



OLYMPIC FOOTBALL TOURNAMENTS BEIJING 2008 MEN'S DRAW PROCEDURE

1. Qualified Teams

AFC (3+host)	1. CHINA 2. AUSTRALIA 3. KOREA REPUBLIC 4. JAPAN
CAF (3)	1. CAMEROON 2. IVORY COAST 3. NIGERIA
CONCACAF (2)	1. HONDURAS 2. USA
CONMEBOL (2)	1. BRAZIL 2. ARGENTINA
OFC (1)	1. NEW ZEALAND
UEFA (4)	1. NETHERLANDS 2. SERBIA 3. BELGIUM 4. ITALY

2. Principles

- 2.1. Art. 25, par. 1 of the competition regulations stipulates that:
"The sixteen teams taking part in the final competition shall be divided into four groups of four teams."
The groups will be named **A, B, C** and **D**
- 2.2. Art. 25, par. 2 of the competition regulations stipulates that:
"The FIFA Organising Committee shall divide the teams into groups by seeding and drawing lots in public, whilst taking sporting and geographic factors into consideration as far as possible."



3. Decisions of the Committee

Based on the conditions cited under point 2 above, the Organising Committee approved the following:

- 3.1 None of the groups may feature more than one team from each geographic region.
- 3.2 Based on the request from the host, and approved by the Organising Committee, for sporting and promotional reasons, the four following teams will be allocated to specific venues:
 - Argentina – Defending OFT champion: Group A (Shanghai)
 - Netherlands – UEFA Champion: Group B (Tianjin)
 - **China – Host**: Group C (Shenyang), **allocated to position C1**
 - Cameroon – CAF champion: Group D (Qinhuangdao)
- 3.3 The teams will be divided into 4 pots, according to the geographic regions and stated under 3.2 with the venue allocated teams in **Red balls**, as follows:

Pot 1: (AFC)	CHINA – Red ball AUSTRALIA KOREA REPUBLIC JAPAN
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Pot 2: (CAF & OFC)	CAMEROON – Red ball CÔTE D'IVOIRE NIGERIA NEW ZEALAND
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Pot 3: (UEFA)	NETHERLANDS – Red ball SERBIA BELGIUM ITALY
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Pot 4: (CONMEBOL & CONCACAF)	ARGENTINA – Red ball BRAZIL HONDURAS USA
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- 3.4. Pots to determine the position in each group will be as follows:



Pot A:	1, 2, 3, 4
Pot B:	1, 2, 3, 4
Pot C:	1 (red ball) , 2, 3, 4
Pot D:	1, 2, 3, 4

- 3.5. Each of the teams in Pots 1, 2, 3 and 4 shall be placed inside a **blue ball**, with the exception of the venue allocated teams, China, Cameroon, the Netherlands and Argentina, which shall be placed inside **red balls**.
- 3.6. Each of the numbers in Groups A, B, C and D shall be placed inside a **yellow ball**, with the lone exception of number 1 in Group C, which will be placed in a **red ball**, thus ensuring China's place in position C1, with all other positions determined by the draw.

4. Draw Procedure

4.1 Pot 1 – AFC

- For the sake of good order, the draw shall commence with the **red ball** (China) being drawn from Pot 1, followed by the **red ball** from Group C (Shenyang) thus confirming that China shall be allocated to Group C in position 1.
- Pot 1 is emptied. For each team drawn, a number (1, 2, 3 or 4) will also be drawn in turn sequentially from the respective remaining groups marked A, B and D. This number will indicate the position of the relevant team in the group.

4.2 Pot 2 – CAF & OFC

- For the sake of good order, the draw shall commence with the **red ball** (Cameroon) being drawn from Pot 2 and a number drawn from Group D (Qinhuandao).
- Pot 2 is emptied. For each team drawn, a number (1, 2, 3 or 4) will also be drawn in turn from left to right from the respective remaining groups marked A, B and C. This number will indicate the position of the relevant team in the group.

4.3 Pot 3 – UEFA

- For the sake of good order, the draw shall commence with the **red ball** (the Netherlands) being drawn from Pot 3 and a number drawn from Group B (Tianjin).
- Pot 3 is emptied. For each team drawn, a number (1, 2, 3 or 4) will also be drawn in turn sequentially from the respective remaining groups marked A, C and D. This number will indicate the position of the relevant team in the group.

4.4 Pot 4 – CONMEBOL & CONCACAF

- For the sake of good order, the draw shall commence with the **red ball** (Argentina) being drawn from Pot 4 and a number drawn from Group A (Shanghai).
- Pot 4 is emptied. For each team drawn, a number (1, 2, 3 or 4) will also be drawn in turn sequentially from the respective remaining groups marked B, C and D. This number will indicate the position of the relevant team in the group.