



WFFA Pulse Series and World Freestyle Football Championship 2026 Fair Allocation of Slots per Region

Barcelona - March 06, 2026 - 16 spots for the World Championship are to be distributed among five continents (Europe, South America, North America, Africa, and Asia-Pacific).

The allocation is based on two key criteria:

- **Weighted World Ranking Representation (WR):** Reflects the current strength of each continent based on player positions in the top 100.
- **World Freestyle Football Championship Performance (WC):** Reflects historical performance in the last four World Championships.

To ensure fair and balanced global representation, the maximum number of spots any single continent can receive is capped at 1/3 of the total ($16/3 \approx 5$). Additionally, a minimum of **1** spot is guaranteed so that every region has the opportunity to compete.

Female Competition

Step 1: Weighted World Ranking Representation (WR)

Players in the top 100 are assigned weights based on their rankings:

Rank 1-10: 10 points
Rank 11-20: 8 points
Rank 21-30: 6 points
Rank 31-40: 4 points
Rank 41-50: 3 points
Rank 51-60: 2 points
Rank 61-100: 1 point

Calculations:

Europe:

Rank 1-10: 7 players \times 10 = 70
Rank 11-20: 5 players \times 8 = 40
Rank 21-30: 6 players \times 6 = 36
Rank 31-40: 3 players \times 4 = 12



Rank 41-50: 4 players \times 3 = 12

Rank 51-60: 4 players \times 2 = 8

Rank 61-100: 15 players \times 1 = 15

Total WR Score: 70 + 40 + 36 + 12 + 12 + 8 + 15 = 193

South America:

Rank 1-10: 2 players \times 10 = 20

Rank 11-20: 1 player \times 8 = 8

Rank 21-30: 2 players \times 6 = 12

Rank 31-40: 3 players \times 4 = 12

Rank 41-50: 3 players \times 3 = 9

Rank 51-60: 3 players \times 2 = 6

Rank 61-100: 4 players \times 1 = 4

Total WR Score: 20 + 8 + 12 + 12 + 9 + 6 + 4 = 71

North America:

Rank 1-10: 1 player \times 10 = 10

Rank 11-20: 2 players \times 8 = 16

Rank 21-30: None \rightarrow 0

Rank 31-40: None \rightarrow 0

Rank 41-50: None \rightarrow 0

Rank 51-60: None \rightarrow 0

Rank 61-100: 6 players \times 1 = 6

Total WR Score: 10 + 16 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 6 = 32

Africa:

Rank 1-10: None \rightarrow 0

Rank 11-20: None \rightarrow 0

Rank 21-30: None \rightarrow 0

Rank 31-40: 1 player \times 4 = 4

Rank 41-50: 2 players \times 3 = 6

Rank 51-60: None \rightarrow 0

Rank 61-100: 11 players \times 1 = 11

Total WR Score: 0 + 0 + 0 + 4 + 6 + 0 + 11 = 21

Asia & Pacific:

Rank 1-10: None \rightarrow 0

Rank 11-20: 2 players \times 8 = 16



Rank 21-30: 2 players \times 6 = 12

Rank 31-40: 3 player \times 4 = 12

Rank 41-50: 1 player \times 3 = 3

Rank 51-60: 3 players \times 2 = 6

Rank 61-100: 4 players \times 1 = 4

Total WR Score: $0 + 16 + 12 + 12 + 3 + 6 + 4 = 53$

Step 2: World Championship Performance (WC)

Points are assigned based on placings in the last four World Championships:

- **1st place:** 10 points
- **2nd place:** 8 points
- **3rd place:** 6 points
- **4th place:** 4 points
- **Quarterfinalist:** 2 points

Calculations:

Europe:

2022: 2nd (8), 3rd (6) \rightarrow Total: 14

2023: 1st (10), 2nd (8), 4th (4), Quarterfinal \times 2 (4) \rightarrow Total: 26

2024: 1st (10), 2nd (8), 3rd (6), Quarterfinal \times 3 (6) \rightarrow Total: 30

2025: 1st (10), 2nd (8), Quarterfinal \times 3 (6) \rightarrow Total: 24

Total WC Points: $14 + 26 + 30 + 24 = 94$

South America:

2022: None \rightarrow 0

2023: 3rd (6) \rightarrow Total: 6

2024: Quarterfinal \times 1 (2) \rightarrow Total: 2

2025: 4th (4) \rightarrow Total: 4

Total WC Points: $0 + 6 + 2 + 4 = 12$

North America:

2022: 1st (10) \rightarrow Total: 10

2023: Quarterfinal \times 2 (4) \rightarrow Total: 4

2024: 4th (4) \rightarrow Total: 4



2025: 3rd (6), Quarterfinal x 1 (2) → Total: 8

Total WC Points: $10 + 4 + 4 + 8 = 26$

Africa:

No placings in any year → Total WC Points: 0

Asia & Pacific:

2022: 4th (4) → Total: 4

2023: None → 0

2024: None → 0

2025: None → 0

Total WC Points: $4 + 0 + 0 + 0 = 4$

Total Global WR Points: 370

Total Global WC Points: 136

Step 3: Combine Scores (Global Percentage Method) To ensure a true 40% WR / 60% WC weight, each continent's raw points are first converted into their percentage share of the total global points pool, then weighted accordingly.

- **Europe:** WR $(193/370) = 52.16\%$ | WC $(94/136) = 69.12\%$
 - Combined: $(0.4 \times 52.16) + (0.6 \times 69.12) = \mathbf{62.33\%}$
- **South America:** WR $(71/370) = 19.19\%$ | WC $(12/136) = 8.82\%$
 - Combined: $(0.4 \times 19.19) + (0.6 \times 8.82) = \mathbf{12.97\%}$
- **North America:** WR $(32/370) = 8.65\%$ | WC $(26/136) = 19.12\%$
 - Combined: $(0.4 \times 8.65) + (0.6 \times 19.12) = \mathbf{14.93\%}$
- **Asia & Pacific:** WR $(53/370) = 14.32\%$ | WC $(4/136) = 2.94\%$
 - Combined: $(0.4 \times 14.32) + (0.6 \times 2.94) = \mathbf{7.49\%}$
- **Africa:** WR $(21/370) = 5.68\%$ | WC $(0/136) = 0.00\%$
 - Combined: $(0.4 \times 5.68) + (0.6 \times 0.00) = \mathbf{2.27\%}$

Step 4: Allocate Initial Spots Calculate each continent's raw share of the 16 available spots:

- **Europe:** $62.33\% \times 16 = 9.97 \approx \mathbf{10 \text{ spots}}$ (Capped at maximum 5)

With Europe capped at 5 spots, there are **11 spots remaining** to distribute among the other 4 continents.



Step 5: Adjust for Constraints (Isolated Recalculation) We isolate the remaining four continents and recalculate their percentage share against their new isolated pool (37.66% total combined score):

- **North America:** $(14.93 / 37.66) = 39.64\% \times 11 \text{ spots} = \mathbf{4.36 \text{ spots}}$
- **South America:** $(12.97 / 37.66) = 34.44\% \times 11 \text{ spots} = \mathbf{3.79 \text{ spots}}$
- **Asia & Pacific:** $(7.49 / 37.66) = 19.89\% \times 11 \text{ spots} = \mathbf{2.19 \text{ spots}}$
- **Africa:** $(2.27 / 37.66) = 6.03\% \times 11 \text{ spots} = \mathbf{0.66 \text{ spots}}$

Applying the mandatory minimum, Africa receives 1 spot. The base whole numbers are given out (NAM gets 4, SAM gets 3, APAC gets 2 = 9 spots allocated). The 1 final remaining spot is awarded to South America due to possessing the highest decimal remainder (0.79), pushing them up to 4.

Final Allocation (Female)

- **Europe:** 5 spots (Capped)
- **North America:** 4 spots
- **South America:** 4 spots
- **Asia & Pacific:** 2 spots
- **Africa:** 1 spot

Male Competition

Step 1: Weighted World Ranking Representation (WR)

Players in the top 100 are assigned weights based on their rankings:

- Rank 1-10: 10 points
- Rank 11-20: 8 points
- Rank 21-30: 6 points
- Rank 31-40: 4 points
- Rank 41-50: 3 points
- Rank 51-60: 2 points
- Rank 61-100: 1 point

Calculations:

Europe:

Rank 1-10: 4 players \times 10 = 40



Rank 11-20: 6 players \times 8 = 48
Rank 21-30: 6 players \times 6 = 36
Rank 31-40: 5 players \times 4 = 20
Rank 41-50: 5 players \times 3 = 15
Rank 51-60: 4 players \times 2 = 8
Rank 61-100: 17 players \times 1 = 17

Total WR Score: $40 + 48 + 36 + 20 + 15 + 8 + 17 = 184$

South America:

Rank 1-10: 2 players \times 10 = 20
Rank 11-20: 2 players \times 8 = 16
Rank 21-30: 2 players \times 6 = 12
Rank 31-40: 0 players \times 4 = 0
Rank 41-50: 2 players \times 3 = 6
Rank 51-60: 4 players \times 2 = 8
Rank 61-100: 2 players \times 1 = 2

Total WR Score: $20 + 16 + 12 + 0 + 6 + 8 + 2 = 64$

North America:

Rank 1-10: 2 players \times 10 = 20
Rank 11-20: 1 player \times 8 = 8
Rank 21-30: None \rightarrow 0
Rank 31-40: 1 player \times 4 = 4
Rank 41-50: 1 player \times 3 = 3
Rank 51-60: None \rightarrow 0
Rank 61-100: 8 players \times 1 = 8

Total WR Score: $20 + 8 + 0 + 4 + 3 + 0 + 8 = 43$

Africa:

Rank 1-10: None \rightarrow 0
Rank 11-20: None \rightarrow 0
Rank 21-30: 1 player \times 6 = 6
Rank 31-40: None \rightarrow 0
Rank 41-50: 1 player \times 3 = 3
Rank 51-60: None \rightarrow 0
Rank 61-100: 3 players \times 1 = 3

Total WR Score: $0 + 0 + 6 + 0 + 3 + 0 + 3 = 12$



Asia & Pacific:

Rank 1-10: 2 players × 10 = 20

Rank 11-20: 1 player × 8 = 8

Rank 21-30: 1 player × 6 = 6

Rank 31-40: 4 player × 4 = 16

Rank 41-50: 1 player × 3 = 3

Rank 51-60: 2 players × 2 = 4

Rank 61-100: 10 players × 1 = 10

Total WR Score: 20 + 8 + 6 + 16 + 3 + 4 + 10 = 67

Step 2: World Championship Performance (WC)

Points are assigned based on placings in the last three World Championships:

- **1st place:** 10 points
- **2nd place:** 8 points
- **3rd place:** 6 points
- **4th place:** 4 points
- **Quarterfinalist:** 2 points

Calculations:

Europe:

2022: 1st (10), 2nd (8), Quarterfinal x 2 (4) → Total: 22

2023: 1st (10), 2nd (8), 3rd (6), 4th (4) → Total: 28

2024: 1st (10), 2nd (8), Quarterfinal x 2 (4) → Total: 22

2025: 1st (10), 2nd (8), 3rd (6), 4th (4) → Total: 28

Total WC Points: 22 + 28 + 22 + 28 = 100

South America:

2022: 3rd (6) → Total: 6

2023: Quarterfinal x 2 (4) → Total: 4

2024: 3rd (6), Quarterfinal x 1 (2) → Total: 8

2025: Quarterfinal x 1 (2) → Total: 2

Total WC Points: 6 + 4 + 8 + 2 = 20



North America:

2022: 4th (4), Quarterfinal x 1 (2) → Total: 6

2023: Quarterfinal x 1 (2) → Total: 2

2024: 4th (4), Quarterfinal x 1 (2) → Total: 6

2025: Quarterfinal x 2 (4) → Total: 4

Total WC Points: $6 + 2 + 6 + 4 = 18$

Africa:

No placings in any year → Total WC Points: 0

Asia & Pacific:

2022: Quarterfinal x 1 (2) → Total: 2

2023: Quarterfinal x 1 (2) → Total: 2

2024: None → 0

2025: Quarterfinal x 1 (2) → Total: 2

Total WC Points: $2 + 2 + 0 + 2 = 6$

Total Global WR Points: 370

Total Global WC Points: 144

Step 3: Combine Scores (Global Percentage Method)

- **Europe:** WR $(184/370) = 49.73\%$ | WC $(100/144) = 69.44\%$
 - Combined: $(0.4 \times 49.73) + (0.6 \times 69.44) = \mathbf{61.56\%}$
- **South America:** WR $(64/370) = 17.30\%$ | WC $(20/144) = 13.89\%$
 - Combined: $(0.4 \times 17.30) + (0.6 \times 13.89) = \mathbf{15.25\%}$
- **North America:** WR $(43/370) = 11.62\%$ | WC $(18/144) = 12.50\%$
 - Combined: $(0.4 \times 11.62) + (0.6 \times 12.50) = \mathbf{12.15\%}$
- **Asia & Pacific:** WR $(67/370) = 18.11\%$ | WC $(6/144) = 4.17\%$
 - Combined: $(0.4 \times 18.11) + (0.6 \times 4.17) = \mathbf{9.74\%}$
- **Africa:** WR $(12/370) = 3.24\%$ | WC $(0/144) = 0.00\%$
 - Combined: $(0.4 \times 3.24) + (0.6 \times 0.00) = \mathbf{1.30\%}$

Step 4: Allocate Initial Spots

- **Europe:** $61.56\% \times 16 = 9.85 \approx \mathbf{10 \text{ spots}}$ (Capped at maximum 5)

With Europe capped at 5 spots, there are **11 spots remaining** to distribute.

Step 5: Adjust for Constraints (Isolated Recalculation) We isolate the remaining four continents and recalculate their proportional share against the new isolated pool (38.44% total combined score):

- **South America:** $(15.25 / 38.44) = 39.67\% \times 11 \text{ spots} = 4.36 \text{ spots}$
- **North America:** $(12.15 / 38.44) = 31.61\% \times 11 \text{ spots} = 3.48 \text{ spots}$
- **Asia & Pacific:** $(9.74 / 38.44) = 25.34\% \times 11 \text{ spots} = 2.79 \text{ spots}$
- **Africa:** $(1.30 / 38.44) = 3.38\% \times 11 \text{ spots} = 0.37 \text{ spots}$

Applying the mandatory minimum, Africa receives 1 spot. The base whole numbers are distributed (SAM gets 4, NAM gets 3, APAC gets 2 = 9 spots allocated). The 1 final remaining spot is awarded to Asia & Pacific due to possessing the highest decimal remainder (0.79), rounding them up to 3.

Final Allocation (Male)

- **Europe:** 5 spots (Capped)
- **South America:** 4 spots
- **North America:** 3 spots
- **Asia & Pacific:** 3 spots
- **Africa:** 1 spot

Further Notes

- **Equity and Representation:** To prevent regional monopolization and encourage global growth, no continent may receive more than 1/3 of the available spots ($16/3 \approx 5$). At the same time, a mandatory minimum of 1 spot ensures all continents are represented at the World Championship.
- The allocation mathematics calculate true percentage weights of the global points pool, ensuring the 40% Ranking / 60% Championship logic remains mathematically intact and fair.
- Spot distribution after capping is calculated proportionally among the remaining eligible continents to ensure lower-scoring regions are not artificially boosted by unused caps.
- Europe's scores dominate both divisions but are strictly limited by the 5-spot cap, freeing up 11 spots in each division to be distributed fairly across the globe.