



CONFERENCE LEAGUE FINAL MEETING EUROPE - 18th MAY2026

Present

Martin Endemann	Football Supporters Europe Head of Policy
Stuart Dyke	Football Supporters Europe Director of European and Institutional affairs
Keith Powell	CPISA European Liaison
Sue Maisey	CPISA Secretary

1. Introduction

Martin showed a PowerPoint presentation going through details of the Leipzig visit. The UEFA guide is fairly good and relevant.

2. Stadium

Palace will have the home end of the stadium. There are wide concourses and sufficient space to move and easily access concessions and toilets. The sides of the stadium are quite steep to the top. There are lifts, although they maybe restricted for those with disabilities. The disability area is located high in the stadium - but will be part of the Palace section.

There is no hard segregation in the stadium - only by designated blocks. Around the stadium - there is a large green area in front and there is plenty of space so there is no chance of congestion. Those wishing to meet up with others who have purchased tickets through UEFA will therefore be able to do so both in and outside the stadium. There has been contact with the DSA, but the main point about accessibility is that those requiring special access should arrive early as it is a longer way to enter, using different elevators.

Alcohol, including beer is sold during the game. There are concession stands both inside and outside of the stadium. There are quite a few steps at the stadium so if someone has been drinking prior to entering the stadium, they may need to take care as it could be dangerous. If someone is clearly very drunk prior to entry there is a possibility entry will be refused. The stadium is a cashless stadium.

Tickets for the match will be sent in phases from 21 May 2026. The QR code for entry will only be activated near to the time of the match. A ticket for the final is a ticket, it is not anticipated there will be any issues from where it was purchased club or UEFA. Rayo has sold out its ticket allocation, but it is not expected they will have any ticketless fans.

The gates open at 6pm and the entry procedure will be conducted by stewards. First a perimeter ticket check, then a mobile ticket check, then body search followed by turnstile ticket scan and then entry for access to seats.

There is a listing of the usual items that are prohibited into the stadium.

- A power bank is permitted for use with phones. It can probably be slightly larger than indicated but not bigger than the phone.
- Flags cannot be more than 2x1.5 m with a flexible pole of 1m.
- Bags must not be more than A4 in size. There will be a facility for larger bags to be held, but this tends to be for those rejected entry. Recommended that larger bags be left at places where people are staying or at luggage storage facilities in town, although these may also be limited.

3. Public Transport

Public transport around the city centre will be free on the day from 6am on 27 May to 6am on 28 May. This is something FSE had pressed for at host cities of European finals. The free transport does not cover from the airport to the city centre.

4. Walking

Leipzig is not a big city so it is possible to walk most places. From the railway station to the Fans' Meeting Point it is about 20 minute walk and from the Fans' Meeting Point to the Stadium about 30 minutes.

5. Fans' Meeting Point

The Fans' Meeting Point is to the south, close to the city centre and about 2km from the stadium. There will be a big stage and giant screen for which Palace will be responsible for what appears. There will be activities for children and the local committee will be responsible for the provision of concessions and toilets. It is an open place with no fences and no bag checks. However, there is no shade and the temperature is predicted to be as high as 28-29 degrees C. (Sunscreen recommended)

6. A public viewing of the match on the big screen for ticketless fans may be a decision for the police and the organisers in the next few days.

7. Fan Festival

There will be a Fan Festival in the city centre, more for the general public. It will open two days before the final and will be a place for people to mingle. There will be a number of activities including games for the children.

8. Police

The police tend to be relaxed and are just there. If there is disruption they will be robust, but tend not to over react. Police from England will have been in touch with the German police and Met officers will be in attendance at the match.

9. Communications

An email will be sent to ticket holders 6 days before the match. A dedicated WhatsApp to sign up to will also be available for ongoing information.

10. Walk Around

Martin and Stuart will be there on the day of the final and will do a walk around and will be able to meet fans in the Fans' Meeting Point.