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AFC Women's Asian Cup Jordan 2018 Qualifiers Draw Mechanism

A. ENTRIES

Twenty-four (24) Member Associations of the Asian Football Confederation have expressed their interest to participate in the AFC Women's Asian Cup Jordan 2018 which will also serve as Asian Qualifiers for the FIFA Women's World Cup France 2019™ (listed below in alphabetical order).

Table 1

No.	Team	No.	Team
1	Australia	13	Korea Republic
2	Bahrain	14	Lebanon
3	China PR	15	Myanmar
4	Chinese Taipei	16	Palestine
5	DPR Korea	17	Philippines
6	Guam	18	Singapore
7	Hong Kong	19	Syria
8	India	20	Tajikistan
9	Iraq	21	Thailand
10	Islamic Republic of Iran	22	United Arab Emirates
11	Japan	23	Uzbekistan
12	Jordan	24	Vietnam

B. COMPETITION FORMAT

The Competition will consist of Qualifying and Final Stage as following:

Stage	Number of Teams	Format	Qualifiers	Match Day
Qualifiers	<u>21 Teams</u> (Teams ranked 4 and below as per the Final Standing of previous competition)	Centralised Group (<u>1 group of 6 teams and 3 groups of 5 teams</u>)	4 Group Winners advance to Final Stage*	Group of 6 teams: <u>3 to 12 April 2017</u> Group of 5 teams: <u>3 to 11 April 2017</u>
Finals	<u>8 Teams</u> 4 winners of Qualifiers + 3 highest ranked teams (ranking 1-3) + Host Association (Jordan)	Centralised Group (2 groups of 4 teams)	Group Winners and Runner-up teams advance to Semi-Finals Third placed teams play 5 th place play-off	<u>7 to 22 April 2018</u>

* *In case Jordan finishes top of their group in the Qualifying Stage, the second placed team from the same group will also qualify to the Final Stage.*

C. SEEDING FOR THE AFC WOMEN'S ASIAN CUP JORDAN 2018 QUALIFIERS DRAW

Principle

- 1) Seeding for the Draw shall be based on the rankings of AFC Women's Asian Cup Vietnam 2014.
- 2) The new teams that have not participated in the 2014 edition shall be added in the seeding as lowest ranked teams.

Seeding for AFC Women's Asian Cup Jordan 2018 Qualifiers based on rankings of AFC Women's Asian Cup Vietnam 2014

Table 2

No.	Team	No.	Team
1	Japan	13	Lebanon
2	Australia	14	Bahrain
3	China PR	15	Islamic Republic of Iran
4	Korea Republic	16	India
5	Thailand	17	Palestine (Host for Qualifiers)
6	Vietnam (Host for Qualifiers)	Non-ranked*	DPR Korea (Host for Qualifiers)
7	Jordan		Guam
8	Myanmar		Iraq
9	Chinese Taipei		Singapore
10	Uzbekistan		Syria
11	Philippines		Tajikistan (Host for Qualifiers)
12	Hong Kong		United Arab Emirates

* Non-ranked teams are the team that have not participated in the AFC Women's Asian Cup Vietnam 2014.

D. MODE OF COMPETITION AND GROUPINGS

- Top 3 teams of the AFC Women's Asian Cup Vietnam 2014 as per seeding above will receive an automatic qualification into the Final Competition.
- Jordan, as the Host of the Final Competition, shall also receive an automatic qualification to the Finals.
- The remaining 20 teams shall play the AFC Women's Asian Cup Jordan 2018 Qualifiers.
- Jordan has expressed their interest in participating in the Qualifiers Competition. Therefore, Jordan will also be included among the teams that will participate in the Qualifiers Competition.
- Based on the total number of 21 teams in the qualifiers, including Jordan, there shall be one (1) group of six (6) teams and three (3) groups of five (5) teams.
- Each group shall play a one-round league in a centralised venue, where each team in the group shall play one (1) match against every other team.

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
A1	B1	C1	D1
A2	B2	C2	D2
A3	B3	C3	D3
A4	B4	C4	D4
A5	B5	C5	D5
A6			

- The following match sequence applies with the matches to be played on the dates shown below as per previous practice of providing an additional rest day for the groups with six (6) teams (the number designates the position drawn in each group):

Match Day	Date	Match sequence
Match Day 1	3 April 2017	3 v 1; 4 v 6; 2 v 5
Match Day 2	5 April 2017	1 v 5; 2 v 4; 3 v 6
Match Day 3	7 April 2017	5 v 3; 6 v 2; 1 v 4
Match Day 4	10 April 2017	4 v 5; 6 v 1; 2 v 3
Match Day 5	12 April 2017	5 v 6; 3 v 4; 1 v 2

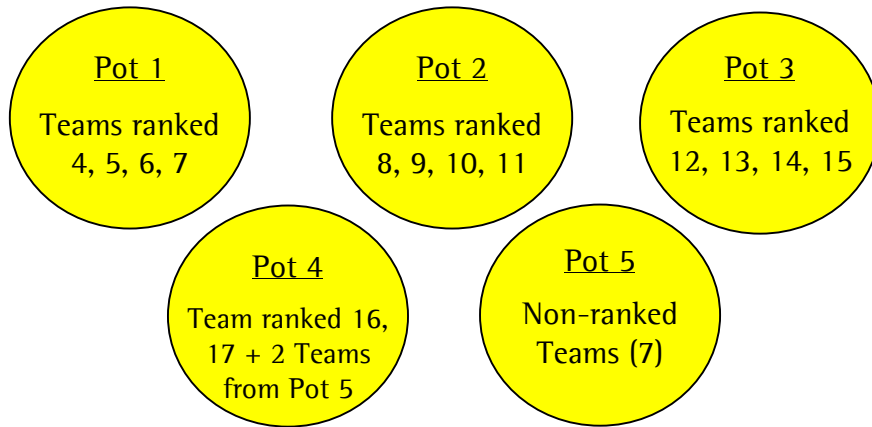
- The following match sequence applies with the matches to be played on the dates shown below for the groups with five (5) teams (the number designates the position drawn in each group):

Match Day	Date	Match sequence
Match Day 1	3 April 2017	3 v 2; 5 v 4
Match Day 2	5 April 2017	4 v 1; 5 v 3
Match Day 3	7 April 2017	1 v 5; 2 v 4
Match Day 4	9 April 2017	2 v 5; 3 v 1
Match Day 5	11 April 2017	4 v 3; 1 v 2

- The winner from each group (total 4 teams) will qualify to the AFC Women's Asian Cup Jordan 2018 Finals.
- In case Jordan finishes top of their group in the Qualifiers Competition, the second placed team from the same group will also qualify to the Final Competition.

F. DRAW PRINCIPLES

- 5 X Country Pots (Pot 1, Pot 2, Pot 3, Pot 4 and Pot 5)



1. Teams will be divided into 5 pots according to the rankings. Seeding will be based on ranking of the AFC Women's Asian Cup Vietnam 2014 (Table 2).
2. The Member Associations that have expressed their interest to host the Qualifiers will be drawn into separate groups. The Hosts of the Qualifiers are: Vietnam (Pot 1), Palestine (Pot 4), DPR Korea and Tajikistan (Pot 5 or Pot 4).
3. The Women's National Team of Islamic Republic of Iran and Syria will be separated into different groups from the Palestine, the host of one of the Qualifiers Group, as approved by the AFC Women's Football Committee and ratified by the AFC Executive Committee.

G. DRAW MECHANICS

1. The draw will take place in the following sequence:

POT 5 → POT 4 → POT 3 → POT 2 → POT 1

2. POT 5:

- The first ball drawn from Pot 5 will be placed into Position A6. The second ball drawn from Pot 5 will be placed into Position A5. The third ball drawn shall be placed in Position B5. The fourth ball drawn shall be placed in Position C5. The fifth ball drawn shall be placed in Position D5. The remaining two balls will be moved to Pot 4 to continue with the draw.
- In order to apply separation of hosts into different groups, host of qualifier from this pot (DPR Korea and Tajikistan) shall NOT be drawn in the same group.
 - i. If either of DPR Korea or Tajikistan is drawn to Position A6 and the other host is also drawn to group A, the second drawn host will be moved to group B and the next drawn team shall take position in group A where one of the hosts was originally drawn to.

3. POT 4:

- The first ball drawn from Pot 4 will be placed into Position A4. The second ball drawn shall be placed in Position B4. Subsequently, the next ball drawn shall be placed in Position C4. The last ball drawn will be placed in Position D4.
- In order to apply separation of hosts into different groups, hosts of qualifiers from this pot shall NOT be drawn in the same group as other hosts of qualifiers may have been drawn earlier.
 - ii. If one of hosts is drawn to the same group as another host, they will be moved to the next available group without host and the next drawn team shall take position in the group where the previous host was originally drawn to.
 - i. If any host is drawn to Group D and unless the remaining host is drawn to a group with no host earlier, the last remaining group with no host shall be reserved. In this case, any team drawn to remaining group with no host shall be moved to the next available group to reserve group without host for the remaining host.
- If Syria is drawn from Pot 5 into a group without host, Palestine from Pot 4 shall NOT be drawn in the same group as Syria.
 - i. If Palestine is drawn to the group of Syria, they will be moved to the next available group without host and the next drawn team shall take position in the group where Palestine was originally drawn to.
 - ii. If the previous two (2) hosts and Syria occupy three (3) groups before Palestine is drawn, the remaining group without any host or Syria shall be reserved for Palestine.

4. POT 3:

- The first ball drawn from Pot 3 will be placed into Position A3. The second ball drawn shall be placed in Position B3. Subsequently, the next ball drawn shall be placed in Position C3. The last ball drawn will be placed in Position D3.
- In order to apply separation of Islamic Republic of Iran from Palestine's group, Islamic Republic of Iran from this pot shall NOT be drawn in the same group as Palestine that has been drawn earlier.
 - i. If Islamic Republic of Iran is drawn to the same group as Palestine, they will be moved to the next group and the next drawn team shall take position in the group which Palestine is hosting.
 - ii. If Palestine is drawn to Group D, position in Group C will be reserved for Islamic Republic of Iran unless drawn to groups A or B earlier. In this case, any team drawn to group C will be moved to the next group to reserve Group C for Islamic Republic of Iran.

5. POT 2:

- The first ball drawn from Pot 2 will be placed into Position A2. The second ball drawn shall be placed in Position B2. Subsequently, the next ball drawn shall be placed in Position C2. The last ball drawn will be placed in Position D2.

6. POT 1:

- The first ball drawn from Pot 1 will be placed into Position A1. The second ball drawn shall be placed in Position B1. Subsequently, the next ball drawn shall be placed in Position C1. The last ball drawn will be placed in Position D1.
- In order to apply separation of hosts into different groups, host of qualifier from this pot (Vietnam) shall NOT be drawn in the same group as other host of qualifiers have been drawn earlier (Palestine, DPR Korea and Tajikistan). The last remaining group with no host shall be reserved for Vietnam.
 - i. If Vietnam is drawn they shall be put straight into the group with no host.
 - ii. In this case, any team drawn to remaining group with no host shall be moved to the next available group to reserve group with no host for Vietnam.

That will conclude the Draw for the AFC Women's Asian Cup Jordan 2018 Qualifiers.

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