

Promotion and relegation between the 2026/27 and 2028/29 editions of the UEFA Nations League (UNL)

The initially planned promotion/relegation system was until now based on a four-league system, and adaptations were therefore necessary to transition to a three-league system for the 2028/29 edition.

These approved adjustments are as follows:



Play-offs

The following teams contest the play-offs, which determine their league allocations for the next edition of the competition, based on their ranking in the 2026/27 UEFA Nations League at the end of the league phase:

The League A/B play-offs are contested by:

The two lowest-ranked third-placed teams from League A, and the two highest-ranked fourth-placed teams from League A; against the four runners-up from League B.

The League B/C play-offs are contested by:

the four fourth-placed teams from League B against the four runners-up from League C.

Promotion/relegation

Associations are promoted and relegated between the leagues for the next edition of the competition as follows:

The four group winners of League B are promoted to League A.

The two lowest-ranked fourth-placed teams of Leagues A are relegated to League B.

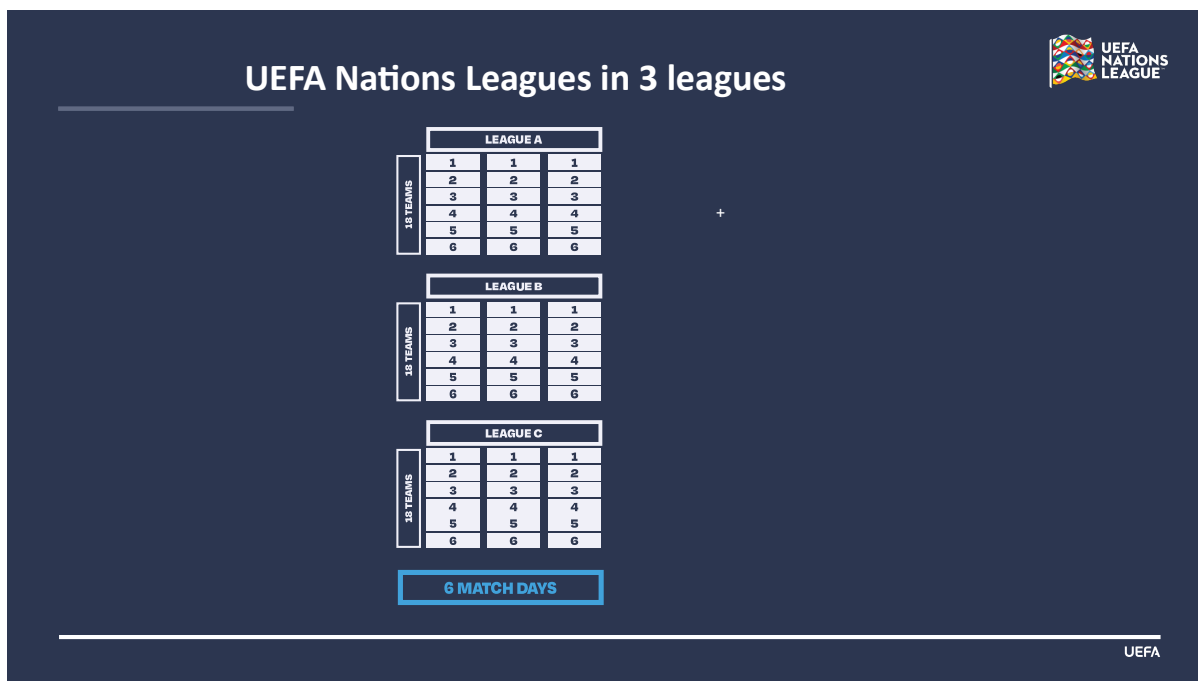
The four winners of the League A/B play-off ties play in League A and the four defeated teams play in League B.

The four group winners of League C are promoted to League B.

The four winners of the League B/C play-off ties play in League B and the four defeated teams play in League C.

Since there will be no more League D, all league D teams are promoted to League C.

League composition for 2028/29 UEFA Nations League



The composition of the 2028/29 UNL will therefore include the following teams based on their results in the 2026/27 edition:

League A

- 8 League A quarterfinalists
- 2 highest-ranked 3rd-placed teams of League A
- 4 League B group winners
- 4 winners of the League A/B play-offs

League B

- 2 lowest-ranked 4th-placed teams of League A
- 4 teams defeated in the League A/B play-offs
- 4 3rd-placed teams of League B
- 4 League C group winners
- 4 winners of the League B/C play-offs

League C

- 4 teams defeated in the League B/C play-offs
- 8 teams placed 3rd and 4th in League C
- 6 League D teams