

NORTH, CENTRAL AMERICAN & CARIBBEAN ZONE

BASIC CONDITIONS

Member Associations (MAs):	35
Participating Member Associations (PMAs):	35
Qualification Slots:	3.5

PARTICIPATING MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

- Anguilla
- Antigua and Barbuda
- Aruba
- Bahamas
- Barbados
- Belize
- Bermuda
- British Virgin Islands
- Canada
- Cayman Islands
- Costa Rica
- Cuba
- Curação

- Dominica
- Dominican Republic
- El Salvador
- Grenada
- Guatemala
- Guyana
- Haiti
- Honduras
- Jamaica
- Mexico
- Montserrat
- Nicaragua
- Panama

- Puerto Rico
- St Kitts and Nevis
- St Lucia
- St Vincent and Grenadines
- Surinam
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Turks and Caicos Islands
- USA
- US Virgin Islands

PRELIMINARY COMPETITION FORMAT & DRAW PROCEDURES

ROUND ONE

- The 10 lowest ranked PMAs (based on the FIFA/Coca-Cola World Ranking of March 2011) will contest Round One.
- The 10 teams will be paired into 5 home-and-away series to be played in the period 15 June 17 July 2011.
- The 5 series winners advance to Round Two.



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THE PAIRINGS FOR ROUND ONE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1.	tbc tbc	Montserrat vs. Belize Belize vs. Montserrat
2.	tbc tbc	Anguilla vs. Dominican Republic Dominican Republic vs. Anguilla
3.	tbc tbc	US Virgin Islands vs. British Virgin Islands British Virgin Islands vs. US Virgin Islands
4.	tbc tbc	Aruba vs. St. Lucia St. Lucia vs. Aruba
5.	tbc tbc	Bahamas vs. Turks and Caicos Islands Turks and Caicos Islands vs. Bahamas

ROUND TWO

- The 5 Round One winners then join the 19 next highest-ranked PMAs (based on the FIFA/Coca-Cola World Ranking of March 2011) that received a bye from Round One.
- The 24 teams will be drawn into 6 groups of 4 teams each.
- The matches are foreseen to be played from 2 September to 15 November 2011.
- All 6 group winners advance to the Round Three.

ALLOCATION TO POTS:

• The 24 Round Two teams will be allocated to 4 pots of 6 teams based on the FIFA/Coca-Cola World Ranking of March 2011. The top 6 teams will be placed in Pot 4; the 6 next best teams will be placed in Pot 5; and so on through Pot 7.

Pot 4

- Panama
- Canada
- El Salvador
- Grenada
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Haiti

Pot 5

- Antigua and Barbuda
- Guyana
- Suriname
- St. Kitts and Nevis
- Guatemala
- Dominica

Pot 6

- Puerto Rico
- Barbados
- Curação
- St. Vincent and the Grenadines
- Cayman Islands
- Nicaragua

Pot 7

- Bermuda
- Winner 1
- Winner 2Winner 3
- Winner 4
- Winner 5



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DRAW PROCEDURE:

- The teams will be drawn into 6 groups of 4 teams for Round Two.
- The teams in Pot 7 are placed in position 4 of each group; the teams in Pot 6 in position 3; the teams from Pot 5 in position 2; and the teams from Pot 4 in position 1.
- The draw starts with Pot 7 and ends with Pot 4.
- Groups are filled starting with Group A and ending with Group F.

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

ROUND THREE

- In Round Three, the 6 group winners from Round Two then join the remaining 6 teams that received byes for Round One and Round Two.
- The 12 teams will be drawn into 3 groups of 4 teams each.
- The matches are foreseen to be played in the period from 8 June to 16 October 2012.
- All 3 group winners and 3 group runners-up advance to Round Four.

ALLOCATION TO POTS:

• The 12 Round Three teams will be allocated to 3 pots based on the FIFA/Coca-Cola World Ranking of March 2011. The top 3 teams will be placed in Pot 1; the 3 next best teams will be placed in Pot 2; and the 6 teams advancing from Round Two will be placed in Pot 3. The winner of Group A of Round Two will be identified as "Winner A"; the winner of Group B of Round Two as "Winner B"; and so on.



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Pot 1

- USA
- Mexico
- Honduras

Pot 2

- Jamaica
- Costa Rica
- Cuba

Pot 3

- Winner A
- Winner B
- Winner C
- Winner D
- Winner E
- Winner F

DRAW PROCEDURE:

- The teams will be drawn into 3 groups of 4 teams for Round Three.
- The draw starts with Pot 3 and ends with Pot 1. Each pot must be completely emptied before moving to the next pot.
- The first 3 balls from Pot 3 will occupy position 4 of all 3 groups. The last 3 balls of Pot 3 will occupy position 3 of all 3 groups.
- Groups are filled starting with Group A and ending with Group C.

Group A	Group B	Group C
1.	1.	1.
2.	2.	2.
3.	3.	3.
4.	4.	4.

ROUND FOUR

- The 3 group winners and 3 group runners-up from Round Three will contest Round Four.
- The 6 teams will constitute a group of 6 teams.
- The matches are foreseen to be played from 6 February to 15 October 2013.
- **③** The top 3 teams qualify for the 2014 FIFA World Cup™
- The fourth placed team advances to the intercontinental play-off.

DRAW PROCEDURE:

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