



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
- Curaçao
- 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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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 1. 2. 3. 4.	Group B 1. 2. 3. 4.	Group C 1. 2. 3. 4.
Group D 1. 2. 3. 4.	Group E 1. 2. 3. 4.	Group F 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	Pot 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• USA• Mexico• Honduras	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jamaica• Costa Rica• Cuba
Pot 3	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.

- 🌐 **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™.