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Draw procedures

FIFA U-17 World Cup 2019



SLOT ALLOCATION

The final slot allocation per confederation has been decided by the FIFA Council as follows:

CONFEDERATION	NUMBER OF TEAMS	QUALIFIED TEAMS/QUALIFIERS
AFC	4	The AFC U-16 Championship was played in Malaysia from 20 September to 7 October 2018. The following teams are qualified for the tournament: Japan, Tajikistan, Australia, Korea Republic.
CAF	4	The U-17 Africa Cup of Nations will be played in Tanzania from 14 to 28 April 2019.
Concacaf	4	A tournament will take place in the USA from 6 to 28 April 2019.
CONMEBOL	4	The South American U-17 Championship will be hosted by Peru from 21 March to 14 April 2019.
OFC	2	New Zealand and the Solomon Islands qualified from the competition which took place in Tonga and subsequently in the Solomon Islands from 14 July to 22 September 2018. However, on 15 February, the OFC Disciplinary Committee disqualified the Solomon Islands for fielding an overage player during the U-16 qualifying championship. The final decision from the OFC Executive Committee is expected at its next meeting (date to be confirmed).
UEFA	5	The UEFA European U-17 Championship 2018/2019 will take place in the Republic of Ireland from 3 to 19 May 2019.
HOSTS	1	TBD

POT ALLOCATION

The 24 qualified teams will be allocated to four pots of six teams each, based on a ranking built according to past sporting performance.

The ranking will be based on the total points obtained in the last five FIFA U-17 World Cups (3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw, 0 for a loss). The ranking used to build the pots will thus be based on the points obtained at the 2017, 2015, 2013, 2011 and 2009 FIFA U-17 World Cups.

To enable the ranking to accurately reflect current form, greatest importance will be given to results from the most recent FIFA U-17 World Cup. To a lesser degree, attention will also be paid to results from previous years. The system will use five cycles, with the points earned in one World Cup declining linearly:

- Year 2017: 100% value of total points
- Year 2015: 80% value of total points
- Year 2013: 60% value of total points
- Year 2011: 40% value of total points
- Year 2009: 20% value of total points

In addition, five bonus points will be added to each of the confederation champions that won a qualifying tournament.

Based on the above ranking, the five top teams and the hosts will be allocated to Pot 1, the next six teams to Pot 2 and so on.

DRAW PROCEDURE

- The four pots representing the teams will be labelled pots 1 to 4.
- The six pots representing the groups/venues will be labelled groups A to F. In each pot, there will be four balls with the position numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4 for each respective group.
- The draw will start with Pot 1 and end with Pot 4. Each pot shall be completely emptied before moving on to the next pot.
- A ball from a team pot will be drawn, followed by a ball from one of the group/venue pots, thus determining the position in which the respective team will play.

DRAW CONSTRAINTS

1. In Pot 1, the host country will have a red ball. They will be pre-assigned to position A1 as hosts.
2. FIFA's general principle is to ensure that no group has more than one team from the same confederation drawn into it.