



**AFC
CUP**

2017

DRAW MECHANISM

Preliminary Stage / Playoff Stage

Group Stage

Zone Semi Final (West & ASEAN)

Draw Mechanism: Preliminary Stage and Playoff Stage

1. Principle

- Country Protection only applicable for West and ASEAN zones.
- Clubs from a higher ranked Member Association (MA) play at a later stage of the AFC Cup Preliminary Stage and Playoff Stage.
- Clubs winning the AFC Cup Preliminary matches will advance to AFC Cup Playoff Stage and losing clubs will be eliminated from the competition.
- Clubs winning the AFC Cup Playoff matches will advance to AFC Cup Group Stage and losing clubs will be eliminated from the competition.
- In the AFC Cup Preliminary Stage and Playoff Stage, a club from the highest ranked MA will play against a club from the lowest ranked MA while the remaining clubs from higher ranked MAs play against clubs from lower ranked MAs.
- In the AFC Cup Preliminary Stage and Playoff Stage, a club from a lower ranked MA will host the 1st leg match and the club from the higher ranked MA will host the 2nd leg match.

MA Ranking – 30 Nov 2016	Member Association	Group Stage	PS / PO Stage
1	Iraq	2	
2	Syria	2	
3	Jordan	2	
4	Bahrain	1	1
5	Lebanon	1	1
6	Oman	1	1
7	Palestine		1

2. Entries for West Asia Zone – for 3 Group Stage slots

MA	ZONE RANKING	CLUB
Bahrain	4	<i>MUHARRAQ CLUB (BHR)</i>
Lebanon	5	<i>NEJMEH SC (LIB)</i>
Oman	6	<i>AL SUWAIQ (OMA)</i>
Palestine	7	<i>SHABAB AL KHALIL (PLE)</i>



MA Ranking – 30 Nov 2016	Member Association	Group Stage	PS / PO Stage
1	Vietnam	2	
2	Malaysia	2	
3	Myanmar	2	
4	Philippines	1	1
5	Singapore	1	1
6	Laos	1	1
7	*Cambodia		2

*Decision by CAS - Cambodia granted one (1) additional slot in PS/PO Stage

3. Entries for ASEAN zone – for 3 Group Stage slots

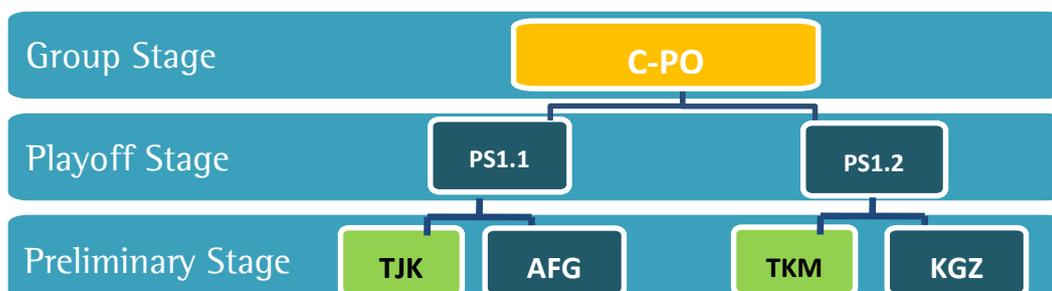
MA	ZONE RANKING	CLUB
Philippines	4	<i>CERES NEGROS FC (PHI)</i>
Singapore	5	<i>HOME UNITED FC (SIN)</i>
Laos	6	<i>LAO TOYOTA (LAO)</i>
Cambodia	7.1	<i>BOEUNGKET ANGKOR FC (CAM)</i>
	7.2	<i>PHNOM PENH CROWN FC (CAM)</i>



MA Ranking – 30 Nov 2016	Member Association	Group Stage	PS / PO Stage
1	Tajikistan	1	1
2	Turkmenistan	1	1
3	Kyrgyzstan	1	1
4	Afghanistan		1

4. Entries for Central Asia zone – for 1 Group Stage slot

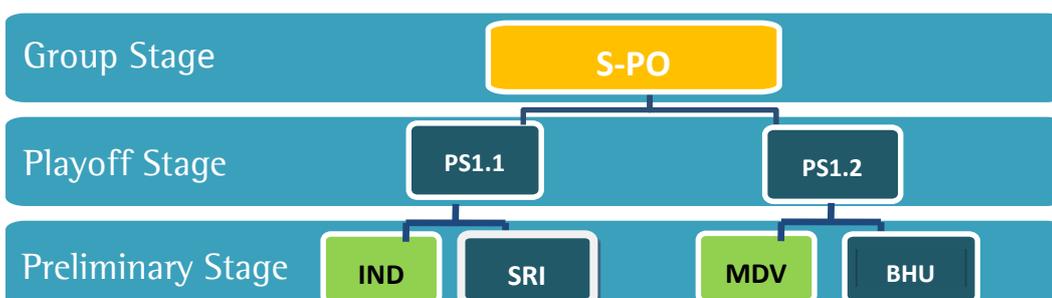
MA	ZONE RANKING	CLUB
Tajikistan	1	<i>FC HOSILOT (TJK)</i>
Turkmenistan	2	<i>BALKAN FC (TKM)</i>
Kyrgyzstan	3	<i>DORDOI FC (KGZ)</i>
Afghanistan	4	<i>SHAHEEN ASMAYEE (AFG)</i>



MA Ranking – 30 Nov 2016	Member Association	Group Stage	PS / PO Stage
1	India	1	1
2	Maldives	1	1
3	Bangladesh	1	1
4	Bhutan		1
5	Sri Lanka		1

5. Entries for South Asia zone – for 1 Group Stage slot

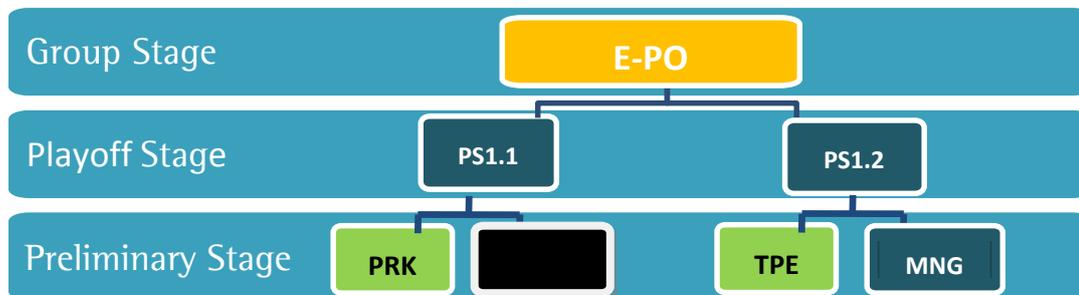
MA	ZONE RANKING	CLUB
India	1	<i>MOHUN BAGAN (IND)</i>
Maldives	2	<i>CLUB VAENCIA (MDV)</i>
Bangladesh	3	<i>No entry</i>
Bhutan	4	<i>THIMPHU CITY FC (BHU)</i>
Sri Lanka	5	<i>COLOMBO FC (SRI)</i>



MA Ranking – 30 Nov 2016	Member Association	Group Stage	PS / PO Stage
1	DPR Korea	1	1
2	Chinese Taipei	1	1
3	Guam	1	1
4	Mongolia		1

6. Entries for East Asia zone – for 1 Group Stage slot

MA	MA RANKING	CLUB
DPR Korea	1	<i>KIGWANCHA SC (PRK)</i>
Chinese Taipei	2	<i>TATUNG FC (TPE)</i>
Guam	3	<i>No Entry</i>
Mongolia	4	<i>ERCHIM FC (MNG)</i>



Preliminary Stage and Playoff Stage Match Schedule

Region	Stage	Match Date	Match No.	Match		
WEST	Playoff	Mon, 30 Jan 2017	PO 3.1	SHABAB AL KHALIL (PLE)	vs.	AL SUWAIQ (OMA)
		Mon, 6 Feb 2017	PO 3.2	AL SUWAIQ (OMA)	vs.	SHABAB AL KHALIL (PLE)

*(PO1) Al Muharraq (BHR) & (PO2) Nejmeh SC (LIB) – receive bye to AFC Cup 2017 Group Stage

Region	Stage	Match Date	Match No.	Match		
ASEAN	Playoff	Mon, 30 Jan 2017	PO 2.1	PHNOM PENH CROWN (CAM)	vs.	HOME UNITED (SIN)
		Tue, 7 Feb 2017	PO 2.2	HOME UNITED (SIN)	vs.	PHNOM PENH CROWN (CAM)
		Tue, 31 Jan 2017	PO 3.1	BOEUNGKET ANGKOR (CAM)	vs.	LAO TOYOTA (LAO)
		Tue, 7 Feb 2017	PO 3.2	LAO TOYOTA (LAO)	vs.	BOEUNGKET ANGKOR (CAM)

*(PO1) Ceres Negros (PHI)' – receive bye to AFC Cup 2017 Group Stage

Region	Stage	Match Date	Match No.	Match		
Central	Preliminary	Tue, 31 Jan 2017	PS 1.1	SHAHEEN ASMAYEE (AFG)	vs.	FC HOSILOT (TJK)
		Tue, 7 Feb 2017	PS 1.2	FC HOSILOT (TJK)	vs.	SHAHEEN ASMAYEE (AFG)
		Tue, 31 Jan 2017	PS 2.1	DORDOI FC (KGZ)	vs.	BALKAN FC (TKM)
		Tue, 7 Feb 2017	PS 2.2	BALKAN FC (TKM)	vs.	DORDOI FC (KGZ)
Region	Stage	Match Date	Match No.	Match		
Central	Playoff	Tue, 21 Feb 2017	PO 1.1	Winner PS 2	vs.	Winner PS 1
		Tue, 28 Feb 2017	PO 1.2	Winner PS 1	vs.	Winner PS 2

Region	Stage	Match Date	Match No.	Match		
South	Preliminary	Tue, 31 Jan 2017	PS 1.1	COLOMBO FC (SRI)	vs.	MOHUN BAGAN (IND)
		Tue, 7 Feb 2017	PS 1.2	MOHUN BAGAN (IND)	vs.	COLOMBO FC (SRI)
		Tue, 31 Jan 2017	PS 2.1	THIMPHU CITY (BHU)	vs.	CLUB VALENCIA (MDV)
		Tue, 7 Feb 2017	PS 2.2	CLUB VALENCIA (MDV)	vs.	THIMPHU CITY (BHU)
Region	Stage	Match Date	Match No.	Match		
South	Playoff	Tue, 21 Feb 2017	PO 1.1	Winner PS 2	vs.	Winner PS 1
		Tue, 28 Feb 2017	PO 1.2	Winner PS 1	vs.	Winner PS 2

Region	Stage	Match Date	Match No.	Match		
East	Preliminary	Tue, 31 Jan 2017	PS 1.1	ERCHIM FC (MNG)	vs.	TATUNG FC (TPE)
		Tue, 7 Feb 2017	PS 1.2	TATUNG FC (TPE)	vs.	ERCHIM FC (MNG)
Region	Stage	Match Date	Match No.	Match		
East	Playoff	Tue, 21 Feb 2017	PO 1.1	Winner PS 2	vs.	KIGWANCHA SC (PRK)
		Tue, 28 Feb 2017	PO 1.2	KIGWANCHA SC (PRK)	vs.	Winner PS 2

Draw Mechanism: Group Stage

1. Entries for MAs with Direct Slot

West Asia

MA	Club 1	Club 2
IRAQ	AL ZAWRAA CLUB (IRQ)	AIR FORCE CLUB (IRQ)
SYRIA	AL JAISH (SYR)	AL WAHDA (SYR)
JORDAN	*AL WEDHAT (JOR); OR <i>AL JAZEERA (JOR)</i>	AL AHLI (JOR)
BAHRAIN	AL HIDD CLUB (BHR)	MUHARRAQ CLUB (BHR)
LEBANON	SAFA SC (LIB)	NEJMEH SC (LIB)
OMAN	SAHAM (OMA)	-
Winner of Playoff West 3 (W3)		

**With standby club in case top ranked Club advanced to ACL Group Stage*

ASEAN

MA	Club 1	Club 2
Vietnam	*HANOI T&T (VIE); OR <i>SHB DA NANG (VIE)</i>	THAN QUANG NINH (VIE)
Malaysia	*JOHOR DARUL TA'ZIM (MAS); OR <i>KEDAH DA FA (MAS)</i>	FELDA UNITED FC (MAS)
Myanmar	*YADANARBON FC (MYA); OR <i>YANGON UNITED FC (MYA)</i>	MAGWE FC (MYA)
Philippines	*GLOBAL FC (PHI); OR <i>LOYOLA MERALCO SPARKS FC (PHI)</i>	CERES NEGROS FC (PHI)
Singapore	*TAMPINES ROVERS FC (SIN); OR <i>GEYLANG INTERNATIONAL FC (SIN)</i>	-
Laos	LANEXANG UNITED FC (LAO)	-
Winner of Playoff ASEAN 2 (A2)		
Winner of Playoff ASEAN 3 (A3)		

**With standby club in case top ranked Club advanced to ACL Group Stage*

SOUTH

MA	Club 1	Club 2
India	*JSW BENGALURU (IND); OR <i>KINGFISHER EAST BENGAL (IND)</i>	-
Maldives	MAZIYA S&R (MDV)	-
Bangladesh	ALBANI DHAKA LIMITED (BAN)	-
Winner of Playoff South		

**With standby club in case top ranked Club advanced to ACL Group Stage*

CENTRAL

Country	Club 1	Club 2
Tajikistan	FC ISTIKLOL (TJK)	-
Turkmenistan	ALTYN ASYR FC (TKM)	-
Kyrgyzstan	FC ALAY (KGZ)	-
Winner of Playoff Central		

EAST

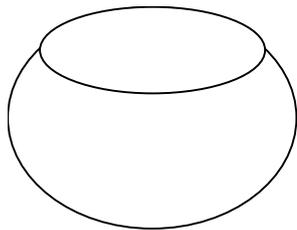
Country	Club 1	Club 2
DPR Korea	4.25 SC (PRK)	-
Guam	ROVERS FC (GUM)	-
Chinese Taipei	TAIPOWER COMPANY (TPE)	-
Winner of Playoff East		

2. Draw Principles

- Separate draw for
 - West Asia zone
 - ASEAN zone
- Country protection only applicable for West Asia and ASEAN zones.
- Highest ranked MAs with same number of slots will be drawn.
 - West Asia zone (5 MA) = Iraq, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Bahrain
 - ASEAN zone (4 MA) = Vietnam, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines
- League Champion or 1st ranked club are drawn first followed by the remaining club from the same MA into reserved slot
- There will be no draw and country protection for the zones with one group
 - Central Asia zone
 - South Asia zone
 - East Asia Zone
- Implementation of Double Match Date System (Mon/Tue for West zone and Tue/Wed for East, Central, South and ASEAN zones) to secure maximum coverage to the matches for spectators and TV
- Clubs which share the stadium will not play its home matches on the same day

3. Draw Mechanics – West Asia Zone

- a) There shall only be one (1) Country Pot with top 5 ranked MAs



Iraq
Jordan
Lebanon
Syria
Bahrain

- b) Based on the slot allocation and ranking, MA with one direct slot (Oman) and the Winner of West Playoff 3 (between Oman and Palestine) will be positioned into their groups accordingly.

Order of Draw (West Asia Zone – Group A, B, C)

- i. League champion of the 1st drawn MA (IRQ, SYR, JOR, BHR, LIB) will go to position A1 while the remaining club will go to position B2.

	A	B	C
1	1		
2		2	
3			
4			

- ii. League champion of the 2nd drawn MA (IRQ, SYR, JOR, BHR, LIB) will go to position B1 while the remaining club will go to position C2.

	A	B	C
1	1	3	
2		2	4
3			
4			

- iii. League champion of the 3rd drawn MA (IRQ, SYR, JOR, BHR, LIB) will go to position C1 while the remaining club will go to position A2

	A	B	C
1	1	3	5
2	6	2	4
3			
4			

iv. League champion of the 4th drawn MA (IRQ, SYR, JOR, BHR, LIB) will go to position A3 while the remaining club will go to position B4

	A	B	C
1	1	3	5
2	6	2	4
3	7		
4		8	

v. League champion of the 5th drawn MA (IRQ, SYR, JOR, BHR, LIB) will go to position B3 while the remaining club will go to position C4

	A	B	C
1	1	3	5
2	6	2	4
3	7	9	
4		8	10

vi. Based on the ranking, club from OMA will take position C3

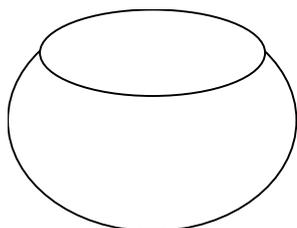
	A	B	C
1	1	3	5
2	6	2	4
3	7	9	11 (OMA)
4		8	10

vii. Playoff winner between OMA & PLE will take position A4

	A	B	C
1	1	3	5
2	6	2	4
3	7	9	11
4	12 (OMA/PLE)	8	10

4. Draw Mechanics – ASEAN Zone (Group F, G, H)

a) There shall only be one (1) Country Pot with top 4 ranked MAs



Vietnam
Malaysia
Myanmar
Philippines

- b) Based on the slot allocation and ranking, MA with one direct slot (Singapore and Laos) and the Winner of ASEAN Playoff 2 (between Singapore and Cambodia) and Winner of ASEAN Playoff 3 (between Laos and Cambodia) will be positioned into their groups accordingly.

Order of Draw

- i. League champion of the 1st drawn MA (VIE, MAS, MYA, PHI) will go to position F1 while the remaining club will go to position G2.

	F	G	H
1	1		
2		2	
3			
4			

- ii. League champion of the 2nd drawn MA (VIE, MAS, MYA, PHI) will go to position G1 while the remaining club will go to position H2.

	F	G	H
1	1	3	
2		2	4
3			
4			

- iii. League champion of the 3rd drawn MA (VIE, MAS, MYA, PHI) will go to position H1 while the remaining club will go to position F2

	F	G	H
1	1	3	5
2	6	2	4
3			
4			

- vi. League champion of the 4th drawn MA (VIE, MAS, MYA, PHI) will go to position F3 while the remaining club will go to position G4

	F	G	H
1	1	3	5
2	6	2	4
3	7		
4		8	

- i. Based on the ranking, clubs from SIN and LAO will take position G3 and H3 respectively

	F	G	H
1	1	3	5
2	6	2	4
3	7	9 (SIN)	10 (LAO)
4		8	

- ii. Based on draw principles – country protection, Winner of ASEAN Playoff 2 (SIN/CAM2) will take position H4 and Winner of ASEAN Playoff 3 (LAO/CAM1) will take position F4 respectively.

	F	G	H
1	1	3	5
2	6	2	4
3	7	9 (SIN)	10 (LAO)
4	12 (LAO/CAM1)	8	11 (SIN/CAM2)

5. Draw Mechanics – Central Zone (Group D)

- a) No draw is required for Central Asia zone as there is only one group
- b) Based on the ranking, the top three (3) MA from Central Asia zone (Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Kyrgyzstan) has one direct slot each in the Group Stage and shall be positioned at Position D1, D2 and D3 respectively while the Winner of Central Asia zone Playoff will take position D4 in the group.

CENTRAL ASIA Zone

Position	MA / Club
D1	FC ISTIKLOL (TJK)
D2	ALTYN ASYR (TKM)
D3	FC ALAY (KGZ)
D4	PO – Winner (TJK / TKM / KGZ / AFG)

6. Draw Mechanics – South Zone (Group E)

- a) No draw is required for South Asia zone as there is only one group
- b) Based on the ranking, the top three (3) MA from South Asia zone (India, Maldives and Bangladesh) has one direct slot each in the Group Stage and shall be positioned at Position E1, E2 and E3 respectively while the Winner of South Asia zone Playoff will take position E4 in the group.

SOUTH ASIA Zone

Position	MA / Club
E1	JSW BENGALURU FC (IND)
E2	MAZIYA SPORTS & RECREATION (MDV)
E3	ABAHANI LIMITED DHAKA (BAN)
E4	PO – Winner (IND / MDV / BHU / SRI)

7. Draw Mechanics – East Asia Zone (Group I)

- No draw is required for East Asia zone as there is only one group
- Based on the ranking, the top three (3) MA from East Asia zone (DPR Korea, Guam and Chinese Taipei) has one direct slot each in the Group Stage and shall be positioned at Position 11, 12 and 13 respectively while the Winner of East Asia zone Playoff will take position 14 in the group.

EAST ASIA Zone

Position	MA / Club
11	4.25 SC (PRK)
12	ROVERS FC (GUM)
13	TAIPOWER COMPANY (TPE)
14	PO – Winner (PRK/TPE/MNG)

Knockout Stage: Zonal Semifinals (West Asia zone and ASEAN zone)

Principles

- No country protection for Zonal Semi Finals
- Home & Away matches will be played to decide the winner for Zonal Semifinals for West Asia zone and ASEAN zone.
- The winner in each group and one best second-placed Club among the three (3) groups shall qualify for the Zonal Semi Finals
- The following scenario shall apply, based on best second-placed Club among the groups

West Zone Match	Best 2 nd place Club from Group A	Best 2 nd place Club from Group B	Best 2 nd place Club from Group C
Zonal SF1 1 st Leg	1A vs 1C 2A vs 1B	1B vs 1A 2B vs 1C	1C vs 1B 2C vs 1A
Zonal SF2 2 nd Leg	1C vs 1A 1B vs 2A	1A vs 1B 1C vs 2B	1B vs 1C 1A vs 2C

ASEAN Zone Match	Best 2 nd place Club from Group F	Best 2 nd place Club from Group G	Best 2 nd place Club from Group H
Zonal SF1 1 st Leg	1F vs 1H 2F vs 1G	1G vs 1F 2G vs 1H	1H vs 1G 2H vs 1F
Zonal SF2 2 nd Leg	1H vs 1F 1G vs 2F	1F vs 1G 1H vs 2G	1G vs 1H 1F vs 2H

- If Clubs sharing the same stadium, AFC General Secretariat will make a final decision at the later stage with regards to the date for the matches.
- Zonal Final for West Asian zone and ASEAN zone will be determined by draw in June 2017

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