

## **Abstract**

**Title:** Comparison of alternative league formats in european football

**Objectives:** The aim of this work is to analyse play – offs of chosen european league formats. The other aim is to make a prediction about czech league.

**Methods:** A method of comparison was used in this thesis. A placement of each team before play – offs was compared to a placement of the same teams after play – offs. After that, there was a comparison if play – offs have more impact on championship round or on relegation round. Based on conclusions from these comparisons we have made an estimate of development in Czech league.

**Results:** We discovered that play – offs have more impact on teams which played relegation round. In most of analysed seasons play – offs did not change the winner of the league and neither helped a lot of teams to enter European championships. We estimate that play – offs of Czech league will help more second league teams to promote to first league.

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