

Draw procedure FIFA Futsal World Cup Colombia 2016

SLOT ALLOCATION:

The slot allocations per confederation were approved by the FIFA Executive Committee as follows:

CONFEDERATION	NUMBER OF TEAMS	QUALIFIED TEAMS
AFC	5	Iran, Thailand, Australia, Uzbekistan and Vietnam
CAF	3	Morocco, Egypt, Mozambique
CONCACAF	4	Costa Rica, Panama, Guatemala, Cuba
CONMEBOL	3	Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay
OFC	1	Solomon Islands
UEFA	7	Russia, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, Ukraine, Spain, Portugal and Italy
HOSTS	1	Colombia

ALLOCATION TO POTS:

The 24 qualified teams are allocated to four pots of six teams each, based on a ranking created according to past sporting performance.

The ranking is based on the total points obtained in the last five Futsal World Cups (three points for a win, one for a draw, and zero for a defeat). The ranking used to form the pots is thus based on points obtained at the 2012, 2008, 2004, 2000 and 1996 FIFA Futsal World Cups.

To enable the ranking to accurately reflect current form, priority is given to results from the most recent World Cup, followed by results from previous years. The system uses five cycles, with the points earned declining linearly as follows:

- 2012: 100% value of total points
- 2008: 80% value of total points
- 2004: 60% value of total points
- 2000: 40% value of total points
- 1996: 20% value of total points

In addition, five bonus points are added to each of the confederation champions that won a qualifying tournament.

Based on the above ranking, the five top teams and the hosts are allocated to pot 1, the next six teams to pot 2 and so on.

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POT 1				
Colombia	CONMEBOL			
Brazil	CONMEBOL			
Spain	UEFA			
Italy	UEFA			
Argentina	CONMEBOL			
Russia	UEFA			

POT	2
Iran	AFC
Ukraine	UEFA
Portugal	UEFA
Paraguay	CONMEBOL
Egypt	CAF
Costa Rica*	CONCACAF

POT 3		
Solomon Islands	OFC	
Thailand	AFC	
Morocco	CAF	
Panama*	CONCACAF	
Guatemala*	CONCACAF	
Australia	AFC	

POT 4			
Cuba*	CONCACAF		
Mozambique	CAF		
Kazakhstan	UEFA		
Azerbaijan	UEFA		
Uzbekistan	AFC		
Vietnam	AFC		

^{*}The four slots reserved for the CONCACAF teams are based on the ranking of the four best teams that represented CONCACAF at the last five Futsal World Cups. The four teams to qualify will be allocated CONCACAF 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the same order as they finish the 2016 CONCACAF Futsal Championship (winners, runners-up, third and fourth place).

DRAW PROCEDURE:

- The four pots representing the teams are labelled pots 1 to 4.
- The six pots representing the venues are labelled groups A to F. In each pot, there are four yellow balls with the position numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4 of each respective group.
- The draw starts with pot 1 and ends with pot 4. Each pot is completely emptied before moving on to the next pot.
- A ball from a team pot will be drawn, followed by a ball from one of the groups, thus determining the position in which the respective team will play.

DRAW CONSTRAINTS:

- 1- In pot 1, Colombia have a red ball and have been pre-assigned position A1 as hosts.
- 2- For ticket sales reasons, the Local Organising Committee has asked that the top two teams and the hosts (i.e. Colombia, Brazil and Spain) be spread around the three venues for the group matches. Colombia, as hosts assigned to position A1, will therefore be based in Cali, while Spain and Brazil should be allocated separately to Medellin (group B or group F) and Bucaramanga (group D or group E) in no particular order.
 - Brazil or Spain cannot be drawn in group C -> skip to D
 - If Brazil are drawn in either group B or group F, Spain will be placed in either group D or group E, and vice versa
 - ⇒ Pot 1 balls will be drawn randomly and allocated to the groups in alphabetical order, with the two exceptions mentioned above.
- 3- FIFA's general principle is to ensure that no group has more than one team from the same confederation drawn into it. An exception is made for UEFA, as there will be two UEFA teams in one group (seven UEFA slots in total).