

2014 FIFA WORLD CUP BRAZIL™

PRELIMINARY COMPETITION FORMAT & DRAW PROCEDURES



EUROPEAN ZONE

BASIC CONDITIONS

Member Associations (MAs):	53
Participating Member Associations (PMAs):	53
Qualification Slots:	13

PARTICIPATING MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

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

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ROUND ONE

- All 53 PMAs will contest Round One.
- The round 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 matches are foreseen to be played in the period between 7 September 2012 and 15 October 2013.
- The 8 best group runners-up advance to Round Two.

 **The 9 group winners qualify for the 2014 FIFA World Cup™**

ALLOCATION TO POTS:

- The 53 Round One teams will be allocated to 5 pots of 9 teams and 1 pot of 8 teams based on the FIFA/Coca-Cola World Ranking of July 2011.
- The top 9 teams will be placed in Pot 1; the next 9 best teams will be placed in Pot 2; and so on until Pot 6 which will contain the 8 lowest ranked teams.

Pot 1 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9.	Pot 2 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18.	Pot 3 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27.
Pot 4 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36.	Pot 5 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45.	Pot 6 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53.



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DRAW PROCEDURE:

- The teams will be drawn into 8 groups of 6 teams and 1 group of 5 teams for Round One.
- The teams in Pot 6 are placed in position 6 (of Groups A to H); the teams in Pot 5 in position 5; the teams in Pot 4 in position 4; 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 6 and ends with Pot 1. Each pot is completely emptied before moving on to the next pot.
- Groups are filled starting with Group A and ending with Group I (Group H in the case of Pot 6).
- In consideration of the delicate political situations of the relationships between Armenia and Azerbaijan as well as between Russia and Georgia, UEFA have requested that FIFA maintain the current UEFA policy to not draw these teams into the same qualification groups. The mechanism for doing so will be confirmed by the FIFA Organising Committee on 29 July 2011 once the FIFA/Coca-Cola World Ranking for July 2011 has been established and the respective pots for Armenia, Azerbaijan, Russia and Georgia confirmed.

Group A 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.	Group B 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.	Group C 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.
Group D 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.	Group E 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.	Group F 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.

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Group G 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.	Group H 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.	Group I 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.
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ROUND TWO – “CONTINENTAL PLAY-OFFS”

- The 8 best group runners-up will contest Round Two.
- The 8 teams will be paired into 4 home-and-away series
- The matches are foreseen to be played in the period between 15 - 19 November 2013.

 **The 4 winners qualify for the 2014 FIFA World Cup™**

DRAW PROCEDURE:

- The draw date, location, and procedure for Round Two will be confirmed by the end of Round One by the Organizing Committee for the FIFA World Cup Brazil 2014™.