

We are delighted to announce that UEFA have today confirmed our admittance to the UEFA Youth League for the forthcoming season!



Our U19 league success last season gave us the potential to qualify for the competition should results in other leagues go in our favour. Thirty-two domestic champions from across Europe compete in the competition, with a further thirty-two sides competing in the other side of the draw which mirrors the Champions League draw, and where a youth league domestic champion's senior side also qualify for the main Champions League draw this opens up a place for an additional entry into the domestic champions draw.

UEFA have now confirmed our place in the Domestic Champions Youth League draw which is set to take place on Tuesday 29th August in the UEFA Headquarters in Nyon.

Our qualification completes a number of year's hard work in our youth sides, which has been overseen by our Head of Youth Recruitment, Albert Sugg, who has played a pivotal role in helping us to attract some of the top young talent from across the country to the club.

Last year saw Cork City qualify for the competition, where they overcame HJK Helsinki in the first round before a narrow defeat against Italian giants Roma in the second round saw them eliminated. With a number of the top European sides set to compete in this year's competition, including household names such as Inter Milan, it will give our players an excellent platform to test themselves against some of Europe's top young talent.

UEFA Youth League place Secured!

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It also adds to an already exciting few months ahead for our under 19s, with the upcoming Enda McGuill Cup Final against Dundalk FC in late September, as well as recently securing our place in the league quarter finals as we currently sit top of the Southern Division a point ahead of second place Cobh Ramblers with two games left to play.

Speaking after learning of his sides qualification for the UEFA Youth League, Maciej Tarnogrodzki expressed his delight and is looking forward to the challenge ahead.

"It's an exciting time for the club and most importantly for the players to have a chance to compete with the best players from other countries. We've been training very hard this season with hours put in on the training pitch very similar to the professional academies across Europe. Our season has been good so far and we'll prepare well for the Youth League matches."

We will bring you the full draw and fixture details following the completion of the draw on Tuesday! The full list of qualifiers for the competition will be confirmed by UEFA following the completion of the final Champions League Play Off qualifiers tonight.