



Football Events (2)

Men's

Women's

How Olympic Football Works

The goal of football (or “soccer”, depending on what part of the world you live in) is to score more goals than the opposing team over the course of two 45-minute halves.

While there are no major rule changes in the game itself, there’s a big difference in how the men’s competition works. In the men’s competition, rosters or squads are primarily composed of players who are 23 years old or younger although each team is allowed to carry three “overage” players who do not need to meet the age requirement.

Why the difference in the men’s competition? There are a couple of reasons. For one, FIFA doesn’t want a world tournament to compete with the World Cup.

For another, club don’t necessarily have to “release” their players to play in the Olympics (although they can choose to). As a result, it is easier for a country to field a team if they utilize younger players. While these rules are somewhat unfortunate since they basically prohibit the best players in the world from competing, the men’s tournament does allow some of the sport’s young, budding stars to perform on a big stage.

The age restriction doesn’t apply to the women’s game, so teams will be fielding their very best athletes.

Photo via Concacaf



Let the Games Begin!

Football is one of a small handful of events that actually begins before the opening ceremonies on Friday, July 26th. The matchups between Uzbekistan/Spain and Argentina/Morocco are the first events of the Summer Games!

Tournament Format

The men’s event begins with **group play**. The 16 teams are divided into four groups and each team will compete against the other three teams in their group. A team earns three points with a win, one point for a draw, and no points for a loss. The top two teams in each group advance to the quarterfinals and the competition shifts to a single-elimination bracket to determine the winner.

The women’s event utilizes the same format, but there are only 12 teams in the competition. As a result, the teams are divided into three groups of four teams. The top two teams still advance to the quarterfinals but the two best “third-place” teams will also advance to the knockout stage.

Men’s Group A



Men’s Group B



Men’s Group C



Men’s Group D



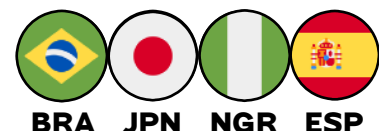
Women’s Group A



Women’s Group B



Women’s Group C



Men's Football Schedule

Events in ET, medal events in **bold**, Team USA in blue

Date	Time	Group	Event
Wed, July 24	9:00 AM	B	Argentina vs. Morocco
Wed, July 24	9:00 AM	C	Uzbekistan vs. Spain
Wed, July 24	11:00 AM	A	Guinea vs. New Zealand
Wed, July 24	11:00 AM	C	Egypt vs. Dominican Republic
Wed, July 24	1:00 PM	B	Iraq vs. Ukraine
Wed, July 24	1:00 PM	D	Japan vs. Paraguay
Wed, July 24	3:00 PM	A	France vs. United States
Wed, July 24	3:00 PM	D	Mali vs. Israel
Sat, July 27	9:00 AM	B	Argentina vs. Iraq
Sat, July 27	9:00 AM	C	Dominican Republic vs. Spain
Sat, July 27	11:00 AM	B	Ukraine vs. Morocco
Sat, July 27	11:00 AM	C	Uzbekistan vs. Egypt
Sat, July 27	1:00 PM	A	New Zealand vs. United States
Sat, July 27	1:00 PM	D	Israel vs. Paraguay
Sat, July 27	3:00 PM	A	France vs. Guinea
Sat, July 27	3:00 PM	D	Japan vs. Mali
Tue, July 30	9:00 AM	C	Dominican Republic vs. Uzbekistan
Tue, July 30	9:00 AM	C	Spain vs. Egypt
Tue, July 30	11:00 AM	B	Ukraine vs. Argentina
Tue, July 30	11:00 AM	B	Morocco vs. Iraq
Tue, July 30	1:00 PM	A	New Zealand vs. France
Tue, July 30	1:00 PM	A	United States vs. Guinea
Tue, July 30	3:00 PM	D	Israel vs. Japan
Tue, July 30	3:00 PM	D	Paraguay vs. Mali
Fri, Aug 2	9:00 AM		Quarterfinal #1 (1B vs. 2A)
Fri, Aug 2	11:00 AM		Quarterfinal #2 (1D vs. 2C)
Fri, Aug 2	1:00 PM		Quarterfinal #3 (1C vs. 2D)
Fri, Aug 2	3:00 PM		Quarterfinal #4 (1A vs. 2B)
Mon, Aug 5	12:00 PM		Semifinal #1
Mon, Aug 5	3:00 PM		Semifinal #2
Thu, Aug 8	11:00 AM		Bronze Medal Match
Fri, Aug 9	12:00 PM		Gold Medal Match

Women's Football Schedule

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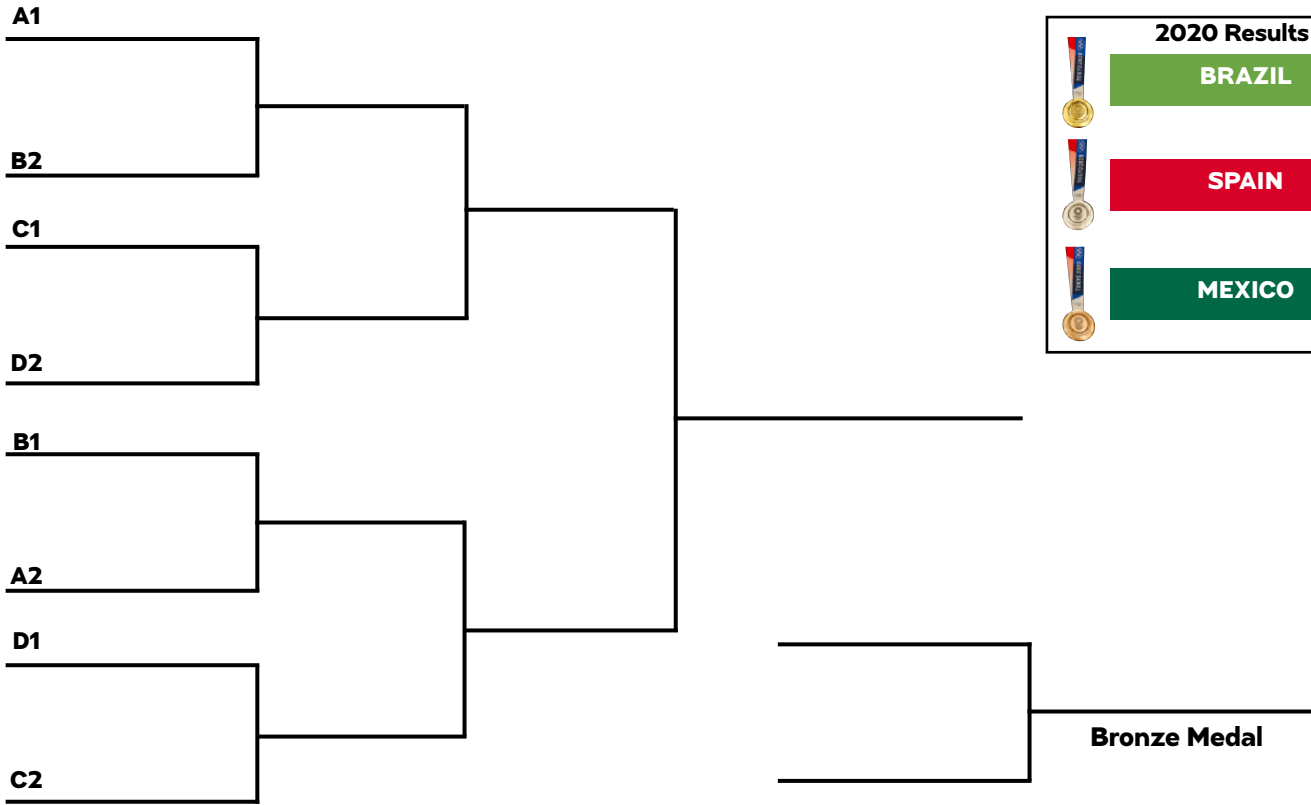
Date	Time	Group	Event
Thu, July 25	11:00 AM	A	Canada vs. New Zealand
Thu, July 25	11:00 AM	C	Spain vs. Japan
Thu, July 25	1:00 PM	B	Germany vs. Australia
Thu, July 25	1:00 PM	C	Nigeria vs. Brazil
Thu, July 25	3:00 PM	A	France vs. Colombia
Thu, July 25	3:00 PM	B	United States vs. Zambia
Sun, July 28	11:00 AM	A	New Zealand vs. Colombia
Sun, July 28	11:00 AM	C	Brazil vs. Japan
Sun, July 28	1:00 PM	B	Australia vs. Zambia
Sun, July 28	1:00 PM	C	Spain vs. Nigeria
Sun, July 28	3:00 PM	A	France vs. Canada
Sun, July 28	3:00 PM	B	United States vs. Germany
Wed, July 31	11:00 AM	C	Brazil vs. Spain
Wed, July 31	11:00 AM	C	Japan vs. Nigeria
Wed, July 31	1:00 PM	B	Australia vs. United States
Wed, July 31	1:00 PM	B	Zambia vs. Germany
Wed, July 31	3:00 PM	A	New Zealand vs. France
Wed, July 31	3:00 PM	A	Colombia vs. Canada
Sat, Aug 3	9:00 AM		Quarterfinal #1 (1B vs. 2C)
Sat, Aug 3	11:00 AM		Quarterfinal #2 (1C vs. 3A/3B)
Sat, Aug 3	1:00 PM		Quarterfinal #3 (2A vs. 2B)
Sat, Aug 3	3:00 PM		Quarterfinal #4 (1A vs. 3B/3C)
Tue, Aug 6	12:00 PM		Semifinal #1
Tue, Aug 6	3:00 PM		Semifinal #2
Fri, Aug 9	9:00 AM		Bronze Medal Match
Sat, Aug 10	11:00 AM		Gold Medal Match

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Men's Bracket

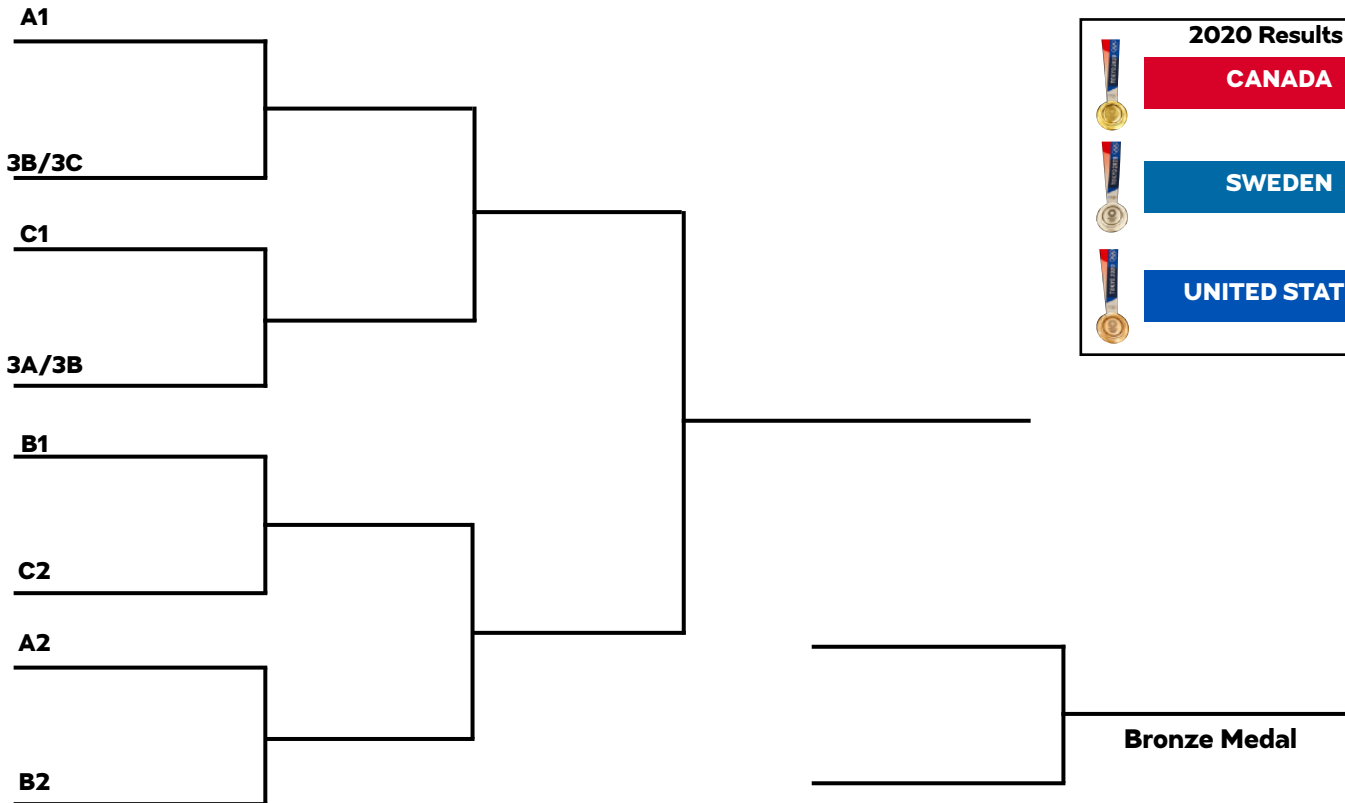


2020 Results




-  **BRAZIL**
-  **SPAIN**
-  **MEXICO**



Women's Bracket



2020 Results

-  **CANADA**
-  **SWEDEN**
-  **UNITED STATES**