



# Statistical Kit

FIFA Women's World Cup Canada 2015™

## TEAMS



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Photos on cover: Team Germany shows its message to the crowd after the FIFA Women's World Cup 2011 Quarter Final match against Japan in Wolfsburg, Germany.  
 Team Japan and USA line up for the FIFA Women's World Cup 2011 Final match in Frankfurt am Main, Germany.  
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## The 24 Finalists by groups

Group A				
	Team	2015 Appearance	Coach/Nationality	Date of Birth
	Canada (CAN) – Host	6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>John HERDMAN, ENG</b>	19.07.1975
				
	China PR (CHN)	6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>HAO Wei, CHN</b>	27.12.1976
				
	New Zealand	4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Tony READINGS, ENG</b>	27.10.1975
				
	Netherlands (NED)	1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Roger REIJNERS, NED</b>	10.02.1964
				

### Matches

Group A				
Date	Match	City	Match number	Time (LT)
06.06.2015	Canada - China PR	EDMONTON	1	16:00
06.06.2015	New Zealand - Netherlands	EDMONTON	2	19:00
11.06.2015	Canada - New Zealand	EDMONTON	13	19:00
11.06.2015	China PR - Netherlands	EDMONTON	14	16:00
15.06.2015	Netherlands - Canada	MONTREAL	25	19:30
15.06.2015	China PR - New Zealand	WINNIPEG	26	18:30

Group B				
	Team	2015 Appearance	Coach/Nationality Date of Birth	
	Germany (GER)	7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Silvia NEID, GER</b> 02.05.1964	
	Côte d'Ivoire (CIV)	1 <sup>st</sup>		<b>Clementine TOURE, CIV</b> 21.03.1977
	Norway (NOR)	7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Even PELLERUD, NOR</b> 15.07.1953	
	Thailand (THA)	1 <sup>st</sup>		<b>Nuengrutai SRATHONGVIAN, THA</b> 01.01.1972

## Matches

Group B				
Date	Match	City	Match number	Time (LT)
07.06.2015	Germany - Cote d Ivoire	OTTAWA	3	16:00
07.06.2015	Norway - Thailand	OTTAWA	4	13:00
11.06.2015	Germany - Norway	OTTAWA	15	16:00
11.06.2015	Cote d Ivoire - Thailand	OTTAWA	16	19:00
15.06.2015	Thailand - Germany	WINNIPEG	27	15:00
15.06.2015	Cote d Ivoire - Norway	MONCTON	28	17:00

Group C				
	Team	2015 Appearance	Coach/Nationality Date of Birth	
	Japan (JPN)	7 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Norio SASAKI, JPN</b> 24.05.1958
	Switzerland (SUI)	1 <sup>st</sup>		<b>Martina VOSS-TECKLENBURG, GER</b> 22.12.1967 
	Cameroon (CMR)	1 <sup>st</sup>		<b>Enow NGACHU, CMR</b> 21.02.1975
	Ecuador (ECU)	1 <sup>st</sup>		<b>Vanessa ARAUZ, ECU</b> 05.02.1989 

## Matches

Group C				
Date	Match	City	Match number	Time (LT)
08.06.2015	Japan - Switzerland	VANCOUVER	5	19:00
08.06.2015	Cameroon - Ecuador	VANCOUVER	6	16:00
12.06.2015	Japan - Cameroon	VANCOUVER	17	19:00
12.06.2015	Switzerland - Ecuador	VANCOUVER	18	16:00
16.06.2015	Ecuador - Japan	WINNIPEG	29	16:00
16.06.2015	Switzerland - Cameroon	EDMONTON	30	15:00

Group D				
	Team	2015 Appearance	Coach/Nationality Date of Birth	
	USA (USA)	7 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Jill ELLIS, USA</b> 06.09.1966
	Australia (AUS)	6 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Alen STAJCIC, AUS</b> 02.11.1973 
	Sweden (SWE)	7 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Pia SUNDHAGE, SWE</b> 13.02.1960
	Nigeria (NGA)	7 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Edwin OKON, NGA</b> 19.10.1970 

### Matches

Group D				
Date	Match	City	Match number	Time (LT)
08.06.2015	USA - Australia	WINNIPEG	7	18:30
08.06.2015	Sweden - Nigeria	WINNIPEG	8	15:00
12.06.2015	USA - Sweden	WINNIPEG	19	19:00
12.06.2015	Australia - Nigeria	WINNIPEG	20	16:00
16.06.2015	Nigeria - USA	VANCOUVER	31	17:00
16.06.2015	Australia - Sweden	EDMONTON	32	18:00

Group E				
	Team	2015 Appearance	Coach/Nationality Date of Birth	
	Brazil (BRA)	7 <sup>th</sup>		<b>VADAO, BRA</b> 21.08.1956
	Korea Republic (KOR)	2 <sup>nd</sup>		<b>YOON Deok Yeo, KOR</b> 25.03.1961 
	Spain (ESP)	1 <sup>st</sup>		<b>Ignacio QUEREDA, ESP</b> 24.07.1950
	Costa Rica (CRC)	1 <sup>st</sup>		<b>Amelia VALVERDE, CRC</b> 14.01.1987 

### Matches

Group E				
Date	Match	City	Match number	Time (LT)
09.06.2015	Brazil - Korea Republic	MONTREAL	9	19:00
09.06.2015	Spain - Costa Rica	MONTREAL	10	16:00
13.06.2015	Brazil - Spain	MONTREAL	21	16:00
13.06.2015	Korea Republic - Costa Rica	MONTREAL	22	19:00
17.06.2015	Costa Rica - Brazil	MONCTON	33	20:00
17.06.2015	Korea Republic - Spain	OTTAWA	34	19:00

Group F				
	Team	2015 Appearance	Coach/Nationality Date of Birth	
	France (FRA)	3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Philippe BERGEROO, FRA</b> 13.01.1954	
	England (ENG)	4 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Mark SAMPSON, WAL</b> 18.10.1982
	Colombia (COL)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Fabian TABORDA, COL</b> 19.09.1978	
	Mexico (MEX)	3 <sup>rd</sup>		<b>Leonardo CUELLAR, MEX</b> 14.01.1952

### Matches

Group F				
Date	Match	City	Match number	Time (LT)
09.06.2015	France - England	MONCTON	11	14:00
09.06.2015	Colombia - Mexico	MONCTON	12	17:00
13.06.2015	France - Colombia	MONCTON	23	14:00
13.06.2015	England - Mexico	MONCTON	24	17:00
17.06.2015	Mexico - France	OTTAWA	35	16:00
17.06.2015	England - Colombia	MONTREAL	36	16:00

## Match Schedule

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D	Group E	Group F
Canada	Germany	Japan	USA	Brazil	France
China PR	Côte d'Ivoire	Switzerland	Australia	Korea Republic	England
New Zealand	Norway	Cameroon	Sweden	Spain	Colombia
Netherlands	Thailand	Ecuador	Nigeria	Costa Rica	Mexico

### First Stage

Group A				
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06.06.2015	New Zealand - Netherlands	EDMONTON	2	19:00
11.06.2015	Canada - New Zealand	EDMONTON	13	19:00
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12.06.2015	Australia - Nigeria	WINNIPEG	20	16:00
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16.06.2015	Australia - Sweden	EDMONTON	32	18:00
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Date	Match	City	Match number	Time (LT)
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09.06.2015	Spain - Costa Rica	MONTREAL	10	16:00
13.06.2015	Brazil - Spain	MONTREAL	21	16:00
13.06.2015	Korea Republic - Costa Rica	MONTREAL	22	19:00
17.06.2015	Costa Rica - Brazil	MONCTON	33	20:00
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09.06.2015	Colombia - Mexico	MONCTON	12	17:00
13.06.2015	France - Colombia	MONCTON	23	14:00
13.06.2015	England - Mexico	MONCTON	24	17:00
17.06.2015	Mexico - France	OTTAWA	35	16:00
17.06.2015	England - Colombia	MONTREAL	36	16:00

## Round of 16

Date	Match	City	Match number	Time (LT)
20.06.2015	2A - 2C	EDMONTON	37	17:30
22.06.2015	1D - 3BEF	EDMONTON	38	18:00
20.06.2015	1B - 3ACD	OTTAWA	39	16:00
21.06.2015	1F - 2E	MONTREAL	40	16:00
21.06.2015	1E - 2D	MONCTON	41	14:00
23.06.2015	1C - 3ABF	VANCOUVER	42	19:00
22.06.2015	2B - 2F	OTTAWA	43	17:00
21.06.2015	1A - 3CDE	VANCOUVER	44	16:30

## Quarter-final

Date	Match	City	Match number	Time (LT)
26.06.2015	W37 - W38	OTTAWA	45	19:30
26.06.2015	W39 - W40	MONTREAL	46	16:00
27.06.2015	W41 - W42	EDMONTON	47	14:00
27.06.2015	W43 - W44	VANCOUVER	48	16:30

## Semi-final

Date	Match	City	Match number	Time (LT)
30.06.2015	W45 - W46	MONTREAL	49	19:00
01.07.2015	W47 - W48	EDMONTON	50	16:00

## Match for third place

Date	Match	City	Match number	Time (LT)
04.07.2015	L49 - L50	EDMONTON	51	14:00

## Final

Date	Match	City	Match number	Time (LT)
05.07.2015	W49 - W50	VANCOUVER	52	16:00

## Location of the 2015 tournament venues



### Edmonton (EDT -2)

Commonwealth Stadium

### Moncton (EDT +1)

Moncton Stadium

### Montreal (EDT)

Olympic Stadium

### Ottawa (EDT)

Lansdowne Stadium

### Vancouver (EDT -3)

BC Place Stadium

### Winnipeg (EDT -1)

Winnipeg Stadium

*Eastern Daylight Times (EDT) is Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) – 4 hours*

## Team profiles (by group)

Number of participations is historic and therefore does not include 2015

Group A
Canada
China PR
New Zealand
Netherlands

### CANADA (CAN) - HOST

<b>Confederation</b>	CONCACAF
<b>FIFA/Coca-Cola Women's World Ranking (March 2015)</b>	8
<b>Overall record FIFA Women's World Cup™</b>	
<i>Previous participations</i> <i>best rank / year</i>	5      4 <sup>th</sup> in 2003
<i>All-time ranking</i>	9
<i>Number of matches played (Wins – Draws – Losses)</i>	18 (4 – 3 – 11)
<i>Goals for / goals against</i>	26 / 46
<i>Biggest win/best score</i>	4-0 vs Ghana in 2007
<i>Most-capped FWWC player</i>	Charmaine HOOPER (15.01.1968) 12 (3-1995, 3-1999, 6-2003) Christine SINCLAIR (12.06.1983) 12 (6-2003, 3-2007, 3-2011) Diana MATHESON (06.04.1984) 12 (6-2003, 3-2007, 3-2011) Rhian WILKINSON (12.05.1982) 12 (6-2003, 3-2007, 3-2011)
<i>Best FWWC goalscorer</i>	Christine SINCLAIR (12.06.1983) 7 (3-2003, 3-2007, 1-2011)
<b>Other FIFA women's competitions</b>	
<b>Previous Olympic Football Tournaments</b> <i>best rank / year</i>	2      Bronze medal winners in 2012
<b>Previous FIFA Women's U-20 World Cups</b> <i>best rank / year</i>	6      Runners-up in 2002
<b>Previous FIFA Women's U-17 World Cups</b> <i>best rank / year</i>	4      Quarter-finals in 2008, 2012 & 2014

## Facts & Figures

Canada are appearing in their sixth consecutive edition, having only missed out on the inaugural tournament in 1991. The Canucks have ventured beyond the group stage just once, in 2003 when they finished fourth after losing to Sweden in the semi-finals and USA in the match for third place.

This is the third FIFA women's finals tournament to be staged in Canada, following the FIFA U-19 Women's World Cup 2002 and the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup 2014.

The Canadians have racked up nine defeats in as many matches against European opposition in the Women's World Cup™.

<b>CHINA PR (CHN)</b>	
<b>Confederation</b>	AFC
<b>FIFA/Coca-Cola Women's World Ranking (March 2015)</b>	16
<b>Overall record FIFA Women's World Cup™</b>	
<i>Previous participations</i> <i>best rank / year</i>	5 <i>Runners-up in 1999</i>
<i>All-time ranking</i>	6
<i>Number of matches played (Wins – Draws – Losses)</i>	24 (13 – 5 – 6)
<i>Goals for / goals against</i>	48 / 25
<i>Biggest win/best score</i>	7-0 vs Ghana in 1999
<i>Most-capped FWWC player</i>	SUN Wen (06.04.1973) 20 (4-1991, 6-1995, 6-1999, 4-2003)
<i>Best FWWC goalscorer</i>	SUN Wen (06.04.1973) 11 (1-1991, 2-1995, 7-1999, 1-2003)
<b>Other FIFA women's competitions</b>	
<b>Previous Olympic Football Tournaments</b> <i>best rank / year</i>	4 <i>Silver medal winners in 1996</i>
<b>Previous FIFA Women's U-20 World Cups</b> <i>best rank / year</i>	5 <i>Runners-up in 2004 &amp; 2006</i>
<b>Previous FIFA Women's U-17 World Cups</b> <i>best rank / year</i>	2 <i>Group stage in 2012 &amp; 2014</i>

## Facts & Figures

China PR return to the finals of the FIFA Women's World Cup™ after missing out in 2011, which is the only edition for which they failed to qualify. The *Steel Roses'* best placing was a runners-up spot in the 1999 tournament, when they lost on penalties to the eventual champions USA.

Together with Korea Republic, China PR were one of the first two teams to qualify for the 2015 finals. The *Steel Roses* secured their berth on 17 May 2014 with a 3-0 success over Myanmar in their second group match in the AFC Women's Asian Cup, which doubles as a qualifying tournament for the Women's World Cup™.

China PR were involved in the Opening Match of the inaugural Women's World Cup™, overcoming Norway 4-0 in Guangzhou on 16 November 1991. Ma Li scored the competition's historic first goal after 22 minutes.

## NEW ZEALAND (NZL)

<b>Confederation</b>	OFC
<b>FIFA/Coca-Cola Women's World Ranking (March 2015)</b>	17
<b>Overall record FIFA Women's World Cup™</b>	
<i>Previous participations</i> <i>best rank / year</i>	3      Group stage in 1991, 2007 & 2011
<i>All-time ranking</i>	21
<i>Number of matches played (Wins – Draws – Losses)</i>	9 (0 – 1 – 8)
<i>Goals for / goals against</i>	5 / 26
<i>Biggest win/best score</i>	2-2 vs Mexico in 2011
<i>Most-capped FWWC player</i>	Seven players with six matches
<i>Best FWWC goalscorer</i>	Five players with one goal each
<b>Other FIFA women's competitions</b>	
<b>Previous Olympic Football Tournaments</b> <i>best rank / year</i>	2      Quarter-finals in 2012
<b>Previous FIFA Women's U-20 World Cups</b> <i>best rank / year</i>	5      Quarter-finals in 2014
<b>Previous FIFA Women's U-17 World Cups</b> <i>best rank / year</i>	4      Group stage in 2008, 2010, 2012 & 2014

## Facts & Figures

New Zealand are contesting their third consecutive Women's World Cup and their fourth overall. In each of their previous campaigns the Football Ferns were eliminated in the opening round.

The New Zealanders have lost all but one of their nine games played in this event, avoiding defeat only in their last game of the 2011 campaign, when they drew 2-2 with Mexico.

New Zealand cemented their finals place in October after winning a fifth continental title, their third on the trot. The *Antipodeans* have won their last 11 Women's World Cup qualifiers (their last defeat coming against Australia in 2003) with a tally of 101 goals scored and just one conceded, against Tonga in 2007.

<b>NETHERLANDS (NED)</b>	
<b>Confederation</b>	UEFA
<b>FIFA/Coca-Cola Women's World Ranking (March 2015)</b>	12
<b>Overall record FIFA Women's World Cup™</b>	
<i>Previous participations</i>	<i>best rank / year</i> 0
	<i>All-time ranking</i> -
	<i>Number of matches played</i> -
	<i>Wins – Draws – Losses</i> -
	<i>Goals for / goals against</i> -
	<i>Biggest win/best score</i> -
	<i>Most-capped FWWC player</i> -
	<i>Best FWWC goalscorer</i> -
<b>Other FIFA women's competitions</b>	
<b>None</b>	

**NEWCOMER**

## Facts & Figures

The Netherlands were the last European team to qualify for the finals of the FIFA Women's World Cup 2015™. The Dutch team's inclusion means that there are no fewer than three debutants from the UEFA Zone in the competition, with Spain and Switzerland being the other two.

This will also be the first participation by a Dutch side in the finals of a FIFA women's competition. In the senior continental tournament in 2009, the *Oranje* achieved their best finish of third behind Germany and England.

The Netherlands played the most qualifiers of all the teams to have made it into the 2015 finals, with no fewer than 14 encounters consisting of 11 wins, two draws and one defeat. Italy also played the same number of matches during the preliminary campaign, but failed to reach the global showpiece as they were the Dutch ladies' losing opponents in the decisive play-off for the last European berth.

Group B	
	Germany
	Cote d'Ivoire
	Norway
	Thailand

GERMANY (GER)	
<b>Confederation</b>	UEFA
<b>FIFA/Coca-Cola Women's World Ranking (March 2015)</b>	1
<b>Overall record FIFA Women's World Cup™</b>	
<i>Previous participations</i> <i>best rank / year</i>	6 <i>Champions in 2003 &amp; 2007</i>
	<i>All-time ranking</i> 2
<i>Number of matches played (Wins – Draws – Losses)</i>	32 (23 – 3 – 6)
<i>Goals for / goals against</i>	91 / 31
<i>Biggest win/best score</i>	11-0 vs Argentina in 2007
<i>Most-capped FWWC player</i>	Birgit PRINZ (25.10.1977) 24 (6-1995, 4-1999, 6-2003, 6-2007, 2-2011)
<i>Best FWWC goalscorer</i>	Birgit PRINZ (25.10.1977) 14 (1-1995, 1-1999, 7-2003, 5-2007)
<b>Other FIFA women's competitions</b>	
<b>Previous Olympic Football Tournaments</b> <i>best rank / year</i>	4 <i>Bronze medal winners in 2000, 2004 &amp; 2008</i>
<b>Previous FIFA Women's U-20 World Cups</b> <i>best rank / year</i>	7 <i>Champions in 2004, 2010 &amp; 2014</i>
<b>Previous FIFA Women's U-17 World Cups</b> <i>best rank / year</i>	4 <i>3<sup>rd</sup> in 2008</i>

## Facts & Figures

Germany have featured in every edition of the Women's World Cup and are the only team to have won it twice in a row, in 2003 and 2007.

The Germans hold several records in the Women's World Cup. They scored the most goals in a single edition (25 in 2003) together with USA, who netted the same number in 1991; they achieved the biggest winning margin (11-0 against Argentina in 2007); and they went a total of six matches and 679 minutes without conceding a goal between the 2003 and 2011 editions, during which period they also strung together a record 15-match unbeaten run.

With ten victories in as many qualifiers en route to Canada, Germany extended their winning streak in the European Zone preliminary tournament to 24 consecutive games, the longest winning series of any team in the history of Women's World Cup qualifying. Since last failing to win in 1998, when they drew a play-off 1-1 in Ukraine, the Germans have picked up maximum points in every subsequent qualifier dating from 2001 onwards.

<b>CÔTE D'IVOIRE (CIV)</b>	
<b>Confederation</b>	CAF
<b>FIFA/Coca-Cola Women's World Ranking (March 2015)</b>	67
<b>Overall record FIFA Women's World Cup™</b>	
<i>Previous participations</i>	<i>best rank / year</i> -
	<i>All-time ranking</i> -
<i>Number of matches played (Wins – Draws – Losses)</i>	-
<i>Goals for / goals against</i>	-
<i>Biggest win/best score</i>	-
<i>Most-capped FWWC player</i>	-
<i>Best FWWC goalscorer</i>	-
<b>Other FIFA women's competitions</b>	
<b>None</b>	

**NEWCOMER**

## Facts & Figures

Côte d'Ivoire are one of two African debutant sides in the 2015 finals, the other being Cameroon.

This is also the *Ivorians'* first participation in the finals of a FIFA women's competition.

The West Africans booked their ticket to Canada by virtue of a 1-0 victory over South Africa in the match for third place in the last African Women's Championship. The winning goal was netted by Ida Rebecca Guehai five minutes from full time.

## NORWAY (NOR)

<b>Confederation</b>	UEFA		
<b>FIFA/Coca-Cola Women's World Ranking (March 2015)</b>	11		
<b>Overall record FIFA Women's World Cup™</b>			
<i>Previous participations</i>	<i>best rank / year</i>	6	<i>Champions in 1995</i>
	<i>All-time ranking</i>	3	
<i>Number of matches played (Wins – Draws – Losses)</i>			
		31 (20 – 2 – 9)	
<i>Goals for / goals against</i>			
		77 / 41	
<i>Biggest win/best score</i>			
		8-0 vs Nigeria in 1995	
<i>Most-capped FWWC player</i>			
		Bente NORDBY (23.07.1974) 22 (6-1995, 6-1999, 4-2003, 6-2007)	
		Hege RIISE (18.07.1969) 22 (6-1991, 6-1995, 6-1999, 4-2003)	
<i>Best FWWC goalscorer</i>			
		Ann Kristin AARONES (19.01.1973) 10 (6-1995, 4-1999)	
<b>Other FIFA women's competitions</b>			
<b>Previous Olympic Football Tournaments</b>	<i>best rank / year</i>	3	<i>Gold Medal winners in 2000</i>
<b>Previous FIFA Women's U-20 World Cups</b>	<i>best rank / year</i>	2	<i>Quarter-finals in 2012</i>

## Facts & Figures

Norway have appeared in every edition and reached the Final in the first two tournaments, winning the title in 1995. The 2011 edition was the first one in which the *Gresshoppene* failed to get past the group stage.

Norway hold two records in the Women's World Cup, for the most consecutive victories (ten between 1995 and 1999) and the longest scoring streak (15 games between 1991 and 1999).

The Norwegians topped their qualifying group with nine victories and one defeat, the 2-0 home reverse against the Netherlands bringing to an end Norway's record run of 37 matches unbeaten in Women's World Cup qualifying. Their last defeat had been a 1-0 loss against Germany in 1997, which was followed by 33 victories and four draws.



THAILAND (THA)	
<b>Confederation</b>	AFC
<b>FIFA/Coca-Cola Women's World Ranking (March 2015)</b>	29
<b>Overall record FIFA Women's World Cup™</b>	
<i>Previous participations</i> <i>best rank / year</i>	-
<i>All-time ranking</i>	-
<i>Number of matches played (Wins – Draws – Losses)</i>	-
<i>Goals for / goals against</i>	-
<i>Biggest win/best score</i>	-
<i>Most-capped FWWC player</i>	-
<i>Best FWWC goalscorer</i>	-
<b>Other FIFA women's competitions</b>	
<b>Previous FIFA Women's U-20 World Cups</b> <i>best rank / year</i>	1 <i>Group stage in 2004</i>

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## Facts & Figures

This is the first Women's World Cup™ to feature Thailand, who are the sixth Asian team to take part in the event.

The Southeast Asians secured their historic first qualification by beating Vietnam in the fifth-place play-off of the Women's Asian Cup 2014. The Thai women triumphed 2-1 thanks to a double from Kanjana Sung-Ngoen.

The only FIFA competition that Thailand have previously participated in was the U-19 Women's World Cup in 2004, when they were the host team. On that occasion they were eliminated at the opening stage with three defeats out of three, no goals scored and 18 conceded.

Group C	
Japan	
Switzerland	
Cameroon	
Ecuador	

JAPAN (JPN)	
<b>Confederation</b>	AFC
<b>FIFA/Coca-Cola Women's World Ranking (March 2015)</b>	4
<b>Overall record FIFA Women's World Cup™</b>	
<i>Previous participations</i>	<i>best rank / year</i> 6 <i>Champions in 2011</i>
	<i>All-time ranking</i> 7
<i>Number of matches played (Wins – Draws – Losses)</i>	22 (7 – 3 – 12)
<i>Goals for / goals against</i>	25 / 46
<i>Biggest win/best score</i>	6-0 vs Argentina in 2003
<i>Most-capped FWWC player</i>	Homare SAWA (06.09.1978) 18 (3-1995, 3-1999, 3-2003, 3-2007, 6-2011)
<i>Best FWWC goalscorer</i>	Homare SAWA (06.09.1978) 8 (3-2003, 5-2011)
<b>Other FIFA women's competitions</b>	
<b>Previous Olympic Football Tournaments</b>	<i>best rank / year</i> 4 <i>Silver medal winners in 2012</i>
<b>Previous FIFA Women's U-20 World Cups</b>	<i>best rank / year</i> 4 <i>3<sup>rd</sup> in 2012</i>
<b>Previous FIFA Women's U-17 World Cups</b>	<i>best rank / year</i> 4 <i>Champions in 2014</i>

## Facts & Figures

The reigning Asian champions are the first and only AFC side to have won the Women's World Cup and have participated in all seven editions of the competition.

In their triumphant 2011 campaign Japan won four matches, compared with only three in their previous five participations.

In 2014 Japan clinched their first Women's Asian Cup, which also serves as the Asian qualifying tournament for the Women's World Cup. After four runners-up finishes the *Nadeshiko* overcame fellow finalists Australia 1-0 thanks to a goal from Azusa Iwashimizu, who had already been crowned world champion in 2011.



SWITZERLAND (SUI)	
<b>Confederation</b>	UEFA
<b>FIFA/Coca-Cola Women's World Ranking (March 2015)</b>	19
<b>Overall record FIFA Women's World Cup™</b>	
<i>Previous participations</i> <i>best rank / year</i>	-
<i>All-time ranking</i>	-
<i>Number of matches played (Wins – Draws – Losses)</i>	-
<i>Goals for / goals against</i>	-
<i>Biggest win/best score</i>	-
<i>Most-capped FWWC player</i>	-
<i>Best FWWC goalscorer</i>	-
<b>Other FIFA women's competitions</b>	
<b>Previous FIFA Women's U-20 World Cups</b> <i>best rank / year</i>	3 <i>Group stage in 2006, 2010 &amp; 2012</i>

NEWCOMER

## Facts & Figures

This is Switzerland's first qualification for the finals of the Women's World Cup.

Previously the only Swiss national side to have qualified for a FIFA finals tournament were the U-20 team, who contested the global youth events in 2006, 2010 and 2012, albeit losing every match.

In European Zone qualifying the Swiss, along with France, won their group by the biggest margin (nine points ahead of second-placed Iceland). The Helvetians also let in the joint-fewest goals together with England and Sweden, conceding just once (against Denmark).



## CAMEROON (CMR)

<b>Confederation</b>	CAF	
<b>FIFA/Coca-Cola Women's World Ranking (March 2015)</b>	53	
<b>Overall record FIFA Women's World Cup™</b>		
<i>Previous participations</i>	<i>best rank / year</i>	-
	<i>All-time ranking</i>	-
<i>Number of matches played (Wins – Draws – Losses)</i>	-	
<i>Goals for / goals against</i>	-	
<i>Biggest win/best score</i>	-	
<i>Most-capped FWWC player</i>	-	
<i>Best FWWC goalscorer</i>	-	
<b>Other FIFA women's competitions</b>		
<b>Previous Olympic Football Tournaments</b>	<i>best rank / year</i>	1 <i>Group stage in 2012</i>

NEWCOMER

### Facts & Figures

Cameroon are one of the debutant teams at the finals. To date only three African sides have taken part in the Women's World Cup™, but this number will rise to five in 2015 with the participation of Cameroon and Côte d'Ivoire.

The Women's World Cup 2015™ will be the second FIFA women's competition to involve Cameroon, who previously took part in the Olympic Women's Football Tournament London 2012, losing their two opening-round games to Brazil and New Zealand.

Cameroon qualified for Canada 2015 by finishing runners-up in the African Women's Championship. Despite losing the 2014 finale 2-0 to the eventual winners Nigeria, the Indomitable Lionesses equalled their best placing in the continental event, which they previously achieved in 1991 and 2004 when they also finished runners-up to Nigeria.

## ECUADOR (ECU)

<b>Confederation</b>	CONMEBOL
<b>FIFA/Coca-Cola Women's World Ranking (March 2015)</b>	48
<b>Overall record FIFA Women's World Cup™</b>	
<i>Previous participations</i>	<i>best rank / year</i>
	-
	<i>All-time ranking</i>
	-
<i>Number of matches played (Wins – Draws – Losses)</i>	-
<i>Goals for / goals against</i>	-
<i>Biggest win/best score</i>	-
<i>Most-capped FWWC player</i>	-
<i>Best FWWC goalscorer</i>	-
<b>Other FIFA women's competitions</b>	
<b>None</b>	

NEWCOMER

## Facts & Figures

This is the first FIFA Women's World Cup™ to involve Ecuador, who are the fourth South American side to qualify for the finals in the competition's history after Argentina (who are absent from Canada), Brazil and Colombia.

*La Tricolor* are also participating in their very first FIFA women's finals tournament at any level.

Ecuador were the last of the 24 teams to qualify for Canada 2015, having overcome Trinidad and Tobago 1-0 away in the return leg of the CONCACAF-CONMEBOL play-off on 2 December, following a 0-0 draw in the first leg. The all-important goal was scored by Monica Quinteros right at the end, in the second minute of second-half injury time.

Group D	
	USA
	Australia
	Sweden
	Nigeria

USA (USA)	
<b>Confederation</b>	CONCACAF
<b>FIFA/Coca-Cola Women's World Ranking (March 2015)</b>	2
<b>Overall record FIFA Women's World Cup™</b>	
<i>Previous participations</i>	<i>best rank / year</i> 6 <i>Champions in 1991 &amp; 1999</i>
	<i>All-time ranking</i> 1
<i>Number of matches played (Wins – Draws – Losses)</i>	36 (27 – 5 – 4)
<i>Goals for / goals against</i>	98 / 32
<i>Biggest win/best score</i>	7-0 vs Chinese Taipei in 1991
<i>Most-capped FWWC player</i>	Kristine LILLY (22.07.1971) 30 (6-1991, 6-1995, 6-1999, 6-2003, 6-2007)
<i>Best FWWC goalscorer</i>	Abby WAMBACH (02.06.1980) 13 (3-2003, 6-2007, 4-2011)
<b>Other FIFA women's competitions</b>	
<b>Previous Olympic Football Tournaments</b>	<i>best rank / year</i> 5 <i>Gold medal winners in 1996, 2004, 2008 &amp; 2012</i>
<b>Previous FIFA Women's U-20 World Cups</b>	<i>best rank / year</i> 7 <i>Champions in 2002, 2008 &amp; 2012</i>
<b>Previous FIFA Women's U-17 World Cups</b>	<i>best rank / year</i> 2 <i>Runners-up in 2008</i>

## Facts & Figures

USA have taken part in every edition of the competition, winning the trophy twice in 1991 and 1999. They are the only team to have reached the semi-finals in all six prior editions.

The Americans have set a number of benchmarks in the Women's World Cup, including for the most games played (36), the most victories (27) and the most goals scored (98). On an individual level, Kristine Lilly – one of four players to have seen action in five editions – holds the tournament's all-time appearance record with 30 matches played; Michelle Akers netted the most goals in one match, with five against Chinese Taipei in 1991, as well as the most goals in a single edition with ten, also in 1991; while goalkeeper Briana Scurry kept the most clean sheets in the tournament's history, with ten in total.

USA qualified for the finals by winning their fifth CONCACAF Women's Gold Cup thanks to a 6-0 victory over final opponents Costa Rica.

## AUSTRALIA (AUS)

<b>Confederation</b>	AFC		
<b>FIFA/Coca-Cola Women's World Ranking (March 2015)</b>	10		
<b>Overall record FIFA Women's World Cup™</b>			
<i>Previous participations</i>	<i>best rank / year</i>	5	Quarter-finals in 2007 & 2011
	<i>All-time ranking</i>	10	
<i>Number of matches played (Wins – Draws – Losses)</i>	17 (3 – 4 – 10)		
<i>Goals for / goals against</i>	24 / 39		
<i>Biggest win/best score</i>	4-1 vs Ghana in 2007		
<i>Most-capped FWWC player</i>	Cheryl SALISBURY (08.03.1974) 12 (2-1995, 3-1999, 3-2003, 4-2007)		
<i>Best FWWC goalscorer</i>	Lisa DE VANNA (14.11.1984) 5 (4-2007, 1-2011)		
<b>Other FIFA women's competitions</b>			
<b>Previous Olympic Football Tournaments</b>	<i>best rank / year</i>	2	Quarter-finals in 2004
<b>Previous FIFA Women's U-20 World Cups</b>	<i>best rank / year</i>	3	Quarter-finals in 2002 & 2004

## Facts & Figures

Australia have qualified for their sixth consecutive Women's World Cup™, having only missed out on the inaugural tournament in 1991 after being eliminated in the qualifying tournament by New Zealand on goal difference.

The Australians stamped their passport to Canada by reaching the final of the Women's Asian Cup 2014, which they went on to lose 1-0 against Japan. The *Matildas* had lifted the continental trophy four years earlier, when they outsmarted Korea DPR on penalties in the title decider.

After exiting the first three tournaments at the group stage, in both of their last two outings Australia reached the knockout stage before being eliminated in the quarter-finals, against Brazil in 2007 and Sweden in 2011.

## SWEDEN (SWE)

<b>Confederation</b>	UEFA	
<b>FIFA/Coca-Cola Women's World Ranking (March 2015)</b>	5	
<b>Overall record FIFA Women's World Cup™</b>		
<i>Previous participations</i>	<i>best rank / year</i>	6 <i>Runners-up in 2003</i>
	<i>All-time ranking</i>	4
<i>Number of matches played (Wins – Draws – Losses)</i>	29 (18 – 2 – 9)	
<i>Goals for / goals against</i>	54 / 34	
<i>Biggest win/best score</i>	8-0 vs Japan in 1991	
<i>Most-capped FWWC player</i>	Malin ANDERSSON (04.05.1973) 14 (4-1995, 4-1999, 6-2003) Therese SJOGRAN (08.04.1977) 14 (5-2003, 3-2007, 6-2011)	
<i>Best FWWC goalscorer</i>	Victoria SVENSSON (18.05.1977) 6 (2-1999, 3-2003, 1-2007)	
<b>Other FIFA women's competitions</b>		
<b>Previous Olympic Football Tournaments</b>	<i>best rank / year</i>	5 <i>4<sup>th</sup> in 2004</i>
<b>Previous FIFA Women's U-20 World Cups</b>	<i>best rank / year</i>	1 <i>Quarter-finals in 2010</i>

## Facts & Figures

Sweden have featured in every Women's World Cup and achieved their best placing in 2003, when they finished runners-up to Germany after a 2-1 extra-time defeat in the Final.

The earliest goal in the tournament's history was scored in 1991 by Swedish player Lena Videkull, who netted just 30 seconds into the meeting with Japan.

Although Sweden won all ten of their group games ahead of the Canada showcase, their goal tally of 32 was the lowest among the European finalists.

## NIGERIA (NGA)

<b>Confederation</b>	CAF		
<b>FIFA/Coca-Cola Women's World Ranking (March 2015)</b>	33		
<b>Overall record FIFA Women's World Cup™</b>			
<i>Previous participations</i>	<i>best rank / year</i>	6	Quarter-finals in 1999
	<i>All-time ranking</i>	14	
<i>Number of matches played (Wins – Draws – Losses)</i>	19 (3 – 2 – 14)		
<i>Goals for / goals against</i>	15 / 50		
<i>Biggest win/best score</i>	2-0 vs Denmark in 1999		
<i>Most-capped FWWC player</i>	Florence OMAGBEMI (02.02.1975) 13 (3-1991, 3-1995, 4-1999, 3-2003)		
<i>Best FWWC goalscorer</i>	Rita NWADIKE (03.11.1974) 3 (2-1995, 1-1999) Nkiru OKOSIEME (01.03.1972) 3 (1999)		
<b>Other FIFA women's competitions</b>			
<b>Previous Olympic Football Tournaments</b>	<i>best rank / year</i>	3	Quarter-finals in 2004
<b>Previous FIFA Women's U-20 World Cups</b>	<i>best rank / year</i>	7	Runners-up in 2010 & 2014
<b>Previous FIFA Women's U-17 World Cups</b>	<i>best rank / year</i>	4	Quarter-finals in 2010, 2012 & 2014

## Facts & Figures

Nigeria are one of seven teams, and the only African side, to have featured in every edition. The *Super Falcons* have ventured beyond the opening round only once, in 1999 when they went on to lose 4-3 after extra time to Brazil in the quarter-finals.

The youngest player in the history of the FIFA Women's World Cup™ is Nigerian. In 1999 Ifeanyi Chiejine took to the field against Korea DPR at the tender age of 16 years and one month.

Nigeria confirmed their qualification for the Canada showcase at the end of October, when they clinched their ninth continental crown (in 11 editions) with a 2-0 victory over Cameroon in the title decider.

Group E	
Brazil	
Korea Republic	
Spain	
Costa Rica	

BRAZIL (BRA)	
<b>Confederation</b>	CONMEBOL
<b>FIFA/Coca-Cola Women's World Ranking (March 2015)</b>	7
<b>Overall record FIFA Women's World Cup™</b>	
<i>Previous participations</i> <i>best rank / year</i>	6 <i>Runners-up in 2007</i>
<i>All-time ranking</i>	5
<i>Number of matches played (Wins – Draws – Losses)</i>	26 (15 – 4 – 7)
<i>Goals for / goals against</i>	55 / 34
<i>Biggest win/best score</i>	7-1 vs Mexico in 1999
<i>Most-capped FWWC player</i>	FORMIGA (03.03.1978) 21 (2-1995, 6-1999, 3-2003, 6-2007, 4-2011)
<i>Best FWWC goalscorer</i>	MARTA (19.02.1986) 14 (3-2003, 7-2007, 4-2011)
<b>Other FIFA women's competitions</b>	
<b>Previous Olympic Football Tournaments</b> <i>best rank / year</i>	5 <i>Silver medal winners in 2004 &amp; 2008</i>
<b>Previous FIFA Women's U-20 World Cups</b> <i>best rank / year</i>	7 <i>3<sup>rd</sup> in 2006</i>
<b>Previous FIFA Women's U-17 World Cups</b> <i>best rank / year</i>	3 <i>Quarter-finals in 2010 &amp; 2012</i>

## Facts & Figures

Brazil are the only South American team to have taken part in every edition of the FIFA Women's World Cup™. They achieved their best placing in 2007 when they finished runners-up to Germany. In 2011 *A Seleção* were eliminated without losing a game, having won all three of their group matches before being edged out on penalties by USA in the quarter-finals.

Along with Germany's Birgit Prinz, Marta is the all-time joint-top scorer in the Women's World Cup™ with 14 goals.

Brazil qualified for the finals after winning the Copa America for the sixth time in seven attempts, finishing two points ahead of second-placed Colombia.

KOREA REPUBLIC (KOR)	
<b>Confederation</b>	AFC
<b>FIFA/Coca-Cola Women's World Ranking (March 2015)</b>	18
<b>Overall record FIFA Women's World Cup™</b>	
<i>Previous participations</i> <i>best rank / year</i>	1 <i>Group stage in 2003</i>
<i>All-time ranking</i>	23
<i>Number of matches played (Wins – Draws – Losses)</i>	3 (0 – 0 – 3)
<i>Goals for / goals against</i>	1 / 11
<i>Biggest win/best score</i>	-
<i>Most-capped FWWC player</i>	11 players with 3 matches
<i>Best FWWC goalscorer</i>	KIM Jin Hee, KOR (26.03.1981) 1-2003
<b>Other FIFA women's competitions</b>	
<b>Previous FIFA Women's U-20 World Cups</b> <i>best rank / year</i>	4 <i>3<sup>rd</sup> in 2010</i>
<b>Previous FIFA Women's U-17 World Cups</b> <i>best rank / year</i>	2 <i>Champions in 2010</i>

## Facts & Figures

This is Korea Republic's second appearance in a Women's World Cup finals after the 2003 edition, when they were eliminated at the group stage following three defeats in as many games.

On the road to the Canada finals, Korea Republic recorded one of the ten biggest victories in the history of Asian Zone qualifying when they thrashed Myanmar 12-0. The record scoreline of 21-0 was achieved by Japan against Guam in 1997 and by Jordan against Kuwait in 2013.

The only goal netted by the *Taeguk Ladies* in the Women's World Cup was scored by Kim Jinhee in the 7-1 defeat by Norway in 2003.



SPAIN (ESP)		
<b>Confederation</b>	UEFA	
<b>FIFA/Coca-Cola Women's World Ranking (March 2015)</b>	14	
<b>Overall record FIFA Women's World Cup™</b>		
<i>Previous participations</i>	<i>best rank / year</i>	-
	<i>All-time ranking</i>	-
<i>Number of matches played (Wins – Draws – Losses)</i>	-	
<i>Goals for / goals against</i>	-	
<i>Biggest win/best score</i>	-	
<i>Most-capped FWWC player</i>	-	
<i>Best FWWC goalscorer</i>	-	
<b>Other FIFA women's competitions</b>		
<b>Previous FIFA Women's U-20 World Cups</b>	<i>best rank / year</i>	1 <i>Group stage in 2004</i>
<b>Previous FIFA Women's U-17 World Cups</b>	<i>best rank / year</i>	2 <i>Runners-up in 2014</i>

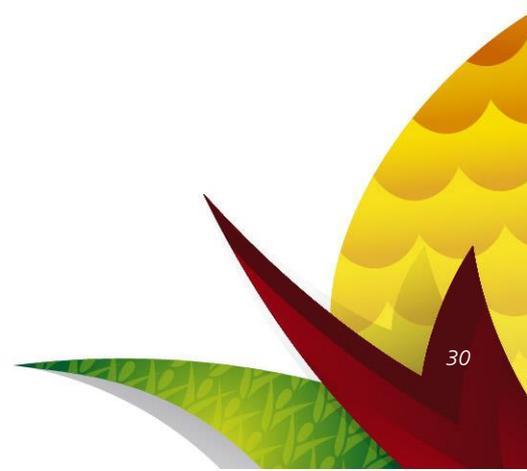
NEWCOMER

## Facts & Figures

This is Spain's first participation in the Women's World Cup™.

Spain are taking part in their fourth FIFA women's finals tournament. The Iberians were eliminated at the group stage of the FIFA U-19 Women's World Cup but have had decidedly more success in the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup, where they finished third in 2010 and lost the final to Japan in 2014.

The Spaniards booked their ticket to Canada by winning their group with nine victories and one draw, the first time they had finished a Women's World Cup qualifying tournament unbeaten.





COSTA RICA (CRC)	
<b>Confederation</b>	CONCACAF
<b>FIFA/Coca-Cola Women's World Ranking (March 2015)</b>	37
<b>Overall record FIFA Women's World Cup™</b>	
<i>Previous participations</i>	<i>best rank / year</i>
	-
	<i>All-time ranking</i>
	-
<i>Number of matches played (Wins – Draws – Losses)</i>	-
<i>Goals for / goals against</i>	-
<i>Biggest win/best score</i>	-
<i>Most-capped FWWC player</i>	-
<i>Best FWWC goalscorer</i>	-
<b>Other FIFA women's competitions</b>	
<b>Previous FIFA Women's U-20 World Cups</b>	<i>best rank / year</i>
2	<i>Group stage in 2010 &amp; 2014</i>
<b>Previous FIFA Women's U-17 World Cups</b>	<i>best rank / year</i>
2	<i>Group stage in 2008 &amp; 2014</i>

NEWCOMER

## Facts & Figures

This is Costa Rica's first participation in the Women's World Cup.

*Las Ticas* have already taken part in four FIFA women's tournaments, namely two U-17 Women's World Cups (2008 and 2014) and two U-20 Women's World Cups (2010 and 2014), but have lost all 12 of their matches played.

The Costa Ricans qualified for the finals by virtue of coming second in the CONCACAF Women's Gold Cup 2014, following a 6-0 loss in the final against the eventual champions USA. Despite that crushing defeat it was the Central Americans' all-time best showing in the tournament, eclipsing their third-place finish in 1998.

Group F	
	France
	England
	Colombia
	Mexico

FRANCE (FRA)	
<b>Confederation</b>	UEFA
<b>FIFA/Coca-Cola Women's World Ranking (March 2015)</b>	3
<b>Overall record FIFA Women's World Cup™</b>	
<i>Previous participations</i>	<i>best rank / year</i> 2 4 <sup>th</sup> in 2011
	<i>All-time ranking</i> 12
<i>Number of matches played (Wins – Draws – Losses)</i>	9 (3 – 2 – 4)
<i>Goals for / goals against</i>	12 / 13
<i>Biggest win/best score</i>	4-0 vs Canada in 2011
<i>Most-capped FWWC player</i>	Laura GEORGES (20.08.1984) 9 (3-2003, 6-2011) Sandrine SOUBEYRAND (16.08.1973) 9 (3-2003, 6-2011)
<i>Best FWWC goalscorer</i>	4 players with 2 goals
<b>Other FIFA women's competitions</b>	
<b>Previous Olympic Football Tournaments</b>	<i>best rank / year</i> 1 4 <sup>th</sup> in 2012
<b>Previous FIFA Women's U-20 World Cups</b>	<i>best rank / year</i> 5 3 <sup>rd</sup> in 2014
<b>Previous FIFA Women's U-17 World Cups</b>	<i>best rank / year</i> 2 Champions in 2012

## Facts & Figures

France are making their third appearance and the second in a row. They achieved their best placing last time around in 2011, when they finished fourth.

Of the 12 goals that France have scored over a total of nine Women's World Cup games, no fewer than 11 were netted in the second period. The only first-half strike came from Gaetane Thiney, who opened the scoring in her side's 4-0 win over Canada in 2011.

France notched ten victories in as many matches on the road to the finals, including a 14-0 thrashing of Bulgaria that equalled *Les Bleues'* record winning margin, which was achieved in 1998 against Algeria.

<b>ENGLAND (ENG)</b>	
<b>Confederation</b>	UEFA
<b>FIFA/Coca-Cola Women's World Ranking (March 2015)</b>	6
<b>Overall record FIFA Women's World Cup™</b>	
<i>Previous participations</i> <i>best rank / year</i>	3 <i>Quarter-finals in 1995, 2007 &amp; 2011</i>
	<i>All-time ranking</i> 8
<i>Number of matches played (Wins – Draws – Losses)</i>	12 (5 – 4 – 3)
<i>Goals for / goals against</i>	20 / 18
<i>Biggest win/best score</i>	6-1 vs Argentina in 2007
<i>Most-capped FWWC player</i>	5 players with 8 matches
<i>Best FWWC goalscorer</i>	Kelly SMITH (29.10.1978) 4 - 2007
<b>Other FIFA women's competitions</b>	
<b>Previous Olympic Football Tournaments</b>	1 <i>Quarter-finals in 2012 as Great Britain</i>
<b>Previous FIFA Women's U-20 World Cups</b> <i>best rank / year</i>	4 <i>Quarter-finals in 2002 &amp; 2008</i>
<b>Previous FIFA Women's U-17 World Cups</b> <i>best rank / year</i>	1 <i>4<sup>th</sup> in 2008</i>

## Facts & Figures

This is England's fourth participation in the FIFA Women's World Cup™ and their third in a row. In each of their previous outings the Three Lionesses ventured as far as the quarter-finals.

At the last edition in 2011 in Germany, England were the only team to beat the eventual world champions Japan, prevailing 2-0 in the group round. The England ladies finished the campaign unbeaten with two wins and two draws, having been eliminated on penalties against France in the quarter-finals.

In the preliminary tournament England won all ten of their group matches and conceded only one goal, against Ukraine.



COLOMBIA (COL)	
<b>Confederation</b>	CONMEBOL
<b>FIFA/Coca-Cola Women's World Ranking (March 2015)</b>	28
<b>Overall record FIFA Women's World Cup™</b>	
<i>Previous participations</i>	<i>best rank / year</i> 1 <i>Group stage in 2011</i>
	<i>All-time ranking</i> 20
<i>Number of matches played (Wins – Draws – Losses)</i>	3 (0 – 1 – 2)
<i>Goals for / goals against</i>	0 / 4
<i>Biggest win/best score</i>	0-0 vs Korea DPR in 2011
<i>Most-capped FWWC player</i>	8 players with 3 matches
<i>Best FWWC goalscorer</i>	-
<b>Other FIFA women's competitions</b>	
<b>Previous Olympic Football Tournaments</b>	<i>best rank / year</i> 1 <i>Group stage in 2012</i>
<b>Previous FIFA Women's U-20 World Cups</b>	<i>best rank / year</i> 1 <i>4<sup>th</sup> in 2010</i>
<b>Previous FIFA Women's U-17 World Cups</b>	<i>best rank / year</i> 3 <i>Group stage in 2008, 2012 &amp; 2014</i>

## Facts & Figures

Colombia are taking part in their second consecutive Women's World Cup™. In 2011 they were knocked out in the opening round after recording one draw and two defeats.

Excluding tournament debutants, Colombia are the only one of the 24 teams participating in the FIFA Women's World Cup 2015™ not to have scored in the event.

*Las Cafeteras* secured their berth in Canada by coming second in the Women's Copa America 2014 behind Brazil. The Colombians were nevertheless the only team to finish the tournament unbeaten, with four victories in as many opening-round matches, plus one win and two draws in the second group round.

<b>MEXICO (MEX)</b>	
<b>Confederation</b>	CONCACAF
<b>FIFA/Coca-Cola Women's World Ranking (March 2015)</b>	25
<b>Overall record FIFA Women's World Cup™</b>	
<i>Previous participations</i> <i>best rank / year</i>	2 <i>Group stage in 1999 &amp; 2011</i>
	<i>All-time ranking</i> 19
<i>Number of matches played (Wins – Draws – Losses)</i>	6 (0 – 2 – 4)
<i>Goals for / goals against</i>	4 / 22
<i>Biggest win/best score</i>	1-1 vs England & 2-2 vs New Zealand in 2011
<i>Most-capped FWWC player</i>	Maribel DOMINGUEZ (18.11.1978) 6 (3-1999, 3-2011)
<i>Best FWWC goalscorer</i>	Maribel DOMINGUEZ (18.11.1978) 2 (1-1999, 1-2011)
<b>Other FIFA women's competitions</b>	
<b>Previous Olympic Football Tournaments</b> <i>best rank / year</i>	1 <i>Quarter-finals in 2004</i>
<b>Previous FIFA Women's U-20 World Cups</b> <i>best rank / year</i>	6 <i>Quarter-finals in 2010 &amp; 2012</i>
<b>Previous FIFA Women's U-17 World Cups</b> <i>best rank / year</i>	3 <i>Quarter-finals in 2014</i>

## Facts & Figures

This is Mexico's third Women's World Cup outing and their second in a row. The North Americans are yet to get beyond the opening round and have failed to win any of their six matches played in the competition, although they did draw twice against England and New Zealand in 2011.

The Mexicans have scored four goals in the Women's World Cup, all within the first 33 minutes of play.

*El Tri* qualified for Canada by winning the match for third place in the CONCACAF Women's Gold Cup 2014, having overcome Trinidad and Tobago 4-2 after extra time.

## Winner's Trophy

The Official Trophy incorporates two of the attributes of women's football: elegance and dynamism. Originally hand-made, it is in the form of a spiral band which encloses a football at the top. The Trophy was recently fitted with a modern, cone shaped base which reinforces the uplifting spirit of the design.

The designer described it like this: 'It starts with a simple movement at the bottom, then rises upwards in a dancing crescendo of elegance, just like the level of interest that women's football is raising in the world.' The design supports the FIFA President's repeated observation: 'The future of football is feminine.'



### Trophy details

<b>Designer</b>	Sawaya & Moroni, Milan, Italy William Sawaya
<b>Manufacturer</b>	Europokal, Volketswil, Switzerland Beat Meixger
<b>Year of design</b>	1998
<b>Year of base redesign</b>	2012
<b>Material Body</b>	Bronze, gold plated; polished aluminium
<b>Material Base</b>	Granite Verde Candeias
<b>Weight</b>	4.6 kg
<b>Height</b>	47 cm
<b>Base diameter</b>	13 cm
<b>Widest point</b>	13 cm



## Prize money

The FIFA Women's World Cup 2015™ prize money was increased by 50% to a total of USD 15 million.

### Team position total fee (USD)

Winners	2,000,000
Runners-up	1,300,000
3rd place	1,000,000
4th place	800,000
5th – 8th place	725,000
9th – 16th place	500,000
17th – 24nd place	375,000

**Total 15,000,000**

Year	Host	Total Prize Money (USD)	Divided as follows (USD)
2015	Canada	15,000,000	Winners 2,000,000 Runners-up 1,300,000 3rd place 1,000,000 4th place 800,000 Quarter-finalists 725,000 9th – 16th place 500,000 17th – 24nd place 375,000
2011	Germany	7,600,000	Winners 1,000,000 Runners-up 800,000 3rd place 650,000 4th place 550,000 Quarter-finalists 350,000 Places 9th – 16th 250,000 + 75,000 for each participating team
2007	China PR	6,400,000	Winners 1,000,000 Runners-up 800,000 3rd place 650,000 4th place 550,000 Quarter-finalists 350,000 Places 9th – 16th 250,000

## Match balls over the years

**2015:** *conext15* is the adidas official match ball for the FIFA Women's World Cup Canada 2015™ (picture above). The design of the *conext15* Official Match Ball is inspired by the logo of the FIFA Women's World Cup 2015™, showing the elements of nature which are prevalent in the host country Canada's vast wilderness. The technology used to produce the Official Match Ball is identical to that of the adidas Brazuca, Official Match Ball of the 2014 FIFA World Cup Brazil™. Brazuca went through a thorough testing process over a two and a half year period involving more than 600 of the world's top players and 30 teams in 10 countries across three continents, making it the most tested ball ever by adidas and ensuring that it is suited to all conditions.



**2011:** *Speedcell* was the name of the adidas official match ball for the FIFA Women's World Cup 2011™. *Speedcell* stands for speed, power and team spirit. The design of the *Speedcell* incorporates significant symbolic elements, including an 11-line graphic representing the 11 players in a team, thus emphasising the need for togetherness and unity of purpose. It is also inspired by the rotating, fast and dynamic movements in football.

**2007:** The adidas official match ball of the FIFA Women's World Cup 2007™ was unveiled at the Women's Football Day in June 2006 in Berlin. The match ball featured the same performance characteristics as the adidas +Teamgeist™, match ball of the FIFA World Cup 2006™. Its design was inspired by the event logo and the traditional Chinese colours red and blue.

**2003:** *Fevernova*™ was the adidas official match ball for the FIFA Women's World Cup 2003™. Its' red, white, blue and gold colours made the ball look like it was especially designed for a tournament in the USA. At the time, the *Fevernova*™ was the fastest and most accurate ball adidas had ever produced.

**1999:** *Icon* was the ball which adidas specifically created for the FIFA Women's World Cup 1999™. Technically identical to the one used at the 1998 FIFA World Cup™ in France, *Icon*'s design was more colorful and represented the eight venue cities of the tournament.

**1995:** *Questra* was the the adidas official match ball of the FIFA Women's World Cup 1995™, this ball was from the previous year's FIFA World Cup™.

**1991:** *Etrusco* was the the adidas official match ball of the FIFA Women's World Cup 1991™, this ball was from the previous year's FIFA World Cup™.



## Recap FIFA Women's World Cup 2015™ Preliminary Competition

Teams in bold qualified for FIFA Women's World Cup 2015™ - In brackets number of slots before the final play-offs

Year	Teams	Matches	Goals	Ø
2015	128	398	1,643	4.13
<b>Asian Zone - AFC</b>		<b>20 teams / 5 slots</b>		
Australia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, <b>China PR</b> , Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong, India, Iran, <b>Japan</b> , Jordan, <b>Korea Republic</b> , Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Myanmar, Palestine, Philippines, <b>Thailand</b> , Uzbekistan, Vietnam				
<b>African Zone - CAF</b>		<b>22 teams / 3 slots</b>		
Algeria, Botswana, Burkina Faso, <b>Cameroon</b> , Comoros, <b>Côte d'Ivoire</b> , Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Mali, Morocco, Namibia, <b>Nigeria</b> , Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania, Tunisia, Zambia, Zimbabwe				
<b>North, Central American &amp; Caribbean Zone -CONCACAF</b>		<b>26 teams / 3 (3.5) slots + host Canada</b>		
Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, Cayman Islands, <b>Costa Rica</b> , Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, (Martinique*), <b>Mexico</b> , Nicaragua, Panama, Puerto Rico, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent / Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos Islands, US Virgin Islands, <b>USA</b>				
* non FIFA-member not included in statistics				
<b>South American Zone - CONMEBOL</b>		<b>10 teams / 3 (2.5) slots</b>		
Argentina, Bolivia, <b>Brazil</b> , Chile, <b>Colombia</b> , <b>Ecuador</b> , Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela				
<b>Oceanian Zone - OFC</b>		<b>4 teams / 1 slot</b>		
Cook Islands, <b>New Zealand</b> , Papua New Guinea, Tonga				
<b>European Zone - UEFA</b>		<b>46 teams / 8 slots</b>		
Albania, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, <b>England</b> , Estonia, Faroe Islands, Finland, <b>France</b> , FYR Macedonia, Georgia, <b>Germany</b> , Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, <b>Netherlands</b> , Northern Ireland, <b>Norway</b> , Poland, Portugal, Republic of Ireland, Romania, Russia, Scotland, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, <b>Spain</b> , <b>Sweden</b> , <b>Switzerland</b> , Turkey, Ukraine, Wales				

## FIFA Women's World Cup 2015™ Preliminary competition

### Overview

<b>Number of matches</b>	398
<b>Number of teams</b>	128
<b>Fewest matches needed to qualify</b>	3 New Zealand
<b>Most matches needed to qualify</b>	14 Netherlands
<b>Teams unbeaten in the preliminary competition</b>	Colombia, England, France, Germany, Japan, New Zealand, Nigeria, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, USA
<b>2015 finalists that have qualified for all seven Women's World Cups since 1991</b>	Brazil, Germany, Japan, Nigeria, Norway, Sweden, USA
<b>Newcomers in 2015</b>	Cameroon, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Ecuador Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand
<b>Number of goals</b>	1643
<b>Goal average per match</b>	4.13
<b>Most goals scored°</b>	62 Germany
<b>Fewest goals scored°</b>	7 Cameroon
<b>Highest-scoring game &amp; highest win</b>	21-0 Jordan-Kuwait

° qualified teams only

### Teams, goals, averages by Confederation

	Teams	Matches #	Goals #	Goals Ø
<b>AFC</b>	20	41	218	5.32
<b>CAF</b>	22	43	127	2.95
<b>CONCACAF</b>	26	52	208	4.00
<b>CONMEBOL</b>	10	26	84	3.23
<b>OFC</b>	4	6	40	6.67
<b>UEFA</b>	46	228	965	4.23
<b>Play-off CONCACAF/CONMEBOL</b>		2	1	0.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>1643</b>	<b>4.13</b>

The statistics above do not include games involving non FIFA-member Martinique