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The Draw for the Play-Off Tournament for the FIFA Women's World Cup Australia & New Zealand 2023™ is scheduled to be held in Zurich, Switzerland on 14 October 2022 and will allocate the ten qualified teams into three groups for the play-off tournament.

The information below sets out the procedure for the draw.

1. SLOT ALLOCATION

The FIFA Women's World Cup 2023™ will feature 32 teams, with 29 slots for direct qualification, including the two co-host countries. The three remaining qualification slots available to the national teams that do not directly qualify for the final competition will be determined by means of a ten-team play-off tournament, with the following slot allocation:

CONFEDERATION	NUMBER OF TEAMS	PLAY-OFF TEAMS
AFC	2	Chinese Taipei, Thailand
CAF	2	Cameroon, Senegal
Concacaf	2	Haiti, Panama
CONMEBOL	2	Chile, Paraguay
OFC	1	Papua New Guinea
UEFA	1	Portugal

2. SEEDING AND POT ALLOCATION

The ten qualified teams will be divided into two pots. Team pot 1 will include the four top-seeded teams in the play-off tournament based on the latest FIFA/Coca-Cola Women's World Ranking prior to the play-off tournament draw, with a maximum of one seeded team per confederation. The remaining six teams will be allocated to team pot 2. In order to avoid the highly unlikely event that three European teams are drawn into the same group for the final competition of the FIFA Women's World Cup™, the European team in the play-off tournament will be allocated to pot 1 as one of the four seeded teams.

Pot 1
Portugal
Chile
Chinese Taipei
Papua New Guinea

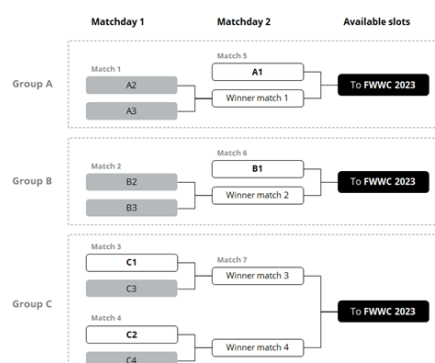
Pot 2
Thailand
Paraguay
Haiti
Panama
Cameroon
Senegal

3. PLAY-OFF TOURNAMENT OVERVIEW

A1 (top-seeded team 1) will play the winner of the knockout match A2 v. A3 (the two unseeded teams) for a place in the FIFA Women's World Cup™ final competition.

B1 (top-seeded team 2) will play the winner of the knockout match B2 v. B3 (the two unseeded teams) for a place in the final competition.

C1 (top-seeded team 3) will play C3 (unseeded team), and C2 (top-seeded team 4) will play C4 (unseeded team). The two winners of those matches will then play for a place in the final competition.



4. DRAW PROCEDURE

1. The two pots representing the ten teams are labelled team pots 1 and 2. Team pot 1 consists of four balls and team pot 2 has six balls, with all ten balls including the country name for each team.
2. The three pots representing the groups are labelled group pots A to C. Pots A and B contain three balls with position numbers 1, 2 and 3, while pot C has four balls with position numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4.
3. The draw starts by allocating the seeded teams from pot 1 into groups A, B and C in accordance with the following principles:

Seeded teams 1, 2 and 3 will each be allocated position 1 of groups A, B and C sequentially. Seeded team 1 will be in group A, seeded team 2 in group B and seeded team 3 in group C.

Seeded team 4 will be allocated position 2 in group C.

4. The draw will continue by allocating the six unseeded teams from team pot 2 to groups A, B and C.

Teams drawn from pot 2 will be added to groups A, B and C sequentially followed by a ball drawn from the group pot to define the respective team's position in the group, provided there are no qualification zone/confederation constraints. In the case of a constraint, a team from team pot 2 will be placed in the next available group. The next team drawn from team pot 2 will then take the first available slot in the group that was skipped or the next available group slot, should another constraint occur. The draw will continue until the six teams from team pot 2 have all been drawn following the application of the aforementioned draw constraints.

Group A	Group B	Group C
1. Portugal	1. Chile	1. Chinese Taipei
2.	2.	2. Papua New Guinea
3.	3.	3.
		4.

5. DRAW CONSTRAINTS

1. FIFA's general principle is to ensure that no group has more than one team from the same qualification zone/confederation drawn into it.
2. A maximum of one team from a qualification zone/confederation can be amongst the top four seeded teams.
3. Irrespective of pots 1 or 2, teams from the same qualification zone/confederation cannot be drawn into the same group.

6. MATCH SCHEDULE

		February 2023						
		FRIDAY 17 February	SATURDAY 18 February	SUNDAY 19 February	MONDAY 20 February	TUESDAY 21 February	WEDNESDAY 22 February	THURSDAY 23 February
NEW ZEALAND	HAMILTON / KIRIKIRIROA WAIKATO STADIUM	F1 NZL v. A1	M1 A2 v. A3	M3 C1 v. C3	F3 NZL v. Guest	F4 Runner-up M1 v. Runner-up M2	M5 A1 v. Winner M1	M7 Winner M3 v. Winner M4
	AUCKLAND / TAMAKI MAKAURAU NORTH HARBOUR STADIUM	F2 Guest v. B1	M2 B2 v. B3	M4 C2 v. C4			M6 B1 v. Winner M2	F5 Runner-up M3 v. Runner-up M4 F6 NZL v. Guest

* NOTE: The winners of Group A, B and C will qualify for the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023®
 Kick-off times will be determined following the Draw
 M = Match F = Friendly

Group A	Group B	Group C	Friendly
A1 A2 A3	B1 B2 B3	C1 C2 C3 C4	New Zealand (NZL) Guest

New Zealand and a guest team will be invited to participate in matches against participating member associations that are not competing during the given stage of the tournament. This will ensure additional matches for teams that will have travelled a significant distance for the tournament, provide further test event opportunities for FIFA Women's World Cup facilities as well as engage the local public for the event and for the FIFA Women's World Cup generally. The matches will be considered as tier 1 friendlies.