators have access to the sector. First-aid facilities in sectors equipped with facilities for disabled spectators must be accessible to all spectators.

20.02 The minimum requirements in terms of first-aid facilities for spectators are provided in the [UEFA Minimum Medical Requirements for Spectators](#).

20.03 All first-aid facilities must be clearly indicated and adequately signposted.

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## Article 21 Public access, exit and circulation routes

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21.01 Approach routes to the stadium, entrances, exits and all public areas inside the stadium must be clearly indicated and adequately signposted to guide spectators to and from their seats, for example by means of letters and numbers or in the form of internationally recognisable pictograms. Signage should be accessible to colour-blind people. Guidance can be found in the [UEFA Accessibility Guidelines](#).

21.02 Entry gates and/or turnstiles must be designed in such a way as to avoid congestion and ensure the smooth flow of spectators.

21.03 Ground rules indicating prohibited items, ideally in the form of internationally recognised pictograms, must be available at every entrance.

21.04 All public access, exit and circulation routes must be clearly distinguished from the seating areas. Entry gates, exit gates and doors must be operational and indicated by signs which are universally understood.

21.05 All doors and gates that form part of exit or evacuation routes, and all gates leading from the public areas to the field of play (if applicable), must:

- a. be operational and designed so that they can remain unlocked (but staffed) while spectators are in the stadium;
- b. open outwards in the direction of the egress and evacuation routes.

21.06 In addition, stadiums must meet the following requirements in terms of access controls:

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Category	Additional access control requirements
1 and 2	n/a
3 and 4	All public entrances must be equipped with turnstiles and an electronic ticket control system designed to prevent the use of counterfeit tickets and deliver real-time flow rates and entrance numbers to a central point with a view to preventing overcrowding in the stadium as a whole or in individual sectors. There must be at least 1 turnstile for every 660 spectators.

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## Article 22 Emergency lighting system

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22.01 For the purposes of ensuring safety and guiding spectators and staff in the event of a general lighting failure, stadiums must be equipped with an emergency lighting

system that has been approved by the competent local authorities, covers all areas of the stadium, including all egress and evacuation routes, and is connected to a backup power supply.

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### Article 23 Public address system

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- 23.01** Stadiums must be equipped with an electronic public address system of loudspeakers capable of conveying spoken messages to all areas of the stadium instantaneously.
- 23.02** The public address system must be connected to a backup power supply and loud enough to be heard both inside and outside the stadium, in all circumstances.

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### Article 24 Facilities for disabled spectators

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- 24.01** Stadiums must have dedicated facilities and fully accessible access, entry and exit routes, drop-off points, parking, walkways, ticket booths, seats and facilities for disabled spectators and their companions.
- 24.02** All accessible seats must offer an unobstructed view of the field of play and be clearly numbered. In addition, all wheelchair spaces must be marked with the international disability sign on the floor and next to a fixed seat for a companion or personal assistant. Guidance can be found in the [UEFA Accessibility Guidelines](#).
- 24.03** Stadiums must be equipped with spaces dedicated to wheelchair users.

The recommended proportion of wheelchair-user spaces for home supporters is 0.5% of the UEFA spectator capacity reserved for home supporters, and the minimum requirement is 0.1%.

The minimum requirement for visiting supporters is as stipulated in the table below:

UEFA spectator capacity	Wheelchair spaces required for visiting supporters
up to 200	2
201-1500	4
1501-4,500	6
4,501-8,000	8
8,001-20,000	10

UEFA spectator capacity	Wheelchair spaces required for visiting supporters
20,001-30,000	12
30,001-40,000	15
40,001 and above	20

- 24.04** Disabled supporters should be allowed to sit with their fellow supporters. If it is not possible to seat visiting wheelchair users in the visiting sector, a safe and secure alternative must be provided.
- 24.05** Stadiums must have accessible catering facilities in sectors containing seats for disabled spectators.
- 24.06** Catering facilities should have priority lanes for disabled spectators leading to a lower counter providing more accessible facilities for disabled spectators.
- 24.07** Stadiums must provide the following minimum ratio of permanent, clean, hygienic and fully accessible sanitary facilities for wheelchair users inside the stadium. They should be no more than 40m away from the wheelchair-user spaces, within the same sector, and be fully equipped in line with the [UEFA Accessibility Guidelines](#).
- Minimum of 1 for up to 15 wheelchair users.
  - An additional 1 for every 10 additional wheelchair users.

## Article 25 VIP seats and hospitality area

- 25.01** Stadiums must have the following minimum number of VIP seats:

Category	Seats
1 and 2	50
3	75
4	100

- 25.02** VIP seats must be covered and located between the two 16m lines, as close to the halfway line as possible.
- 25.03** Stadiums must be equipped with a dedicated hospitality area for VIP guests, with direct access to and from the VIP seats.
- 25.04** Hospitality areas and skyboxes should be fully accessible to wheelchair users.

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## Article 26 Parking spaces for VIPs, other guests and staff

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- 26.01** Stadiums must have the following minimum number of parking spaces available in a safe and secure area for VIPs, other guests and staff:

Category	Parking spaces
1	20
2	50
3	100
4	150

- 26.02** Stadiums must have adequate and sufficient drop-off and parking spaces to accommodate disabled and low-mobility spectators according to local standards.

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## Article 27 Control room

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- 27.01** A control room must be reserved for staff and officials with overall responsibility for all match-related safety, security and service matters, namely the chief police officer, the stadium security officer and their staff. It must meet the following requirements:

Category	Key facilities	Additional requirements
1	n/a	n/a
2	Control room with an overview of the stadium interior, equipped with radio communications enabling communication between staff and officials responsible for safety, security and service at the stadium	n/a
3 and 4	Control room with an overview of the stadium interior, equipped with radio communications enabling communication between staff and officials responsible for safety, security and service at the stadium	Equipped with colour monitors that are connected to the closed-circuit television system and additional monitors that display live data from the electronic ticket control system

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## Article 28 Closed-circuit television system

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28.01 Stadiums must meet the following requirements in terms of closed-circuit television:

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Category	
1 and 2	n/a
3 and 4	Closed-circuit television system that uses colour surveillance cameras with pan, tilt and zoom functions and covers all stadium approaches and entrances, and all public areas within the stadium. Areas of the stadium interior not capable of being directly viewed from the control room must be covered by the closed-circuit television system. The cameras must be capable of recording moving images as well as still photographs.

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## IV Areas for broadcasters and media

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### Article 29 Media working area

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- 29.01** Stadiums must have at least one room equipped with desks, a power supply and internet connections for use as a working area for media representatives.
- 29.02** The media working area must provide the following minimum of working positions for media representatives:

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Category	Minimum number of media positions
1	10
2	20
3 and 4	30

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### Article 30 Photographer working area

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- 30.01** The working area for photographers must contain tables, chairs and power sockets, have reliable and stable internet connections and offer direct access to the pitch. It may be a dedicated section of the media working area (the overall size of which must be increased accordingly), but a separate room is preferable. It must be able to accommodate the following minimum number of working positions:

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Category	Minimum number of working positions for photographers
1 and 2	n/a
3	15
4	20

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### Article 31 Media seating

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- 31.01** Stadiums must have a dedicated area in the stands that is reserved for the written press and radio commentators. It must be covered and centrally located (i.e. between the 16m lines), ideally on the same side as the main camera platform, with an unobstructed view of the entire field of play and its immediate vicinity and easy access to the other media areas.

**31.02** In addition, stadiums must meet the following requirements in terms of covered media seating:

Category	Minimum number of seats	Minimum number of seats equipped with desks
1	10	5
2	20	10
3	30	15
4	60	30

**31.03** Each desk must be big enough to accommodate a laptop computer and equipped with a power supply and internet connection.

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## **Article 32 Broadcast commentary positions**

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**32.01** Stadiums must have the following minimum number of broadcast commentary positions:

Category	Minimum number of broadcast commentary positions
1	1 (only for matches that are being broadcast)
2	3
3	5
4	10

**32.02** Broadcast commentary positions must be covered and centrally located between the two 16m lines, on the same side as the main camera platform. They must have an unobstructed view of the entire field of play and its immediate vicinity, allow easy access to the other media areas and be secure and accessible only to authorised persons. There must be sufficient space behind the seats for other commentators to move into their positions.

**32.03** Each commentary position must be equipped with a desk with a minimum width of 180cm, at least three seats, a phone line, a power supply, lighting and an internet connection.

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## **Article 33 Camera platforms**

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**33.01** In order to ensure optimum picture quality, all camera platforms must:

- be level;
- be solid;
- be non-vibrating;

- provide an unobstructed view of the entire field of play and its immediate vicinity;
- be covered;
- have a smooth, non-slip surface on the base;
- be safe and stable to access;
- offer protection on all sides by means of a kickboard that is at least 75mm high.

**33.02** The main camera platform must be positioned exactly in line with the halfway line, facing away from the setting sun. It must be positioned at a height above the pitch that guarantees an optimum and unobstructed view of the entire field of play and its immediate vicinity and, in principle, when focusing on the centre spot on the pitch, be at an angle of 12 to 15-degrees relative to the horizontal plane.

**33.03** In addition, the main camera platform must meet the following requirements:

Category	Main camera platform
1	At least 2m wide x 2m deep, to accommodate one camera (only for matches that are being broadcast)
2 and 3	At least 4m wide x 2m deep, to accommodate two cameras
4	At least 6m wide x 2m deep, to accommodate at least three cameras

**33.04** Additional camera platforms are required as follows:

Category	Additional camera platforms
1 and 2	As for categories 3 and 4 if the stadium is used in a competition or competition round for which the use of VAR is foreseen
3 and 4	Two 16m camera platforms, located on the same side and at least at the same height as the main camera platform, each measuring at least 2m wide x 2m deep to accommodate one camera on the 16m line
4	One reverse-angle camera platform centrally located in the stand opposite the main camera, measuring at least 2m wide x 2m deep to accommodate at least one camera Two camera platforms located in the stands, one behind each goal, each measuring at least 2m wide x 2m deep to accommodate one camera at a height permitting an unobstructed view of the penalty spot from above the crossbar

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## Article 34 Broadcast studios

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- 34.01** Stadiums must be equipped with rooms which fulfil the following requirements and can be used as broadcast studios, if required:

Category	Minimum number of rooms	Minimum size	Additional requirements
1 and 2	1 room	5m long x 5m wide x 2.5m high	n/a
3			n/a
4	2 rooms	5m long x 5m wide x 2.5m high	At least one of the two broadcast studios must be a pitch-view studio with an unobstructed view of the entire field of play.

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## Article 35 Flash interview positions

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- 35.01** Stadiums must be equipped with an area between the pitch and the dressing rooms that can be used for flash interview positions, where live broadcast interviews can be conducted.
- 35.02** In addition, the area designated for flash interview positions must meet the following requirements:

Category	Additional requirements
1 and 2	n/a
3 and 4	Large enough to accommodate at least four positions, each 4m deep x 3m wide.

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## Article 36 Broadcast compound

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**36.01** Stadiums must have a secure area that can be used as a broadcast compound for parking TV companies' outside broadcast vans. The area must be at least the following size:

Category	Minimum size of compound
1	300m <sup>2</sup>
2	400m <sup>2</sup>
3	600m <sup>2</sup>
4	1,000m <sup>2</sup>

**36.02** The broadcast compound must:

- be located adjacent to the stadium, ideally on the same side as the main camera platform, with a power supply available;
- provide a clear, solid and flat parking area for large and heavy vehicles (>40-tonne trucks);
- have sufficient drainage such that no cables, equipment or vehicles are in danger of being in contact with standing water;
- be free of any obstructions, such as trees, buildings and curbs, and offer unimpeded access to emergency vehicles;
- either offer a clear, unobstructed view of the southwestern to the southeastern horizon, or be within 50m of a separate satellite uplink area (measured from the edge of the broadcast compound);
- be lit to an average vertical illuminance of at least 100 lux to enable broadcasters to work at night;
- include sufficient facilities, such as rubbish bins and toilets.

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## Article 37 Press conference room

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**37.01** Stadiums must meet the following requirements in terms of press conference rooms:

Category	Location and facilities	Minimum number of seats
1	If space allows it, a press conference room must be located within the stadium. It may be part of the media working area.	n/a

Category	Location and facilities	Minimum number of seats
2	A press conference room must be available within the stadium. It may be part of the media working area and must be equipped with a top table and podium, a camera platform, a sound system (microphones, speakers and split box) and adequate lighting for broadcasting.	20
3		30
4	A press conference room must be available within the stadium. It must be equipped with a top table and podium, a camera platform large enough to accommodate a minimum of 8 cameras, a sound system (microphones, speakers and split box with a minimum of 16 outputs) and adequate lighting for broadcasting.	50

## Article 38 Mixed zone

**38.01** Stadiums must have an area on the way from the dressing rooms to the team transport area that can be converted into a mixed zone, where accredited media representatives can conduct interviews with players and coaches after the match.

**38.02** In addition, the mixed zone must meet the following requirements:

Category	Additional requirements
1 to 3	n/a
4	To be covered and large enough to accommodate at least 50 media representatives.

## V Closing Provisions

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### Article 39 Non-compliance

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- 39.01 Any breach of these regulations may be penalised by UEFA in accordance with the *UEFA Disciplinary Regulations*.
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### Article 40 Annexes

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- 40.01 All annexes form an integral part of these regulations.
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### Article 41 Implementation

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- 41.01 The UEFA administration is entitled to adopt any guidelines, directives, manuals, guides or any other tools to assist with the implementation of these regulations.
- 41.02 The associations and clubs shall be regularly informed of the existence and issuance of such informative tools by means of a circular letter.
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### Article 42 Authoritative version

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- 42.01 If there is any discrepancy in the interpretation of the English, French or German versions of these regulations, the English version prevails.
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### Article 43 Adoption, entry into force and abrogation

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- 43.01 These regulations were adopted by the UEFA Executive Committee at its meeting on 16 December 2024.
- 43.02 They come into force on 1 June 2025.
- 43.03 They replace the *UEFA Stadium Infrastructure Regulations (Edition 2018)*.

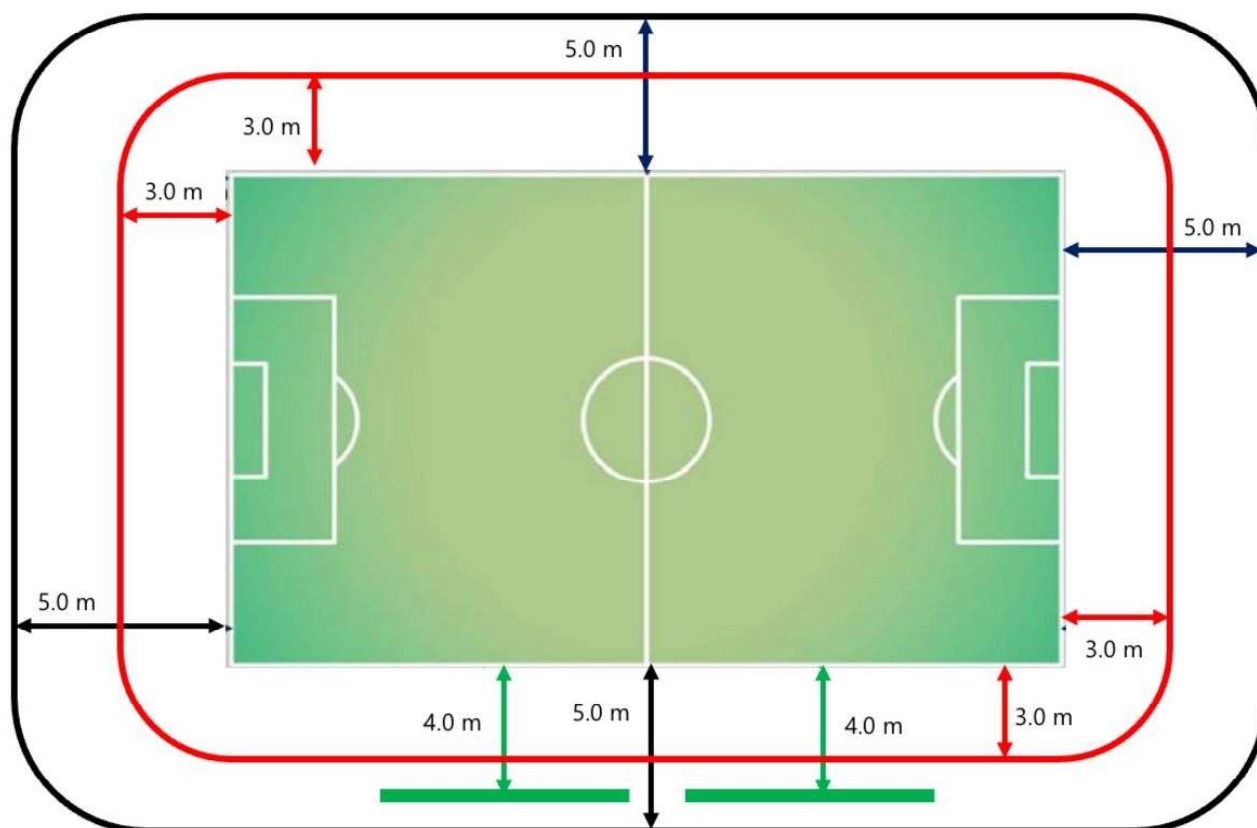
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## Annex A Pitch Organisation



- 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.





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