

# 2014 FIFA WORLD CUP BRAZIL™

## PRELIMINARY COMPETITION FORMAT & DRAW PROCEDURES



## ASIAN ZONE

### BASIC CONDITIONS

Member Associations (MAs):	<b>46</b>
Participating Member Associations (PMAs):	<b>43</b>
Qualification Slots:	<b>4.5</b>

### 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:

- *Did not register for competition: Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Guam*



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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 eight home-and-away series
- The matches are scheduled to be played in the period between 29 June and 3 July 2011.
- The eight winners of each series advance to Round Two.

THE PAIRINGS FOR ROUND ONE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

#### **ROUND TWO**

- The eight 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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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 five PMAs that received a bye in Round Two.
- The 20 teams will be drawn into five round-robin, home-and-away groups of four teams each.
- The matches are foreseen to take place in the period 2 September 2011 to 29 February 2012.
- The five group winners and five group runners-up advance to Round Four.

#### ALLOCATION TO POTS:

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

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

- The teams will be drawn into five groups of four 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 1. 2. 3. 4.	Group B 1. 2. 3. 4.	Group C 1. 2. 3. 4.
Group D 1. 2. 3. 4.	Group E 1. 2. 3. 4.	



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### **ROUND FOUR**

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

 **The two group winners and two 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 Organising Committee for the 2014 FIFA World Cup Brazil™.

### **ROUND FIVE – “CONTINENTAL PLAY-OFF”**

- The two 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 Organising Committee for the 2014 FIFA World Cup Brazil™.