

2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa™ Final Draw Procedure



There will be four pots of teams. Each pot contains eight teams. The pots will be drawn in numerical order beginning with Pot 1. In principle, the groups will be filled in order from A-H with one team from each pot.

The principle of geographic separation maintains that teams from the same confederation will not be allowed to occupy the same group. Therefore groups may need to be skipped over in order to avoid geographic clashes within groups.

This will be achieved specifically as follows: The first two African teams drawn from Pot 3 will be placed into the groups with Brazil and Argentina. The first South American team drawn from Pot 3 will be placed into Group A with South Africa.

There will be one exception to the principle of geographic separation: A maximum of two European teams may occupy the same group, and this will be the case in five of the eight groups.

POT 1

The seeded teams forming Pot 1 were selected based on their standing in the October 2009 FIFA/Coca-Cola World Ranking. Pot 1 includes the top five European teams in the ranking as well as the top two non-European teams. In order of the world ranking, they are:

1. Brazil
2. Spain
3. Netherlands
4. Italy
5. Germany
6. Argentina
7. England

South Africa of course have been granted special inclusion in Pot 1 on the basis of their host country status. They will be drawn first.

All eight seeded teams will be placed into position "1" in each group.

South Africa will be the only team whose group is predetermined → Group A. The remaining teams will be drawn randomly into Groups B-H.

POTS 2, 3, 4

Teams from pots 2, 3, 4 will all be drawn into groups and positions.

POT 2

Pot 2 will be comprised of four teams from Asia, three teams from North, Central America and the Caribbean, and one team from Oceania. In alphabetical order...

From the Asian zone

1. Australia
2. Japan

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3. Korea DPR
4. Korea Republic

From the North, Central American and Caribbean zone

1. Honduras
2. Mexico
3. USA

From the Oceanian zone

1. New Zealand

POT 3

Pot 3 will consist of five teams from Africa and three teams from South America. In alphabetical order...

From the African zone

1. Algeria
2. Cameroon
3. Côte d'Ivoire
4. Ghana
5. Nigeria

From the South American zone

1. Chile
2. Paraguay
3. Uruguay

As noted previously, the principle of geographic separation will apply when drawing teams from Pot 3.

POT 4

Pot 4 will contain the remaining European teams. In alphabetical order, they are:

1. Denmark
2. France
3. Greece
4. Portugal
5. Serbia
6. Slovakia
7. Slovenia
8. Switzerland