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TO UEFA MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

For the attention of
the President and the General Secretary

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UEFA Coaching Convention 2020

Dear Sir or Madam,

Please find attached the revised UEFA Coaching Convention (2020), which was approved by the UEFA Executive Committee on 2 March upon proposals from the UEFA Development and Technical Assistance Committee and the UEFA Jira Panel. This latest version of the convention is now ready for signature by UEFA member organisations.

The vision is to continue setting high coach education standards and improve coach education in all UEFA member associations, resulting in better coaches and ultimately better players, and thereby improve the overall quality of the game.

1. Aims

- a) Improve course standards;
- b) Link the worlds of education and employment by developing the coaches' competences in realistic situations;
- c) Enhance the UEFA coaching pathway;
- d) Reiterate the importance of a skilled coach educator workforce;
- e) Insert recent amendments and update the supporting educational documents.

2. The key new features of the 2020 Coaching Convention are as follows.

- (i) The new UEFA diplomas: C, Youth B and Goalkeeper B have now been included [Article 24 (2)].
- (ii) The content, duration and organisation of the courses have been reviewed, including the way students are assessed and the further admission criteria, with greater focus on the candidates' practical experience [Articles 9, 11 and 15-27].
- (iii) The evaluation of competence and recognition procedures have been taken into account for the holders of non-UEFA qualifications issued by a non-European national association or an independent course provider subject to EU law [Article 7].
- (iv) Opportunities have been enhanced for candidates not residing on the territory of a UEFA member association to take part in a course under certain conditions [Article 15 (2)].

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- (v) National qualifications for coach educators have become an obligation – a very important step for the future of coach education [Article 13].
 - (vi) The further education policy has been updated: a competence-based approach; adjusted number of hours for the holders of multiple diplomas; more flexibility to recognise further education courses run by other organisations [Articles 28-30].
 - (vii) The convention has been aligned with UEFA HatTrick V regulations, so that UEFA member associations must submit an annual coach education plan, a report on the coach education status and a record of how the UEFA incentive payment has been used [Article 6 (2)(s)].

For practical reasons, all convention parties will have a three-year transition period to introduce the mandatory C diploma course, the mandatory national coach educator qualification and the recognition of competence procedures, all of which need to be incorporated into national regulations.

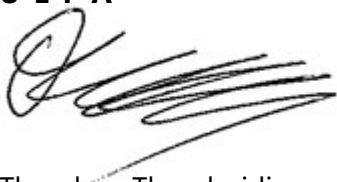
By signing the UEFA Coaching Convention (2020), you formalise your agreement with the revised content. Please sign two English copies, keeping one for your files and forwarding the other to the UEFA Football Education Services unit in addition to sending a scanned copy to football.education@uefa.ch. When available, you will also find enclosed a copy in your own (or preferred) language, as a reference.

Please share this new convention with your technical directors and heads of coach education and inform them that all instructions aimed at implementing this new convention will be made available on UEFA.com as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact the head of UEFA Football Education Services: Frank.Ludolph@uefa.ch.

Yours faithfully,

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General Secretary

Enclosure

- UEFA Coaching Convention 2020

cc (with enclosure)

- UEFA Executive Committee
- UEFA Development and Technical Assistance Committee
- UEFA Jira Panel
- European members of the FIFA Council
- FIFA, Zurich