

2014 FIFA WORLD CUP BRAZIL™

PRELIMINARY COMPETITION FORMAT & DRAW PROCEDURES



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BASIC CONDITIONS

Member Associations (MAs):	46
Participating Member Associations (PMAs):	43
Qualification Slots:	4.5

PARTICIPATING MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

- Afghanistan
- Australia
- Bahrain
- Bangladesh
- Cambodia
- China PR
- Chinese Taipei
- Hong Kong
- India
- Indonesia
- Iran
- Iraq
- Japan
- Jordan
- Korea DPR
- Korea Republic
- Kuwait
- Kyrgyzstan
- Laos
- Lebanon
- Macau
- Malaysia
- Maldives
- Mongolia
- Myanmar
- Nepal
- Oman
- Pakistan
- Palestine
- Philippines
- Qatar
- Saudi Arabia
- Singapore
- Sri Lanka
- Syria
- Tajikistan
- Thailand
- Timor-Leste
- Turkmenistan
- UAE
- Uzbekistan
- Vietnam
- Yemen

NB:

- *Not registered for the competition: Bhutan, Guam and Brunei Darussalam*



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ROUND ONE

- The 16 lowest ranked PMAs (based on the 2010 FIFA World Cup™ Preliminary Competition and Final Competition results) will contest Round One.
- The 16 teams will be paired into 8 home-and-away series
- The matches are scheduled to be played in the period between 29 June and 3 July 2011.
- The 8 winners of each series advance to Round Two.

THE PAIRINGS FOR ROUND ONE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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| 1. | 29 June 2011
3 July 2011 | Malaysia vs. Chinese Taipei
Chinese Taipei vs. Malaysia |
| 2. | 29 June 2011
3 July 2011 | Bangladesh vs. Pakistan
Pakistan vs. Bangladesh |
| 3. | 29 June 2011
3 July 2011 | Cambodia vs. Laos
Laos vs. Cambodia |
| 4. | 29 June 2011
3 July 2011 | Sri Lanka vs. Philippines
Philippines vs. Sri Lanka |
| 5. | 29 June 2011
3 July 2011 | Afghanistan vs. Palestine
Palestine vs. Afghanistan |
| 6. | 29 June 2011
3 July 2011 | Vietnam vs. Macau
Macau vs. Vietnam |
| 7. | 29 June 2011
3 July 2011 | Nepal vs. Timor Leste
Timor Leste vs. Nepal |
| 8. | 29 June 2011
3 July 2011 | Mongolia vs. Myanmar
Myanmar vs. Mongolia |

ROUND TWO

- The 8 Round One series winners will then join the 22 next, highest-ranked PMAs (based on the 2010 FIFA World Cup™ Preliminary Competition and Final Competition results) in Round Two.
- The 30 teams will be paired into 15 home-and-away series.
- The matches are scheduled to be played in the period 23-28 July 2011.
- The 15 winners of each series advance to Round Three.

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THE PAIRINGS FOR ROUND TWO ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. 23 July 2011 Thailand vs. Afghanistan/Palestine
28 July 2011 Afghanistan/Palestine vs. Thailand
2. 23 July 2011 Lebanon vs. Bangladesh/Pakistan
28 July 2011 Bangladesh/Pakistan vs. Lebanon
3. 23 July 2011 China PR vs. Cambodia/Laos
28 July 2011 Cambodia/Laos vs. China PR
4. 23 July 2011 Turkmenistan vs. Indonesia
28 July 2011 Indonesia vs. Turkmenistan
5. 23 July 2011 Kuwait vs. Sri Lanka/Philippines
28 July 2011 Sri Lanka/Philippines vs. Kuwait
6. 23 July 2011 Oman vs. Mongolia/Myanmar
28 July 2011 Mongolia/Myanmar vs. Oman
7. 23 July 2011 Saudi Arabia vs. Hong Kong
28 July 2011 Hong Kong vs. Saudi Arabia
8. 23 July 2011 Iran vs. Maldives
28 July 2011 Maldives vs. Iran
9. 23 July 2011 Syria vs. Tajikistan
28 July 2011 Tajikistan vs. Syria
10. 23 July 2011 Qatar vs. Vietnam/Macau
28 July 2011 Vietnam/Macau vs. Qatar
11. 23 July 2011 Iraq vs. Yemen
28 July 2011 Yemen vs. Iraq
12. 23 July 2011 Singapore vs. Malaysia/Chinese Taipei
28 July 2011 Malaysia/Chinese Taipei vs. Singapore
13. 23 July 2011 Uzbekistan vs. Kyrgyzstan
28 July 2011 Kyrgyzstan vs. Uzbekistan
14. 23 July 2011 UAE vs. India
28 July 2011 India vs. UAE
15. 23 July 2011 Jordan vs. Nepal/Timor Leste
28 July 2011 Nepal/Timor Leste vs. Jordan



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ROUND THREE

- In Round Three, the 15 Round Two series winners will then join the remaining 5 PMAs that received a bye in Round Two.
- The 20 teams will be drawn into 5 round-robin, home-and-away groups of 4 teams each.
- The matches are foreseen to take place in the period 2 September 2011 to 29 Feb 2012.
- The 5 group winners and 5 group runners-up advance to Round Four.

ALLOCATION TO POTS:

- The 20 Round Three teams will be allocated to 4 pots of 5 teams based on the FIFA/Coca-Cola World Ranking of July 2011. The top 5 teams will be placed in Pot 1; the next 5 best teams will be placed in Pot 2; and so on.

Pot 1	Pot 2	Pot 3	Pot 4
1.	6.	11.	16.
2.	7.	12.	17.
3.	8.	13.	18.
4.	9.	14.	19.
5.	10.	15.	20.

DRAW PROCEDURE:

- The teams will be drawn into 5 groups of 4 teams for Round Three.
- The teams in Pot 4 are placed in position 4 of each group; the teams in Pot 3 in position 3; the teams from Pot 2 in position 2; and the teams from Pot 1 in position 1.
- The draw starts with Pot 4 and ends with Pot 1.
- Groups are filled starting with Group A and ending with Group E.

Group A	Group B	Group C
1.	1.	1.
2.	2.	2.
3.	3.	3.
4.	4.	4.
Group D	Group E	
1.	1.	
2.	2.	
3.	3.	
4.	4.	



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ROUND FOUR

- The 5 Round Three group winners and 5 group runners-up will contest Round Four.
- The 10 teams will be drawn into 2 round-robin, home-and-away groups of 5 teams each.
- The matches are foreseen to take place between 3 June 2012 to 18 June 2013.
- The third-placed teams of each group advance to Round Five.

 **The 2 group winners and 2 group runners-up qualify for the 2014 FIFA World Cup™**

DRAW PROCEDURE:

- The draw date, location, and procedure for Round Four will be confirmed by the end of Round Three by the Organizing Committee for the FIFA World Cup Brazil 2014™.

ROUND FIVE – “CONTINENTAL PLAY-OFF”

- The 2 third-placed teams from the two Round Four groups will contest Round Five.
- The teams will play one home-and-away play-off series.
- The matches are foreseen to be played in the period from 6 – 10 September 2013.

 **The Round Five winner advances to the intercontinental play-off.**

DRAW PROCEDURE:

- The draw date, location, and procedure for Round Five will be confirmed by the end of Round Four by the Organizing Committee for the FIFA World Cup Brazil 2014™.