



## **The European Leagues and the Fans' Organisations (Football Supporters Europe & Supporter Direct Europe) agree on a set of principles for the protection and sustainable development of domestic and international club football.**

### **DOMESTIC FOOTBALL**

The parties acknowledge the importance of competitive domestic competitions in full capacity stadiums with home and away fans, with sporting merit as the primary driver for success. Domestic league football provides the foundations for every aspect of the game, from grassroots through to international tournaments.

The European Leagues and the Fans' Organisations recognise that home and away fans have the right to enjoy football in a safe, secure, and welcoming environment and are committed to working together to develop and implement optimal hosting standards.

#### **Dialogue**

The Parties commit to work with their respective members towards structural dialogue between league competition organizers and fans organisations at domestic level.

#### **Inclusion and Diversity**

The European Leagues and the Fans' Organisations commit to doing everything for European Football (domestically and internationally) and their internal structures to be accessible to everyone, regardless of their ethnic origin, ability, religion and belief, gender, sexual orientation, and age.

### **INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL**

#### **GOVERNANCE**

The Football Stakeholders share a joint responsibility for collective governance structures and thus should have appropriate involvement on matters of legitimate interests in the European football governance model.

#### **COMPETITIONS**

##### **Format of the Competitions**

The leagues and fan organizers are open to Innovations in the format of International Club Competitions provided:

- they do not jeopardize domestic competitions and their Format, their Calendar, their Competitive Balance
- they don't go against the general principle of access based on sporting merit.

##### **Calendar of the Competitions**

- Any change in the Calendar of international Club Competitions at European level and/or in the International Match Calendar (IMC) must not jeopardize the calendar of domestic league competitions.
- If global regulatory bodies allow International Club Competitions and National Team Competitions to grow too large it will distort the competitive balance of leagues and the health of domestic football.



### **Access to the Competitions**

Qualification for International Club Competitions must be earned on the pitch:

- Access must always be based on the latest annual performance of clubs in their respective domestic top tier league or domestic cup competition.
- No to any qualification based on club coefficients or historical sporting merits.
- No to any promotion and relegation system between different international club competitions.

### **Revenue Distribution models**

International Club Competitions generate their revenue from the value of clubs that has been created by domestic competitions. These competitions should therefore respect their positions in the ecosystem by:

- Compensating domestic competitions for providing them with exclusive periods by refraining from playing on International (club) dates.
- Developing a fair revenue distribution model between the various international club competitions (e.g.: in case of UCC, sincere higher investment in the two competitions below UCL by allocating a larger relative share of overall revenue from the UCC's to these two competitions).
- Ensuring there is a fairly share of all revenue allocated to non-participating clubs.
- No historical results as criteria for revenue distribution (i.e.: the current club coefficient in UCC must be abolished).

**The Parties commit to protect and improve the principles mentioned above via direct bilateral cooperation with the aim to develop – on a project basis - joint activities such as: advocacy/communications/awareness initiatives/structural dialogue/SLO implementation; in stadia initiatives; surveys and studies; webinars & events; EU related initiatives; etc.**

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