

Draw procedures: FIFA U-17 World Cup India 2017

SLOT ALLOCATION:

The slot allocations per confederation are as follows:

CONFEDERATION	NUMBER OF TEAMS	QUALIFIED TEAMS
AFC	4	Iran, Iraq, Japan, Korea DPR
CAF	4	Ghana, Guinea, Mali, Niger
CONCACAF	4	Costa Rica, Honduras, Mexico, USA
CONMEBOL	4	Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Paraguay
OFC	2	New Caledonia, New Zealand
UEFA	5	England, France, Germany, Spain, Turkey
HOST	1	India

ALLOCATION TO POTS:

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

The ranking is 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 is thus based on the points obtained at the 2015, 2013, 2011, 2009 and 2007 FIFA U-17 World Cups.

To enable the ranking to accurately reflect current form, the greatest importance is given to results from the most recent FIFA U-17 World Cups. To a lesser degree, attention is also paid to results from previous years. The system uses five cycles as the points earned in one World Cup decline linearly within the past five cycles:

- Year 2015: 100% value of total points
- Year 2013: 80% value of total points
- Year 2011: 60% value of total points
- Year 2009: 40% value of total points
- Year 2007: 20% value of total points

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

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

POT 1		POT 2		POT 3		POT 4	
India	AFC	Spain	UEFA	Costa Rica	CONCACAF	Chile	CONMEBOL
Mexico	CONCACAF	Japan	AFC	Korea DPR	AFC	Paraguay	CONMEBOL
Brazil	CONMEBOL	New Zealand	OFC	Honduras	CONCACAF	Ghana	CAF
Germany	UEFA	England	UEFA	Iraq	AFC	Guinea	CAF
Mali	CAF	Iran	AFC	Turkey	UEFA	Niger	CAF
France	UEFA	USA	CONCACAF	Colombia	CONMEBOL	New Caledonia	OFC

DRAW MECHANICS:

- The four pots representing the teams are labelled Pots 1 to 4.
- The six pots representing the groups/ venues are labelled Groups A to F. In each pot, there are four balls which contain the position numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4 of each respective group.
- The draw starts with Pot 1 and ends with Pot 4. Each pot is 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 groups, thus determining the position in which the respective team will play.

DRAW CONSTRAINTS:

- 1- In Pot 1, India are in a red ball and have been 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.