



DEAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

MEN FOOTBALL



27th April – 02nd May 2026 – Manisa (Türkiye)

DCL 2026 – Rules of the Men Football Draw	
1	The draw will take place on Thursday 12 th March 2026 in Rome, Italy. It begins at 16:00 CET.
2	One member of the DCL Executive Committee and the Technical Director will participate in the draw.
3	Twelve clubs have qualified for this competition in Manisa (Türkiye). Defending champions C.S.S. Reims (France), and the host's club, Manisa I.E.S.K. (Türkiye), are automatically qualified.
4	The twelve qualified teams have been divided into two (2) pots according to their country's DCL coefficient (points calculated from the results of the last five (5) DCL competitions). The top four (4) ranking countries are; Greece, England, Germany and Türkiye.
5	Pot one (1) consists of Manisa I.E.S.K. (Türkiye), C.S.S. Reims (France), P.O.K. Athens (Greece), St. John's D.F.C. (England), G.S.G. Stuttgart (Germany) and Istanbul Sessizler S.K. (Türkiye).
6	Pot two (2) consists of P.A.O.K. Morias (Greece), Barnet D.F.C. (England), G.S.V. Düsseldorf (Germany), Uludag I.E.S.K. (Türkiye), G.T.S.V. Frankfurt (Germany) and Karsiyaka I.E.S.K. (Türkiye).
7	The twelve teams will be divided into three (3) groups of four (4) teams for the Group Stage. One team is drawn from each pot. Host Manisa I.E.S.K. (Türkiye), will play as Group A1.
8	Each team from Pot 1 will be drawn and assigned numbers 1 to 4 for Groups A, B and C. The numbers will be drawn from each Pot A, B and C in that order.
9	Each team from Pot 2 will be drawn and assigned numbers 1 to 4 for Groups A, B and C. The numbers will be drawn from each pot A, B and C in that order.
10	No two teams from the same country may be placed in the same group (Group Stage). However, due to the participation of four clubs from Türkiye, the first three Turkish clubs drawn must be placed in different groups. The fourth Turkish club may be placed in a group where another Turkish club is already present.
11	If a team withdraws before the draw, the rules of the draw will be waived, and the draw will be rescheduled. DCL's decision in this matter is final.
12	After the draw, the Technical Director will publish the official match schedule within two hours. Please contact the Technical Director with any questions (technicaldirector@deafchampionsleague.eu).

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