

Draw Procedures: FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup France 2018

SLOT ALLOCATION:

The slot allocations per confederation have been decided by the FIFA Council as follows:

CONFEDERATION	NUMBER OF TEAMS	QUALIFIED TEAMS
AFC	3	Japan, Korea DPR and China PR
CAF	2	Ghana, Nigeria
CONCACAF	3	Haiti, Mexico, USA
CONMEBOL	2	Brazil, Paraguay
OFC	1	New Zealand
UEFA	4	Spain, Germany, the Netherlands and England
HOST	1	France

ALLOCATION TO POTS:

The 16 qualified teams are allocated to four Pots of four 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-20 Women's 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 2016, 2014, 2012, 2010 and the 2008 FIFA U-20 Women's World Cups.

To enable the ranking to accurately reflect current form, the greatest importance is given to results of the last 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 5 cycles:

- Year 2016: 100% value of total points
- Year 2014: 80% value of total points
- Year 2012: 60% value of total points
- Year 2010: 40% value of total points
- Year 2008: 20% value of total points

In addition, 5 points bonus are added to each of the Confederations Champions winning the qualifying tournament.

Based on the above mentioned ranking, the three top teams and the host are allocated to Pot 1, the following 4 teams to Pot 2 and so on.

POT 1	POT 2	POT 3	POT 4
France Germany Korea DPR Japan	USA Nigeria Mexico New Zealand	Brazil Spain Ghana China PR	England Paraguay Haiti Netherlands

DRAW MECHANICS:

- The four pots representing the teams are labelled Pots 1 to 4.
- The four pots representing the venues are labelled Groups A to D. 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, France is in a red ball and has been pre-assigned in position A1 as host.
- 2- It is FIFA's general principle to ensure that no group has more than one team from the same confederation drawn into it- with the only exception of UEFA where 5 teams will participate, meaning that each group shall have at least one UEFA team and one of the four groups will have two UEFA teams. Skipping during the draw will be necessary.