



Champions League 2021/22 Preliminary Round - Draw Procedures

The following draw procedures were put in place to introduce a sense of randomness and fairness and reduce human intervention in the fixtures of the preliminary rounds of the competition.

CAF received the official engagement of 54 clubs through the Competition Management System (CMS). Accordingly, the 10 highest ranked clubs according to the official clubs ranking for the 2021/22 season, herewith attached, shall be exempted of the 1st preliminary round; these clubs shall be referred to as the exempted clubs (10). The remaining 44 clubs shall play as of the 1st preliminary round and consist of ranked clubs (16) and non-ranked clubs (28) according to the official clubs ranking.

3 pots have been created according to the above-mentioned groups and according to geographical proximity.

<p><u>UNAF & WAFU</u> W.A.C (MAR) Raja C.A (MAR) Horoya A.C (GUI)</p> <p>Exempted Clubs</p>	<p><u>CECAFA, UNAF & WAFU</u> Al Ahly SC (EGY) E.S.T (TUN) Zamalek (EGY) E.S.S (TUN)</p> <p>Exempted Clubs</p>	<p><u>CECAFA, COSAFA & UNIFFAC</u> Mamelodi (RSA) TP Mazembe (RDC) Simba SC (TAN)</p> <p>Exempted Clubs</p>
<p>CR Belouizdad (ALG) E.S.Sétif (ALG)</p> <p>Ranked Clubs</p>	<p>El Hilal (SUD) Al Merrikh (SUD)</p> <p>Ranked Clubs</p>	<p>A.Petroleos (ANG) Zesco Utd (ZAM) Zanaco FC (ZAM) FC Platinum (ZIM)</p> <p>Ranked Clubs</p>
<p>AS Sonabel (BFA) Fortune FC (GAM) Hearts of Oak (GHA) CI Kamsar (GUI) LPRC Oilers (LBR) Stade Malien (MLI) Akwa Utd (NGR) ASKO Kara (TGO)</p> <p>Pot 1</p>	<p>Le Messenger (BUR) Arta Solar 7 (DJI) Fasil Kenema (ETH) Tusker FC (KEN) Al Ittihad (LBY) USGN (NIG) APR FC (RWA) Mogadishu CC(SOM) Express SC (UGA) KMKM SC (ZAN)</p> <p>Pot 2</p>	<p>GDSE (ANG) Jwaneng (BOT) Fovu de Baham (CMR) Diplomate FC (CTA) Akonangui (EQG) Royal Leopards (ESW) AS Bouenguidi (GAB) Big Bullets (MWI) AS Maniema (RDC) AmaZulu FC (RSA)</p> <p>Pot 3</p>



Each color corresponds to clubs considered geographically groupable.

Each of the 10 exempted clubs shall be guaranteed to face, in the 2nd preliminary round, a non-ranked team. This means that for each exempted club, two non-ranked clubs will be matched against each other in the 1st preliminary round. As a result, 24 teams will remain, 8 non-ranked clubs and 16 ranked clubs. The 8 highest ranked clubs will be matched against the 8 remaining non-ranked clubs.

The remaining 8 lowest ranked teams, namely Tengueth FC (SEN), Asec Mimosas (CIV), ESAE FC (BEN), FC Nouadhibou (MTN), UD do Songo (MOZ), AS Otoho d'Oyo (CGO), Young Africans (TAN) & Rivers United (NGR) will be split into two pots based on geographical nearness as follows:

Tengueth FC (SEN)
ASEC Mimosas (CIV)
ESAE FC (BEN)
FC Nouadhibou (MTN)
Pot 4

UD do Songo (MOZ)
AS Otoho d'Oyo (CGO)
Young Africans (TAN)
Rivers UTD (NGR)
Pot 5

Draw Procedures:

The draw shall first determine the non-ranked clubs that will eventually play against the exempted ones. Following that, non-ranked clubs will be drawn to face the ranked ones in the 1st preliminary round. These steps shall be done for all 3 geographical groupings.

Draw 2 balls from pot 1. The ball drawn first shall play the first leg of the preliminary round at home. This step shall be done 3 times.

1. Winner of the 1st fixture shall play against W.A.C (MAR) in the 2nd preliminary round,
2. Winner of the 2nd fixture shall play against Raja C.A (MAR) in the 2nd preliminary round,
3. Winner of the 3rd fixture shall play against Horoya A.C (GUI) in the 2nd preliminary round.

Draw 1 ball from pot 1. The ball drawn shall play the 1st preliminary round against CR Belouizdad (ALG).

Draw the remaining ball from pot 1. The ball drawn shall play the 1st preliminary round against E.S.Sétif (ALG).

Draw 2 balls from pot 2. The ball drawn first shall play the first leg of the preliminary round at home. This step shall be done 4 times.

1. Winner of the 1st fixture shall play against Al Ahly (EGY) in the 2nd preliminary round,
2. Winner of the 2nd fixture shall play against E.S.T (TUN) in the 2nd preliminary round,
3. Winner of the 3rd fixture shall play against Zamalek (EGY) in the 2nd preliminary round,
4. Winner of the 4th fixture shall play against E.S.S (TUN) in the 2nd preliminary round.



Draw 1 ball from pot 2. The ball drawn shall play the 1st preliminary round against El Hilal (SUD).

Draw the remaining ball from pot 2. The ball drawn shall play the 1st preliminary round against Al Merrikh (SUD).

Draw 2 balls from pot 3. The ball drawn first shall play the first leg of the preliminary round at home. This step shall be done 3 times.

1. Winner of the 1st fixture shall play against Mamelodi Sundowns (RSA) in the 2nd preliminary round,
2. Winner of the 2nd fixture shall play against TP Mazeme (RDC) in the 2nd preliminary round,
3. Winner of the 3rd fixture shall play against Simba SC (TAN) in the 2nd preliminary round.

Draw 1 ball from pot 3. The ball drawn shall play the 1st preliminary round against Atletico Petroleos (ANG).

Repeat this procedure 3 times with the ball drawn playing against Zesco United (ZAM), Zanaco FC (ZAM) & FC Platinum (ZIM) respectively in the 1st preliminary round.

The winner of the fixture of Zesco United (ZAM) will play the 2nd preliminary round against the winner of the fixture of FC Platinum (ZIM). The latter will play the first leg at home.

The winner of the fixture of Zanaco FC (ZAM) will play the 2nd preliminary round against the winner of the fixture of Al Merrikh (SUD). The latter will play the first leg at home.

Draw 2 balls from pot 4. The winner of this fixture will play the 2nd preliminary round against the winner of the fixture of CR Belouizdad (ALG). The latter will play the return leg at home.

Draw the 2 remaining balls in pot 4. The winner of this fixture will play the 2nd preliminary round against the winner of the fixture of E.S.Sétif (ALG). The latter will play the return leg at home.

Draw 2 balls from pot 5. The winner of this fixture will play the 2nd preliminary round against the winner of the fixture of El Hilal (SUD). The latter will play the return leg at home.

Draw the 2 remaining balls in pot 5. The winner of this fixture will play the 2nd preliminary round against the winner of the fixture of Atletico Petroleos (ANG). The latter will play the return leg at home.

Attached a template of the draw with the pre-determined clubs already put in their corresponding positions.

The ball drawn first shall play the first leg at home.

The non-ranked clubs shall play the first leg of the preliminary round at home.

If a drawn ball results in a fixture opposing two clubs of the same country, the ball immediately drawn before it shall be interchanged with it.



The exempted teams shall play the return leg of the 2nd preliminary round at home.

In case a fixture includes two clubs geographically incompatible, CAF Secretariat may alter the draw results after consultation with the travel department due to the current pandemic.