

Top draw?

The European Championship draw, which utilises a pot system where teams are grouped in tiers, is intended to help create balanced groups and keep the favourites from clashing until the later stages. But the script seldom runs according to plan.

Actual last 16 bracket

TITLE COUNT

0 **WORLD CUP** 11 

0 **EURO** 9 

Switzerland	Poland	France	Ireland	World Cup: 1 Euro: 2
Croatia	Portugal	Germany	Slovakia	World Cup: 4 Euro: 3
Wales	Northern Ireland	Italy	Spain	World Cup: 4 Euro: 1
Hungary	Belgium	England	Iceland	World Cup: 1 Euro: 3

'Balanced' last 16 bracket

How the knockout stages would look if the teams had finished according to the Uefa national team coefficient rankings when the draw was made.

TITLE COUNT

6 **WORLD CUP** 5 

4 **EURO** 5 

Switzerland	Ukraine	France	Czech	World Cup: 1 Euro: 2
Spain	Sweden	Belgium	Croatia	World Cup: 1 Euro: 3
England	Romania	Germany	Slovakia	World Cup: 1 Euro: 3
Portugal	Italy	Russia	Austria	World Cup: 4 Euro: 1

Final standings

Group A

1 France	3	2	1	0	4	1	7
2 Switzerland	3	1	2	0	2	1	5
3 Albania	3	1	0	2	1	3	3
4 Romania	3	0	1	2	2	4	1

Group C

1 Germany	3	2	1	0	3	0	7
2 Poland	3	2	1	0	2	0	7
3 Northern Ireland	3	1	0	2	2	2	3
4 Ukraine	3	0	0	3	0	5	0

Group E

1 Italy	3	2	0	1	3	1	6
2 Belgium	3	2	0	1	4	2	6
3 Ireland	3	1	1	1	2	4	4
4 Sweden	3	0	1	2	1	3	1

Group B

1 Wales	3	2	0	1	6	3	6
2 England	3	1	2	0	3	2	5
3 Slovakia	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
4 Russia	3	0	1	2	2	6	1

Group D

1 Croatia	3	2	1	0	5	3	7
2 Spain	3	2	0	1	5	2	6
3 Turkey	3	1	0	2	2	4	3
4 Czech Republic	3	0	1	2	2	5	1

Group F

1 Hungary	3	1	2	0	6	4	5
2 Iceland	3	1	2	0	4	3	5
3 Portugal	3	0	3	0	4	4	3
4 Austria	3	0	1	2	1	4	1