Annex D – Coefficient Ranking System

D.1   System overview

UEFA calculates the coefficient of each club and association each season based on the clubs' results in the UEFA Champions League and UEFA Europa League. These coefficients are primarily used to rank the clubs for seeding purposes and to determine the positions of the associations in the access list. UEFA compiles the rankings by covering the five most recent UEFA Champions League and UEFA Europa League seasons.

D.2   Reference periods for rankings

The associations' positions in the 2017/18 UEFA Champions League and UEFA Europa League access list (Annex A) are determined on the basis of the association rankings established at the end of the 2015/16 season, on the basis of the associations' coefficients from seasons 2011/12 to 2015/16 inclusive.

The club coefficient rankings for the 2017/18 UEFA Champions League and UEFA Europa League are drawn up before the start of the 2017/18 season, on the basis of their coefficients from seasons 2012/13 to 2016/17 inclusive.

D.3   Association coefficient calculation

The season coefficient of an association is calculated by adding up the points obtained by all its clubs in a given season (UEFA Champions League and UEFA Europa League) then dividing the total by the number of clubs from that association that took part in the two UEFA club competitions in question.

Points are awarded as follows:
a.   2 points (1 point for qualifying and play-off matches) awarded for a win;
b.   1 point (0.5 point for qualifying and play-off matches) awarded for a draw;
c.   0 points awarded for a defeat.

In the case of a club having refused to enter a UEFA competition for which it qualified, or being excluded from or not admitted to the competition and not being replaced by another club from the same association, the association's coefficient is calculated by dividing the total number of points obtained by its clubs by the number of clubs the association was entitled to enter according to the access list.

D.4   Club coefficient calculation

The season coefficient of a club is calculated by adding the total number of points it obtains in a given season and 20% of its association's coefficient for that same season.

D.4.1   Points awarded in the UEFA Champions League

a. Qualifying phase and play-offs
   – 0.5 points awarded to each club eliminated in the first qualifying round;
   – 1 point awarded to each club eliminated in the second qualifying round;
   – 0 points awarded to each club eliminated in the third qualifying round and in the play-offs. The clubs eliminated at these stages move into the UEFA Europa League and join the UEFA Europa League coefficient calculation system.

b. Group stage onwards
   – 2 points awarded for a win;
   – 1 point awarded for a draw;
   – 0 points awarded for a defeat.

D.4.2   Points awarded in the UEFA Europa League

a. Qualifying phase and play-offs
   – 0.25 points awarded to each club eliminated in the first qualifying round;
   – 0.5 points awarded to each club eliminated in the second qualifying round;
   – 1 point awarded to each club eliminated in the third qualifying round;
   – 1.5 points awarded to each club eliminated in the play-offs.

b. Group stage onwards
   – 2 points awarded for a win;
   – 1 point awarded for a draw;
   – 0 points awarded for a defeat.

c. Guaranteed minimum

   Clubs are guaranteed a minimum of two points in the group stage of the UEFA Europa League even if the number of points actually obtained during this stage is lower. This guaranteed minimum is not added to points actually obtained in the group stage and is not included in the association coefficient calculation.

D.5   Bonus points

Clubs which reach the round of 16, quarter-finals, semi-finals or final of the UEFA Champions League or the quarter-finals, semi-finals or final of the UEFA Europa League are awarded an extra point for each such round. In addition, four points are awarded for participation in the group stage of the UEFA Champions League and four points for qualifying for the round of 16.

These bonus points are also included in the association coefficient calculation.

D.6   Calculation principles

Match points are awarded only for matches which have actually been played, in accordance with the final scores ratified by UEFA. Penalty shoot-outs do not count.

Coefficients are calculated to the thousandth and not rounded up.

D.7   Equal coefficients

If two or more clubs or associations are ranked equally, the following criteria are applied, in the order given, to determine their final rankings:
- their coefficients in the most recent of the seasons on which the rankings are based;
- their coefficients in the next most recent season in which they are not equal;
- drawing of lots.

D.8   Final decisions

The UEFA administration takes final decisions on any matters not provided for in these provisions.