



**FIFA WORLD CUP**  
**Qatar2022**

# **UEFA preliminary competition for the FIFA World Cup 2022™**

**Draw procedures**

# Draw procedures for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™ Preliminary Draw (UEFA)

## SLOT ALLOCATION:

The slot allocation of UEFA for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™ is 13 teams (ten teams to qualify directly from the group stage and the remaining three slots to be played out in the European play-offs).

## POT ALLOCATION:

### Group stage

The 55 participating teams will be allocated to six pots – five pots of ten teams and one pot of five teams – based on the FIFA/Coca-Cola World Ranking of 26 November 2020.

The ten highest-ranked teams will be allocated to Pot 1, the next ten highest to Pot 2 and so on until the last five remaining teams have been allocated to Pot 6.

Pot 1	Pot 2	Pot 3
1. Belgium	1. Switzerland	1. Russia
2. France	2. Wales	2. Hungary
3. England	3. Poland	3. Republic of Ireland
4. Portugal	4. Sweden	4. Czech Republic
5. Spain	5. Austria	5. Norway
6. Italy	6. Ukraine	6. Northern Ireland
7. Croatia	7. Serbia	7. Iceland
8. Denmark	8. Turkey	8. Scotland
9. Germany	9. Slovakia	9. Greece
10. Netherlands	10. Romania	10. Finland

Pot 4	Pot 5	Pot 6
1. Bosnia and Herzegovina	1. Armenia	1. Malta
2. Slovenia	2. Cyprus	2. Moldavia
3. Montenegro	3. Faroe Islands	3. Liechtenstein
4. North Macedonia	4. Azerbaijan	4. Gibraltar
5. Albania	5. Estonia	5. San Marino
6. Bulgaria	6. Kosovo	
7. Israel	7. Kazakhstan	
8. Belarus	8. Lithuania	
9. Georgia	9. Latvia	
10. Luxemburg	10. Andorra	

## DRAW PROCEDURES:

### Group stage

The draw will start with Pot 1 and will then continue with Pot 2 until Pot 6. Each pot will be emptied entirely before proceeding to the next pot.

As a rule and for each pot, the teams drawn will be allocated to a group in alphabetical order, from Group A to Group J. When a draw constraint applies or is anticipated to apply, the team drawn will be allocated to the first available group in alphabetical order as indicated by the draw constraint programme.

As Pot 6 only contains five teams, these teams will be drawn into the sixth position in groups F to J.

<b>Group A</b> 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.	<b>Group B</b> 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.	<b>Group C</b> 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.	<b>Group D</b> 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.	<b>Group E</b> 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.
<b>Group F</b> 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.	<b>Group G</b> 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.	<b>Group H</b> 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.	<b>Group I</b> 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.	<b>Group J</b> 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.

## DRAW CONSTRAINTS:

### Competition-related reasons

The four UEFA Nations League finalist teams will play the two final matches of this competition in October 2021. As a consequence, these four teams will have only eight matchdays available for European qualifier group-stage matches and each must therefore be allocated to a group of five teams.

The following draw conditions apply:

1. The four teams participating in the UEFA Nations League finals 2021 shall be drawn into a group of five teams (groups A-E).
2. In addition, each group of five teams (groups A-E) can only contain a maximum of one UEFA Nations League finalist team.

The UEFA Nations League finalist teams will be the four League A group winners, and their identities will be known at the conclusion of the league phase on 18 November 2020.

### Prohibited team clashes

Based on the UEFA Executive Committee decisions valid at the time of the draw, the following teams cannot be drawn into the same group:

- Armenia / Azerbaijan

- Gibraltar / Spain
- Kosovo / Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Kosovo / Serbia
- Kosovo / Russia
- Ukraine / Russia

The following draw condition applies:

- If a prohibited clash occurs or could occur, the team drawn shall be placed in the first available group in alphabetical order as indicated by the draw constraint programme.

### Winter venue restrictions

Ten countries have been identified as venues with a risk of severe winter conditions. In order to minimise the risk of matches being negatively affected or not being completed or played, a maximum of two such countries can be drawn into the same group:

Belarus

Estonia

Faroe Islands\*

Finland

Iceland\*

Latvia

Lithuania

Norway

Russia

Ukraine

The following draw condition applies:

- If a team is or could be drawn into a group which already contains two such teams, that team is placed in the first available group in alphabetical order as indicated by the draw constraint programme.

\*Iceland and the Faroe Islands have been identified as venues with the highest risk of severe winter conditions. Given that the March window will include three matchdays and to limit the disruption to the group-match scheduling, these two teams shall not be drawn into the same group.

The following additional draw condition applies:

- If Iceland or the Faroe Islands are or could be drawn into a group which already contains the other team in question, the team drawn is placed in the first available group in alphabetical order as indicated by the draw constraint programme.

### **Excessive travel restrictions**

Twenty country pairs have been identified as involving excessive travel. In order to minimise the teams' travel burden, a maximum of one such pair can be drawn into the same group. The following table shows the restrictions, applicable both ways.

The following draw condition applies:

- If a team is or could be drawn into a group which already contains two such teams, that team is placed in the first available group in alphabetical order as indicated by the draw constraint programme.

From/To	To/From	From/To	To/From
Andorra (Barcelona, ESP)	Kazakhstan (Nur-Sultan)	Iceland (Reykjavik)	Azerbaijan (Baku)
England (London)		Gibraltar	
France (Paris)		Portugal (Lisbon)	
Faroe Islands (Tórshavn)		Armenia (Yerevan)	Iceland (Reykjavik)
Gibraltar		Cyprus (Larnaca)	
Iceland (Reykjavik)		Georgia (Tbilisi)	
Malta (Valletta)		Israel (Tel Aviv)	
Northern Ireland (Belfast)			
Portugal (Lisbon)			
Republic of Ireland (Dublin)			
Scotland (Edinburgh)			
Spain (Madrid)			
Wales (Cardiff)			