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# **UEFA Nations League** Media Briefing

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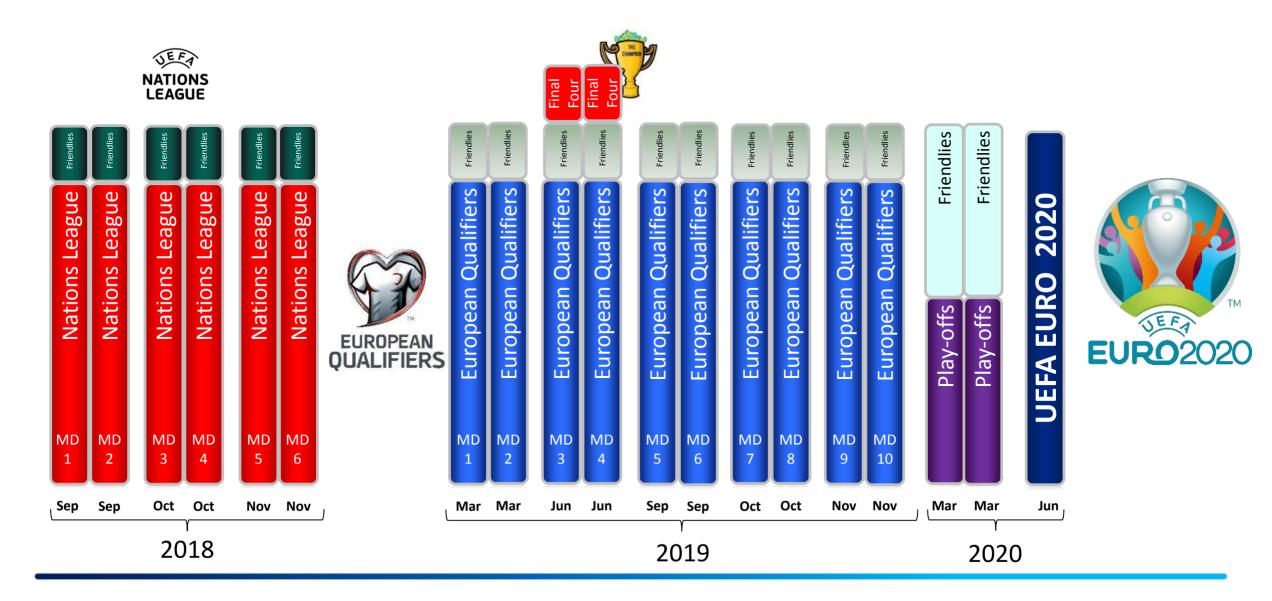




UEFA Nations League 2018/19

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## New UEFA National Team Competition Formats 2018-2020



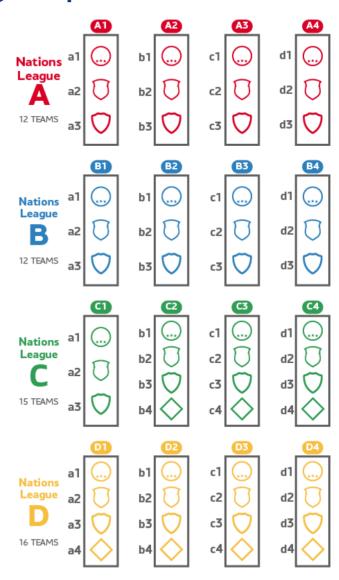
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# UEFA Nations League 2018/19 – League and group formation

#### **League and Group Formation**

- All 55 member associations participate in the UNL
- 4 Leagues with 4 groups each
- Team allocation to leagues for the first edition according to national team coefficient ranking of 11 October 2017
- Group formation done by means of a draw in January 2018



### **UEFA Nations League**

#### **Provisional\*** League Composition after MD8 of European Qualifiers 2016-18

#### League A

1	Germany	40,792
2	Portugal	38,396
3	Belgium	37,983
4	Spain	37,176
5	Switzerland	36,241
6	France	35,932
7	England	35,856
8	Italy	34,766
9	Poland	32,377
10	Croatia	31,144
11	Iceland	30,275
12	Wales	29,504

#### League B

13	Russia	29,258
14	Northern Ireland	29,157
15	Slovakia	28,855
16	Sweden	28,822
17	Netherlands	28,711
18	Ukraine	28,506
19	Bosnia-Herzeg.	28,455
20	Austria	27,878
21	Turkey	27,618
22	Rep. of Ireland	27,104
23	Denmark	27,087
24	Hungary	26,336

#### **League C**

25	Slovenia	26,198
26	Albania	25,815
27	Montenegro	25,627
28	Serbia	25,497
29	Scotland	25,462
30	Czech Republic	25,413
31	Romania	25,317
32	Greece	23,761
33	Bulgaria	22,891
34	Israel	22,467
35	Norway	22,288
36	Cyprus	20,571
37	Finland	20,381
38	Estonia	18,885
39	Azerbaijan	18,841

#### **League D**

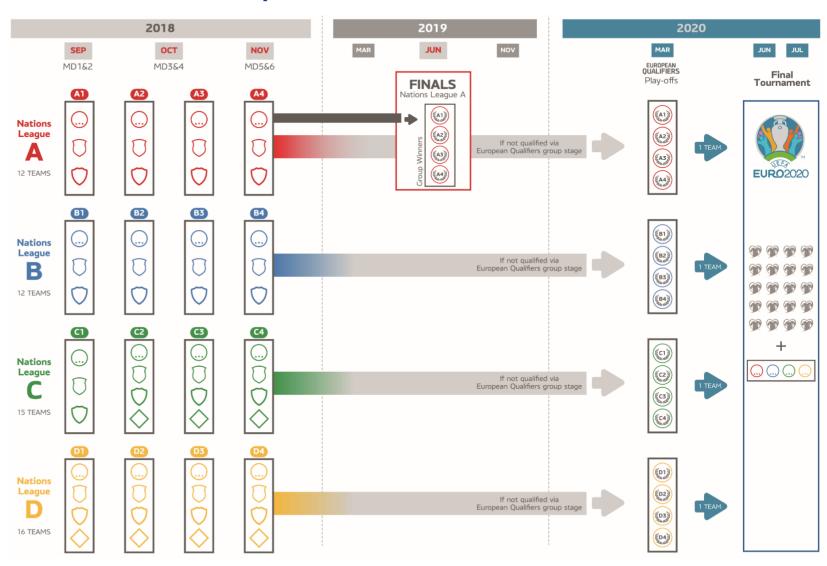
40	Lithuania	18,161
41	Belarus	17,368
42	Georgia	17,043
43	Armenia	16,091
44	FYR Macedonia	16,071
45	Faroe Islands	15,856
46	Luxembourg	14,441
47	Latvia	14,366
48	Moldova	13,311
49	Kazakhstan	13,181
50	Liechtenstein	10,885
51	Andorra	10,685
52	Malta	10,435
53	Kosovo	10,188
54	San Marino	8,270
55	Gibraltar	7,588

<sup>\*</sup>Final ranking will be confirmed on 11 October, after completion of MD10 of the European Qualifiers

# UEFA Nations League 2018/19 – Competition format

#### **Competition Format**

- League Phase: 4 or 6 matches depending on group size
- Finals: 4 group winners of League A determine the winner of the Nations League
- UNL offers a "second chance" to qualify for EURO 2020



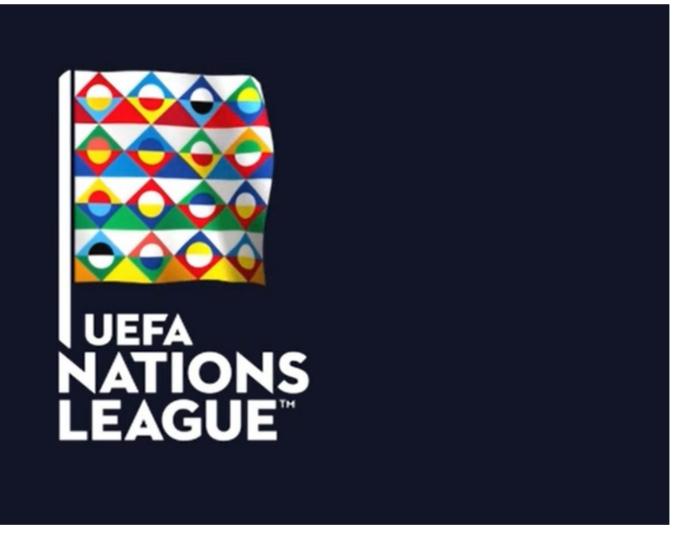




European Qualifiers 2018-20 and UEFA EURO 2020

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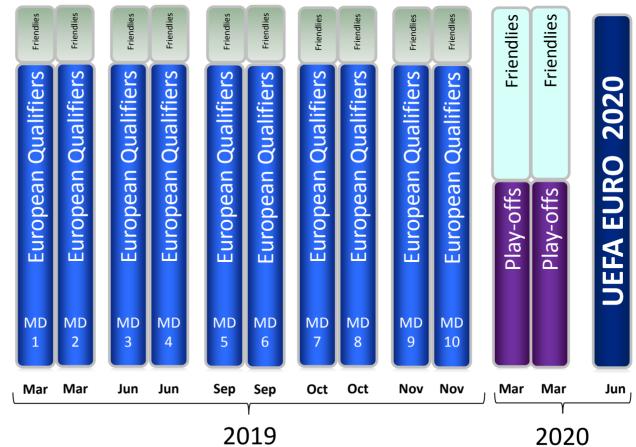
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# European Qualifiers 2018-20 and UEFA EURO 2020

Start on 21 March 2019







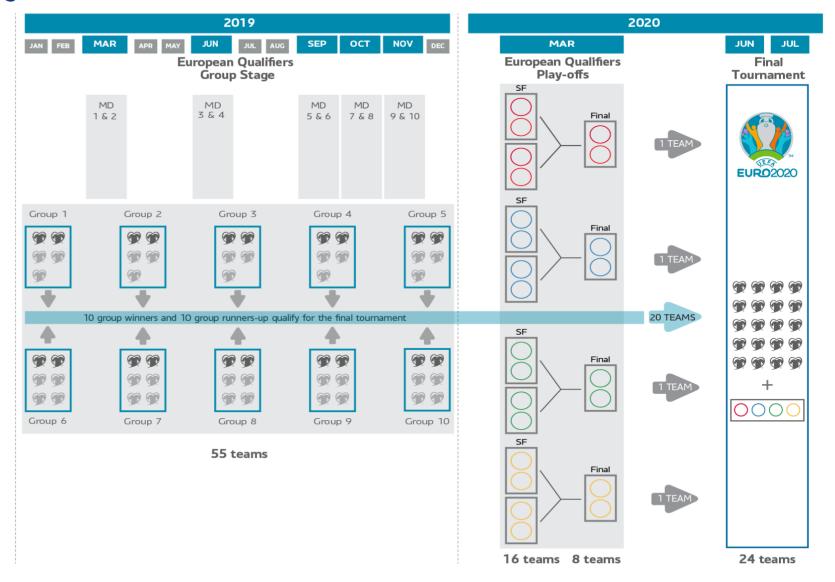
### UEFA EURO 2020 – Qualification format

#### **Group Stage**

- 10 groups of 5/6 teams
- Draw seeding based on UNL results
- Four UNL finalists must play in groups of five teams
- Winners and runners-up from each group qualify for final tournament

#### **Play-offs**

- 16 teams divided into four paths
- One team from each play-off path qualifies for final tournament
- Play-off sourced by UNL





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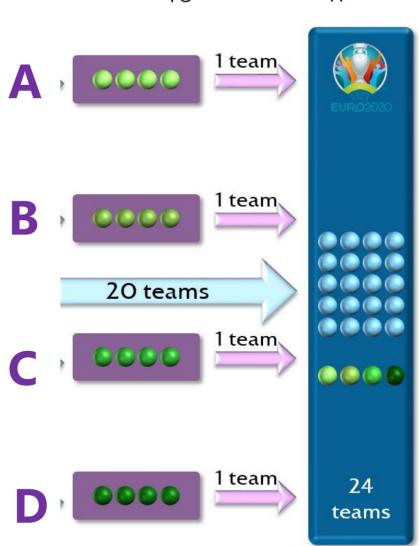




# European Qualifiers play-offs - Introduction



- 16 teams participate in the play-offs, getting a second chance to qualify for the UEFA EURO 2020 final tournament
- The 16 teams will be selected based on their results achieved in the UEFA Nations League
- The 16 teams will be divided in 4 groups
  - Each play-off path is composed of 4 teams
  - Each play-off path qualifies one team to the final tournament



# European Qualifiers Play-Offs - Key principles

- 1. Every league has its own Play-Off group if at least 4 teams are available
- 2. Group Winners qualify for the Play-Offs
- 3. Group Winners already qualified are replaced by next best ranked in the same league
- 4. If not enough teams in the same league, Group Winners are replaced by best team in the overall ranking **BUT**
- 5. Group Winners cannot play with teams from a higher league

# Select the 16 teams for the Play-Offs

- 1. Bottom-up process from League D to League A
- 2. Select all available Group Winners
- 3. Replace qualified Group Winners with next best from the same league
- 4. If not enough teams in the league, for the open slot(s)
  - (a.) (there is a Group Winner) select the best team of a lower league
  - (there is no Group Winner) select the best team in the overall ranking

# Form the 4 Play-Off groups

- 1. Bottom-up process from League D to League A
- 2. Form a path with 4 teams from the same league
- 3. If more than 4 teams in the league, draw the teams in the group of that league (ensuring the Group Winners don't have to compete with teams from a higher league)
- 4. Remaining teams are drawn with teams from higher leagues

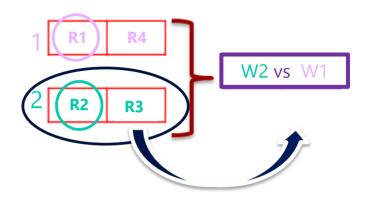
# European Qualifiers play-offs – Venue and scheduling

 Each play-off path features two single-leg semifinals and one single-leg final

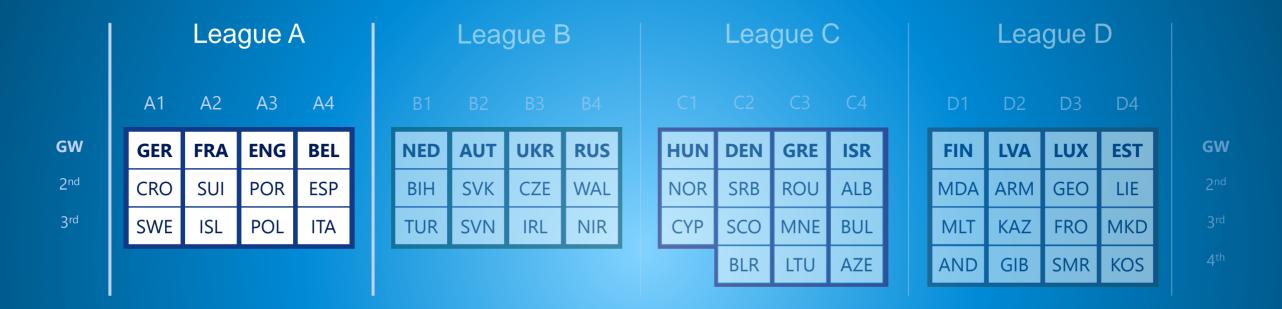
- The two better-ranked teams, R1 and R2, host their semi-final
- The host of the final will be decided by draw:

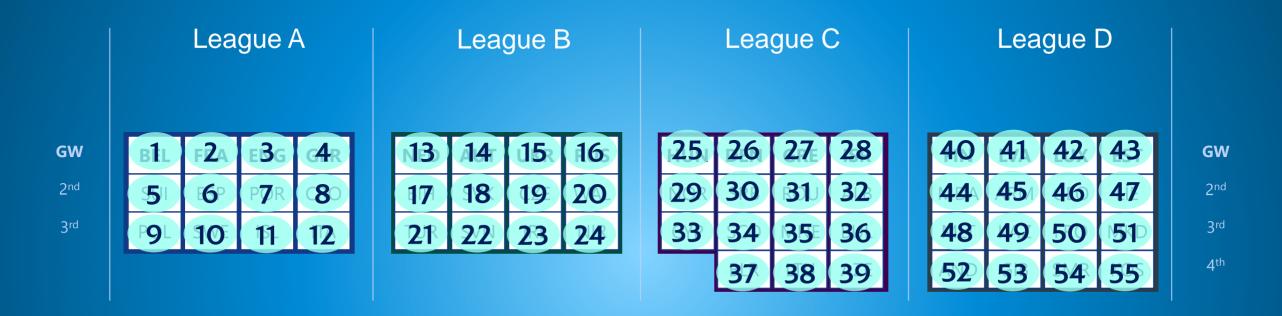
For example, if semi-final 2 is drawn, the winner of semi-final 2, R2 or R3, will host the final match





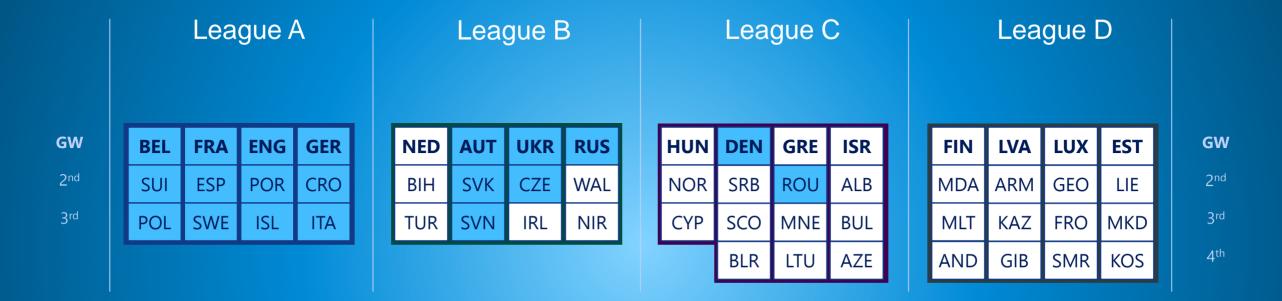


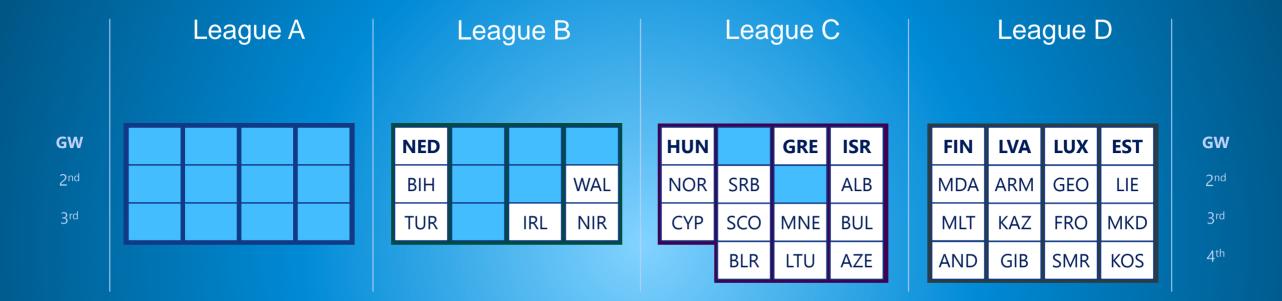






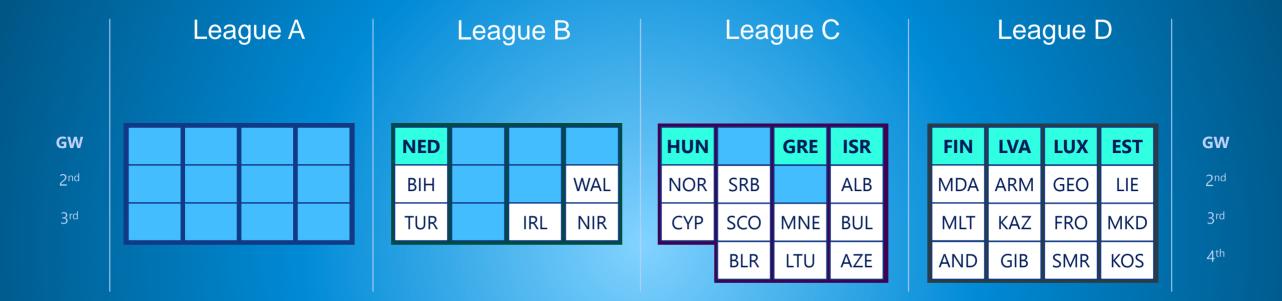






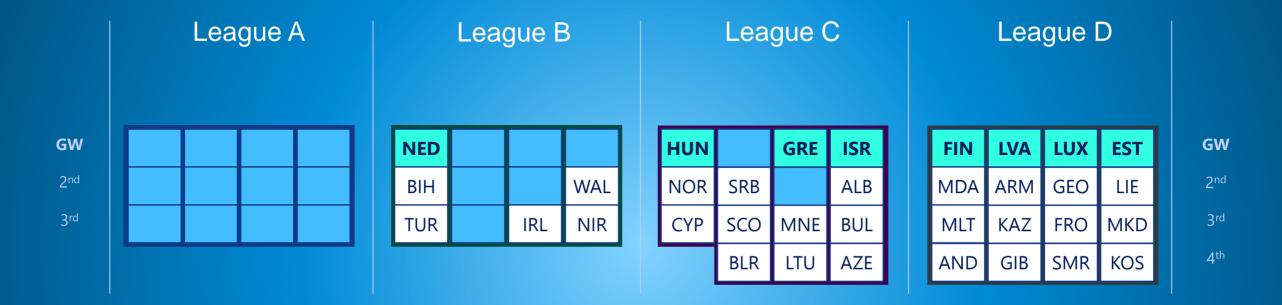
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Group winners



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Group winners

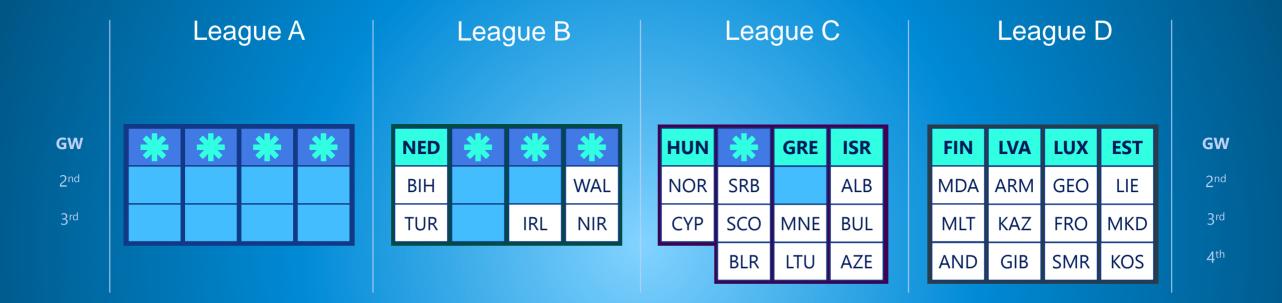


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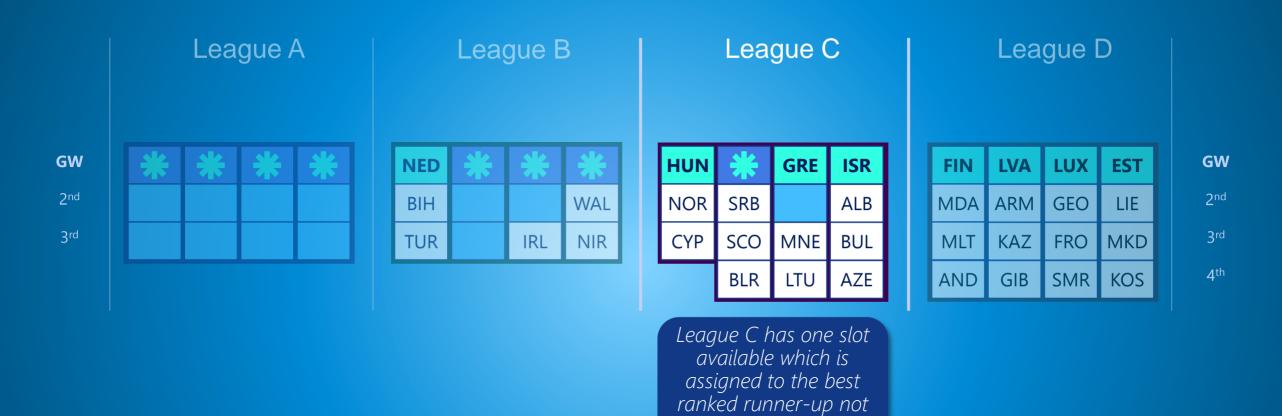






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available which go to the three best-ranked teams not yet qualified

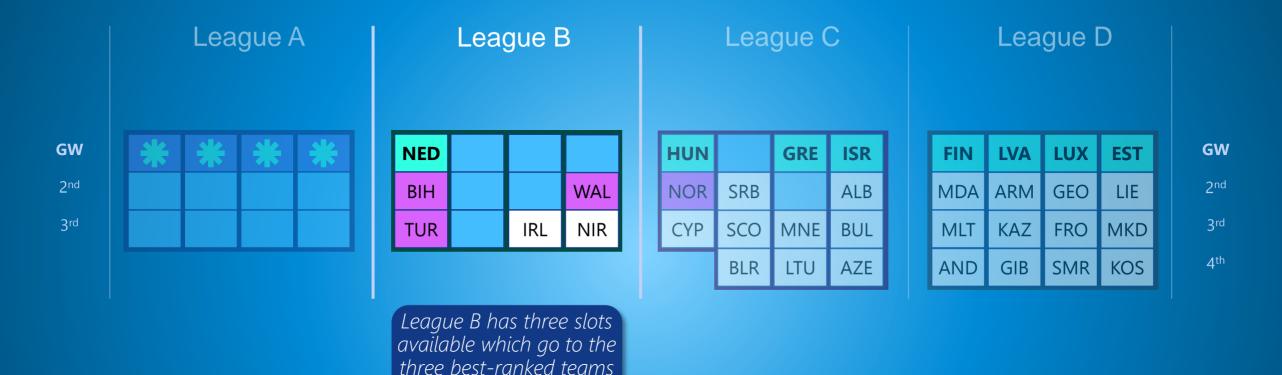
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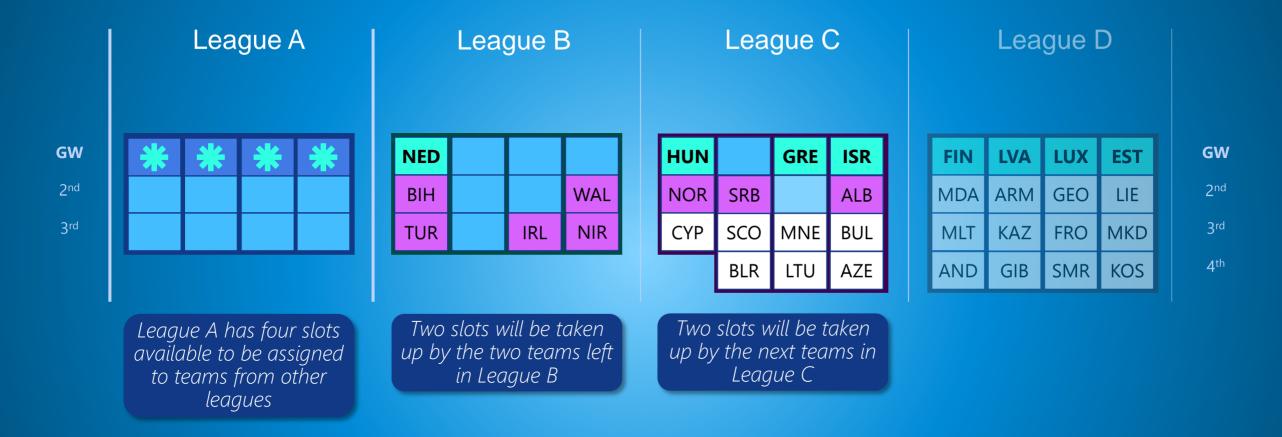
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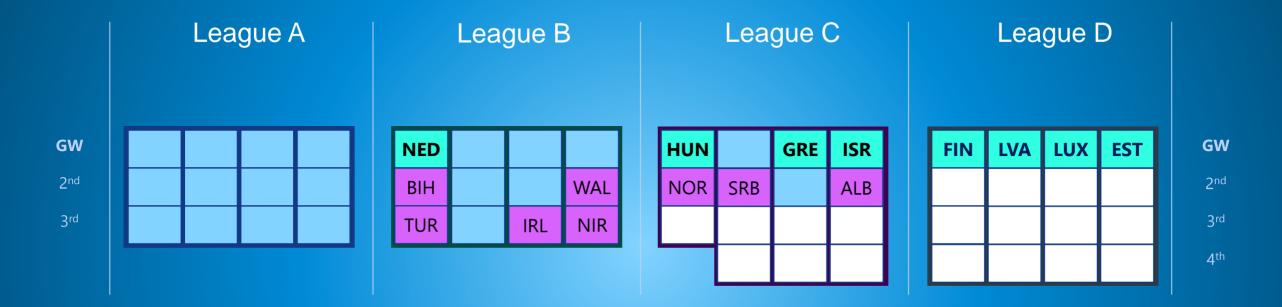
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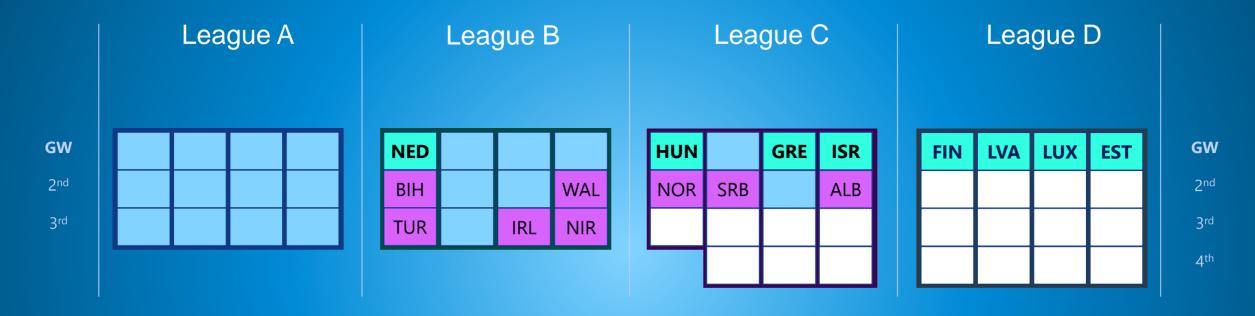


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Group winners







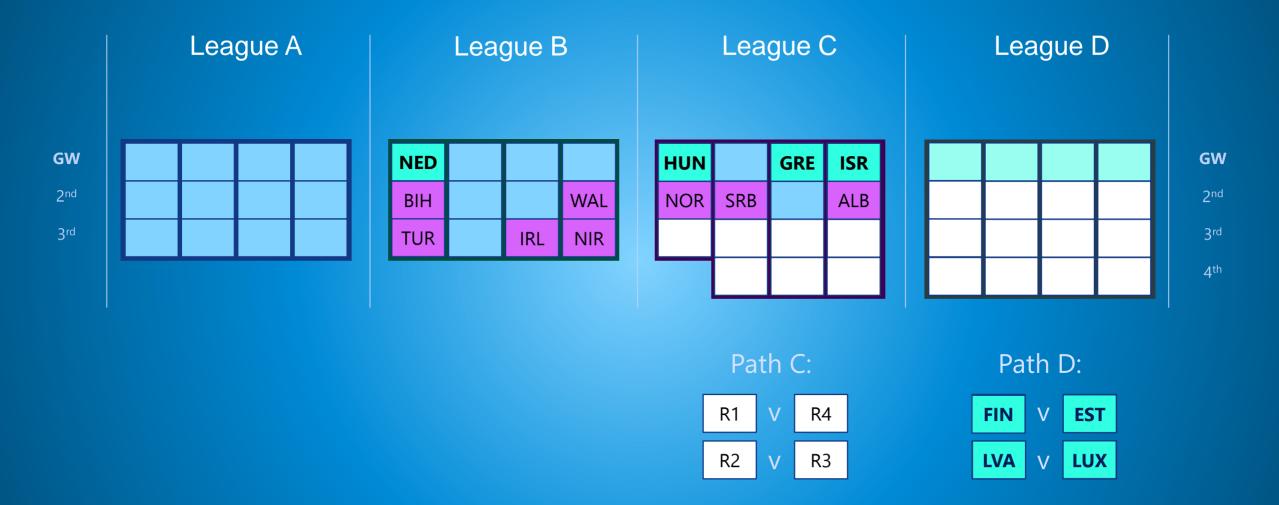
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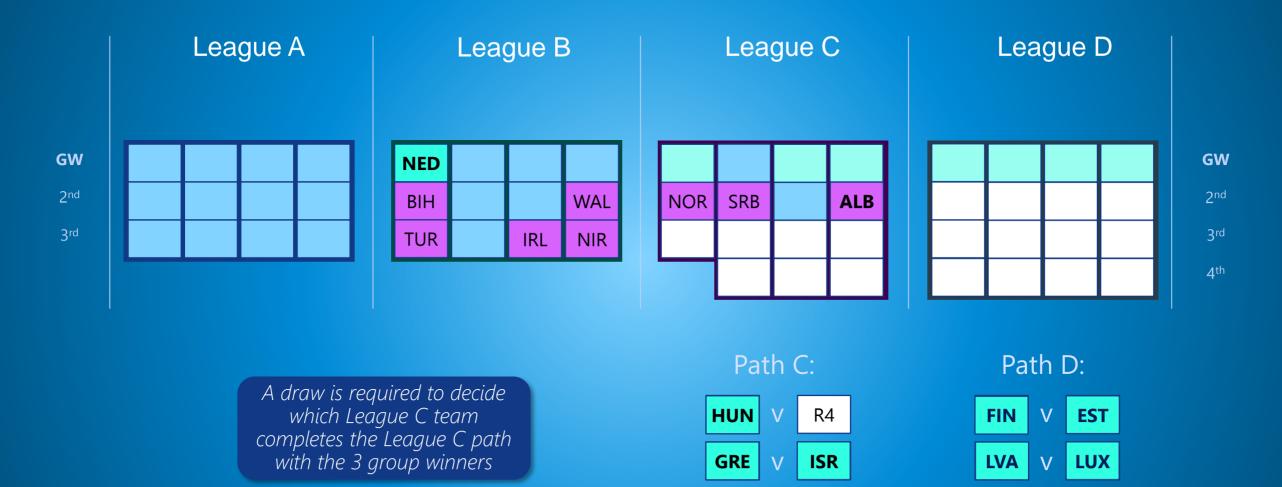
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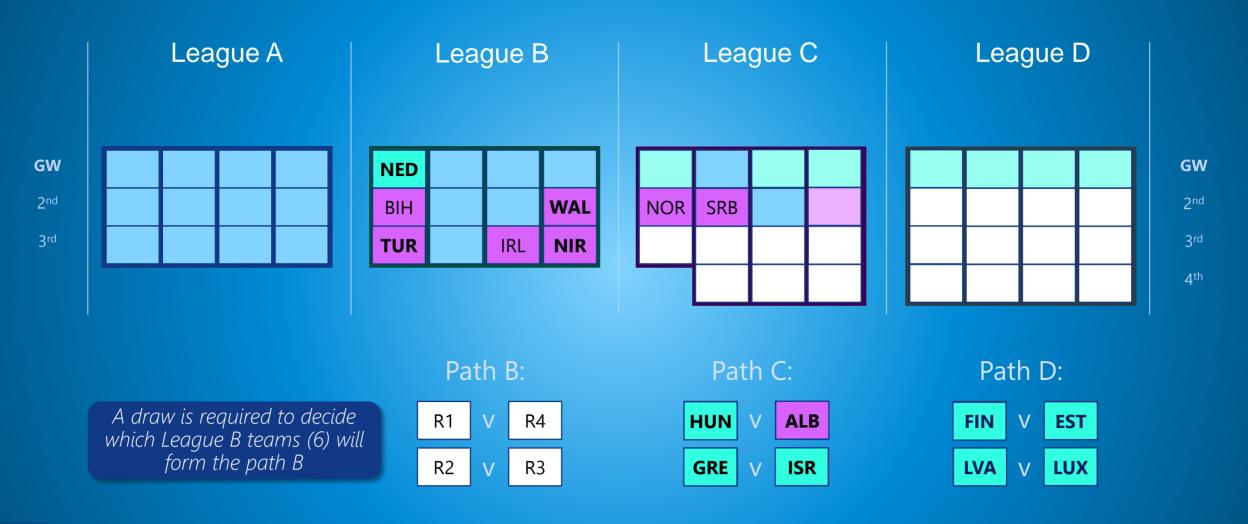


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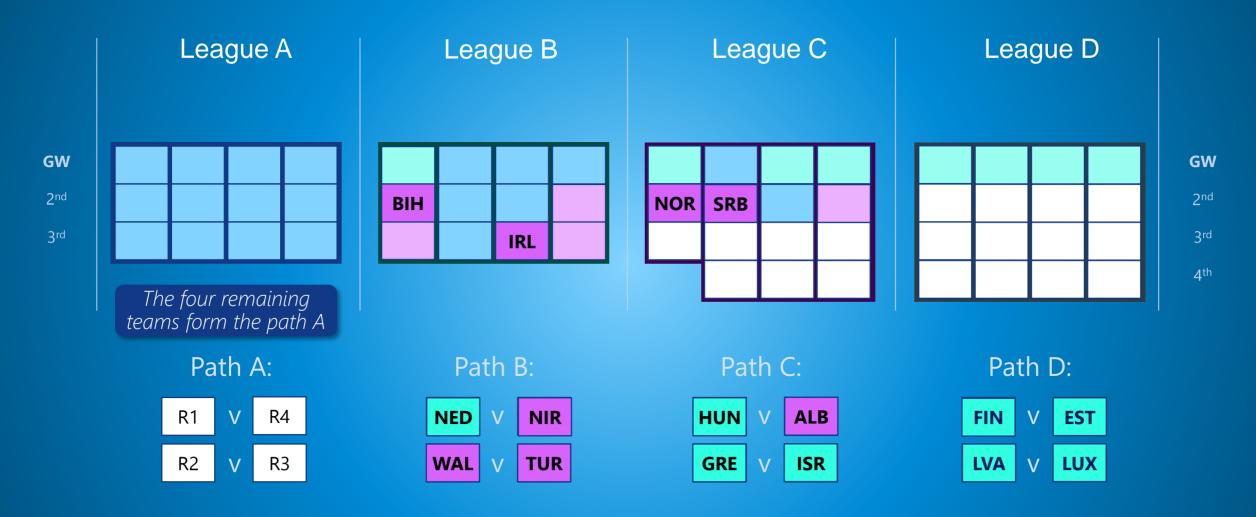
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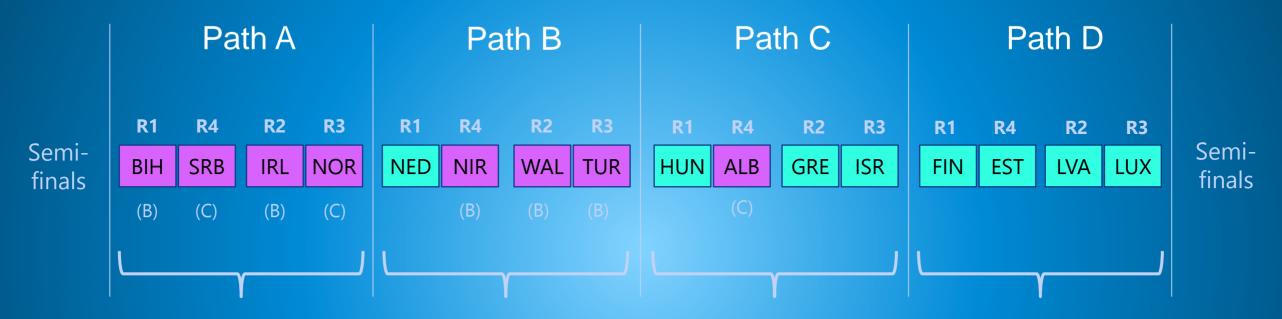
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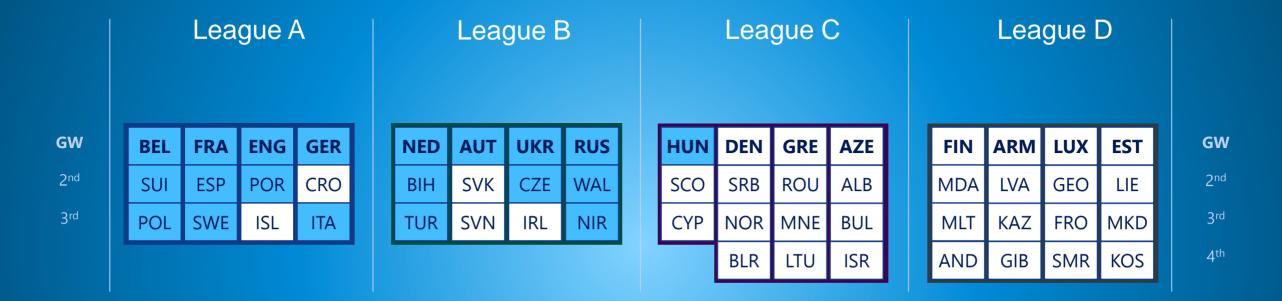
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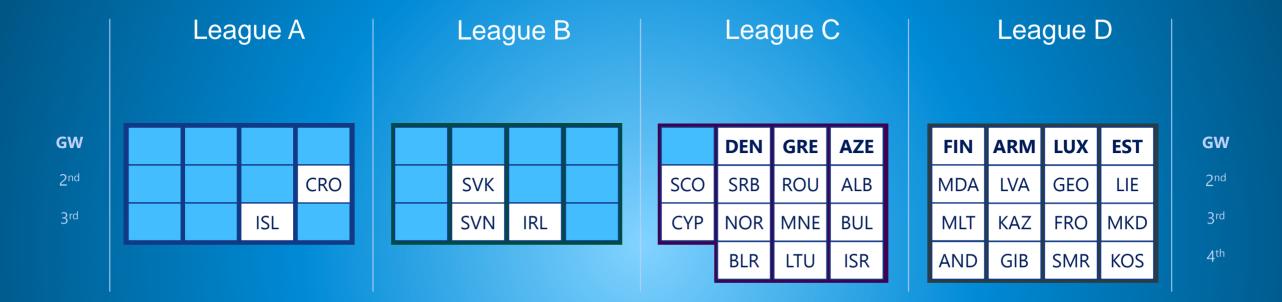
1 team from League B 1 team from League C 1 team from League D

EURO 2020















































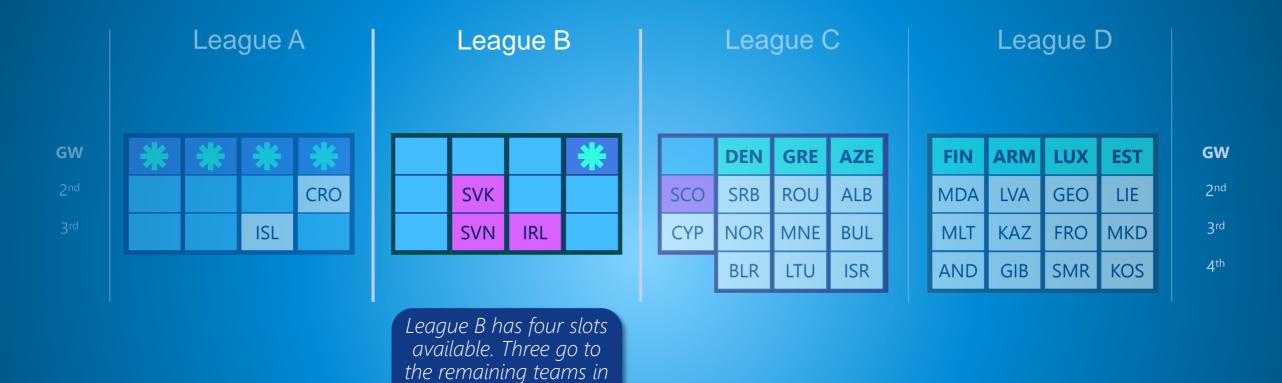
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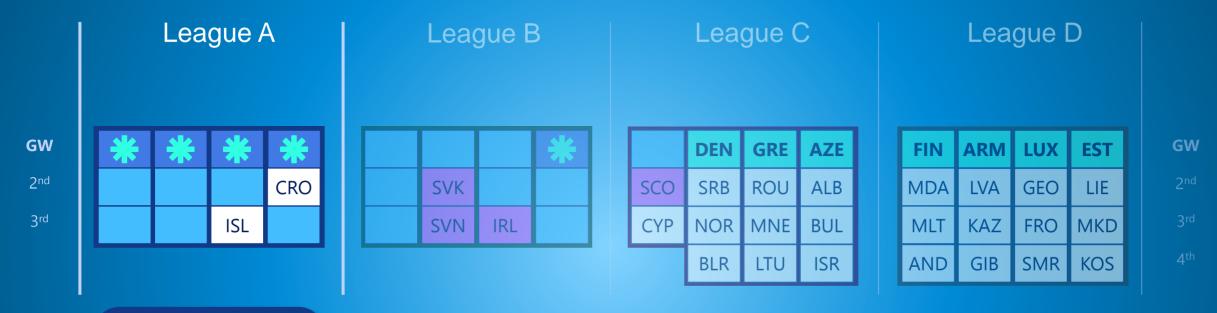


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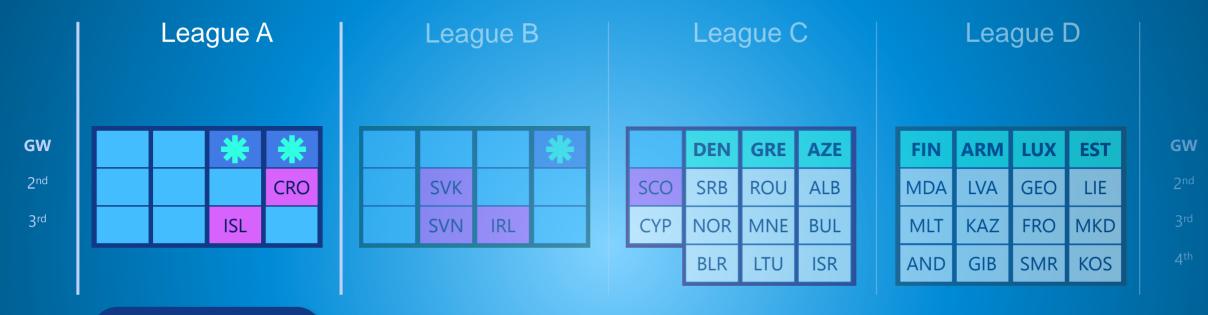
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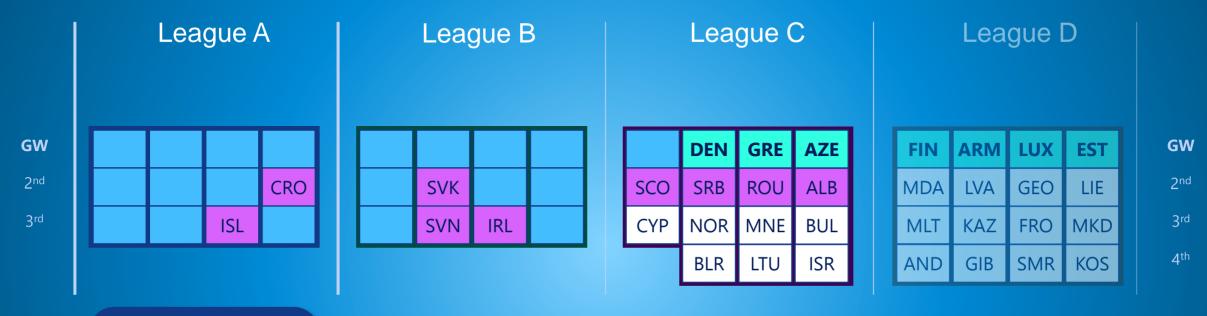
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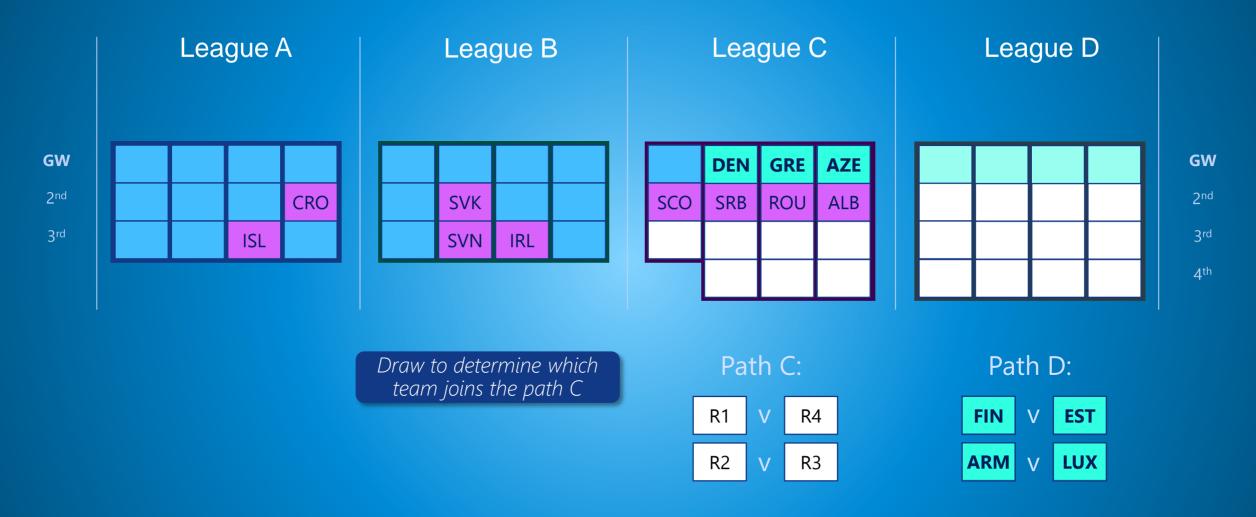
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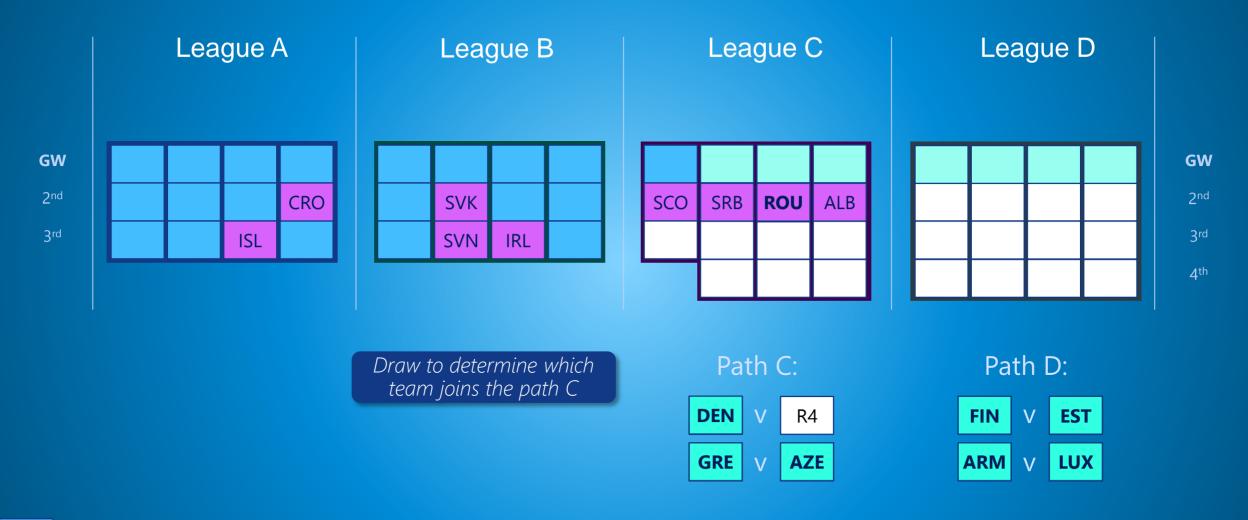




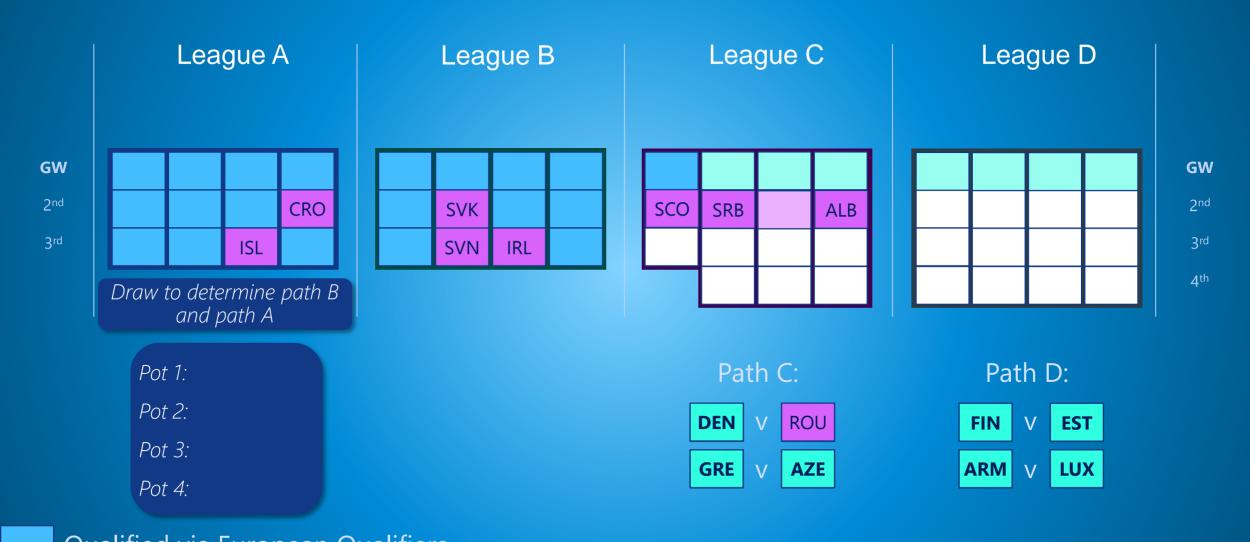
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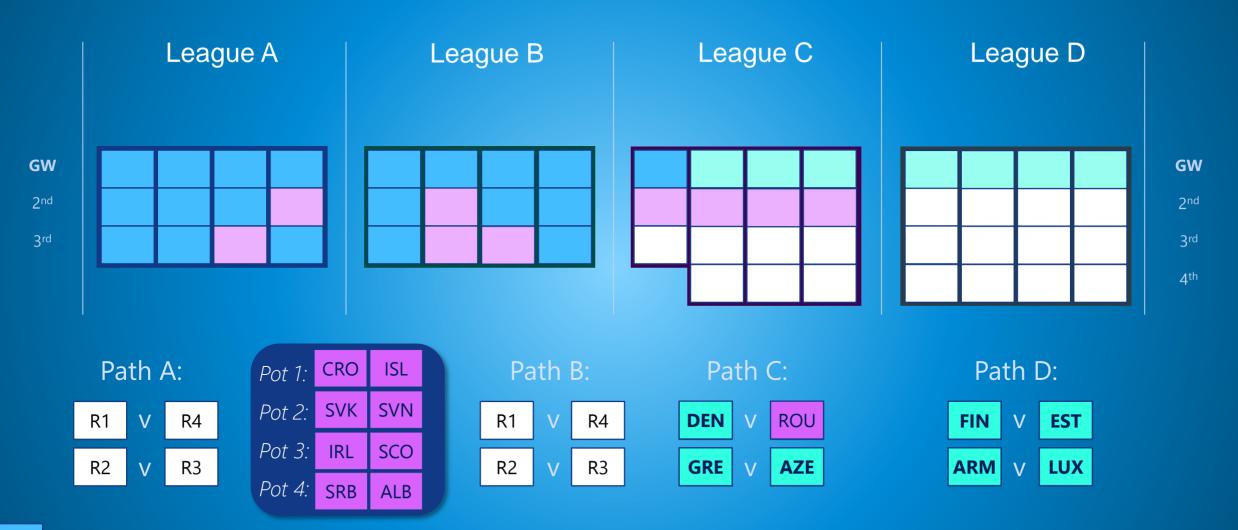




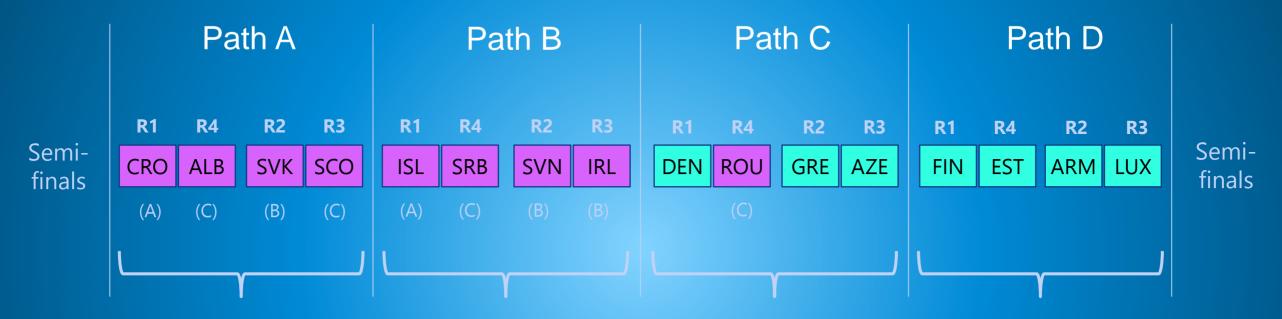












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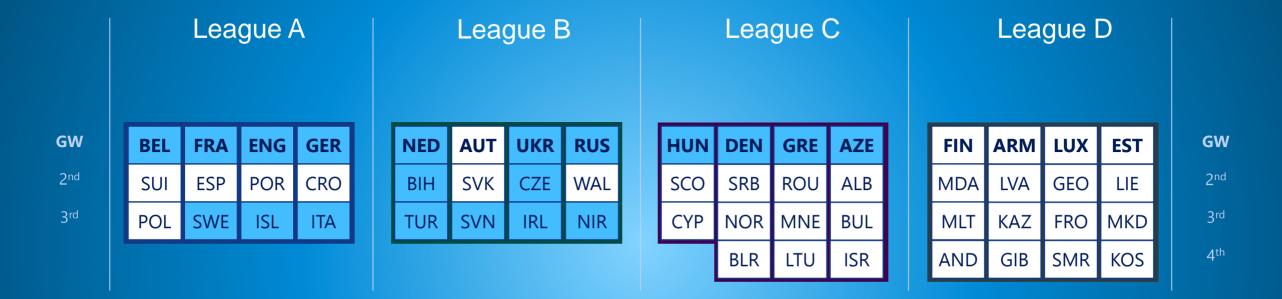
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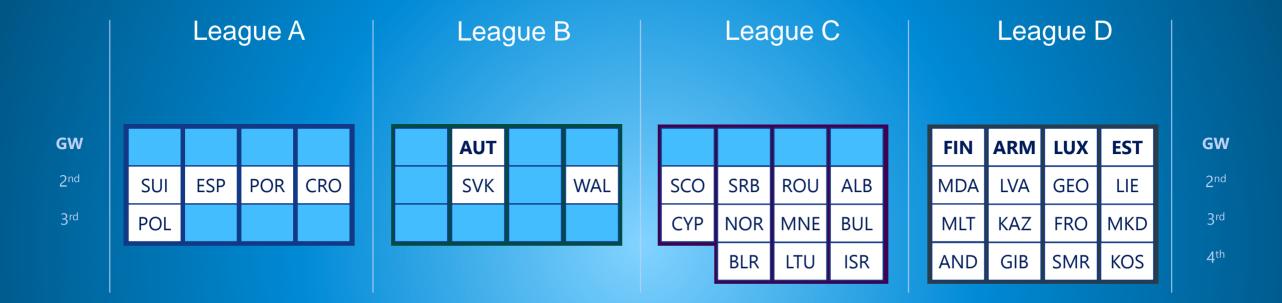
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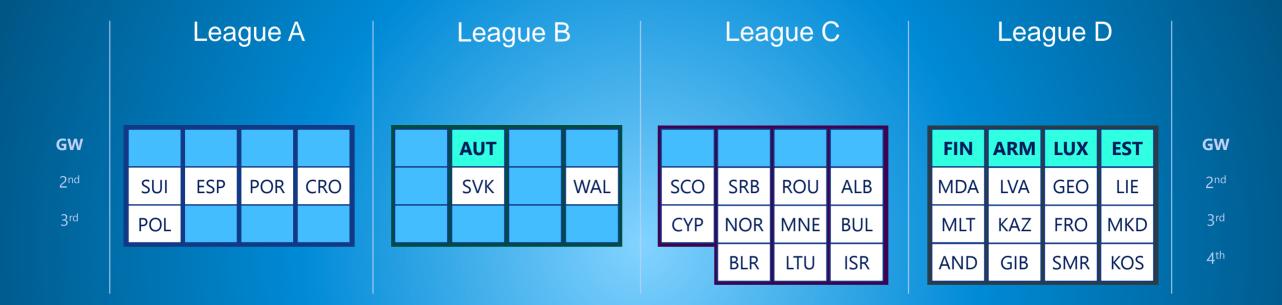
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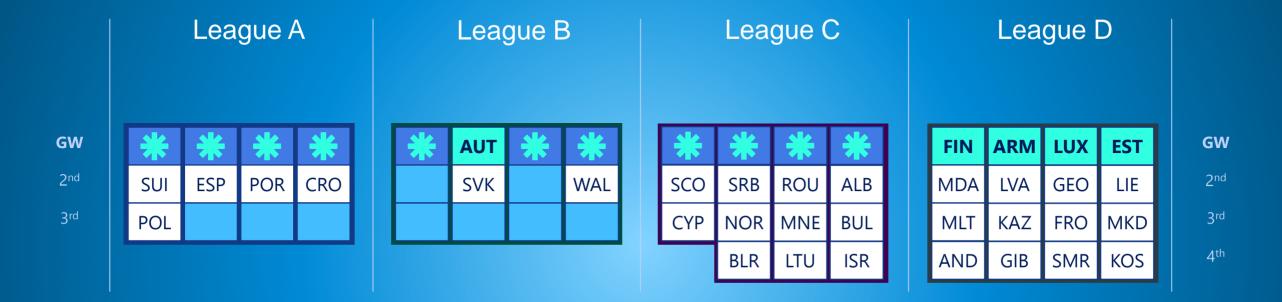
































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Available slots for EQ play-offs





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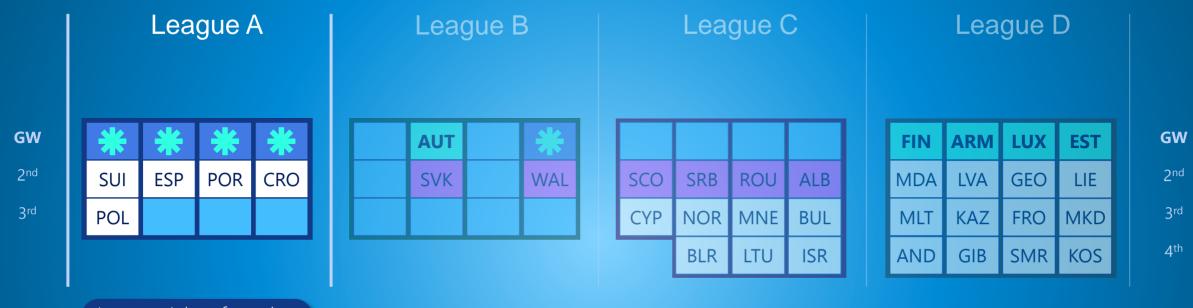


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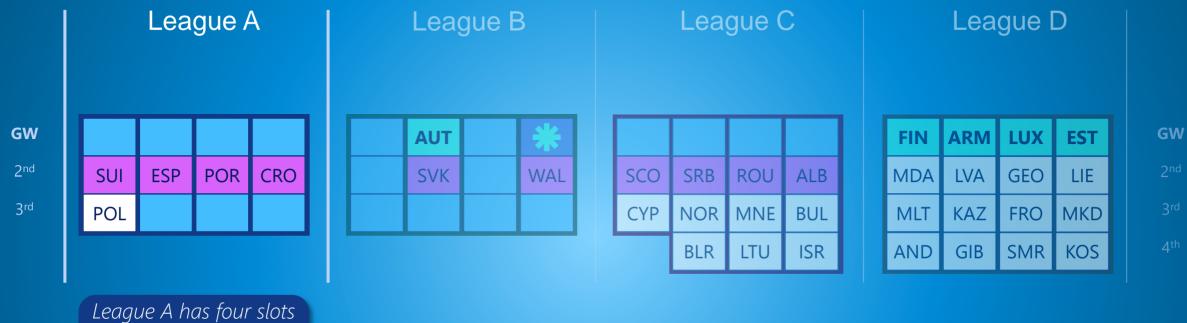
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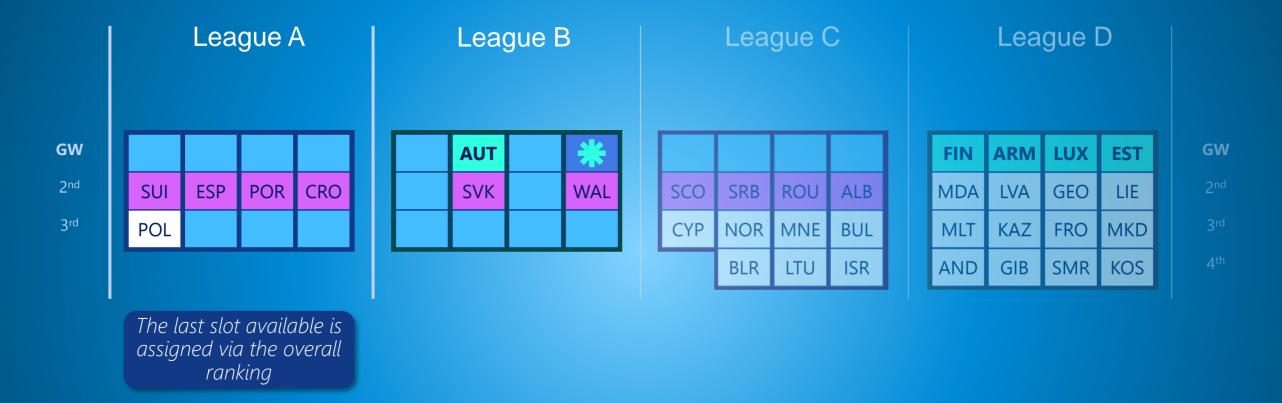
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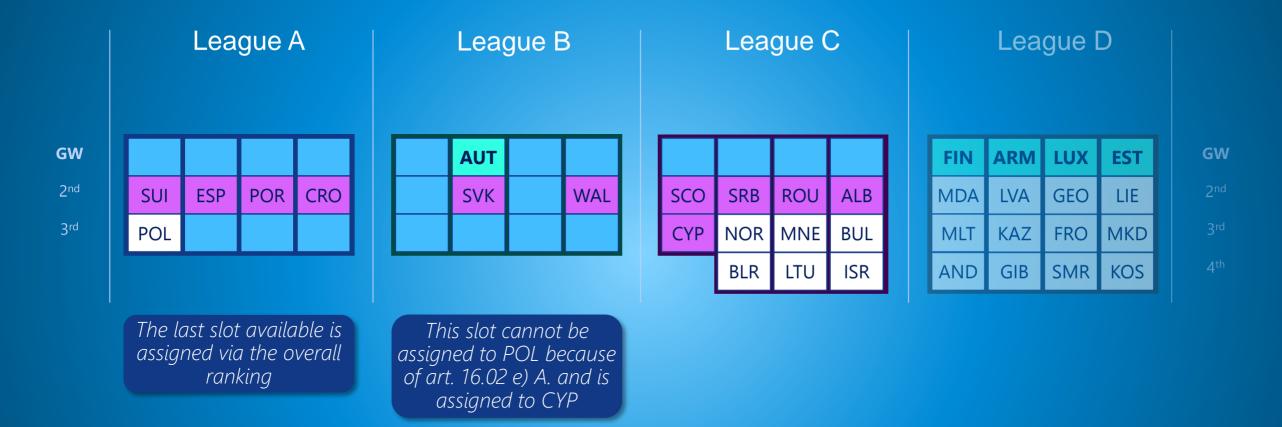
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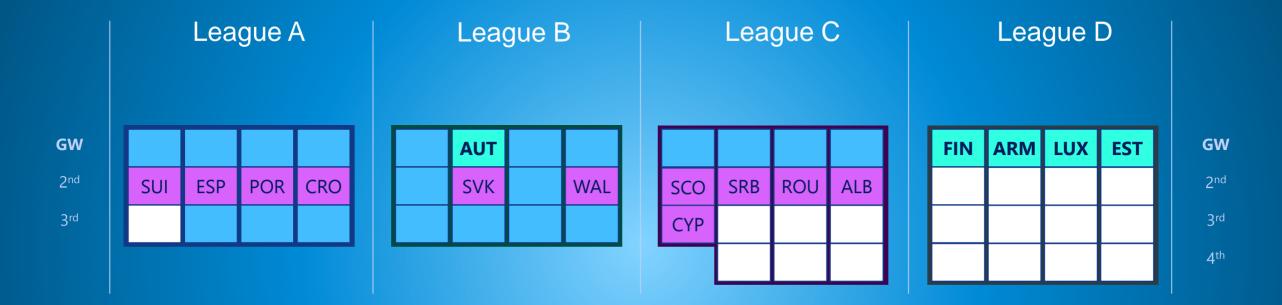
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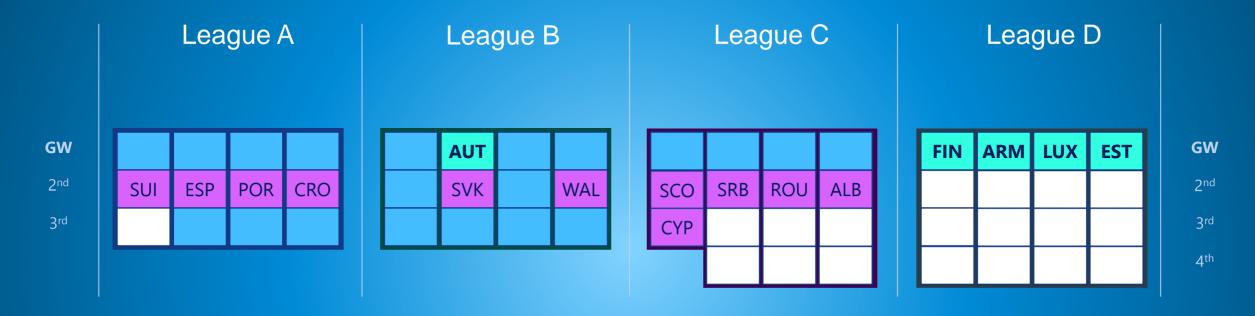
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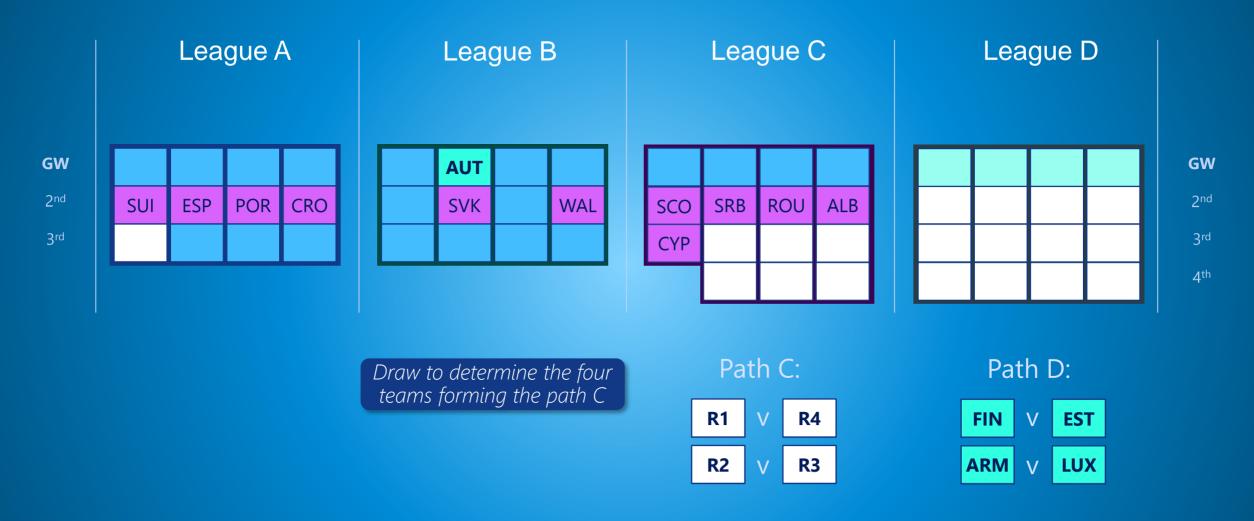
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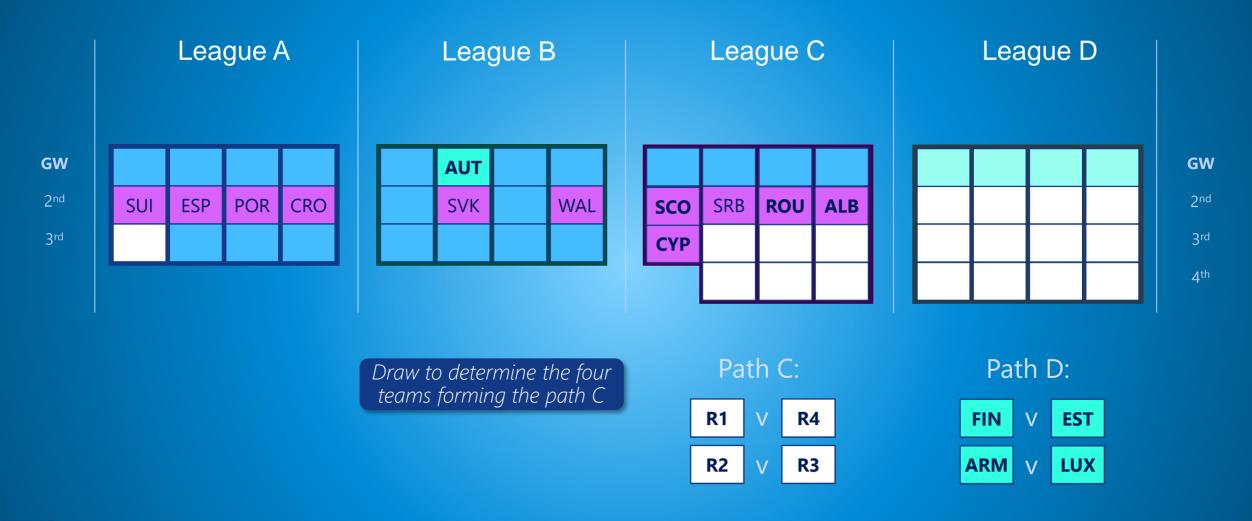




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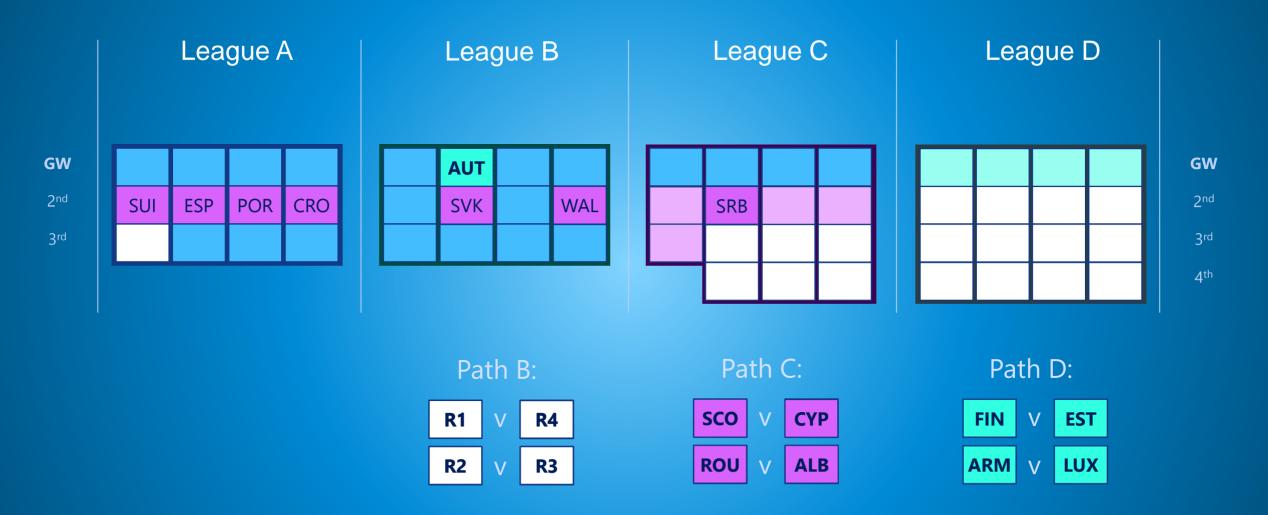
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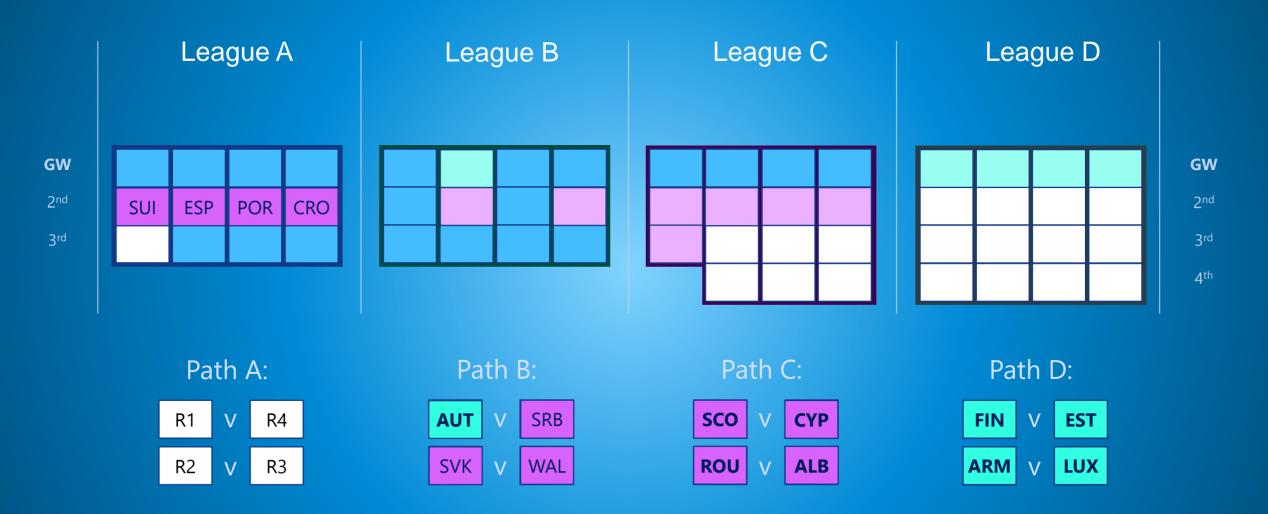


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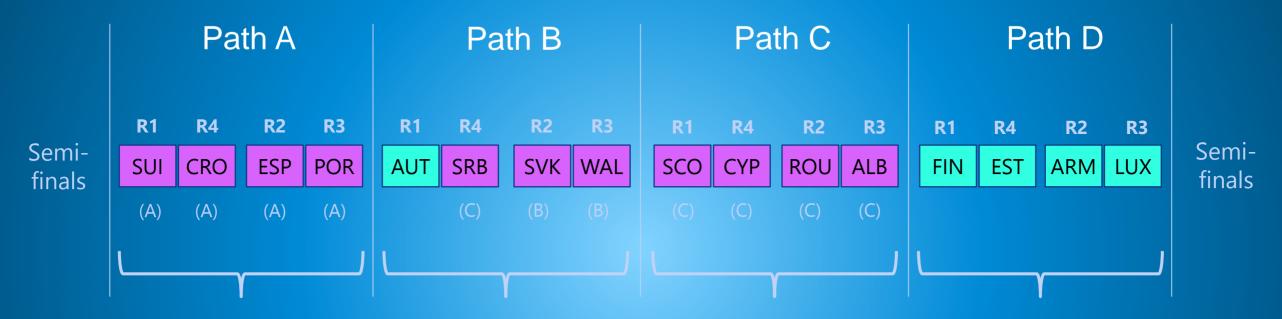




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## UEFA Nations League 2018/19 - Rankings

## **Rankings**

- League ranking:
  - 1. position in the group
  - 2. points
  - 3. goal difference
  - 4. goals scored
  - 5. away goals scored
  - 6. wins
  - 7. away wins
  - 8. disciplinary points
  - 9. coefficient (in the future: most recent competition rankings)
- Promotion and relegation will take effect for the next edition, UNL 2020/21

