

AFC CUP 2023/24 MATCH PAIRINGS

Preliminary and Playoff Stages

Slot Allocation for AFC Cup 2023/24

ACC West Zone

Rank	Member Association	Direct (GS)	Indirect (PO/PS)
*	Jordan (JOR)	1	-
1	Iraq (IRQ)	2	-
2	Lebanon (LBN)	2	-
3	Kuwait (KUW)	2	-
4	Bahrain (BHR)	1	1
5	Syria (SYR)	1	1
6	Palestine (PLE)	1	1
7	Oman (OMA)	-	1
8	Yemen (YEM)	-	-**

* *JOR allocated with one (1) additional direct slot in accordance with Article 5.3 of the Entry Manual for AFC Club Competitions (Edition 2021) (“Entry Manual”)*

** *One (1) indirect slot has been annulled in accordance with Articles 5.10 and 5.11 of the Entry Manual*

ACC South Zone

Rank	Member Association	Direct (GS)	Indirect (PO/PS)
1	India (IND)	1	1
2	Bangladesh (BAN)	1	1
3	Maldives (MDV)	1	1
4	Nepal (NEP)	-	1
5	Sri Lanka (SRI)	-	-*
6	Bhutan (BHU)	-	1
7	Pakistan (PAK)	-	-*

* One (1) indirect slot has been annulled in accordance with Articles 5.10 and 5.11 of the Entry Manual

ACC Central Zone

Rank	Member Association	Direct (GS)	Indirect (PO/PS)
1	Tajikistan (TJK)	1	1
2	Turkmenistan (TKM)	1	1
3	Kyrgyz Republic (KGZ)	1	1
4	Afghanistan (AFG)	-	-*

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ACC ASEAN Zone

Rank	Member Association	Direct (GS)	Indirect (PO/PS)
*	Vietnam (VIE)	1	-
1	Philippines (PHI)	2	-
2	Malaysia (MAS)	2	-
3	Australia (AUS)	2	-
4	Singapore (SGP)	1	1
5	Indonesia (IDN)	1	1
6	Myanmar (MYA)	1	1
7	Cambodia (CAM)	-	1
8	Laos (LAO)	-	1
9	Brunei Darussalam (BRU)	-	1
10	Timor-Leste (TLS)	-	-**

* VIE allocated with one (1) additional direct slot in accordance with Article 5.3 of the Entry Manual

** One (1) indirect slot has been annulled in accordance with Articles 5.10 and 5.11 of the Entry Manual

ACC East Zone

Rank	Member Association	Direct (GS)	Indirect (PO/PS)
1	DPR Korea (PRK)	–**	–*
2	Macau (MAC)	1	1
3	Chinese Taipei (TPE)	1	1
4	Mongolia (MNG)	1**	–**
5	Guam (GUM)	–	–*
6	Northern Mariana Islands	–	–*

* One (1) indirect slot has been annulled in accordance with Articles 5.10 and 5.11 of the Entry Manual

** PRK's one (1) direct slot has been redistributed to MNG in accordance with Articles 5.8 of the Entry Manual / MNG's one (1) indirect slot has been annulled

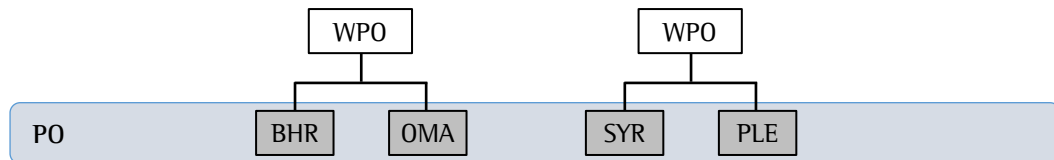
1. Pairing Principles

- The Participating Clubs from the same Member Association shall not be paired against each other (Country Protection).
- The Participating Clubs from higher-ranked Member Associations shall play at a later stage.
- The Participating Club from the highest-ranked Member Association will be paired against a Participating Club from the lowest-ranked Member Association in each stage.
- The Participating Club from a higher-ranked Member Association pursuant to the AFC Club Competitions Ranking shall host the Match.
- The winners of the Preliminary Stage shall qualify for the Playoff Stage with the winners of the Playoff Stage progressing to the Group Stage.

2. Entries

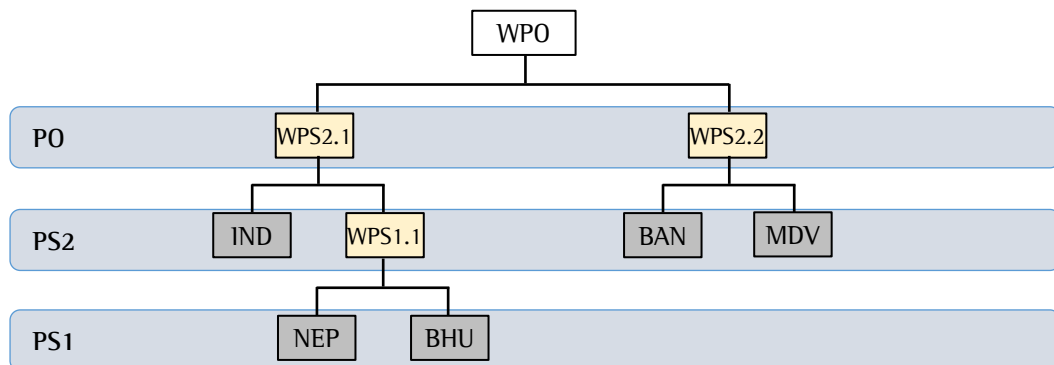
ACC West Zone: Four (4) Clubs for two (2) Group Stage slots

Member Association	Club
Bahrain (BHR)	Al Khalidiya SC (Hamad Town)
Oman (OMA)	Al Nahda (Al-Buraimi)
Palestine (PLE)	Shabab Al Khalil (Hebron / Al-Khalil)
Syria (SYR)	Syria 2nd club - TBC 27 June 2023



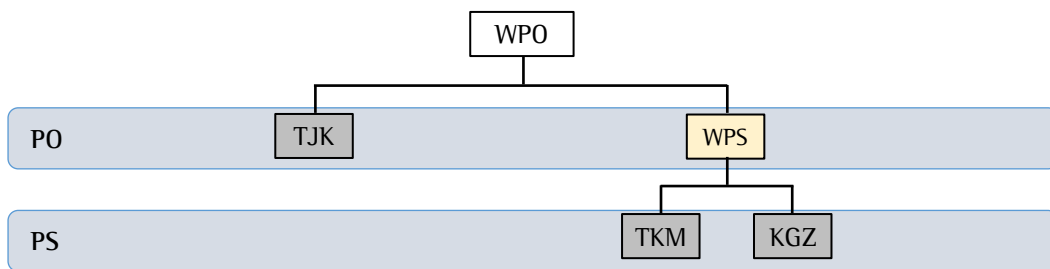
ACC South Zone: Five (5) Clubs for one (1) Group Stage slot

Member Association	Club
Bangladesh (BAN)	Abahani Limited Dhaka (Dhaka)
Bhutan (BHU)	Paro FC (Paro)
India (IND)	Mohun Bagan (Kolkata)
Maldives (MDV)	Club Eagles (Male)
Nepal (NEP)	Machhindra FC (Kathmandu)



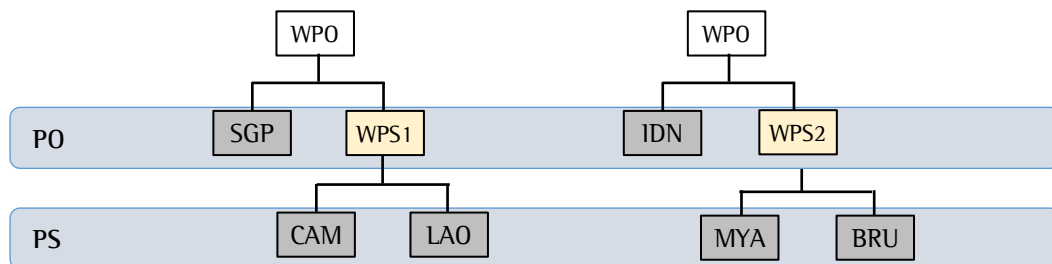
ACC Central Zone: Three (3) Clubs for one (1) Group Stage slot

Member Association	Club
Kyrgyz Republic (KGZ)	FC Alay (Osh)
Tajikistan (TJK)	FC Khujand (Khujand)
Turkmenistan (TKM)	Merw FC (Mary)



ACC ASEAN Zone: Six (6) Clubs for two (2) Group Stage slots

Member Association	Club
Brunei Darussalam (BRU)	BRU 1st Club (TBC)
Cambodia (CAM)	Phnom Penh Crown FC (Phnom Penh)
Indonesia (IDN)	PSM Makassar (Makassar)
Laos (LAO)	Young Elephants FC (Vientiane)
Myanmar (MYA)	Yangon United FC (Yangon)
Singapore (SGP)	Tampines Rovers FC (Singapore)



ACC East Zone: 2 Clubs for 1 Group Stage slot

Member Association	Club
Chinese Taipei (TPE)	Taichung Futuro FC (Taichung)
Macau (MAC)	Monte Carlo (Macau)

