

# 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ Preliminary Competition Format & Draw Procedures



## OCEANIAN ZONE

BASIC CONDITIONS	
Member Associations (MA's):	11
Participating Member Associations (PMAs):	11
Qualification Slots:	0.5

MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>American Samoa</li><li>Cook Islands</li><li>Fiji</li><li>New Caledonia</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>New Zealand</li><li>Papua New Guinea</li><li>Samoa</li><li>Solomon Islands</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tahiti</li><li>Tonga</li><li>Vanuatu</li></ul>

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#### PRELIMINARY COMPETITION FORMAT & DRAW PROCEDURES

##### ROUND ONE:

- The four lowest-ranked PMAs (based on the FIFA/Coca-Cola World Ranking of July 2015 and for sporting reasons) will contest Round One.
- The four teams will be placed into one round-robin group.
- The matches are foreseen to be played in Tonga in the period 31 August to 4 September 2015.
- The group winner advances to Round Two.

THE GROUP FOR ROUND ONE IS AS FOLLOWS:

<b>Group A</b>	
1.	American Samoa
2.	Cook Islands
3.	Samoa
4.	Tonga

##### ROUND TWO:

- The winner of Round One will then join the remaining seven PMAs in Round Two.
- The eight teams will be drawn into two round-robin groups of four teams each.
- The two group winners and runners up will advance to two single match semi-finals and the two semi-final winners will advance to a single match final.
- The matches are foreseen to be played in the period 28 May 2016 to 12 June 2016.
- The group winners, runners-up and third place teams from both groups will advance to Round Three.

ALLOCATION TO POTS:

- The Round One winner along with the remaining seven PMAs will take part in Round Two and will be allocated to two pots of four teams each.
- The four highest ranked PMAs (based on the FIFA/Coca-Cola World Ranking of July 2015) will be placed into Pot 1 with the remaining four PMAs placed in Pot 2.

<b>Pot 1</b>	<b>Pot 2</b>
1. New Zealand	1. Vanuatu
2. New Caledonia	2. Fiji
3. Tahiti	3. Papua New Guinea
4. Solomon Islands	4. Winner Rd1

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#### DRAW PROCEDURES:

- The draw starts with the drawing of Pot 2. The first PMA drawn will be placed in Group A in position 4, the second PMA drawn will be placed into Group B in position 4. The draw continues with the remaining two PMAs from Pot 2 with the third and fourth balls drawn being placed in position 3 in Groups A and B respectively.
- The draw continues with the drawing of Pot 1. The first PMA drawn will be placed in Group A in position 2, the second PMA drawn will be placed into Group B in position 2. The draw continues with the remaining two PMAs from Pot 1 with the third and fourth PMAs drawn being placed in position 1 in Groups A and B respectively.

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

#### ROUND THREE:

- The six PMAs advancing from Round Two will take part in Round Three.
- The six teams will be placed into two round-robin, home-and-away groups of three teams each.
- The two group winners will advance to a single home-and-away series.
- The matches are foreseen to be played in the period 20 March to 10 October 2017.
- **The winner of Round Three 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 Organising Committee for the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™.