



## UEFA Youth League: tomorrow's leading lights in Nyon on 21 and 24 April

The Under-19 teams of **FC Barcelona**, **SL Benfica**, **Real Madrid CF** and **FC Salzburg** will be in action at **Colovray stadium** in Nyon in the finals of the **2016/17 UEFA Youth League**.

The top European footballers of tomorrow will be in action at Colovray stadium in Nyon in the finals of the fourth edition of the UEFA Youth League.

Highlighting the importance of the competition, the UEFA president, Aleksander Čeferin, says: "In just four seasons, the UEFA Youth League has already had a demonstrable impact, with players, referees and coaches all benefiting from this initiative to reduce the gap between youth and senior teams and offer talented young players a taste of elite European competition."

The local population – families, friends and clubs – are invited to come to see some of the best young players of today and big names of the future show off their skills. The matches are scheduled on two days:

### Friday 21 April

- **13.00 – Semi-final 1: FC Barcelona v FC Salzburg**
- **17.00 – Semi-final 2: Real Madrid CF v SL Benfica**

### Monday 24 April

- **16.15 – Final**

"Nyon is very lucky to have the opportunity to host the UEFA Youth League finals each season and see the top footballers of tomorrow playing on a European stage," says the mayor of Nyon, Daniel Rossellat. "This tournament and its international TV coverage help to raise the profile of our town."

The UEFA Foundation for Children, which encourages every child to develop their talents, is partnering the UEFA Youth League and has invited budding young film directors from the local Camp Cinema group to produce a film about the competition.

### Tickets for the public

**Prices:** Under-19s: CHF 5; adults: CHF 10

**Ticket office:** Colovray sports centre, open from 10 to 13 April and from 18 to 20 April, from 12.00 to 19.00 (payment in cash, Swiss francs only). No tickets will be sold on match days. All gate receipts will go to the UEFA Foundation for Children to help make the dreams of seriously ill young football fans come true.

**Media accreditation:** Media representatives wishing to attend the semi-finals and/or final are invited to register by 12.00 on 9 April using the following link: <http://uefa.to/2nu1RON>. Non-rights holders are advised that they will not be allowed to film during matches. However, they will have access to the post-match media activities provided they have the necessary accreditation. If you need more information, contact [UYLfticketing@uefa.ch](mailto:UYLfticketing@uefa.ch) or call +41 (0)22 707 22 11 during the ticket office opening hours (as of 8 April).



### **BEFORE/AFTER THE MATCHES**

- Lots of activities will be organised before and after the matches, from 10.30 to 19.30 on Friday 21 April and from 14.30 to 19.30 on Monday 24 April. Spectators can have their photos taken with the trophy, have a go at Foot Air, marvel at freestylers, learn more about refereeing and the UEFA Foundation for Children, have their faces painted in their team colours, take part in sponsor activities, and much more. Christian Karembeu will also be there as event ambassador.
- On Friday 21 April local clubs will be taking part in a UEFA Youth League junior mini-tournament.

### **Note to editors**

The **UEFA Youth League** aims to further develop youth football at professional club level, reduce the gap between sides' youth and first teams and offer Under-19 players unique international experience and competition matches. Broadcast live on several TV networks and attracting some 12,000 spectators, the winners of the UEFA Youth League take away the Lennart Johansson Trophy. Visit [www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague](http://www.uefa.com/uefayouthleague) for more information.

Created in 2015, the **UEFA Foundation for Children** is a charitable organisation governed by Swiss law. It defends the rights of underprivileged children by using the power of football to improve their lives and to help them to develop their potential and find their place in the community. The foundation currently invests in more than 60 projects in 50 countries around the world. More than 500,000 children have already benefited from the work of the foundation since its creation.