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## Tournament Draw

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### 1.0 Background

The Cerebral Palsy Football World Championships are being held at St George's Park from 13<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> June 2015 with the first fixture taking place on 16<sup>th</sup> June.

The tournament draw has been confirmed to take place at St George's Park on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 11am. The draw will be recorded and retrospectively uploaded to the tournament website [www.cp2015.com](http://www.cp2015.com).

### 2.0 Draw Protocol

1. The sixteen teams taking part in the World Championships shall be divided into four groups of four teams. The groups will be named A B C and D.
2. The Local Organising Committee (LOC) shall divide the teams into groups by seeding and drawing lots in public, whilst taking sporting and geographic factors into consideration as far as possible.
3. Based on the factors listed in paragraph 2 of this document, the Organising Committee shall execute the draw as follows:
  - 3.1 None of the groups may feature more than three teams from each geographic region.
  - 3.2 Europe (Ukraine, Russia, Netherlands, Ireland, Scotland, England, Portugal and Northern Ireland) America (Brazil, USA, Argentina, Canada, Venezuela) Asia & Oceania (Iran, Australia, Japan).
  - 3.3 Based on the request from the host, and approved by IFCPF, for sporting and promotional reasons England will be allocated to position A3 (Red ball).
  - 3.4 The teams will be divided into 4 pots, according with consideration of the IFCPF World Ranking as follows:
    - Pot 1: Ukraine, Russia, Brazil, The Netherlands
    - Pot 2: Iran, Argentina, Ireland Scotland
    - Pot 3: USA, Canada, Australia, England (Red Ball)
    - Pot 4: Northern Ireland, Portugal, Japan, Venezuela
  - 3.5 Due to IFCPF specifications, the LOC will have to amend the draw as follows to ensure it is compliant with IFCPF requests;
    - Pot 1: All teams will be placed into one pot.
    - Pot 2: Scotland cannot be drawn with England (who will be allocated position A3 -red ball). in Group A due to the fact of Fair Play and transparency as both countries join together as Great Britain for Paralympic games. As a result teams will be split into two separate pots as follows:
      - Pot 2a: Iran, Argentina, Ireland

Pot 2b: Scotland

The draw for the second team in Group A will take place first and be drawn from Pot 2a only. Once this has been completed Scotland (Pot 2b) will be added for the draw of groups B, C and D.

Pot 3: England will be allocated to position A3 (Red ball). All remaining teams will be placed into one pot for the draw of groups B, C and D.

Pot 4: Teams will be split into four separate pots as follows:

Pot 4a: Northern Ireland (Europe)

Pot 4b: Portugal (Europe)

Pot 4c: Japan (Asia & Oceania)

Pot 4d: Venezuela (America)

Dependant on the following four scenarios the following protocol will be adhered to;

#### **Scenario 1 - Three European teams drawn in Group A**

The draw for the fourth team in Group A will take place first and will see pots 4c and 4d combined together to ascertain the final team in that group. Once this has been completed Northern Ireland and Portugal (Pots 4a and 4b) will be added for the draw of groups B, C and D.

#### **Scenario 2 – Three Americas teams drawn in either Group B, C or D**

The draw for the fourth team in the all Americas group will take place first and will see Pots 4a, 4b and 4c combined together to ascertain the final team in that group. Once this has been completed Venezuela (Pot 4d) will be added to the draw which will be made starting with Group A

#### **Scenario 3 – Three European teams drawn in Group A and Three Americas teams drawn in either Group B, C or D**

The draw for the fourth team in Group A will take place first and will see pots 4c and 4d combined together to ascertain the final team in that group.

If Venezuela (Americas) is drawn out they will be placed in group A and pot 4a and 4b will be added to the draw for the remainder of the draw.

However, if Japan is drawn out they will be placed in Group A and the draw for the all Americas group would immediately follow and be drawn from pot 4a only. Following this draw the remaining two balls would be combined for the last two groups.

#### **Scenario 4 – No group has more than two European or Americas teams**

Northern Ireland cannot be drawn with England (who have been allocated position A3 -red ball). in Group A due to the fact of Fair Play and transparency as both countries join together as Great Britain for Paralympic games.

The draw for the fourth team in Group A will take place first and will see pots 4b, 4c 4d combined together to ascertain the final team in that group. Once this has been completed Northern Ireland (Pot 4a) will be added for the draw of groups B, C and D.

- 3.6 The order of the draw (subject to the factors listed above) will be as follows:
- Pot 1: The first drawn country will receive position A1, the second B1, the third C1 and the fourth D1
  - Pot 2: The first drawn country will receive position A2, the second B2, the third C2 and the fourth D2
  - Pot 3: After the draw of England who will receive position A3 (Red ball), the second drawn country will receive position B3, the third C3 and the fourth D3
  - Pot 4: The first drawn country will receive position A4, the second B4, the third C4 and the fourth D4
- 3.7 Representatives of IFCPF will be present at the draw to ensure the LOC follow IFCPF protocol and conduct a fair draw.