

HOMELESS WORLD CUP: CURRENT TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Men's tournament (44 teams)

There are three stages to the tournament: (i) Group Stage; (ii) Qualifying Stage and (iii) the Trophy Stage.

(i) First Stage:

The First Stage comprises 8 Groups, with Groups A, C, E and G containing 6 teams and Groups B, D, F and H containing 5 teams. Each team plays each other team in its Group once in a round robin format. Each team will play 4 or 5 games depending on their group. The top 3 teams of each Group proceed to Section 1 of the Second Stage and the bottom 2-3 teams proceed to Section 2 of the Second Stage.





Fig.1.1 At the end of the First Stage the teams in green go to Section 1 and those in red go to Section 2 of the Second Stage

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D	Group E	Group F	Group G	Group H
A1	B1	C1	D1	E1	F1	G1	H1
A2	B2	C2	D2	E2	F2	G2	H2
A3	B3	C3	D3	E3	F3	G3	H3
A4	B4	C4	D4	E4	F4	G4	H4
A5	B5	C5	D5	E5	F5	G5	H5
A6		C6		E6		G6	





Fig.1.2 The teams populate the Second Stage groups as follows:

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D	Group E	Group F	Group G	Group H
A1	B1	C1	D1	E1	F1	G1	H1
A2	B2	C2	D2	E2	F2	G2	H2
A3	B3	C3	D3	E3	F3	G3	H3
A4	B4	C4	D4	E4	F4	G4	H4
A5	B5	C5	D5	E5	F5	G5	H5
A6		C6		E6		G6	

Section 1

	Second Stage Group A
	Second Stage Group B
	Second Stage Group C
	Second Stage Group D

Section 2

	Second Stage Group E
	Second Stage Group F
	Second Stage Group G
	Second Stage Group H

(ii) Second Stage:

The Second Stage comprises 2 Sections:

Section 1 has 4 Groups of 6 teams. Each team plays each other team in its Group once in a round robin format. Each team will play 5 games;

Section 2 has 4 Groups of 5 teams. Each team plays each other team in its Group once in a round robin format. Each team will play 4 games;

Once all the Group games have been completed, the teams' final position determines the last Stage of the competition.

Fig.2 Showing the start (2.1) and finish (2.2) of the Second Stage

2.1 Start of the Second Stage: each team's position at the end of the First Stage determines which Section and Group they now proceed to.

SECTION 1			
Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
A1	C1	E1	G1
B1	D1	F1	H1
C2	E2	G2	A2
D2	F2	H2	B2
E3	G3	A3	C3
F3	H3	B3	D3

SECTION 2			
Group E	Group F	Group G	Group H
A4	C4	E4	G4
B4	D4	F4	H4
C5	E5	G5	A5
D5	F5	H5	B5
E6	G6	A6	C6



2.2 End of the Second Stage: all the teams in each Group have now played each other and their final position will determine how they progress to the next Stage.

SECTION 1			
Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
A1	B1	C1	D1
A2	B2	C2	D2
A3	B3	C3	D3
A4	B4	C4	D4
A5	B5	C5	D5
A6	B6	C6	D6







SECTION 2			
Group E	Group F	Group G	Group H
E1	F1	G1	H1
E2	F2	G2	H2
E3	F3	G3	H3
E4	F4	G4	H4
E5	F5	G5	H5

The teams that finish in first and second place in Groups A-D (Section 1) compete for the highest trophy (the Homeless World Cup) in the Trophy Stage. Those who finish in third and fourth place in Groups A-D compete for the next highest trophy (Trophy 2) and so on.

Fig.3 The teams' position at the end of the Second Stage determines which trophy they will compete for in the Trophy Stage

SECTION 1			
Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
A1	B1	C1	D1
A2	B2	C2	D2
A3	B3	C3	D3
A4	B4	C4	D4
A5	B5	C5	D5
A6	B6	C6	D6

SECTION 2			
Group E	Group F	Group G	Group H
E1	F1	G1	H1
E2	F2	G2	H2
E3	F3	G3	H3
E4	F4	G4	H4
E5	F5	G5	H5

-  Homeless World Cup (1st – 8th position/1st and 2nd place in groups in Section 1)
-  Trophy #2 (9th – 16th position/3rd and 4th place in groups in Section 1)
-  Trophy #3 (17th – 24th position/5th and 6th place in groups in Section 1)
-  Trophy #4 (25th – 32nd position/1st and 2nd place in groups in Section 2)
-  Trophy #5 (33rd – 40th position/3rd and 4th place in groups in Section 2)
-  Trophy #6 (41st – 44th position/5th place in groups in Section 2)



(iii) Trophy Stage:

8 teams compete for each trophy, with each competition now following the standard form of quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals. This includes placing games for all teams. All teams play 3 games in the Trophy Stage.

Fig.4 The Trophy Stage for the Homeless World Cup competition is illustrated below. The competition for each trophy follows the same format.

W = Winner L = Loser



n.b. there are no quarter finals for Trophy #6



Women's Homeless World Cup: Tournament Format

Women's tournament (16 teams)

There are three stages to the tournament: (i) the Group Stage; (ii) the Qualifying Stage and (iii) the Trophy Stage.

(i) First Stage:

The First Stage comprises 2 Groups of 8 teams. Each team plays each other team in its Group once in a round robin format. Each team will play 7 games. The top 4 teams of each Group proceed to Section 1 of the Second Stage and the bottom 4 teams proceed to Section 2 of the Second Stage.

Fig.1 At the end of the First Stage the teams in green go to Section 1 and those in red go to Section 2 of the Second Stage

Group A	Group B
A1	B1
A2	B2
A3	B3
A4	B4
A5	B5
A6	B6
A7	B7
A8	B8

(ii) Second Stage:

The Second Stage comprises 2 Sections; each Section has 2 Groups of 4 teams. Each team plays each other team in its Group once in a round robin format. Each team will play 3 games. Once all the Group games have been completed, the teams' final position determines the last Stage of the competition.

Fig.2 Showing the start (2.1) and finish (2.2) of the Second Stage

2.1 Start of the Second Stage: each team's position at the end of the Second Stage determines which Section and Group they now proceed to.

SECTION 1		SECTION 2	
Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
A1	B1	A5	B5
B2	A2	B6	A6
A3	B3	A7	B7
B4	A4	B8	A8

2.2 End of the Second Stage: all the teams in each Group have now played each other and their final position will determine how they progress to the next Stage.


SECTION 1		SECTION 2	
Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
A1	B1	C1	D1
A2	B2	C2	D2
A3	B3	C3	D3
A4	B4	C4	D4

The teams in Groups A and B (Section 1) compete for the highest trophy (the Homeless World Cup) in the Trophy Stage. Those in Groups C and D (Section 2) compete for Trophy #2.

Fig.3 The teams' position at the end of the Second Stage determines which trophy they will compete for in the Trophy Stage

SECTION 1		SECTION 2	
Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
A1	B1	C1	D1
A2	B2	C2	D2
A3	B3	C3	D3
A4	B4	C4	D4

 Women's Homeless World Cup (1st – 8th position)

 Trophy #2 (9th – 16th position)

(iii) Trophy Stage:

8 teams compete for each trophy, with each competition now following the standard form of quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals. This includes placing games for all teams. All teams play 3 games in the Trophy Stage.

Fig.4 The Trophy Stage for the Women's Homeless World Cup competition is illustrated below. The competition for the Fundación Carlos Slim Trophy follows the same format. W = Winner L = Loser

