

Scotland to be granted two places in UEFA Women's Champions League



Scotland are set to be granted two places in next season's UEFA Women's Champions League.

Due to a range of factors including both Scottish club and country performances in UEFA Competitions, Scotland's coefficient ranking for UEFA Women's Champions League 2019/20 will be 11, rising from 13th in the previous qualifying period.

As a result, Scotland are set to be awarded with two places within the competition, pending UEFA's confirmation in November.

In accordance with regulations of the UEFA Women's Champions League the association that is ranked in 11th place will have two clubs represented in the competition with allocation as follows:

- The winner of the Scottish Women's Premier League will commence their campaign in the 'Round of 32'
- The runner up of the Scottish Women's Premier League will commence their campaign in the 'Qualifying Round.'

This season, Glasgow City has reached the last 16 of the competition, against Barcelona.

Scottish FA's Head of Girls' and Women's Football, Donald Gillies said: "It is incredibly difficult to achieve this outcome and the clubs who have represented the country in European competitions in recent years need to take enormous credit.

"Scotland qualifying for their first World Cup will inspire a nation and having two of our club sides also represented in one of the world's most prestigious competitions will only help increase awareness of women's football.

"It will also contribute to continue to improve the standard of the game within the country, giving our home based players the chance to compete against the best. "

Scottish Women's Football Chair, Vivienne MacLaren: said: "We're absolutely delighted that two Scottish Women's Premier League sides will be in the UEFA Women's Champions League next season. Glasgow City have had a terrific campaign and they've represented Scotland brilliantly.

"What has been evident in 2018 is how evenly-matched both Glasgow City and Hibernian have been. It has been a highly competitive season, culminating over the next two weekends.

"It would have been a huge shame for one side to miss out on the UEFA Women's Champions League.

"Knowing that both will have a place in Europe's top competition next season is a huge bonus for everyone involved in the game."