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The Draw for the Men's Olympic Football Tournament Paris 2024, scheduled to be held in Paris, France, on 20 March 2024, will determine how the 16 qualified teams will be divided into four groups of four teams each for the final competition.

The information below sets out the procedures for the draw.

1. SLOT ALLOCATION

The final slot allocation per confederation was approved by the FIFA Council as follows:

CONFEDERATION	NUMBER OF TEAMS	QUALIFIED TEAMS**
AFC	3.5	TBC (15 April – 3 May 2024)
CAF	3.5	Morocco, Egypt and Mali Guinea will compete in the intercontinental play-off
Concacaf	2	USA, Dominican Republic
CONMEBOL	2	Paraguay, Argentina
OFC	1	New Zealand
UEFA (incl. Host)	4*	Spain***, Israel, Ukraine and Host: France*

** Teams appear in the order of their qualifying position at the relevant continental tournament (e.g. first, second, third)

*** As winner of the UEFA European Under-21 Championship, England did not submit the team entry form representing Great Britain at the Men's Olympic Football Tournament 2024

2. SEEDING AND POT ALLOCATION

The 16 qualified teams will be allocated to four pots of four teams each, based on a ranking system created according to past sporting performance.

The ranking system is based on the total number of points obtained in the last five editions of the Men's Olympic Football Tournament (three points for a win, one point for a draw, no points for a defeat), namely those held in 2020, 2016, 2012, 2008 and 2004.

The greatest importance will be given to results from the most recent edition of the Men's Olympic Football Tournament, followed by results in previous editions. In that regard, the ranking points earned in each edition will be progressively attributed less weight, as follows:

1. 2020: 100% of total ranking points
2. 2016: 80% of total ranking points
3. 2012: 60% of total ranking points
4. 2008: 40% of total ranking points
5. 2004: 20% of total ranking points

The ranking points will be calculated as follows:

3 points	1 point	0 points
for a win after regular time	for a draw after regular time	for a defeat after regular time
for a win after extra time	for a win after penalty shoot-out	for a defeat after extra time
	for a defeat after penalty shoot-out	

In addition, five bonus points will be awarded to each of the current champions of each confederation's relevant qualifying tournament for the Men's Olympic Football Tournament 2024.

In the event that two or more teams are level on ranking points and require a "tiebreaker" to set them apart – especially when this impacts the pot to which they will be allocated – the deciding ranking factor will revert to:

- (a) the ranking point result from the most recent edition of the Men's Olympic Football Tournament;
- (b) the ranking point result from the next most recent edition of the Men's Olympic Football Tournament until a ranking priority can be established;
- (c) the ranking point result for the whole of the respective confederation from the most recent edition of the Men's Olympic Football Tournament until a ranking priority can be established;
- (d) the drawing of lots between the teams that remain level on ranking points.

Based on the above ranking, the top three teams, along with the host country, France, will be allocated to team pot 1; the teams ranked 4 to 7 will be allocated to team pot 2; the teams ranked 8 to 11 will be allocated to team pot 3; and finally, team pot 4 will include the teams ranked 12 to 14 plus the placeholder to be occupied by the winners of the intercontinental play-off between a team from the AFC and a team from CAF.

In accordance with the above, the following pot allocation has been established for the draw:

Pot 1	Pot 2	Pot 3	Pot 4
France	Spain	USA	Dominican Republic
AFC 1	New Zealand	Egypt	Israel
AFC 2	Paraguay	AFC 3	Ukraine
Argentina	Morocco	Mali	Winner ICP (AFC 4 – Guinea)

3. DRAW PROCEDURES

- The four pots representing the teams will be labelled team pots 1 to 4. Each team pot will contain four balls representing the four teams from the respective pot, including, in team pot 4, one placeholder for the intercontinental play-off winners.
- The four pots representing the groups will be labelled group pots A to D. In each group pot, there will be four balls with the group position numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4 for each respective group.
- The draw will start by drawing a team from team pot 1 and will end by drawing the last team from team pot 4. Each team pot will be completely emptied before moving on to the next team pot.
- A ball will be drawn from a team pot, followed by a ball from one of the group pots, thus determining the position to which the respective team will be allocated within the group.

4. DRAW CONSTRAINTS

- In team pot 1, as the host country, France will be identified by a different coloured ball and will be assigned to position A1.
- The remaining three teams in team pot 1 will be automatically drawn into position 1 of each remaining group (in order, from group B to D), with each position 1 ball also being identified by a different colour to the other balls in the group pot.

- FIFA's general principle is to ensure, whenever possible, that no group has more than one team from the same confederation drawn into it.
- As the three teams qualified through the AFC U-23 Asian Cup will be known only after the draw, placeholders will be allocated according to the ranking of the Men's Olympic Football Tournament Tokyo 2020. The placeholders will be named "AFC 1", "AFC 2" and "AFC 3".
- The placeholder for the winner of the intercontinental play-off will also follow the general principle of separating teams from the same confederation, as described in point 4.3 above, which means that this placeholder will not be drawn into a group with an AFC and CAF team.
- The intercontinental play-off will be AFC 4 (AFC team) v. Guinea (CAF team).