

June 5, 2009

Shalom chaverim:

We wish to inform you that, according to the Maccabiah Football Regulations, there was an initial error of placement of the seeded teams. Once the top seven (7) seeded teams were correctly placed, under the regulations a public draw of the remaining ten (10) teams was required to replace Holland which finished in eighth (8th) place at the 17th Maccabiah, since Holland did not enter an Open male football team in the 18th Maccabiah (There were no placement games for teams beyond 8th place at the 17th Maccabiah). According to the regulations, this was to be followed by a public draw of the remaining nine (9) teams.

There was a re-draw and the results were immediately put on the website. After consultation between the Sports Department and the ISC, it was determined that the process of the re-draw did not happen in the precise manner described above. Therefore, we have decided that another public re-draw is required and it will take place on June 7. After placement of the top seven teams from the 17th Maccabiah in accordance with System D, there will be a public re-draw of all non-seeded participating teams, first to replace Holland in the 8th seeded position in Group A, and then to complete all four groups.. Our only goal is to ensure that all draws are done in strict compliance with the Maccabiah regulations, so that all teams are placed correctly.

In the spirit of Maccabi brotherhood, sportsmanship and fair play, thank you for your anticipated patience, understanding and cooperation.

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