2014 FIFA World Cup Brazil[™] Preliminary Competition Format & Draw Procedures



OCEANIAN ZONE

BASIC CONDITIONS		
Member Associations (MAs):	11	
Participating Member Associations (PMAs):	11	
Qualification Slots:	0.5	

PARTICIPATING MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS		
 American Samoa Cook Islands Fiji New Caledonia 	New ZealandPapua New GuineaSamoaSolomon Islands	TahitiTongaVanuatu

PRELIMINARY COMPETITION FORMAT & DRAW PROCEDURES

ROUND ONE

- The four lowest ranked PMAs (based on the FIFA/Coca-Cola Ranking of July 2011* and for sporting reasons) will contest Round One.
- The four Round One teams will play in a central tournament based on a league system.
- The tournament is scheduled for the period 21-26 November 2011; the proposed venue is Samoa.
- The winner of the tournament will advance to Round Two

ROUND TWO

- The Group Stage of the 2012 OFC Nations Cup will serve as Round Two, in which the winner of Round One will join the remaining seven PMAs that received a bye in Round One.
- The eight Round Two teams will play in a central tournament based on a league system with a semifinal and final.
- The tournament is scheduled for the period 1 12 June 2012; the proposed venue is Fiji.
- The four highest-placed teams from Round Two will advance to Round Three.

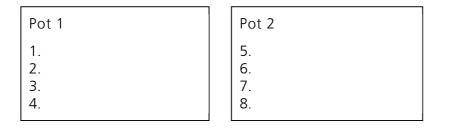
ALLOCATION TO POTS:

- The eight Round Two teams will be allocated to two pots of four teams based on the FIFA/Coca-Cola World Ranking of July 2011, with the winner from Round One ranked 8th for this round.
- Teams ranked 1st 4th will be placed in Pot 1.
- Teams ranked 5th 8th will be placed in Pot 2.

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DRAW PROCEDURE:

- The teams in Pot 1 will be drawn to fill positions one and two in Groups A and B.
- The teams in Pot 2 will be drawn to fill positions three and four in Groups A and B.
- The draw starts with Pot 2. The first team drawn will occupy position four of Group A; the next team drawn will occupy position four of Group B. The remaining two teams in Pot 2 are drawn in a similar way to fill position 3 of each group, starting with Group A and ending with Group B.
- The draw continues with Pot 1. The first team drawn will occupy position two of Group A; the next team drawn will occupy position two of Group B. The remaining two teams in Pot 1 are drawn in a similar way to fill position 1 of each group, starting with Group A and ending with Group B.

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

ROUND THREE

- The four highest-placed teams from Round Two will contest Round Three.
- The four Round Three teams will be drawn into a round-robin, home-and-away group.
- The matches are foreseen to take place in the period from 7 September 2012 to 26 March 2013.

The winner advances to the intercontinental play-off.

DRAW PROCEDURE:

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