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## ***UEFA Cup Group Stage Draw***

**Draw to take place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October at UEFA Headquarters in Nyon**

The draw for the new-formatted UEFA Cup Group Stage will take place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October at UEFA's headquarters in Nyon, starting at 12.00.

From 2004/05, two qualifying rounds are staged each over two legs to find the 40 clubs which advance to the group stage. This comprises eight groups of five, with two home and two away matches per club. The winners, runners-up and third-placed clubs from each group advance to the last 32 where they are joined with the eight third-placed clubs from the UEFA Champions League. At this point, the traditional two-match format is used with the exception of the single-match final

The objective of this draw is to divide the 40 teams into 8 groups of 5 teams in accordance with the seeding principles, based on the UEFA list of club coefficients. The 40 teams will be allocated to five pots. Pot A will comprise the top eight clubs in the club coefficient rankings, Pot B the following eight clubs in the rankings, and so on for pots C, D and E.

Accreditation badges for media will be available as from 10.00 on the day of the draw at the media accreditation desk in the reception area at UEFA's headquarters. Media representatives wishing to attend these draws have to apply via email to [accreditations@uefa.ch](mailto:accreditations@uefa.ch) before Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October midday.

Due to the number of club representatives expected for the UEFA Cup draw, only photographers and a restricted number of written press representatives and ENG crews will be allowed to attend the draw in the auditorium, with access being granted on a first-come-first-served basis.

Radio and Websites representatives can follow the draw on the screens outside the auditorium and, immediately after the draw, make one-to-one interviews with club representatives.

A sound system will be installed for ENG crews but no extra facilities such as telephone or ISDN lines will be available inside the draw hall and there are no special facilities for radio stations or websites. Due to interference problems, it is recommended for sound engineers not to use the following frequencies while in the House of European Football: 783.875 MHz, 786.125 MHz, 782.250 MHz, 782.875 MHz, 784.625 MHz, 785.250 MHz, 792.500 MHz, 794.875 MHz.

The draw will be transmitted live on [uefa.com](http://uefa.com).

The media are kindly asked to use the car park opposite the House of European Football at the Colovray training centre.

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