



OLYMPIC FOOTBALL TOURNAMENTS WOMEN'S DRAW PROCEDURE

1. Qualified Teams

AFC (2+host)	1. CHINA 2. JAPAN 3. DPR KOREA
CAF (1.5)	1. NIGERIA
CONCACAF (2)	1. USA 2. CANADA
CONMEBOL (1.5)	1. ARGENTINA 2. BRAZIL
OFC (1)	1. NEW ZEALAND
UEFA (3)	1. GERMANY 2. NORWAY 3. SWEDEN

2. Principles

- 2.1. Art. 29, par. 1 of the competition regulations stipulates that:
"The twelve teams taking part in the final competition shall be divided into three groups of four teams."
The groups will be named **E**, **F** and **G**.
- 2.2. Art. 29, 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 three following teams will be allocated to specific venues:

- **China** – Host – Group E (Tianjin), **allocated to position E1**
- **Germany** – Reigning FIFA Women’s World Cup champion – Group F (Shenyang)
- **USA** – Defending OFT champion – Group G (Qinhuangdao)

- 3.3 The teams will be divided into 4 pots, according to the geographic regions with consideration of the FIFA Women’s World Ranking (WWR) and stated under 3.2 with the venue allocated teams in **Red balls**, as follows:

Pot 1: CHINA (WWR # 14) – **Red ball**
KOREA DPR (WWR# 6)
JAPAN (WWR# 10)

Pot 2: GERMANY (WWR# 2) – **Red ball**
SWEDEN (WWR# 3)
NORWAY (WWR# 5)

Pot 3: USA (WWR# 1) – **Red ball**
BRAZIL (WWR# 4)
CANADA (WWR# 9)

Pot 4: NEW ZEALAND (WWR# 23)
NIGERIA (WWR# 24)
ARGENTINA (WWR# 29)

- 3.4. Pots to determine the position in each group will be as follows:

Pot E: **1 (red ball)**, 2, 3, 4

Pot F: 1, 2, 3, 4

Pot G: 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, Germany and USA, which shall be placed inside **red balls**.
- 3.6. Each of the numbers in Groups E, F and G shall be placed inside a **yellow ball**, with the exception of number 1 in Pot E, which will be placed in a **red ball, for China's allocation**.

4. Draw Procedure

4.1 Pot 1

- 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 E (Tianjin) thus confirming that China shall be allocated to Group E in position 1.
- Pot 1 is emptied. For each team drawn, a number (1, 2, 3 or 4) will also be drawn sequentially from the respective remaining Groups marked F and G. This number will indicate the position of the relevant team in the group.

4.2 Pot 2

- For the sake of good order, the draw shall commence with the **red ball** (Germany) being drawn from Pot 2 and a number drawn from Group F (Shenyang).
- Pot 2 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 E and G. This number will indicate the position of the relevant team in the group.

4.3 Pot 3

- For the sake of good order, the draw shall commence with the **red ball** (USA) being drawn from Pot 3 and a number drawn from Group G (Qinhuangdao).
- 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 E and F. This number will indicate the position of the relevant team in the group.

4.4 Pot 4

- Pot 4 is emptied.
- If Argentina is drawn to a Group in which Brazil is already placed, the respective Group must be skipped to avoid two teams from the same continent in the same group.
- For each team drawn, a number (1, 2, 3 or 4) will also be drawn in turn sequentially from the respective remaining Groups marked E, F and G. This number will indicate the position of the relevant team in the group.