

Russian Football League Postpones Presidential-Election Day Games

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Russia's football Premier League has reportedly postponed four matches between top teams that coincide with the presidential elections.

Vladimir Putin is expected to secure a fourth term in office when voters go to the polls on March 18. His administration is widely [reported](#) to be pursuing a turnout of 70 percent.

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The four fixtures are [listed](#) “date to be confirmed” on the league’s website. The teams [involved](#) are first-place Lokomotiv, runners-up Zenit and Spartak and fifth-place CSKA.

All four teams are in the top-10 in terms for attendance, [averaging](#) more than a quarter-

million fans since the 2017–18 season began last summer.

The match dates were changed by request from the Interior Ministry and regional administrations, the [Sports.ru](#) news website reported.

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