



## NORTH, CENTRAL AMERICAN & CARIBBEAN ZONE

### BASIC CONDITIONS

Member Associations (MAs):	<b>35</b>
Participating Member Associations (PMAs):	<b>35</b>
Qualification Slots:	<b>3.5</b>

### PARTICIPATING MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

- Anguilla
- Antigua and Barbuda
- Aruba
- Bahamas
- Barbados
- Belize
- Bermuda
- British Virgin Islands
- Canada
- Cayman Islands
- Costa Rica
- Cuba
- Curaçao
- Dominica
- Dominican Republic
- El Salvador
- Grenada
- Guatemala
- Guyana
- Haiti
- Honduras
- Jamaica
- Mexico
- Montserrat
- Nicaragua
- Panama
- Puerto Rico
- St. Kitts and Nevis
- St. Lucia
- St. Vincent and Grenadines
- Suriname
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Turks and Caicos Islands
- USA
- US Virgin Islands

### PRELIMINARY COMPETITION FORMAT & DRAW PROCEDURES

#### ROUND ONE

- The ten lowest-ranked PMAs (based on the FIFA/Coca-Cola World Ranking of March 2011) will contest Round One.
- The ten teams will be paired into five home-and-away series to be played in the period 15 June – 17 July 2011.
- The five series winners advance to Round Two.





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### DRAW PROCEDURE:

- The teams will be drawn into six groups of four teams for Round Two.
- The teams in Pot 7 are placed in position 4 of each group; the teams in Pot 6 in position 3; the teams from Pot 5 in position 2; and the teams from Pot 4 in position 1.
- The draw starts with Pot 7 and ends with Pot 4.
- Groups are filled starting with Group A and ending with Group F.

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.	Group F 1. 2. 3. 4.

### **ROUND THREE**

- In Round Three, the six group winners from Round Two then join the remaining six teams that received byes for Round One and Round Two.
- The 12 teams will be drawn into three groups of four teams each.
- The matches are foreseen to be played in the period from 8 June to 16 October 2012.
- All three group winners and three group runners-up advance to Round Four.

### ALLOCATION TO POTS:

- The 12 Round Three teams will be allocated to three pots based on the FIFA/Coca-Cola World Ranking of March 2011. The top three teams will be placed in Pot 1; the 3 next best teams will be placed in Pot 2; and the six teams advancing from Round Two will be placed in Pot 3. The winner of Group A of Round Two will be identified as "Winner A"; the winner of Group B of Round Two as "Winner B"; and so on.



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Pot 1	Pot 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• USA</li><li>• Mexico</li><li>• Honduras</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jamaica</li><li>• Costa Rica</li><li>• Cuba</li></ul>
Pot 3	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Winner A</li><li>• Winner B</li><li>• Winner C</li><li>• Winner D</li><li>• Winner E</li><li>• Winner F</li></ul>	

### DRAW PROCEDURE:

- The teams will be drawn into three groups of four teams for Round Three.
- The draw starts with Pot 3 and ends with Pot 1. Each pot must be completely emptied before moving to the next pot.
- The first three balls from Pot 3 will occupy position 4 of all three groups. The last three balls of Pot 3 will occupy position 3 of all three groups.
- Groups are filled starting with Group A and ending with Group C.

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

### ROUND FOUR

- The three group winners and three group runners-up from Round Three will contest Round Four.
- The six teams will constitute a group of six teams.
- The matches are foreseen to be played from 6 February to 15 October 2013.

- 🏆 **The top three teams qualify for the 2014 FIFA World Cup™.**
- 🏆 **The fourth-placed team advances to the intercontinental play-off.**

### 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™.