
UEFA Champions League to be concluded in Lisbon as 12 hosts for Euro 2020 remain intact

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The UEFA Champions League is set to resume on August 7 and the quarter-finals, semi-finals and final will all be played in Lisbon, while European football's governing body has also confirmed today that the 12 host cities for Euro 2020 - postponed until 2021 - will all stage matches next year.

The decisions were made following a meeting of the UEFA Executive Committee today.

Euro 2020, proposed to be held across 12 cities in 12 different countries, was postponed by a year due to the coronavirus pandemic and there had been doubts over the abilities of some venues to put matches on in 2021.

Those same doubts were cited as the reason for UEFA moving this meeting from May 27 to today.

However, UEFA says all host cities have given them the green light and

a new match schedule has been released.

The competition will begin on June 11 in Rome and reach its climax at Wembley Stadium in London on July 11.

Wembley is still scheduled to be the semi-final venue.

Munich, Rome, St Petersburg and Baku will host quarter-finals as well as group-stage clashes.

Copenhagen, Bucharest, Amsterdam, Dublin, Bilbao, Glasgow and Budapest are the other venues, staging group-stage and last-16 encounters.

Playoffs to decide the final qualifiers for the tournament are now hoped to be played in international windows beginning on October 8 and November 12.

As for UEFA's premier club competition, the Champions League is now slated to resume on August 7 as second legs are still to be played in five ties in the round of 16.

Lisbon's Estádio da Luz is set to host this season's Champions League final
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Where those games will happen remains to be seen, with UEFA not making a decision on whether the teams due to host those matches can do so.

Travel restrictions and Government quarantine periods will factor into that call, with the other option staging the matches in Portugal.

A decision will be made before July 10, UEFA said.

That is because July 10 is the date for the quarter-final and semi-final draw, which will be made at UEFA's headquarters in Nyon in Switzerland.

The Estádio da Luz and the Estádio José Alvalade in the Portuguese capital will host the one-legged matches in the last eight, with the latter the venue for the final.

The quarter-finals will be played on August 12,13,14, and 15, the semi-finals on August 18 and 19 and the final on August 23.
