## **EURO2024 CHALLENGE - RULES & SCORING SYSTEM**

## Register

You need to register with a valid email address before you can enter/amend your predictions.

The entry fee is £6.00 - all money received will be repaid in prizes.

## **Group Games**

Predict the score for each of the 36 group games.

- 4pts correct Result
- 6pts correct Result and Winning Margin
- 8pts correct Result and Score

## **Group Standing**

Predict the final group standings in each group.

- 8pts for predicting the group winner.
- 8pts for predicting the group runner-up.
- 4pts if your winner finishes 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- 4pts if your runner-up wins the group.
- 4pts for correctly predicting the 3rd place.

## **Knock-Out Phase**

This year the Knock-Out phase has been separated from the group phase. This allows you to hedge your bets, put all your eggs in one basket, or put some of your eggs in the hedge.

You are predicting the round you expect each team to make it to (and hope they go no further!).

Points are awarded for each round you expect them to pass through and to, but be careful, you will start to lose points if they progress further than you expect. The further they go, the more points you will lose.

The aim is to retain interest in more knock-out matches. See the table below for points awarded.

	Team Reaches Round							
	Points Awards							
You Predict	Groups	Last 16	Quarters	Semis	Final	Winner		
Out in Groups	4	3	1	-2	-6	-11		
Last 16	0	8	6	3	-1	-6		
Quarters	0	8	16	14	11	7		
Semi	0	8	16	24	22	19		
Final	0	8	16	24	32	30		
Winner	0	8	16	24	32	40		

## **Bonus Section 1 - ALL 51 Matches**

#### N.B. 2 Yellow-Card offences = 2-Yellows No-Reds

## **Extra Times count but Penalty Shoot-Outs don't**

Top Guns - Pick 2 Teams you think will score the most goals.

2pts for each goal scored.

Jeepers Keepers - Pick 2 Teams you think concede the most goals.

• 2pts for each goal conceded.

Mr. Nice Guys - Pick 2 Teams you think will pick-up the least of bookings & sending-offs.

- -2pts for each yellow card.
- -5pts for each red card

Dirty Dogs - Pick 2 Teams you think will pick-up the most of bookings & sending-offs.

- 2pts for each yellow card.
- 5pts For each red card

## **Group Dead Heat Criteria**

If two or more teams in the same group are equal on points on completion of the final tournament group stage, the following criteria are applied, in the order given, to determine their rankings:

- a. higher number of points obtained in the matches played among the teams in question.
- b. superior goal difference resulting from the matches played among the teams in question.
- c. higher number of goals scored in the matches played among the teams in question.
- d. if, after having applied criteria a) to c), teams still have an equal ranking, criteria a) to c) are reapplied exclusively to the matches between the remaining teams to determine their final rankings. If this procedure does not lead to a decision, criteria e) to h) apply in the order given to the two or more teams still equal:
- e. superior goal difference in all group matches.
- f. higher number of goals scored in all group matches.
- g. lower disciplinary points total based only on yellow and red cards received by players and team officials in all group matches (red card = 3 points, yellow card = 1 point, expulsion for two yellow cards in one match = 3 points).
- h. position in the overall European Qualifiers rankings, or if Germany, the host association team, is involved in the comparison, drawing of lots.

If two teams which have the same number of points and the same number of goals scored and conceded play their last group match against each other and are still equal at the end of that match, their final rankings are determined by kicks from the penalty mark, provided that no other teams within the group have the same number of points on completion of all group matches.

## 3rd Place Dead Heat Criteria

To determine the four best third-placed teams, the following criteria are applied, in the order given:

- a. higher number of points.
- b. superior goal difference.
- c. higher number of goals scored.
- d. higher number of wins.
- e. lower disciplinary points total based only on yellow and red cards received by players and team officials in all group matches (red card = 3 points, yellow card = 1 point, expulsion for two yellow cards in one match = 3 points).
- f. position in the overall European Qualifiers rankings, or if Germany, the host association team, is involved in the comparison, drawing of lots.

## **Bonus Section 2 ALL teams in ALL 51 Matches**

## Goals - Predict the total number of goals that will be scored.

Extra Times count but Penalty Shoot-Outs don't.

- 25pts for predicting the exact number.
- 24pts if your prediction is +/- 1 of the actual
- 23pts if your prediction is +/- 2 of the actual
- ... ...
- 1pt if your prediction is +/- 24 of the actual

#### Penalties - Predict the total number of penalties that will be scored.

Extra Times count but Penalty Shoot-Outs don't.

- 10pts For predicting the exact number.
- 9pts If your prediction is +/- 1 of the actual
- 8pts If your prediction is +/- 2 of the actual
- ... ...
- 1pt If your prediction is +/- 24 of the actual

#### Own Goals - Predict the total number of own goals scored.

Extra Times count but Penalty Shoot-Outs don't

- 10pts For predicting the exact number.
- 9pts If your prediction is +/- 1 of the actual
- 8pts If your prediction is +/- 2 of the actual
- ... ..
- 1pt If your prediction is +/- 24 of the actual

## Red Cards (Players only, not to pitch-side staff)

Predict the total number of red cards that will be shown.

#### A player sent-off for 2 yellow-card offences counts as 2-Yellows No-Reds

- 10pts For predicting the exact number.
- 9pts If your prediction is +/- 1 of the actual
- 8pts If your prediction is +/- 2 of the actual
- ... ...
- 1pt If your prediction is +/- 24 of the actual

## Yellow Cards (Players only, not to pitch-side staff)

Predict the total number of yellow cards that will be shown.

## A player sent-off for 2 yellow-card offences counts as 2-Yellows No-Reds

- 25pts For predicting the exact number.
- 24pts if your prediction is +/- 1 of the actual
- 23pts if your prediction is +/- 2 of the actual
- · ... ...
- 1pt if your prediction is +/- 24 of the actual

#### Extra Times - Knockout Phase Only - Max 15

Predict the number of games that will be decided in Extra Time. If, after 90 minutes, a match ends in a draw, extra-time will be played. You are predicting how many matches will be decided in Extra-Time i.e., Scores not level at the end of extra-time DO NOT include your games settled by Penalties in this prediction.

- 7pts For predicting the exact number.
- 4pts if your prediction is +/- 1 of the actual
- 2pts if your prediction is +/- 2 of the actual
- 1pt if your prediction is +/- 3 of the actual

## Shoot-Outs - Knockout Phase Only - Max 15

Predict the number of games that will be decided by a Penalty Shoot-Out. If the score is level after extra time, penalty kicks will be taken to determine the winner

DO NOT include your games settled in Extra-Time in this prediction.

- 7pts for predicting the exact number.
- 4pts if your prediction is +/- 1 of the actual
- 2pts if your prediction is +/- 2 of the actual
- 1pt if your prediction is +/- 3 of the actual

#### **Fastest Goal**

Predict the MINUTE in which the fastest goal will be scored.

- 7pts For predicting the exact minute.
- 4pts if your prediction is +/- 1 of the actual
- 2pts if your prediction is +/- 2 of the actual
- 1pt if your prediction is +/- 3 of the actual

## **Bonus Section 3 -Top Scorers**

Select 4 individual players you think will challenge for the Golden Boot.

Squads are confirmed 10 days before the tournament starts.

Early entrants will need to log back in to complete their predictions.

• 3pts for each goal your players score

**Submit Entry** 

When you are satisfied with your predictions just click on "Click here to Save Entry" at the bottom of

the entry page.

A confirmation page will be displayed when your predictions have been successfully received and you

will receive an email confirmation.

Please Note: You may lose any information you have entered if you click on a link to another page or

site before completing and sending your entry.

**Deadline** 

Entries and fees must be received before midnight 13th June 2024

**Amendments** 

Once you have submitted your entry, you can make unlimited amendments to it up until midnight

13th June 2024

**Extra Entries** 

You can enter as many times as you wish. You can use the same email; however, you need to use a

different nickname.

**UEFA Adjudications** 

UEFA occasionally change a decision or ruling mid-tournament.

For example, where a goal is subsequently deemed to be an own-goal, or vice-versa, or where a red

or yellow card is rescinded.

Where possible, any mid-tournament adjudications will be reflected in the competition standings.

However, they will be ignored if they are made after 14th July 2024.

The match-time decisions for the Final (as published by UEFA shortly after the final whistle) will stand

for the competition winner to be announced on the day of the final.

Save the planet: If printing, print double-sided if possible.

# **Your predictions**

## **♦**Please note:

Group tables are provided to help you to calculate your final group placing. They are NOT required when you complete your on-line entry.

## **GROUP A**

Germany		Scotland
Hungary		Switzerland
Germany		Hungary
Scotland		Switzerland
Switzerland		Germany
Scotland		Hungary

Final Positions			
Winner			
Runner-Up			
3rd			
4 <sub>th</sub>			

•	Pld	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts	Position
Germany	3							
Scotland	3							
Hungary	3							
Switzerland	3							

## **GROUP B**

Spain		Croatia
Italy		Albania
Croatia		Albania
Spain		Italy
Albania		Spain
Croatia		Italy

Final Positions			
Winner			
Runner-Up			
3rd			
4th			

•	Pld	V	D	L	F	Α	Pts	Position
Spain	3							
Croatia	3							
Italy	3							
Albania	3							

## **♦**Please note:

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## **GROUP C**

Slovenia	·	Denmark
Serbia		England
Slovenia		Serbia
Denmark		England
England		Slovenia
Denmark		Serbia

Final Positions			
Winner			
Runner-Up			
3rd			
4th			

•	Pld	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts	Position
Slovenia	3							
Denmark	3							
Serbia	3							
England	3							

## **GROUP D**

Poland		Netherlands
Austria		France
Poland		Austria
Netherlands		France
Netherlands		Austria
France	·	Poland

Final Positions			
Winner			
Runner-Up			
3rd			
4th			

•	Pld	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts	Position
Poland	3							
Netherlands	3							
Austria	3							
France	3							

## **♦**Please note:

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## **GROUP E**

Romania	Ukraine
Belgium	Slovakia
Slovakia	Ukraine
Belgium	Romania
Slovakia	Romania
Ukraine	Belgium

Final Positions					
Winner					
Runner-Up					
3rd					
4th					

•	Pld	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts	Position
Belgium	3							
Slovakia	3							
Romania	3							
Ukraine	3							

## **GROUP F**

Turkiye	Georgia
Portugal	Czechia
Georgia	Czechia
Turkiye	Portugal
Georgia	Portugal
Czechia	Turkiye

Final Positions					
Winner					
Runner-Up					
3rd					
4th					

<b>•</b>	Pld	V	D	L	F	Α	Pts	Position
Turkiye	3							
Georgia	3							
Portugal	3							
Czechia	3							

## Knockout Phase - Guide

Transfer your 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams to the table below to determine the best 4 best.

This table will be completed for you during the on-line entry process.

**Only** do this if you want to strictly follow the knockout phase line up. It can start getting complex when you are predicting the 4 best 3rd placed teams. A mis-placed team could have a dramatic effect on your last-16 parings and could lead to some of the countries you fancy progressing through to the later stages of the tournament playing each other in the last-16 or quarterfinals.

#### How the knockout line up is determined.

The top 2 teams from each group progress to the knockout phase along with the 4 best 3rd placed teams. The Last-16 line-up depends upon which groups these qualify from.

Some pairings are set in stone – e.g., Runner Up Group A will play Runner Up Group B. However, a team finishing top of a group can potentially play one of 4 teams finishing 3rd. For example, Winner Group B can play any of the 3rd placed team from Groups A, D, E or F.

It all depends upon which 4 groups the 3rd place teams qualify from - there are 15 permutations of 4 groups from 6. See chart at bottom of page 7.

When entering predictions on-line your last-16 will be calculated for you as a guide.

Group	Team	F	Α	Pts	Position

4 Best –Placed Teams are from Groups:	Winner Group A Plays	Winner Group B Plays	Winner Group C Plays	Winner Group D Plays
ABCD	3A	3D	3B	3C
ABCE	3A	3E	3B	3C
ABCF	3A	3F	3B	3C
ABDE	3D	3E	3A	3B
ABDF	3D	3F	3A	3B
ABEF	3E	3F	3B	3A
ACDE	3E	3D	3C	3A
ACDF	3F	3D	3C	3A
ACEF	3E	3F	3C	3A
ADEF	3E	3F	3D	3A
BCDE	3E	3D	3B	3C
BCDF	3F	3D	3C	3B
BCEF	3F	3E	3C	3B
BDEF	3F	3E	3D	3B
CDEF	3F	3E	3D	3C

If you want to plan out the entire knock-out phase <u>strictly</u> according to your final group standings - overwrite the Last-16 slots with your predictions using the above table to determine which 3<sup>rd</sup> place team goes where.

## **OR MAKE LIFE EASIER**

# Simply skip all of this & pick team progression on the next page

Last-16	Quarter-Finals	Semi-Finals	Final	Winner
Winner F				
V V				
3 <sup>rd</sup> A/B/C				
	v			
Runner-Up D				
v Runner-Up E				
Kullilei-Op L				
		V		
Winner B				
v 3 <sup>rd</sup> A/D/E/F				
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	V			
Winner A v				
Runner-Up C				
·			V	
Winner C				
V				
3 <sup>rd</sup> D/E/F				
	V			
Runner-Up A	·			
V				
Runner-Up B				
		V		
Winner E				
V				
3 <sup>rd</sup> A/B/C/D				
	v		1	
Winner D			]	
V				
Runner-Up F				

# Knock-Out Phase: Select your teams. You are predicting how far each team will go

	Pick 8 Out in Group Phase	Pick 8 Out in Last 16	Pick 4 Out in Quarter Finals	Pick 2 Out in Semi Finals	Pick 1 Reach Final and Lose	Pick 1 Reach Final and Win
Albania						
Austria						
Belgium						
Croatia						
Czechia						
Denmark						
England						
France						
Georgia						
Germany						
Hungary						
Italy						
Netherlands						
Poland						
Portugal						
Romania						
Scotland						
Serbia						
Slovakia						
Slovenia						
Spain						
Switzerland						
Turkiye						
Ukraine						

Bonus Section 1: Select your teams.								
Pick 2 Top Guns Score the most goals	Pick 2 Jeepers Keepers Concede the most goals		Pick 2 Nice Guys Least Reds & Yellows	Pick 2 Dirty Dogs Most Reds & Yellows				
		Albania						
		Austria						
		Belgium						
		Croatia						
		Czechia						
		Denmark						
		England						
		France						
		Georgia						
		Germany						
		Hungary						
		Italy						
		Netherlands						
		Poland						
		Portugal						
		Romania						
		Scotland						
		Serbia						
		Slovakia						
		Slovenia						
		Spain						
		Switzerland						
		Turkiye						
		Ukraine						

# **Bonus Section 2: Enter your predictions (Total Games: 51)**

*Total Goals	*Penalties Scored	*Own Goals	*Red Cards	*Yellow Cards	Extra Times	Shoot Outs	*Fastest Goal
					Max 15	Max 15	1 - 90

\* Extra Times count but Penalty Shoot-Outs don't 2 Yellow Cards = 2 Yellows, NO Reds

## **Bonus Section 3: Pick 4 Top Scorers**

For full list please refer to the squad lists at www.soccer-match.co.uk/squads.php

Squads are confirmed 10 days before the tournament starts.

Players entering before the squads are announced will be asked to log back in to complete their predictions.

Your Player Details						
Forename	Surname	Nickname				
Email		PIN				

That's the hard part done.

All you need to do now is to submit your entry on-line.

**Good Luck**