



PRELIMINARY DRAW INFORMATION

EUROPE



BASIC CONDITIONS

Member Associations (MAs):

Participating Member Associations (PMAs):

Qualification Slots:

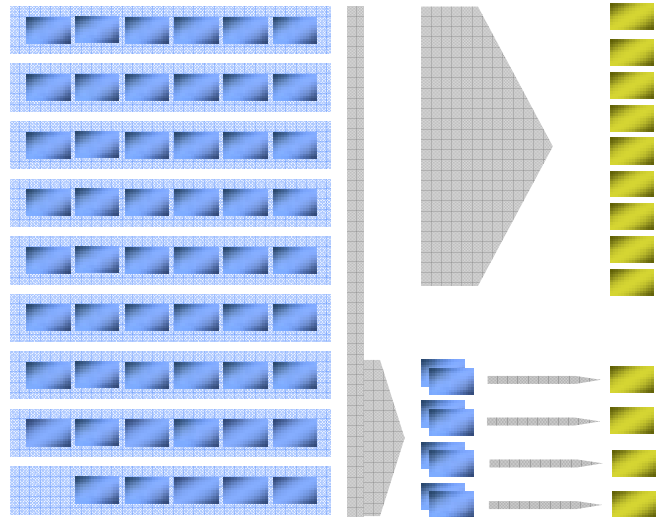
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Stage 1

Stage 2



PARTICIPATING MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

- Albania
- Andorra
- Armenia
- Austria
- Azerbaijan
- Belarus
- Belgium
- Bosnia-Herzegovina
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- England
- Estonia
- Faroe Islands
- Finland
- France
- FYR Macedonia
- Georgia
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Iceland
- Israel
- Italy
- Kazakhstan
- Latvia
- Liechtenstein
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- Moldova
- Montenegro
- Netherlands
- Northern Ireland
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Republic of Ireland
- Romania
- Russia
- San Marino
- Scotland
- Serbia
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Turkey
- Ukraine
- Wales

As per the FIFA/Coca-Cola World Ranking of November 2007



PRELIMINARY COMPETITION

STAGE ONE

- All 53 PMAs will contest Stage One.
- The stage consists of 8, round robin, home-and-away groups of 6 teams as well as 1 round robin, home-and-away group of 5 teams.
- The 8 best group runners-up advance to Stage Two.

 **The group winners qualify for the FIFA World Cup™.**

STAGE TWO

- The 8 best Stage One group runners-up will contest Stage Two.
- The teams will be paired into 4 home-and-away series.

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STAGE TO BE DRAWN

- Stage One will be drawn at the Preliminary Draw in Durban, South Africa.

DRAW FORMAT

- The 53 Stage One PMAs will be allocated 6 pots (5 pots of 9 teams, 1 pot of 8 teams) based on the FIFA/Coca-Cola World Ranking of November 2007. The top 9 teams will constitute Pot A; the next 9 teams Pot B; and so on until Pot F which will contain the 8 lowest ranked teams.
- The teams will be drawn into 8 groups of 6 teams and 1 group of 5 teams for Stage One.
- The draw starts with Pot F and ends with Pot A. Each pot is completely emptied before moving on to the next pot.
- The teams in Pot F are placed in position 6 (of Groups 1 to 8); the teams in Pod E in position 5; the teams in Pod D in position 4; the teams in Pot C in position 3; the teams from Pot B in position 2; and the teams from Pot A in position 1.
- Groups are filled starting with Group 1 and ending with Group 9 (Group 8 in the case of Pot F).