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## **IPFL Rejects the UEFA Club Competitions Proposals**

- The Israeli Professional Football League (IPFL) reject the current dramatic changes proposed for the international club competitions from 2024 onwards
- The discussed concept presented by UEFA and supported by the European Club Association (ECA) would have unacceptable consequences for all leagues in Europe, including the IPFL - which is a smaller League - and should therefore not be implemented in this form.
- The League firmly believe in sporting merit as the sole criteria to qualify to international club competitions.
- Each season clubs must access to UEFA Club Competitions (UCC) only and exclusively via domestic league competitions.
- Any change in UEFA Club Competitions must not jeopardize the calendar of domestic league competitions.
- The League is against the introduction of more match-days than those foreseen in the current UCC format and relevant calendar.
- No UCC match-days can be scheduled during weekends.
- In light to the upcoming decision on revenue distribution for the UCC cycle 2021/24, the IPFL supports the introduction of a fairer revenue distribution model and the substantial increase of solidarity within UCC.
- It is imperative to increase solidarity payments so to protect and enhance competitive balance in the domestic league competitions and to guarantee the long-term sporting and financial sustainability of all our clubs and not solely those who participate regularly to the European cups.