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COVID-19

Video Conference with the 55 NA General Secretaries

Agenda



UEFA National Team Competitions

- ▶ Options to reschedule the matches;
- ▶ June Window

UEFA & Domestic Club Competitions

- ▶ Options to finish the 2019/20 season;
- ▶ Potential impact on the 2020/21 season;
- ▶ Update from Working Group 2:
 - Club Licensing and Financial Fair Play;
 - Registration of players for UEFA competitions;
 - FIFA transfer system Task force update
 - Proposed approach at European level for players contractual matters and transfer periods

UEFA Women's EURO

- ▶ Review the rescheduling alternatives

UEFA Under-21

- ▶ Review the rescheduling alternatives

UEFA Youth Tournaments

- ▶ UEFA Women's Under-17 and UEFA Men's Under-17
- ▶ UEFA Women's Under-19 and UEFA Men's Under-19
- ▶ Boys' and girls' U16 international development tournaments

Q&A



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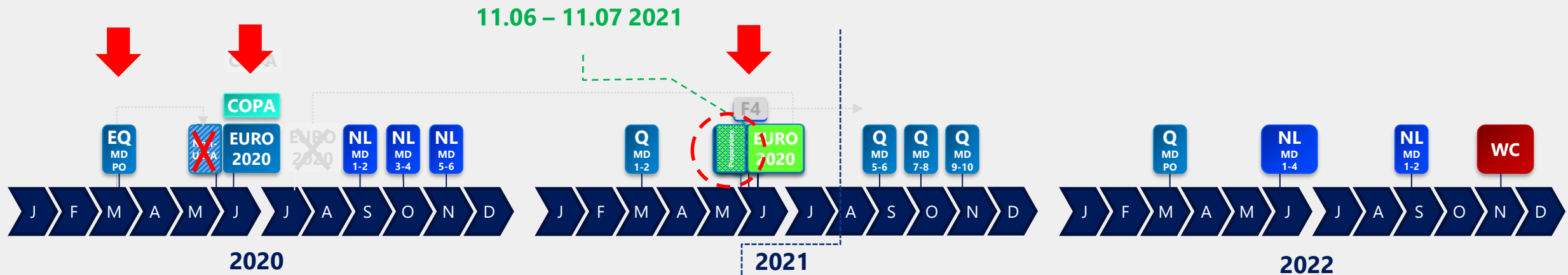
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UEFA National Team Competitions

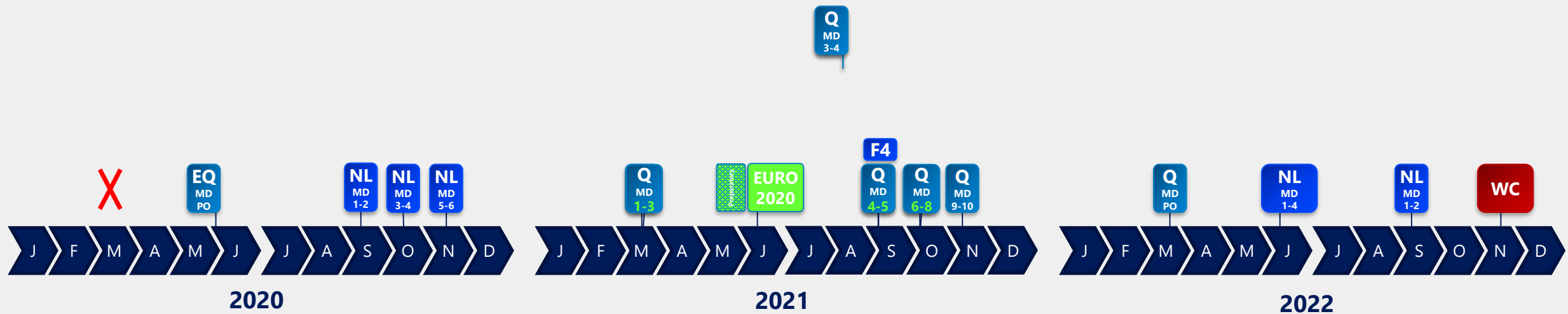
EURO - Calendar alternatives



2 National Team dates need to be re-scheduled

- International calendar is busy and squeezed
- Discussion took place in the Working Group
- **Option to use existing double headers to play three matches**

Principles for re-scheduling National Team dates



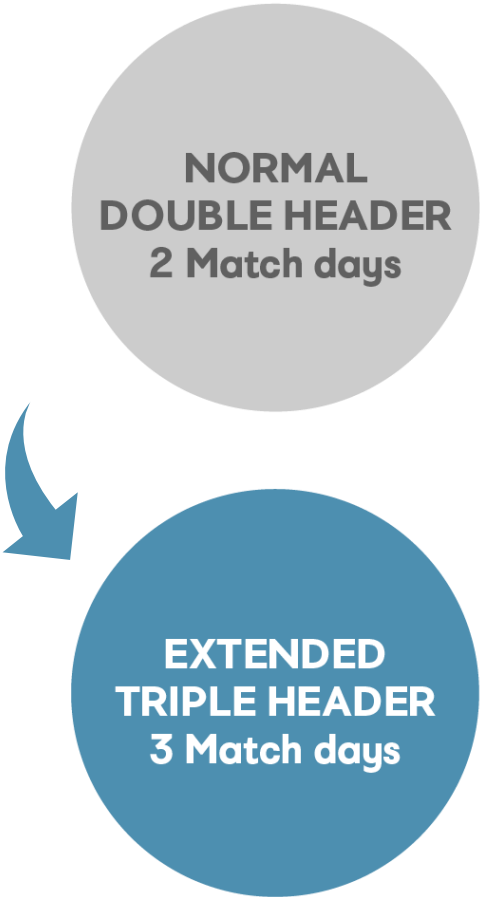
National team matches to be re-scheduled

1. Qualifiers 3 & 4 need to be re-scheduled

Proposed principle: Qualifiers 3 & 4 to be re-scheduled in existing double headers

- For example: Qualifiers 3 & 4 (June 2021) to be moved to two other double headers (e.g. March & October 2021)

Extended release period



M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W
			MD 5	MD 5	MD 5	MD 6	MD 6	MD 6	

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Principle to re-schedule National Team dates

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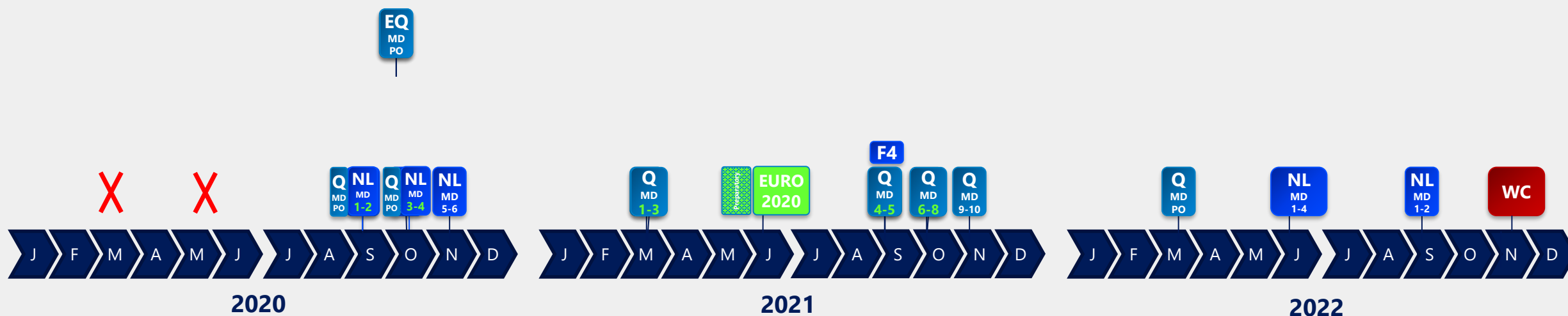
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 - UNL ► Sep & Oct 2020 (triple headers)

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- Should the international window in June already be postponed?

If yes: same principle to apply, e.g. re-schedule EQ Play-offs in two existing double-headers

- Option 1:
 - EQ Play-offs ► Nov 2020
 - UNL ► Sep & Oct 2020 (triple headers)
- Option 2:
 - EQ Play-offs (Semi-finals) -> Sep 2020 & EQ Playoffs (Final) -> Oct 2020
 - UNL -> Sep & Oct & Nov 2020

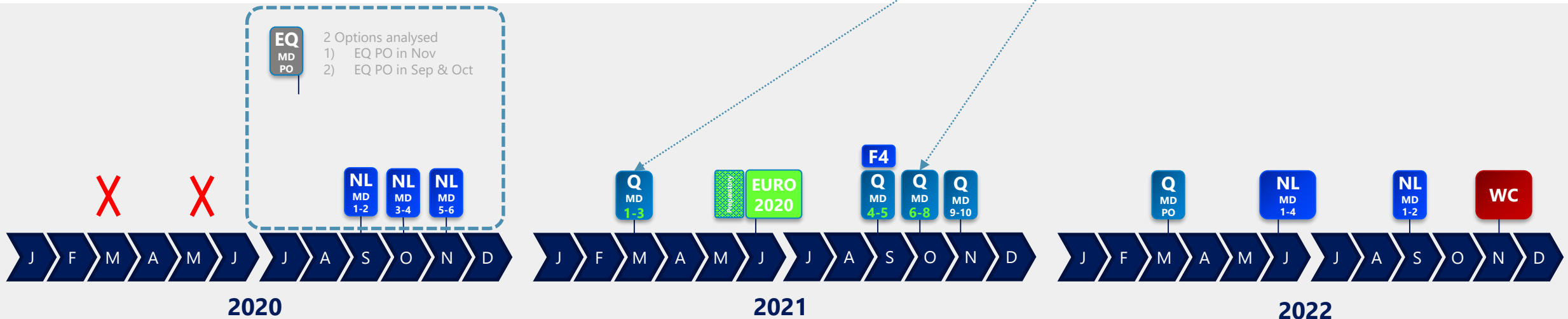
Principles for re-scheduling National Team dates

- Principle to re-schedule dates in existing double headers (e.g. three matches in double header)
- Solution to be discussed with other confederations
- Exact scheduling for EQ Play-offs and UNL to be further analysed and assessed

EXTENDED
TRIPLE HEADER
3 Match days

M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W
		MD 5	MD 5		MD 6	MD 6		MD 7	MD 7

Examples





UEFA & Domestic Club Competitions

Terms of reference



Overall objective: Draw up consensual proposals for the recovery of matches postponed in National Team competitions as well as domestic and European club competitions

Review of situation in different competitions (number of matches/match-days postponed)

Assessment of the financial risk for competitions in case of partial or total cancellation

Calendar scenarios for the finalization of the 2019/20 season and the qualification cycle to EURO 2020 (including format impacts)

Calendar scenarios in case of 2019/20 matches into the 2020/21 season calendar (July and onwards)

Impacts and adaptation options for the 2020/21 season

Overview domestic competitions

ALBANIA Postponed until further notice	ANDORRA Postponed for at least two weeks (26.03.2020)	ARMENIA Postponed until 01.04.2020 but will most probably be extended	AUSTRIA Postponed until further notice	AZERBAIJAN Postponed on the weekend	BELARUS Decision taken on 17 March to play domestic championship as per schedule	BELGIUM Postponed until 3 April	BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA Postponed until further notice	BULGARIA Postponed until 13 April	CROATIA Postponed until end of March
CYPRUS Postponed until further notice (end of March but likely to be extended)	CZECH REPUBLIC Postponed until further notice	DENMARK Postponed for at least two weeks	ENGLAND Postponed until 4 April	ESTONIA Postponed until 1 May	FAROE ISLANDS Postponed for the next 2 weeks	FINLAND Decision to be taken on 16 March but likely to be postponed until 1 June	FRANCE Postponed until further notice	GEORGIA Postponed until 01.04.2020 but will most probably be extended	GERMANY Postponed until 2 April
GIBRALTAR Postponed until further notice	GREECE Postponed until further notice (end of March but likely to be extended)	HUNGARY Played behind closed doors but decision on 16 March to postpone until further notice	ICELAND Postponed until 15 April	IRELAND (REPUBLIC OF) Postponed until 29 March	ISRAEL Postponed until further notice	ITALY Postponed until further notice (Exco meeting on 23 March)	KAZAKHSTAN Played behind closed doors this weekend but postponed as of now for 1 month.	KOSOVO Postponed until further notice	LATVIA Postponed until 15 April
LIECHTENSTEIN Postponed until further notice	LITHUANIA Postponed until 27 March	LUXEMBOURG Postponed until further notice	MALTA Postponed until 23 March	MOLDOVA Postponed until further notice	MONTENEGRO Postponed until further notice	NETHERLANDS Postponed until 31 March	NORTH MACEDONIA Postponed until further notice	NORTHERN IRELAND Postponed until 4 April	NORWAY Postponed until 15 April
POLAND Postponed until end of March	PORTUGAL Postponed until further notice	ROMANIA Postponed until end of March	RUSSIA Postponed until 10 April	SAN MARINO Postponed until 6 April	SCOTLAND Postponed until further notice	SERBIA Played behind closed doors this weekend but postponed until further notice	SLOVAKIA Postponed until the end of month	SLOVENIA Postponed until the end of March	SPAIN Postponed until further notice
					SWEDEN The newly started season two of Allsvenskan is paused until further notice	SWITZERLAND Postponed until 30 April	TURKEY Postponed for one month as of 19.03.20	UKRAINE Postponed until 3 April	WALES Postponed until 4 April

UEFA Club Competitions (UCC) – Situation on 31 March 2020



COMPETITION STATUS



4 Rounds (incl. Final) to be completed
6 match days (11 days) to be completed
17 Matches to be completed

- R16 = 4x 2nd leg
- QF = 8 matches
- SF = 4 Matches
- Final = 1 match

4 Rounds (incl. Final) to be completed
7 match days (7 days) to be completed
23 Matches to be completed

- R16 = 2x 1st leg + 8x 2nd leg
- QF = 8 matches
- SF = 4 Matches
- Final = 1 match

Combined UCC and domestic match days needed (worst cases)

UCC

Leagues

Cup



Internazionale	1-7	13	1-2	15-22
Roma	1-7	13		14-20
Juventus	1-6	12	1-2	14-20
Napoli	1-6	12	1-2	14-20
Atalanta	2-5	13		15-18
All other		13	2	15



Sevilla	1-7	11		12-18
Getafe	1-7	11		12-18
Real Madrid	1-6	11		12-17
Barcelona	1-6	11		12-17
Atlético	2-5	11		13-16
All other		11	1	12



Basel	1-6	13	1-3	15-22
All other		13	3	16



Copenhagen	1-6	12	1-3	14-21
All other		13	3	16



Olympiacos	1-6	10	1-2	12-18
All other		10	2	12



Man. City	1-6	10	1-3	12-19
Chelsea	1-6	9	1-3	11-18
Man. United	1-6	9	1-3	11-18
Wolves	1-6	9		10-15
All other		10	3	13



Frankfurt	1-6	10	1-2	12-18
FC Bayern	1-6	9	1-2	11-17
Bayer 04	1-6	9	1-2	11-17
Wolfsburg	1-6	9		10-15
Leipzig	2-5	9		11-14
All other		10	2	12



Donetsk	1-6	9		10-15
All other		9	2	11



Rangers	1-6	9		10-15
All other		9	2	11



PSG	2-5	11	2	15-18
O. Lyon	1-6	10	1	12-17
All other		11	2	13



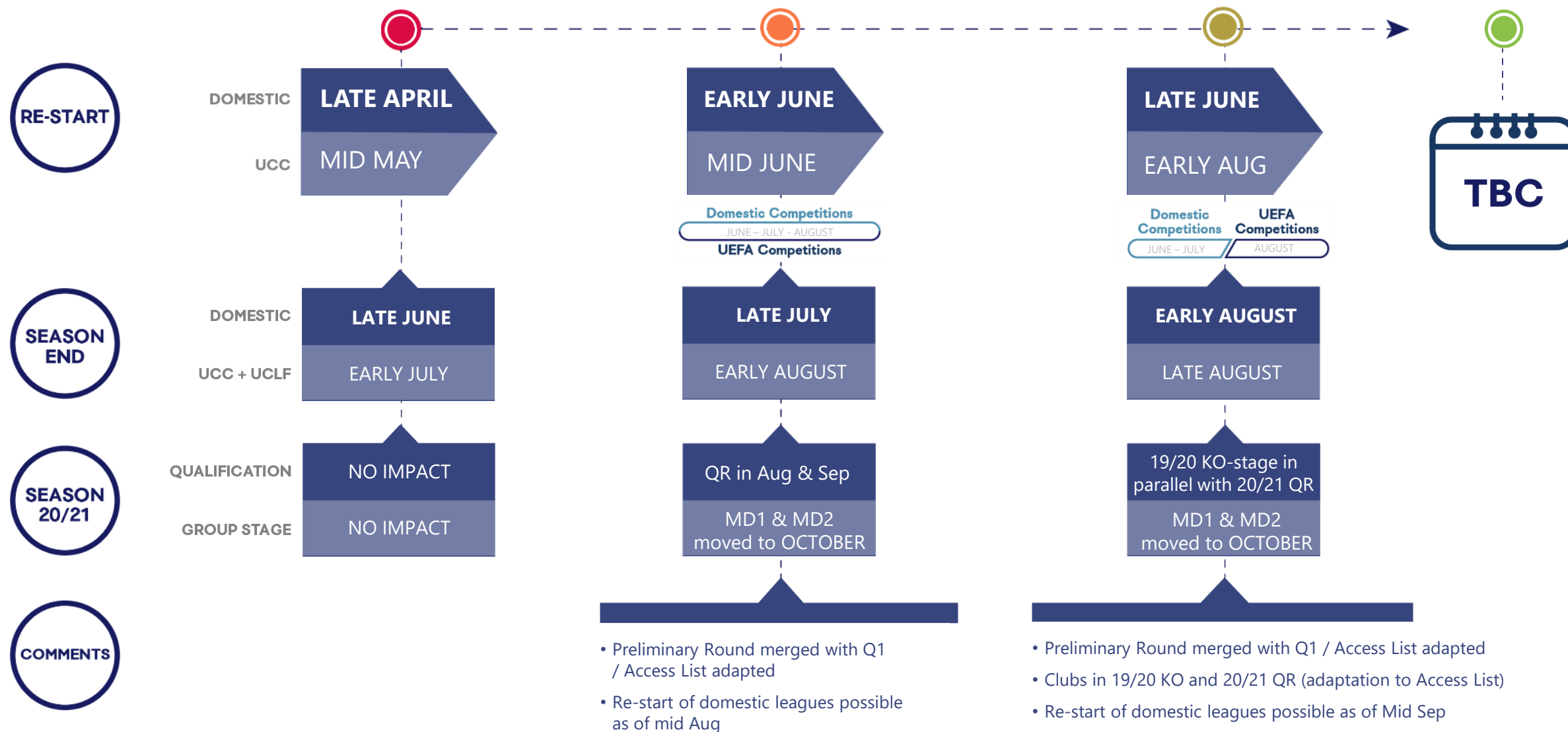
LASK	1-6	10		11-16
All other		10	1	11



Basaksehir	1-6	8		9-14
All other		8	2	10

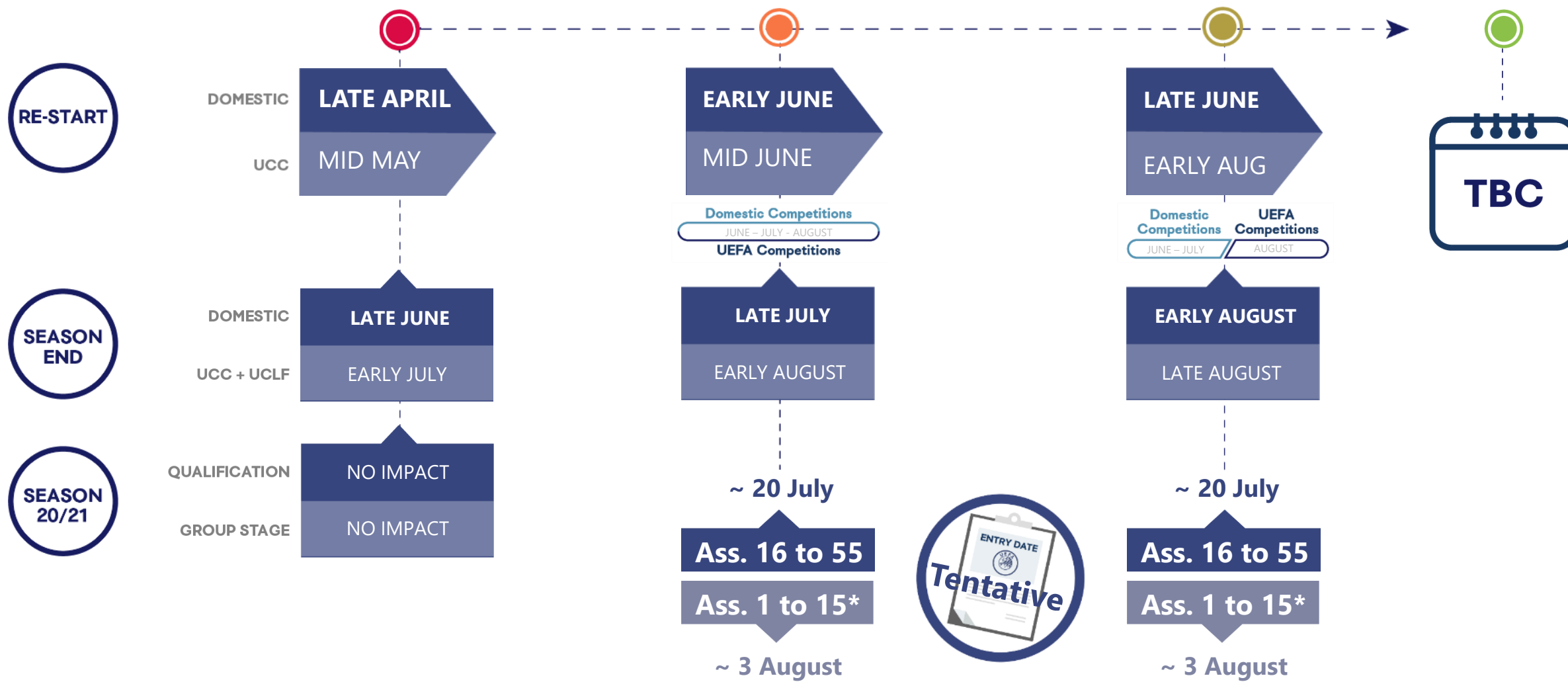
Scenarios

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* Association 1 to 15 enter UCC qualification phase in Q2

Terms of reference



Overall objective: Assess the impact of the current disruptions on the legal/financial framework of clubs and draw up consensual proposals to minimize the negative impact and allow completion of the season

Contractual relationships between clubs and players

Transfer and competition registration deadlines

Club Licensing and Financial Fair Play deadlines and requirements

Financial assistance potentially required to support clubs and players

Group split into 2 sub-working groups



Legal framework sub-working group (player contractual matters, competition registration deadlines and transfer matters)



Financial sub-working group (club licensing & financial fair play and broader financial impact of COVID-19 pandemic)

Club Licensing and Financial Fair Play



- CL&FFP should not be suspended
- Overdue payables deadline already extended to 30 April 2020, and no further changes suggested for the time being
- Proposal to extend deadline for submission of licensing decisions for season 2020/21 to 30 June 2020, subject to further postponement of the admission process
- Proposal to suspend for next season provisions related to preparation of future financial information and of the “going concern” principles. Alternative measures being sought
- Initial discussions have begun on application of break-even requirement – to be continued

Registration of players for UEFA competitions



- The postponement or suspension of competitions across Europe may have as a consequence that the current season may be completed after the original end date of the season
- The original start date of the 2020/21 UEFA club competitions season may also be impacted
- As a result, it may be necessary to postpone a number of deadlines set out in various UEFA competition regulations (e.g. admission process to UEFA club competitions currently set to 1st June)
- Sub-working group has compiled an overview of all such deadlines with a view to bringing them for decision to the ExCo

FIFA Transfer System Task Force



- FIFA Transfer System Task Force is assessing a number of player contractual and transfer related matters that will have to be adapted in order to mitigate impacts of the COVID-19 crisis
- Most challenging issues identified by FIFA (memo circulated earlier this month):
 - What to do with employment contracts (and loan agreements) which will expire on 30 June and with new contracts that will commence on 1st July?
 - What happens to existing contracts (esp. payment obligations) that cannot be performed?
 - How to adapt registration periods and transfer windows to the new set of circumstances?

Proposed approach at European level for player contractual matters and transfer periods



- The next meeting of the (full) WG is scheduled to take place on 3 April
- The main objective is now to narrow down issues and seek agreement on broad principles to form a joint European position (i.e. shared by UEFA, ECA, EL and FIFPRO Europe)
- A collective response makes a lot of sense given the challenging set of circumstances that the whole football family is facing and the need to adapt to a new reality
- This joint position could take the form of a recommendation or a resolution to be addressed to our respective members (i.e. national associations, ECA member clubs, EL member leagues, FIFPRO Europe player associations) and to FIFA (i.e. DRC)



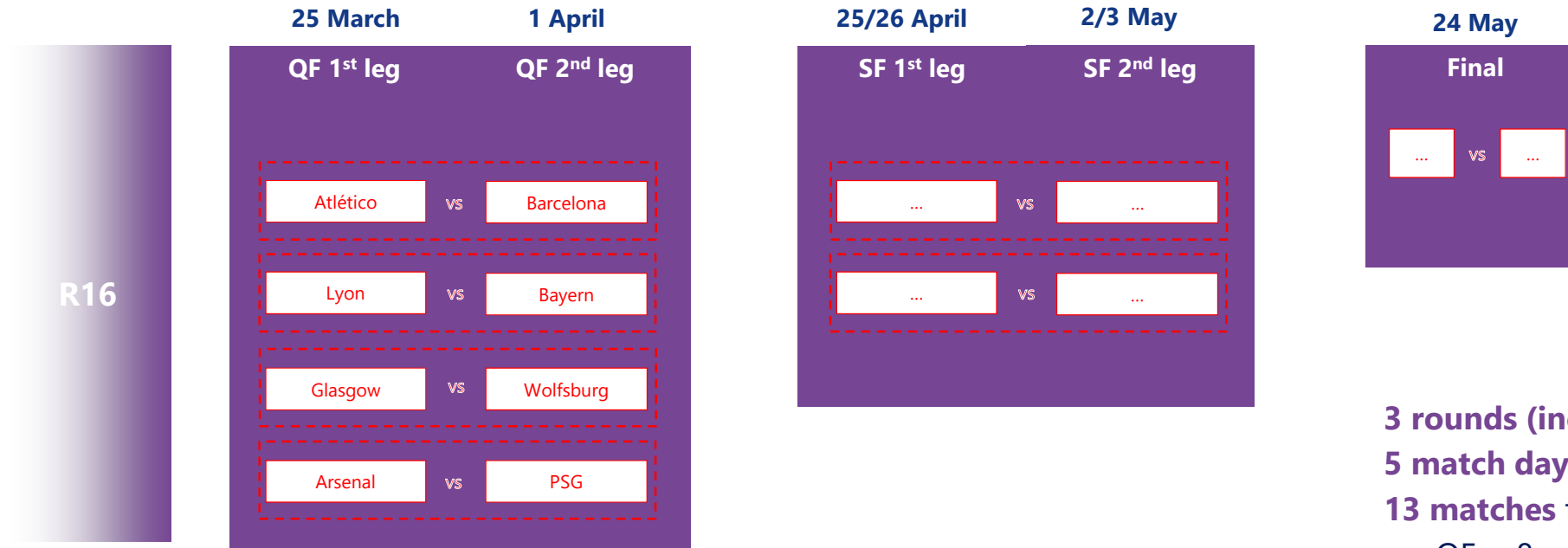
UEFA Women's Champions League



UWCL 2019/20



COMPETITION STATUS



3 rounds (incl. final) to be completed
5 match days to be completed
13 matches to be completed

- QF = 8 matches
- SF = 4 matches
- Final = 1 match

UEFA/ECA/league calendar working group



Maximise efforts to finalise current season of both, domestic leagues and UEFA Women's Champions league (UWCL)



Close alignment with men's working group (calendar and legal framework)



Scenarios currently analysed

- End of Season in June
- End of Season in June for domestic leagues and UWCL played in July
- End of Season in August



Bi-weekly meetings to analyze evolving scenarios and monitor situation



UEFA Women's EURO



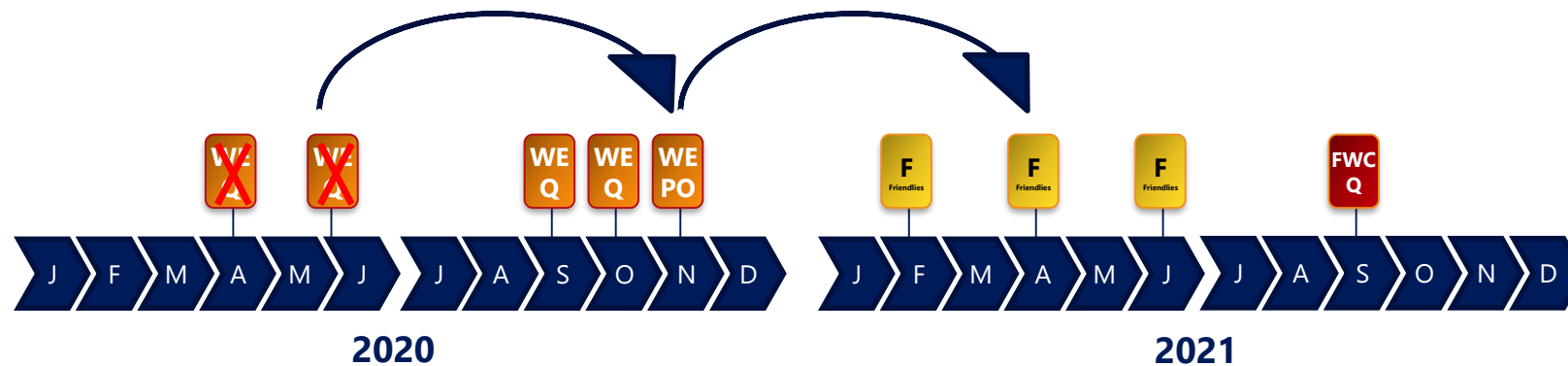
UEFA Women's EURO (WEURO) Qualifiers



COMPETITION STATUS



- **Objective:** streamlined completion of qualifying competition
 - April international window to be rescheduled in October
 - June international window (if postponed) to be re-scheduled in November
 - WEURO Play-offs to be re-scheduled in April



WEURO Final tournament



Summer 2021

- Olympics in summer 2021
 - 23 July- 8 August
 - 3 teams qualified
- Back-to-back scheduling with Euro 2020 jeopardizes commercial and promotional value of WEURO



Summer 2022

- WEURO is the major football event in summer 2022
- Full media engagement & commercial activation (run-up and tournament)

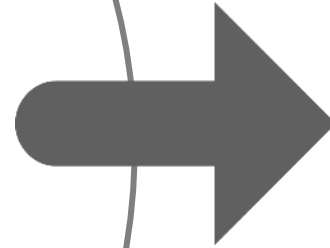
WEURO Final tournament dates

Recommended period
Summer 2022



Objective:

"To find those dates that are best for the development of women's football and therefore allow for a centre stage positioning for its most valuable tournament, the WEURO."



- 2022 from all points of view is the only viable option
- Objective: keeping it in similar period as planned for 2021
- Discussions and analysis ongoing to define exact period



UEFA Under-21

UEFA Under-21 Championship 2021



COMPETITION STATUS

- **March and possibly June qualification matches postponed**
 - Group matches to be rescheduled to November 2020
 - Play-offs to be rescheduled to March 2021



CONSIDERATIONS

- Full final tournament in June 2021 impossible
 - No space between club season and EURO
 - Olympic tournament in summer 2021
 - Media and commercial value jeopardized
- Current age category 1998
- New Under-21 cycle starting in March 2021 (age category 2000)

UEFA Under-21 Championship 2021



Final Tournament - Next Steps

Working (in parallel with WEURO) on rescheduling options in June 2022

Age category to be confirmed (extension of 1 year?)

Further updates to be given at next video conference



UEFA Youth Tournaments



UEFA Under-17 Championship



COMPETITION STATUS

- **Elite round postponed** (March, 32 teams, 8 mini-tournaments)
- **Final tournament postponed** (Estonia, 16 teams, 21/05-06/06)
- **Not a FIFA World Cup Qualifier**



CONSIDERATIONS

- Same players start new U19 cycle in Sept 2020
- Elite round / qualifications difficult in summer
- Risk of potential new cancellation of the Elite Round and Final Tournament



PROPOSAL



- Elite Round cancelled
- Final Tournament cancelled

UEFA Women's Under-17 Championship (1/2)



COMPETITION STATUS

- **Elite Round postponed** (March, 28 teams, 7 mini-tournaments)
- **Final Tournament postponed** (Sweden, 8 teams, 09/05-22/05)
- **FIFA World Cup Qualifier** (3 teams qualify for FIFA U-17 WWC in India in November 2020)



CONSIDERATIONS

- FIFA U-17 WWC draw on 2 September 2020
- Impossible to keep same format
- Simplified format needed to qualify teams to WWC

UEFA Women's Under-17 Championship (2/2)



OPTIONS

1

OPTION 1: Single-leg knock-out matches

- 29-team knockout qualification (3 rounds – single leg) in July or August
- Final 4 in August

2

OPTION 2: MTs and Final 8

- 7 reduced MTs (SF and final only) in July or August
- Final 8 with QF, SF and Final in August

3

OPTION 3: Coefficient-based qualification

- 3 teams with best coefficients qualified for the FIFA U-17 WWC
- Elite Round and Final Tournament cancelled

4

OPTION 4: Cancellation

- (If FIFA U-17 WWC cancelled) Elite Round and Final Tournament cancelled

UEFA Under-19 Championship



COMPETITION STATUS

- **Elite Round postponed** (March, 28 teams, 7 mini-tournaments)
- **Final Tournament scheduled in Northern Ireland** (8 teams, 19/07-01/08)
- **FIFA World Cup Qualifier** (5 teams qualify for FIFA U-20 WC in 2021 in Indonesia)



CONSIDERATIONS

- Need to keep qualification to FIFA U-20 WC
- Elite Round impossible in June, Final Tournament to be postponed



PROPOSAL



- Elite Round in September
- Final phase:
 - Group Phase (2 mini-tournaments with 4 teams each) in Oct or Nov
 - Final 4 & FIFA play-off in Nov or Mar

UEFA Women's Under-19 Championship



COMPETITION STATUS

- **Elite round postponed** (March, 28 teams, 7 mini-tournaments)
- **Final tournament scheduled in Georgia** (8 teams, 21/7-02/08)
- **Not a FIFA World Cup Qualifier**



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