

By-laws

tournament system

for the Nations Cup

1. Principle

We're adapting the tournament system so that the number of matches per team is the same for all teams and doesn't depend on the number of teams registered, especially if the number of teams is odd.

With 7 or more teams registered in a tournament, we use a system similar to the UEFA with a league phase based on a ranking and a knockout phase (see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2024%E2%80%9325_UEFA_Champions_League#League_phase). However, we have to adapt some rules because (1) the number of teams is smaller and can vary from year to year, (2) the number of matches played per team during the entire tournament is also limited.

As with UEFA, there may be restrictions on the draw for the league phase. These restrictions will be announced prior to the draw.

Given the length of the tournament, the general principle is that each team plays 4 matches in the league phase. Then, the 4 best ranked teams play semi-finals and finals while the other teams play classification matches.

2. TGI ranking

The TGI ranking is based on the results of the teams in the last 4 editions of the Nations Cup. It should be noted that regardless of its TGI ranking, any team can still be the Nations Cup winner.

Given that there are not always the same number of teams depending on the edition, it is not the same to be 6th in an edition where there were 6 teams or 12 teams. It is therefore necessary to give relative points, as described below.

For each of the last 4 editions, the ranking of the teams is established, removing, if necessary, the teams not concerned (e.g. U21, U18 or B-teams). The team that comes 1st receives 100 points, the last receives 20 points and the intermediate teams receive the points in proportion to their ranking. If a team did not participate during an edition, it receives 0 points.

For example, for the 2024 men's edition, this gives the following ranking:

Original Ranking		Cleaned Ranking		Points TGI 2024	
1	Italy	1	Italy	100	Italy
2	Switzerland	2	Switzerland	87	Switzerland
3	Switzerland M21	3	Germany DDT	73	Germany DDT
4	Switzerland M18	4	United Kingdom	60	United Kingdom
5	Germany DDT	5	Germany DTBV	47	Germany DTBV
6	United Kingdom	6	Canada	33	Canada
7	Italy M21	7	Portugal	20	Portugal
8	Germany DTBV			0	Any other team
9	Canada				
10	Portugal				

For each team, (1) we calculate its 4 scores from the last 4 years. (2) Among these 4 scores, the worst is removed. (3) Then we make the sum of the 3 remaining scores, which will be the TGI score of this team. A team will therefore have between 0 and 300 points. Specificity for 2025: since 2021 was a special year due to covid, we will only use the scores for the years 2022, 2023 and 2024, without removing the worst score.

The TGI ranking corresponds to the rank of the TGI scores of the teams registered this year. In the event of a tie, the points from the last edition take precedence. If it is still equal, alphabetical order will be the last criterion.

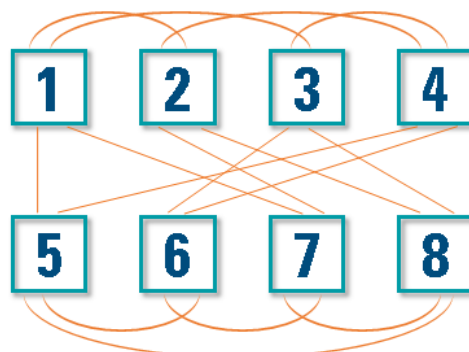
3. League Phase

The pots are made up based on the TGI ranking of the current year.

Cases with an even number of teams, e.g. 8 teams

The top 4 teams go to pot 1 and the other 4 to pot 2. Each team will play 2 matches against teams from pot 1 and 2 matches against teams from pot 2. These matches are determined by a draw, taking into account any restrictions mentioned above.

Example with 8 team: each team plays 2 matches against teams from pot 1 and 2 matches against teams from pot 2. In all, this makes 4 matches inside pot 1 (top arcs), 8 matches between pot 1 and pot 2 (center lines) and 4 matches inside pot 2 (bottom arcs).



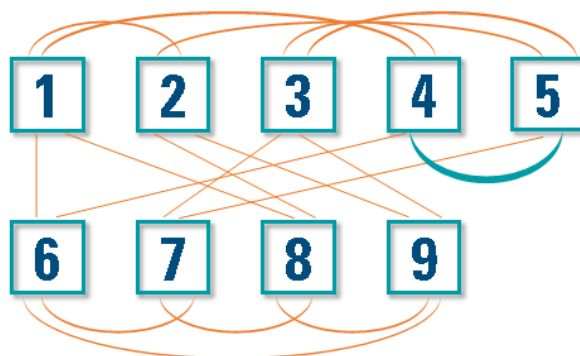
Cases with an odd number of teams, e.g. 9 teams

When the number of teams is odd, the rules have to be slightly adapted to keep the number of matches per team the same.

If there are 9 teams, the top 5 teams go to pot 1 and the other 4 to pot 2. Each team will play 2 matches against teams from pot 1 and 2 matches against teams from Pot 2. These matches are determined by a draw, taking into account the possible restrictions mentioned above and the point below.

However, because of the different number of teams in the two pots, one match must be set : the match between the 4th and 5th. However this match should be counted for both teams as a match against pot 2. That is, for the 4th and 5th team, in addition to this match, they each play 2 matches against pot 1 and 1 match against pot 2. This is justified by the fact that these teams are on the verge between pot 1 and pot 2.

Example. with 9 teams: Very similar to eight teams, except for the match in blue which is fixed in advance and counts as a match against pot 2



4. Ranking following the 4 league matches

A won match earns 3 points, a draw 2 points, a lost match 1 point. In the event of a tie in the number of points, the following criteria are used (in that order)

1. If there has been a direct confrontation, it is the criterion that takes precedence
2. The TGI ranking (except if the two teams happen to have the same TGI score and that the TGI ranking was based on alphabetical order. In that case only, the difference between scored points and lost points is used)

5. Final phase

The 4 best ranked teams play semi-finals (1st against 4th and 2nd against 3rd), final and final for 3rd place. The other teams also play 2 classification matches, the form of which depends on the number of teams.

6.TGI ranking for 2025

The ranking for the registered teams for the TGI 2025 is:

Men's ranking :

	Federation	Points
1	Italy	300
2	Switzerland	264
3	United Kingdom	140
4	Germany DDT	139
5	Germany DTBV	113
6	Spain	97
7	France	73
8	Canada	33
9	Cameroon	0
10	Kenya	0
11	Singapore	0

Women's ranking

	Federation	Points
1	Italy	300
2	Switzerland	247
3	Germany DDT	100
4	Singapore	80
5	Germany DTBV	80
6	United Kingdom	73
7	France	20
8	Brazil	0
9	Cameroon	0
10	Colombia	0
11	Hong Kong	0
12	Kenya	0
13	Uruguay	0