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The Final Draw for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™, scheduled to be held in Doha on 1 April 2022, determines how 29 qualified teams, two intercontinental play-off slot placeholders and one European play-off slot placeholder are divided into eight groups of four for the final competition.

The information below sets out the procedure for the final draw.

1. Slot allocation

The final slot allocation per qualification zone is as follows:

QUALIFICATION ZONE	NUMBER OF TEAMS	QUALIFIED TEAMS
Asia	4.5	IR Iran, Japan, Korea Republic, Saudi Arabia
Africa	5	Cameroon, Ghana, Morocco, Senegal, Tunisia
North and Central America and the Caribbean	3.5	Canada, Mexico, USA
South America	4.5	Argentina, Brazil, Ecuador, Uruguay
Oceania	0.5	
Europe	13	Belgium, Croatia, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Serbia, Spain, Switzerland
Host	1	Qatar

2. Seeding and pot allocation

The 29 qualified teams, two intercontinental play-off slot placeholders and one European play-off slot placeholder are allocated to four pots of eight teams each, based on the FIFA/Coca-Cola World Ranking released on 31 March 2022, following the conclusion of the international match window in March 2022. Based on the rankings, the top seven teams along with the hosts, Qatar, are allocated to team pot 1. The teams ranked 8 to 15 are allocated to team pot 2. The teams ranked 16 to 23 are allocated to team pot 3 and, finally, team pot 4 will include teams ranked 24 to 28 plus the two placeholders to be occupied by the winners of the intercontinental play-offs scheduled for 13-14 June 2022 and the placeholder for the European play-off slot winner.

Pot 1	Pot 2	Pot 3	Pot 4
Qatar (host)	Mexico	Senegal	Cameroon
Brazil	Netherlands	IR Iran	Canada
Belgium	Denmark	Japan	Ecuador
France	Germany	Morocco	Saudi Arabia
Argentina	Uruguay	Serbia	Ghana
England	Switzerland	Poland	IC Play-off 1
Spain	USA	Korea Republic	IC Play-off 2
Portugal	Croatia	Tunisia	European Play-off

3. Draw procedure

1. The four pots representing the teams are labelled team pots 1 to 4. In each team pot, there are eight balls with the country name for each qualified team, including, in team pot 4, two placeholders for the intercontinental play-off winners and the one placeholder for the European play-off slot winner.
2. The eight pots representing the groups are labelled group pots A to H. In each group pot, there are four balls with the position numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4 for each respective group.
3. The draw starts with team pot 1 and ends with team pot 4. Each pot is completely emptied before moving on to the next pot.
4. A ball is drawn from a team pot, followed by a ball from one of the group pots, thus determining the position to which the respective team is allocated.

4. Draw constraints

1. In pot 1, Qatar is represented by a different coloured ball and pre-assigned to position A1 as the host country.
2. The remaining seven top-seeded teams in team pot 1 are automatically drawn into position 1 of each remaining group B to H.
3. FIFA's general principle, whenever possible, is to ensure that no group has more than one team from the same qualification zone drawn into it. This is applicable to all zones except Europe, which is represented by 13 teams. Each group must have at least one but no more than two European teams drawn into it. Thus five out of the eight groups will have two European teams.
4. Placeholders for the European play-off slot winner and two intercontinental play-off winners will also follow the general geographical principle of "separation" of teams from the same qualification zone described in point 4.3 above. The geographical allocation of each intercontinental play-off placeholder will be based on the confederation team pairings participating in that specific intercontinental play-off match.
5. The intercontinental play-off pairings are:
 - Australia or UAE (AFC team) v. Peru (CONMEBOL team)
 - Costa Rica (Concacaf team) v. New Zealand (OFC team)
6. The European play-off:
 - Wales v. Scotland or Ukraine



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