

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

To:  
Andrea Agnelli, President of ECA  
Michele Centenaro, General Secretary of ECA

Dear President and General Secretary,

Now that we have knowledge of the new European Club Competitions model for the cycle starting in season 2024/25, the clubs of LaLiga and members of ECA (ordinary and associated), detailed below, want to declare the following:

- In our opinion, the new European Club Competitions model proposed by UEFA and the Executive Board of ECA represents a potential great threat, not only to national leagues and the great majority of clubs, but for all European football, representing a frontal attack to the competitive balance and to the stability of domestic competitions.
- We want to make clear that the below clubs are fully willing and interested to contribute to improve European competitions, to take part in a constructive dialogue and to reach agreements with all those involved: national leagues, clubs and other stakeholders. However, we find the changes in this draft unacceptable, leaving very limited room for negotiation.
- We are very concerned about the way these drastic changes are being proposed. The lack of transparency, with negotiations led by a few that have become representatives of European clubs, leads to many of us no longer feeling represented by the Executive Board of ECA. Proof of this is that the new model has not been shown to us at any time, we have only been made aware of it by third parties.
- We firmly believe that European competitions should be a reward for excellence, in which the best teams participate in a competition open to all, based on the principles of sporting merit, solidarity among clubs, fair distribution, etc. Access should always be achieved, with only the exceptions that apply in the current format, through domestic competitions.
- We feel we are at a turning point in European football, which we must take advantage of in order to improve governance and management of European football in general, and ECA in particular. If these concerns are not considered or resolved, we may have to question our ECA membership.
- We sincerely believe that we are facing the biggest threat in the history of European football in recent years for clubs and national leagues.

The signatories:

- Athletic Club
- Club Atlético de Madrid, S.A.D.
- Sevilla Fútbol Club, S.A.D.
- Real Sociedad de Fútbol, S.A.D.
- Valencia Club de Fútbol, S.A.D.
- Villarreal Club de Fútbol, S.A.D.
- Málaga Club de Fútbol, S.A.D.

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