

2018 FIFA World Cup Challenge – Group Stage

Name: _____



FIFA WORLD CUP
RUSSIA 2018

Beneath each group, select your predictions for how each team will place, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th in their group. For this phase of the Challenge, only the final position of the teams in their group table will be scored, not the outcomes of individual games. Using the scoring table on the right, each group will receive points based on how close each group prediction was to the actual results. At the end of the group stage, points will be tallied and awarded.

HOW EACH GROUP WILL BE SCORED	
2 points	no correct teams in top 2
4 points	1 correct team in top 2 (any order)
8 points	correct top 2 (any order)
10 points	correct top 2 (exact order)
12 points	correct table (exact order)

Reminder: The Group Stage is a round-robin style tournament and the first of two phases that make up the World Cup. Each team is scheduled for three matches, one against each other team in the same group. The top two teams from each group advance to the second phase of the World Cup, the Knockout Stage. See flip side for detailed rules and match schedule.

To begin the Knockout Stage, everyone will receive a new bracket prefilled with the *actual* advancing nations, not the ones they predicted. Points earned from the Group Stage will carry over and everyone will have the same bracket to start.

Group A

RUSSIA	
SAUDI ARABIA	
EGYPT	
URUGUAY	

Group B

PORTUGAL	
SPAIN	
MOROCCO	
IRAN	

Group C

FRANCE	
AUSTRALIA	
PERU	
DENMARK	

Group D

ARGENTINA	
ICELAND	
CROATIA	
NIGERIA	

Advance to Knockout	A1	1	B1	1	C1	1	D1
	A2	2	B2	2	C2	2	D2
Eliminated		3		3		3	
		4		4		4	

Group E

BRAZIL	
SWITZERLAND	
COSTA RICA	
SERBIA	

Group F

GERMANY	
MEXICO	
SWEDEN	
KOREA REPUBLIC	

Group G

BELGIUM	
PANAMA	
TUNISIA	
ENGLAND	

Group H

POLAND	
SENEGAL	
COLOMBIA	
JAPAN	

Advance to Knockout	E1	1	F1	1	G1	1	H1
	E2	2	F2	2	G2	2	H2
Eliminated		3		3		3	
		4		4		4	



GROUP STAGE

Group Stage Points

Win – 3 points

Draw – 1 point

Loss – 0 points

Top two teams with most points in each group advances to Knockout Stage. Tiebreakers: 1) goal difference then 2) goals scored

Example: Winner of Group A is A1, runner up is A2, 3rd and 4th place are eliminated

Thursday, June 14

11 AM – Russia vs Saudi Arabia (Group A), FOX

Friday, June 15

8 AM – Egypt vs Uruguay (Group A), FS1

11 AM – Morocco vs Iran (Group B), FOX

2 PM – Portugal vs Spain (Group B), FOX

Saturday, June 16

6 AM – France vs Australia (Group C), FS1

9 AM – Argentina vs Iceland (Group D), FOX

Noon – Peru vs Denmark (Group C), FS1

3 PM – Croatia vs Nigeria (Group D), FS1

Sunday, June 17

8 AM – Costa Rica vs Serbia (Group E), FOX

11 AM – Germany vs Mexico (Group F), FS1

2 PM – Brazil vs Switzerland (Group E), FS1

Monday, June 18

8 AM – Sweden vs Korea Republic (Group F), FS1

11 AM – Belgium vs Panama (Group G), FS1

2 PM – Tunisia vs England (Group G), FS1

Tuesday, June 19

8 AM – Colombia vs Japan (Group H), FS1

11 AM – Poland vs Senegal (Group H), FOX

2 PM – Russia vs Egypt (Group A), FOX

Wednesday, June 20

8 AM – Portugal vs Morocco (Group B), FS1

11 AM – Uruguay vs Saudi Arabia (Group A), FOX

2 PM – Iran vs Spain (Group B), FOX

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Thursday, June 21

8 AM – Denmark vs Australia (Group C), FS1

11 AM – France vs Peru (Group C), FOX

2 PM – Argentina vs Croatia (Group D), FOX

Friday, June 22

8 AM – Brazil vs Costa Rica (Group E), FS1

11 AM – Nigeria vs Iceland (Group D), FOX

2 PM – Serbia vs Switzerland (Group E), FOX

Saturday, June 23

8 AM – Belgium vs Tunisia (Group G), FOX

11 AM – Korea Republic vs Mexico (Group F), FOX

2 PM – Germany vs Sweden (Group F), FOX

Sunday, June 24

8 AM – England vs Panama (Group G), FS1

11 AM – Japan vs Senegal (Group H), FOX

2 PM – Poland vs Colombia (Group H), FOX

Monday, June 25

10 AM – Group A: Uruguay vs Russia, FOX;

Saudi Arabia vs Egypt, FS1

2 PM – Group B: Iran vs Portugal, FOX;

Spain vs Morocco, FS1

Tuesday, June 26

10 AM – Group C: Denmark vs France, FOX;

Australia vs Peru, FS1

2 PM – Group D: Nigeria vs Argentina, FOX;

Iceland vs Croatia, FS1

Wednesday, June 27

10 AM – Group F: Mexico vs Sweden, FOX;

Korea Republic vs Germany, FS1

2 PM – Group E: Serbia vs Brazil, FOX;

Switzerland vs Costa, Rica, FS1

Thursday, June 28

10 AM – Group H: Senegal vs Colombia, FOX;

Japan vs Poland, FS1

2 PM – Group G: England vs Belgium, FOX;

Panama vs Tunisia, FS1

KNOCKOUT STAGE

If a match is level at the end of normal playing time, extra time is played (two periods of 15 minutes each) followed, if necessary, by a penalty shoot-out to determine a winner

ROUND OF 16

Saturday, June 30

10 AM – Group C1 vs Group D2, FOX

2 PM – Group A1 vs Group B2, FOX

Sunday, July 1

10 AM – Group B1 vs Group A2, FOX

2 PM – Group D1 vs Group C2, FOX

Monday, July 2

10 AM – Group E1 vs. Group F2, FS1

2 PM – Group G1 vs. Group H2, FOX

Tuesday, July 3

10 AM – Group F1 vs Group E2, FS1

2 PM – Group H1 vs Group G2, FOX

QUARTERFINALS

Friday, July 6

10 AM – A1-B2 Winner vs C1-D2 Winner, FS1

2 PM – E1-F2 Winner vs G1-H2 Winner, FS1

Saturday, July 7

10 AM – E2-F1 Winner vs G2-H1 Winner, FOX

2 PM – A2-B1 Winner vs. C2-D1 Winner, FOX

SEMIFINALS

Tuesday, July 10

A1-B2-C1-D2 Winner vs E1-F2-G1-H2 Winner, FOX

Wednesday, July 11

A2-B1-C2-D1 Winner vs. E2-F1-G2-H1 Winner, FOX

THIRD-PLACE MATCH

Saturday, July 14

10 AM – FOX

FINAL

Sunday, July 15

11 AM – FOX