

THE SWALLOWS WOMEN'S WORLD CUP 2023 COMPETITION

Promoter

The official promoter of the competition is Chris Curtis (Chairman & CEO, The Swallows).

How do I enter?

Choose **ELEVEN** countries (following the rules below), make your donation and send in your Entry Form. The countries are listed on the accompanying Entry Form. Countries are listed within their group according to their FIFA ranking at the time of the draw. The highest ranked country within the group is in Line 1 and the lowest in Line 4.

Rules: Which countries can I pick?

You need to select at least **one** country from each group. You can choose a maximum of **three** of the countries from LINE 1, a maximum of **three** from LINE 2 and **MUST** select at least **three** of the 'outsiders' (LINE 4). The remaining countries should come from Lines 3 and 4. **Please use the quick steps instructions at the bottom of this information to complete your entry.**

I am not a football fan but want to join in. Can I get help?

Yes. You can request a computer-generated random entry and will be notified of your eleven countries by email so that you can join the excitement. To do so, please complete and submit the World Cup 2023 Entry marking your entry accordingly.

How much does an entry cost and how many entries can I have?

The donation is £5 per entry, payable via 'Just Giving' (<https://www.justgiving.com/page/footballswallows?newPage=true>). There is no limit to the number of entries per person. Please include your name when making your 'Just Giving' payment as it is difficult to match anonymous donations to entries. Please, also, include the reference number that you will receive from 'Just Giving' on your form. Submit your entry by email before the closing date. The 'Just Giving' page won't accept donations after that date.

How does the scoring system work?

You will earn three points whenever one of your teams wins a match and one point if they draw. You will also be awarded one point for every goal scored by each of your teams (excluding penalty shoot outs).

In the knockout phase of the competition, matches which are drawn at the end of ninety minutes will earn a point for the team which ultimately loses and three for the team which ultimately wins. Goals scored in extra time will count but those scored in a penalty shoot-out will not.

Teams will attract one bonus point for appearing in the 'Round of Sixteen', two for the quarter finals, three for the semi-finals and four for the final. An additional five bonus points will be added for the winning team. The goals and result for the third place play off will be counted but there are no bonus points for your team taking part in this match.

What if there is a tie at the end of the competition?

In the event of a tie, the competition will be decided on the 'tie break'. For this purpose, please estimate on the entry form the total number of goals that you think will be scored in the competition (excluding penalty shoot-outs). This is **tie break one**. Also estimate the total number of goals scored by the team which eventually wins (as above - in the event of the first tie break also being equal). If there is still a tie, the prize will be shared. These tie breaks will also determine Leader Board rankings as the competition progresses.

Can children enter?

Any UK entrant not over the age of 16 will require the consent of a responsible adult to be indicated on their Entry Form and any prize will be paid via that person.

How will I know how I am doing?

A full leader board will be emailed out every day of the tournament (internet permitting). This will include all entries. Regular updates will be included on 'The Swallows' website.

Can I have a personalised 'league table' for just my own family and friends?

If you have a group of family and friends who would like to be kept up to date on progress in relation to each other, with all other entrants removed, you can request a **GROUP LEADER BOARD**. You will need a minimum of ten entries and a group 'coordinator' to be nominated. The coordinator will be sent frequent leader boards, featuring your group, to circulate. You can even source your own prize for your own 'private' competition! Your entry can be included on multiple Group Leader Boards.

Names on the Leader Boards

You will need to select the format that you wish your name to be displayed on the Full Leader Board from the five alternative options. The first four are standard. If you prefer option 5 (name@xxxx) you will need to enter in the cell on the Entry Form the text you wish to be included after the '@' (which must be family friendly). The maximum length for any name is 25 characters. Alternatively, you might wish your middle initial to be included (eg T J Jones instead of T Jones).

If you are on a Group Leader Board you can have a different name (eg Mum, Dad, Toots etc) – just let us know after receiving acknowledgement of your entry (quoting your Entry Number).

Entry Form

Feel free to use as many or as few as you like or to forward the information!

Prizes

First prize is £100, second £60, third £30 and fourth £20.

ALL funds raised, after deduction of prizes, will be donated to 'The Swallows'.

Closing Date for Entries

Entries must be submitted by 11pm on the publicised closing date. Early completion would be appreciated – a rush at the end can prove very difficult to process. Thanks!

Simple 'Quick Steps' Instructions for Completion of Entries (Use the WORLD CUP 2023 ENTRY FORM attachment)

1. Pick at least THREE countries from Line 4. You can have more if you wish.
2. Pick up to THREE countries from Line 1 if you want them. You can have fewer if you wish.
3. Pick one country from every group from which you haven't already got one – but make sure you don't get more than THREE from Line 1 or Line 2.
4. Check how many you have got altogether and then make it up to ELEVEN, making sure that you don't go over THREE in Line 1 or THREE in Line 2.
5. Now check:
 - a. Have you got one in each group?
 - b. Have you got at least THREE in Line 4?
 - c. Have you got no more than THREE in Line 1?
 - d. Have you got no more than THREE in Line 2?
 - e. Have you got ELEVEN altogether?
6. Complete the tie break questions (number of goals, excluding penalty shoot outs, in the tournament by all countries and number of goals, excluding penalty shoot outs, in the tournament by the eventual winners).
7. Make your donation (£5 per entry) using 'Just Giving' (LINK). On the Entry Form, where asked about the payment, please include the name you used on the 'Just Giving' page so that we can cross-reference entries to payments. Whilst anonymous payments are always very gratefully appreciated, it is not possible to match them to entries.
8. You will receive an email receipt from 'Just Giving'. Please email swallowsfootball@btinternet.com with the DONATION REFERENCE, DONATION DATE AND DONATION AMOUNT from the receipt so that we can correlate donations to entries.
9. Complete the entrant information, including information on your donation, and submit your entry to swallowsfootball@btinternet.com - you will get an acknowledgement email with an Entry Reference number. This won't be immediate, as all entries need to be processed and validated.