

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



SOUTH AMERICAN ZONE

BASIC CONDITIONS	
Member Associations (MA's):	10
Participating Member Associations (PMAs):	10
Qualification Slots:	4.5

MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Argentina• Bolivia• Brazil• Chile	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Colombia• Ecuador• Paraguay• Peru	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Uruguay• Venezuela

PRELIMINARY COMPETITION FORMAT & DRAW PROCEDURES

ROUND ONE:

- All ten PMAs will contest Round One.
- The ten teams will be placed into one round-robin, home-and-away group of ten teams.
- The matches are foreseen to be played in the period between 5 October 2015 and 10 October 2017.

- **The top four placed teams will qualify for the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™.**
- **The fifth placed team advances to the intercontinental play-off.**

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DRAW PROCEDURES:

- To ensure that no team has to play both Argentina and Brazil on any double matchday, these teams have been seeded and automatically positioned as Team 4 and Team 5 respectively.
- All ten PMAs will be placed into one pot, with a different ball colour for both Argentina and Brazil to differentiate them. An additional position pot contains all ten team positions, with a different ball colour for both Team 4 and Team 5 to differentiate them.
- The draw will begin with the drawing of Argentina from the team pot followed by the position Team 4 from the position pot.
- The draw continues with the drawing of Brazil from the team pot followed by the position Team 5 from the position pot.
- The draw continues with the drawing of a ball from the team pot and then a ball drawn from the position pot to determine which place in the group the team is put in.
- The draw continues with the drawing, alternately, from the team pot and the position pot until both have been emptied and all ten PMAs have been placed in the group.

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FIXTURE INFORMATION:

Matchday 1 Team 1 vs. Team 9 Team 2 vs. Team 5 Team 4 vs. Team 6 Team 7 vs. Team 3 Team 8 vs. Team 10	Matchday 2 Team 3 vs. Team 4 Team 5 vs. Team 7 Team 6 vs. Team 8 Team 9 vs. Team 2 Team 10 vs. Team 1
Matchday 3 Team 2 vs. Team 1 Team 4 vs. Team 5 Team 6 vs. Team 10 Team 8 vs. Team 7 Team 9 vs. Team 3	Matchday 4 Team 1 vs. Team 4 Team 3 vs. Team 8 Team 5 vs. Team 9 Team 7 vs. Team 6 Team 10 vs. Team 2
Matchday 5 Team 2 vs. Team 4 Team 5 vs. Team 10 Team 6 vs. Team 3 Team 8 vs. Team 1 Team 9 vs. Team 7	Matchday 6 Team 1 vs. Team 6 Team 3 vs. Team 5 Team 4 vs. Team 8 Team 7 vs. Team 2 Team 10 vs. Team 9
Matchday 7 Team 1 vs. Team 7 Team 3 vs. Team 2 Team 4 vs. Team 10 Team 6 vs. Team 5 Team 8 vs. Team 9	Matchday 8 Team 2 vs. Team 8 Team 5 vs. Team 1 Team 7 vs. Team 4 Team 9 vs. Team 6 Team 10 vs. Team 3
Matchday 9 Team 3 vs. Team 1 Team 5 vs. Team 8 Team 6 vs. Team 2 Team 9 vs. Team 4 Team 10 vs. Team 7	Matchday 10 Team 1 vs. Team 10 Team 2 vs. Team 9 Team 4 vs. Team 3 Team 7 vs. Team 5 Team 8 vs. Team 6
Matchday 11 Team 1 vs. Team 2 Team 3 vs. Team 9 Team 5 vs. Team 4 Team 7 vs. Team 8 Team 10 vs. Team 6	Matchday 12 Team 2 vs. Team 10 Team 4 vs. Team 1 Team 6 vs. Team 7 Team 8 vs. Team 3 Team 9 vs. Team 5
Matchday 13 Team 1 vs. Team 8 Team 3 vs. Team 6 Team 4 vs. Team 2 Team 7 vs. Team 9 Team 10 vs. Team 5	Matchday 14 Team 2 vs. Team 7 Team 5 vs. Team 3 Team 6 vs. Team 1 Team 8 vs. Team 4 Team 9 vs. Team 10

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Matchday 15 Team 2 vs. Team 3 Team 5 vs. Team 6 Team 7 vs. Team 1 Team 9 vs. Team 8 Team 10 vs. Team 4	Matchday 16 Team 1 vs. Team 5 Team 3 vs. Team 10 Team 4 vs. Team 7 Team 6 vs. Team 9 Team 8 vs. Team 2
Matchday 17 Team 1 vs. Team 3 Team 2 vs. Team 6 Team 4 vs. Team 9 Team 7 vs. Team 10 Team 8 vs. Team 5	Matchday 18 Team 3 vs. Team 7 Team 5 vs. Team 2 Team 6 vs. Team 4 Team 9 vs. Team 1 Team 10 vs. Team 8