

FIFA World Cup™: seeded teams 1930-2010

South Africa 2010

For sporting reasons the FIFA Organising Committee based the criteria to determine the seeding on the October 2009 FIFA/Coca-Cola World Ranking rather than the November edition. In particular, the European Zone, where the play-offs involving the eight best runners-up led to an imbalance in the number of qualification matches played between the teams.

TEAM	RANK	
South Africa (host)		
Brazil		
Spain		
Netherlands		
Italy		
Germany		
Argentina		
England		

Germany 2006

The committee based its criteria for seeding on the 32 finalists' performances at the FIFA World Cup finals in 2002 and 1998 (ratio 2:1) and the FIFA/Coca-Cola World Ranking in 2006, 2005 and 2004 (equal ratio).

TEAM	RANK	
Brazil	5	quarter-finals
England	7	quarter-finals
Spain	9	round of 16
Mexico	15	round of 16
France	2	runners-up
Germany (host)	3	semi-finals
Argentina	6	quarter-finals
Italy	1	winners

Korea/Japan 2002

The seeded teams were determined upon the finalists' performance in the past three FIFA World Cup finals (ratio 3:2:1), and their position over the past three years in the monthly FIFA/Coca-Cola Ranking (equal ratio).

TEAM	RANK	
Argentina	18	eliminated after group matches
Brazil	1	winners
France	28	eliminated after group matches
Germany	2	runners-up
Italy	15	round of 16
Japan (host)	9	round of 16
Korea Republic (host)	4	semi-finals
Spain	5	quarter-finals

France 1998

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TEAM	RANK	
Brazil	2	runners-up
France (host)	1	winners
Germany	7	quarter-finals
Italy	5	quarter-finals
Spain	17	eliminated after group matches
Argentina	6	quarter-finals
Romania	11	round of 16
Netherlands	4	semi-finals

USA 1994

The results obtained in the last three FIFA World Cups determined the basis for setting up the bowls. The newly introduced FIFA/Coca-Cola World Ranking, was not be considered for this World Cup as it was too new.

TEAM	RANK	
Argentina	10	round of 16
Brazil	1	winners
Germany	5	quarter-finals
Italy	2	runners-up
USA (host)	14	round of 16
Belgium	11	round of 16

Italy 1990

The ranking obtained at the last two FIFA World Cups was decisive, with the rank gained in Mexico 1986 counting double.

TEAM	RANK	
Argentina	2	runners-up
Brazil	9	round of 16
England	4	semi-final
Italy (host)	3	semi-final
Germany FR	1	winners
Belgium	11	round of 16

Mexico 1986

The division of teams into groups was made by the Organising committee in a public session by means of seeding and a draw having regard inter alia to the geographical position of the countries represented.

TEAM	RANK	
Italy	12	round of 16
Mexico (host)	6	quarter-finals
Brazil	5	quarter-finals
Germany FR	2	runners-up
France	3	semi-finals
Poland	14	round of 16

Spain 1982

The division of teams into groups was made by the Organising committee in a public session by means of seeding and a draw having regard inter alia to the geographical position of the countries represented.

TEAM	RANK	
Argentina	11	second round
Brazil	5	quarter-finals
England	6	quarter-finals
Italy	1	winners
Spain (host)	12	second round
Germany FR	2	runners-up

Argentina 1978

The division of teams into groups was made by the FIFA Organising committee in a public session by means of seeding and a draw having regard inter alia to the geographical position of the countries represented.

TEAM	RANK	
Argentina (host)	1	winners
Italy	4	semi-finals
Germany FR	6	quarter-finals
Brazil	3	semi-finals
Netherlands	2	runners-up

Germany 1974

It was agreed by a vote by the FIFA Organising Committee on who would be seeded.

TEAM	RANK	
Brazil	4	semi-finals
Italy	10	eliminated after group matches
Uruguay	13	eliminated after group matches
Germany FR (host)	1	winners

Mexico 1970

There were no official seeds for this World Cup. The committee discussed the criteria for the seeding and the draw and decided unanimously to form the four groups of teams they felt should not play against each other in the eight finals. Geographical "sections" were formed from which the four groups were drawn.

England 1966

The decision was made by the FIFA Organising Committee.

TEAM	RANK	
England (host)	1	winners
Germany FR	2	runners-up
Brazil	11	eliminated after group matches
Italy	9	eliminated after group matches

Chile 1962

It was decided that four South American teams would be seeded in consideration of economic, geographical and sportive interests.

TEAM	RANK	
Brazil	1	winners
Argentina	10	eliminated after group matches
Uruguay	12	eliminated after group matches
Chile (host)	3	semi-finals

Sweden 1958

There were no official seeds for this World Cup but the allocation of groups was chosen by the FIFA Organising Committee.

Switzerland 1954

The seeds were chosen by the Organising Committee by means of a secret ballot.

TEAM	RANK	
Uruguay	4	semi-finals
Hungary	2	runners-up
England	6	quarter-finals
Austria	3	semi-finals
Italy	10	eliminated after group matches
Brazil	5	quarter-finals
France	11	eliminated after group matches
Turkey	9	eliminated after group matches

Brazil 1950

The decision was made by the FIFA Organising Committee following a recommendation by the Brazilian Federation.

TEAM	RANK	
Brazil (host)	2	runners-up
England	8	eliminated after group matches
Italy	7	eliminated after group matches
Uruguay	1	winners

France 1938

The decision was made by the FIFA Organising Committee

TEAM	RANK	
Brazil	3	semi-finals
Czechoslovakia	5	quarter-finals
France (host)	6	quarter-finals
Germany	10	eliminated after first round
Hungary	2	runners-up
Italy	1	winners
Cuba	8	quarter-finals
Sweden	4	semi-finals

Cuba and Sweden technically received a bye due to the withdrawal of Austria and Argentina.

Italy 1934

The decision was made by the FIFA Organising Committee

TEAM	RANK	
Germany	3	semi-finals
Argentina	9	eliminated after preliminary round
Netherlands	9	eliminated after preliminary round
Czechoslovakia	2	runners-up
Austria	4	semi-finals
Hungary	6	quarter-finals
Brazil	14	eliminated after preliminary round
Italy (host)	1	winners

Uruguay 1930

The decision was made by the FIFA Organising Committee

TEAM	RANK	
USA	3	semi-finals
Argentina	2	runners-up
Brazil	6	quarter-finals
Uruguay (host)	1	winners
Paraguay	9	eliminated after the group stage

Summary of seeded teams

	2010	2006	2002	1998	1994	1990	1986	1982	1978	1974	1970	1966	1962	1958	1954	1950	1938	1934	1930
Brazil	•	•	•▲	•	•▲	•	•	•	•	•		•	•▲		•	•	•	•	•
Italy	•	•▲	•	•	•	•	•	•▲	•	•		•			•	•	•▲	•▲	
Germany	•	•	•	•	•	•▲	•	•	•	•▲		•						•	
Argentina	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•▲				•					•	•
England	•	•				•		•				•▲			•	•			
France		•	•	•▲			•								•		•		
Uruguay										•			•		•	•▲			•▲
Spain	•	•	•	•				•											
Hungary															•		•	•	
Netherlands	•			•					•									•	
Austria															•			•	
Belgium					•	•													
Czech Republic																	•	•	
Mexico		•					•												
USA					•														•
Chile													•						
Cuba																	•		
Japan			•																
Korea Republic			•																
Paraguay																			•
Poland							•												
Romania				•															
South Africa	•																		
Sweden																	•		
Turkey															•				

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Seeded teams eliminated after the group matches

	2010	2006	2002	1998	1994	1990	1986	1982	1978	1974	1970	1966	1962	1958	1954	1950	1938	1934	1930
Italy										•		•			•	•			
Argentina			•										•					•	
Uruguay										•			•						
Brazil												•							
Germany																	•		
England																•			
France			•												•				
Spain				•															
Netherlands																		•	
Paraguay																			•
Turkey															•				