



Dear WCF Member Association,

The WCF Management Committee (MC) is starting the process to update the WCF Sports Regulations and would appreciate your input on the following matter that affects the draw process for all events.

Do you have any comments you wish to make regarding these proposed principles, prior to the WCF MC revising the Sports Regulations?

Please reply as soon as possible and no later than 31st January 2011

Please note all responses will be made public via the WCF web site.

Same Country, Family and Block Separation in event draws – proposed principles

The WCF MC envisages retaining the seeding and draw methods described in section 21.8 of the WCF Sport Regulations. By resolving the current issue with GC world rankings, we expect to allow AC and GC draws from 2012 to follow the same process.

The WCF MC proposes, when the WCF Sports Regulations are updated, to make the following refinements to this common seeding and draw process:

1. retain “Same Country Separation” for the Group stage (Regulation 21.6)
2. drop “Same Country Separation” from the draw for the Knock Out stage (Regulation 2.4 of Appendix D)
3. drop “Same Group Separation” from the draw for the Knock Out stage (Regulation 2.4 of Appendix D)
4. not introduce “Same Family Separation” for either Group or KO stages.

Motivation

The purpose behind items 2, 3 and 4 above is to help simplify the draw for the Knock Out, in order that it becomes more transparent to entrants how the draw has been constructed. Furthermore when a large percentage of qualifiers are from one country the fairness of the KO draw can currently be compromised by attempting ‘Same Country Separation’ (item 2). The current process is well-intentioned but has been criticised for seeming overly-complex and opaque, and the public draw ceremonies have sometimes been prone to errors.

Retaining item 1 reduces the chance of Family members having to play each other, at least in the early stages, hence the WCF MC’s view that item 4 is unnecessary.

Martin French
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