

AFC CHAMPIONS LEAGUE 2023/24 MATCH PAIRINGS

Preliminary and Playoff Stages

Slot Allocation for AFC Champions League 2023/24

ACL West Region

Rank	Member Association	Direct (GS)	Indirect (PO/PS)
1	Saudi Arabia (KSA)	3	1
2	Islamic Republic of Iran (IRN)	3	1
3	Qatar (QAT)	2	2
4	Uzbekistan (UZB)	2	2
5	United Arab Emirates (UAE)	1	2
6	Jordan (JOR)	1	1
7	Tajikistan (TJK)	1	-
8	Iraq (IRQ)	1	-
9	Turkmenistan (TKM)	1	-
10	India (IND)	1	-
11	Lebanon (LBN)	-	-*
12	Bangladesh	-	1
-	Oman (OMA)	-	1**

* One (1) indirect slot has been annulled in accordance with Articles 3.19 and 3.20 of the Entry Manual for AFC Club Competitions (Edition 2021) ("Entry Manual")

** One (1) indirect slot has been allocated for the AFC Cup 2022 Titleholders

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Rank	Member Association	Direct (GS)	Indirect (PO/PS)
1	Korea Republic (KOR)	3	1
2	Japan (JPN)	3	1
3	China PR (CHN)	2	2
4	Thailand (THA)	2	2
5	Hong Kong, China (HKG)	1	2
6	Vietnam (VIE)	1	1
7	DPR Korea (PRK)	–*	–
8	Philippines (PHI)	1	–
9	Malaysia (MAS)	1	–
10	Australia (AUS)	1	–
11	Singapore (SGP)	1*	–*
12	Indonesia (IDN)	–	1

* *PRK's one (1) direct slot has been redistributed to SGP in accordance with Articles 3.16 and 3.17 of the Entry Manual / SGP's one (1) indirect slot has been annulled*

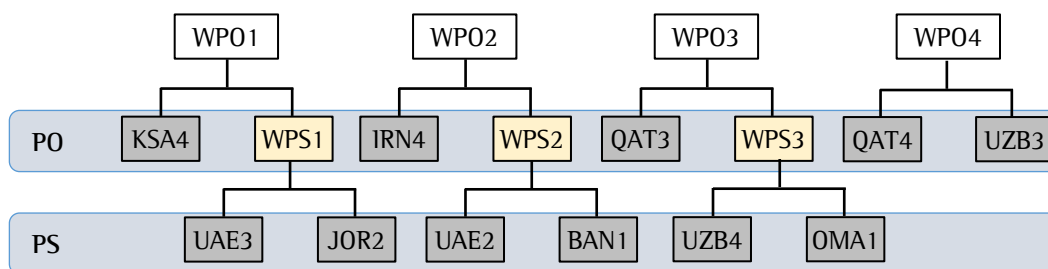
1. Pairing Principles

- 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

ACL West Region: Eleven (11) Clubs for four (4) Group Stage slots

Member Association	Club
Bangladesh (BAN)	Bashundhara Kings (Dhaka)
Islamic Republic of Iran (IRN)	Tractor FC (Tabriz)
Jordan (JOR)	Al Wehdat (Amman)
Oman (OMA)	Al Seeb Club (Seeb)
Qatar (QAT)	Al Arabi SC (Doha)
	Al Wakrah SC (Al Wakrah)
Saudi Arabia (KSA)	Al Nassr (Riyadh)
United Arab Emirates (UAE)	Sharjah FC (Sharjah)
	Shabab Al Ahli (Dubai)
Uzbekistan (UZB)	Navbahor (Namangan)
	AGMK FC (Olmaliq)



ACL East Region: Ten (10) Clubs for four (4) Group Stage slots

Member Association	Club
China PR (CHN)	Zhejiang FC (Hangzhou)
	Shanghai Port FC (Shanghai)
Hong Kong, China (HKG)	Lee Man (Hong Kong, China)
	Hong Kong Rangers (Hong Kong, China)
Indonesia (IDN)	Bali United FC (Bali)
Japan (JPN)	Urawa Red Diamonds (Urawa)
Korea Republic (KOR)	Incheon United FC (Incheon)
Thailand (THA)	BG Pathum United (Bangkok)
	Port FC (Bangkok)
Vietnam (VIE)	Haiphong FC (Haiphong)

