

## Kate Abdo to be Studio Host for Turner & Bleacher Report's UEFA Champions League Coverage

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As part of today's Turner Upfront event in New York, renowned soccer broadcaster **Kate Abdo** is being announced as a studio host for Turner and Bleacher Report's UEFA Champions League coverage, beginning with the upcoming 2018-19 season. Abdo will be the primary host for UEFA Champions League studio shows originating from Turner Studios in Atlanta, with studio coverage airing across Turner's television networks (TBS, TNT and/or truTV).

Abdo brings a wealth of experience across the international stage, having previously covered soccer's top events including UEFA Champions League and the UEFA Europa League, FIFA Men's and Women's World Cup, the English Premier League, England's FA Cup, Germany's Bundesliga, Spanish La Liga and Italy's Coppa Italia, among others. She has also twice hosted the FIFA Ballon d'Or Awards.

"I'm over the moon to be joining Turner," said **Abdo**. "Champions League is the most prestigious club competition in the world, it's an honor to be hosting one-of-a-kind studio coverage for Turner and Bleacher Report."

The popular, accomplished broadcaster currently serves as a studio host for Fox Sports' soccer programming including the 2018 FIFA World Cup in Russia. Her prior television experience also includes serving as a studio host for Sky Sports News in Germany and the UK. Abdo returns to Turner after covering multiple soccer events for CNN between 2009 and 2011, including the 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa.

Born in England, Abdo is also fluent in French, Spanish and German.

Starting in August, Turner will be the exclusive media partner in the United States for English-language coverage of two of the most popular sporting events in the world and the most prestigious club competition in European football. Live matches will be regularly available across Turner's television networks and its new B/R Live premium sports streaming platform.

## **About Turner Sports**

Turner Sports, a division of Turner, is an industry leader in the delivery of premium sports content across all multimedia screens. Turner Sports' television coverage includes the NBA, Major League Baseball, NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship, *ELEAGUE* and professional golf, along with the UEFA Champions League and UEFA Europa League beginning in Summer 2018. The company also manages some of the most popular sports destinations across digital and social platforms including Bleacher Report and its top-rated app, NCAA.com and the critically-acclaimed NCAA March Madness Live suite of products, PGA.com and the Sports Emmy Award-winning PGA Championship LIVE, as well as an accompanying collection of mobile sites and connected device apps. Turner Sports and the NBA jointly manage NBA Digital, a robust collection of offerings including NBA TV, NBA.com, NBA LEAGUE PASS, the NBA App and NBAGLEAGUE.com. Turner Sports recently launched B/R Live, a premium live streaming sports platform that serves as the central hub for both the discovery and consumption of live sports content. The new streaming service allows fans to find and watch their favorite sports content anywhere, anytime and on the screen of their choice.

