

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
- Suriname
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Turks and Caicos Islands
- USA
- US Virgin Islands

PRELIMINARY COMPETITION FORMAT & DRAW PROCEDURES

ROUND ONE

- The ten lowest-ranked PMAs (based on the FIFA/Coca-Cola World Ranking of March 2011) will contest Round One.
- The ten teams will be paired into five home-and-away series to be played in the period 15 June 17 July 2011.
- The five 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 five 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 six groups of four teams each.
- The matches are foreseen to be played from 2 September to 15 November 2011.
- All six group winners advance to Round Three.

ALLOCATION TO POTS:

■ The 24 Round Two teams will be allocated to four pots of six teams based on the FIFA/Coca-Cola World Ranking of March 2011. The top six teams will be placed in Pot 4; the six next best teams will be placed in Pot 5; and so on through to 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 2
- Winner 3
- Winner 4
- Winner 5



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DRAW PROCEDURE:

- The teams will be drawn into six groups of four 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 1. 2. 3.	Group E 1. 2. 3.	Group F 1. 2. 3.
4.	4.	4.

ROUND THREE

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

ALLOCATION TO POTS:

■ The 12 Round Three teams will be allocated to three pots based on the FIFA/Coca-Cola World Ranking of March 2011. The top three teams will be placed in Pot 1; the 3 next best teams will be placed in Pot 2; and the six 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 three groups of four 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 three balls from Pot 3 will occupy position 4 of all three groups. The last three balls of Pot 3 will occupy position 3 of all three 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 three group winners and three group runners-up from Round Three will contest Round Four.
- The six teams will constitute a group of six teams.
- The matches are foreseen to be played from 6 February to 15 October 2013.
- **③** The top three 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 Organising Committee for the 2014 FIFA World Cup Brazil™.