FACT SHEET

AFC U23 Championship Qatar 2016

How teams qualify to knock-out stage

The winner and runner-up of each group qualifies to the knock-out stage of the competition. If two or more teams are tied at the end of the group stage, the rankings are based on a head-to-head comparison of 1) points, 2) goal difference, or 3) number of goals.

For more information, please see Article 16 of the competition regulations below.

Article 16 Technical Rules of the Competition

a) In groups composed of several teams, three (3) points shall be awarded for a win, one (1) point for a draw and zero (0) point for a loss
b) The ranking in each group shall be determined as follows:
i. Greater number of points obtained in all group Matches;
If two or more Teams are equal on the basis of the above criterion, their places shall be determined, in the given order, as follows:
A) Greater number of points obtained in the Group Matches among the Teams concerned;
B) Greater goal difference resulting from the Group Matches among the Teams concerned (if more than two teams finish on equal points);
C) Greater number of goals scored in the Group Matches among the Teams concerned (if more than two teams finish equal on points);
D) If, after applying above criteria to several teams, two or more teams still have an equal ranking, the above criteria shall be reapplied, in the order given, to determine the ranking of these teams. If this procedure does not lead to a decision, below criteria shall apply
E) Greater goal difference in all the Group Matches;
F) Greater number of goals scored in all the Group Matches;
G) Kicks from the penalty mark (if only two Teams are involved and they are both on the field of play);
H) Fewer score calculated according to the number of yellow and red cards received in the Group Matches (please see Appendix 1);
I) Drawing of lots.

The AFC U23 Championship Regulations can be found on the-AFC.com on the AFC U23 Championship page.