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SLOT ALLOCATION

The slot allocation for the Oceania Football Confederation (OFC) for the FIFA World Cup 26™ is 1.5 teams.

PRELIMINARY COMPETITION FORMAT

The OFC qualifiers will be composed of three rounds and the format will allow all of FIFA's 11 member associations to compete for access to one direct slot and one play-off slot for the FIFA World Cup 26.

ROUND ONE:

The first round of qualifiers, which will be played in September 2024, will be knockout matches between the four lowest-ranked OFC teams in the FIFA/Coca-Cola Men's World Ranking release of July 2024.

The match-ups will be determined based on the teams' positions in the ranking as follows:

Matchday 1:

- Match 1: 8th-ranked OFC team v. 11th-ranked OFC team
- Match 2: 9th-ranked OFC team v. 10th-ranked OFC team

Matchday 2:

- Match 3: winner match 1 v. winner match 2

The winner of match 3 will progress to round two.

ROUND TWO:

The second round of the OFC qualifiers will be played in a group-stage format in October and November 2024.

The seven highest-ranked OFC teams and the winner of round one will be divided into two groups of four teams each.

Each team will play against every other team in their group once.

Round two pot allocation:

The eight participating OFC member associations will be divided into two groups of four teams each.



The eight competing nations will be allocated to three pots. Pot 1 will contain the first- and second-ranked OFC teams based on the FIFA/Coca-Cola Men's World Ranking release of July 2024 ("FIFA ranking"). Pot 2 will contain the third-, fourth-, fifth- and sixth-ranked OFC teams based on the FIFA ranking, while pot 3 will contain the seventh-ranked OFC team based on the FIFA ranking and the winner of round one.

The three team pots will be labelled 1, 2 and 3.

POT 1	POT 2	POT 3
New Zealand Solomon Islands	Fiji Tahiti New Caledonia Vanuatu	Papua New Guinea Winner round one

Round two draw procedures:

The draw will begin with pot 3. The balls in pot 3 will be emptied completely before moving on to pot 2, which will also be emptied before finally moving on to pot 1.

Teams drawn from each pot will be allocated to the groups sequentially from A to B. Thus, the first team drawn will be placed in Group A, the next team drawn in Group B, and so on until all three pots are emptied.

The position occupied by each team in a group will be determined based on the pot from which they are drawn. Thus, teams drawn from pot 3 will be placed in position 4, teams drawn from pot 2 will be placed in positions 3 and 2, in sequential group order (position 3 in each group, then position 2 in each group) and teams drawn from pot 1 will be placed in position 1.

Group A	Group B
A1	B1
A2	B2
A3	B3
A4	B4

The matches will be played according to the schedule below:

Matchday 3:

- Match 4: A1 v. A2
- Match 5: A3 v. A4
- Match 6: B1 v. B2
- Match 7: B3 v. B4

Matchday 4:

- Match 8: A1 v. A3



Match 9: A4 v. A2
Match 10: B1 v. B3
Match 11: B4 v. B2

Matchday 5:

Match 12: A4 v. A1
Match 13: A2 v. A3
Match 14: B4 v. B1
Match 15: B2 v. B3

The teams finishing first and second in each group will qualify for round three.

Draw constraints:

None