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Official Rules ~ as of 2 vi 2010

Five glorious years of Oraclâ March Madness...you knew it had to come: a FIFA World Cup contest for 2010! And indeed it has come: under the gracious sponsorship of Oraclâ magazine, Quator Itrins, and [Kingdom media outlet yet to be determined]. Celebrating the world's most-popular sport and its quadrennial coronation of its great champion, the **Talossan FIFA World Cup Challenge 2010** is here!

THE GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP

- 1 team picked to win the Final = 5 points
- 1 team picked to lose in the Final = 2 points
- 3rd place game winner = +1 bonus point
- every team picked to make the semifinals = 1 point
- every team picked to make the quarterfinals = .5 point
- every team picked to make the round of 16 = .25 point

The player will choose sixteen teams to make it to the single-elimination rounds and will predict how far each team will advance. For each team that advances to at least the round predicted, the player will receive the amount of points corresponding to his original correct prediction as enumerated above.

Should a team advance farther than predicted, the player will receive no more or no fewer points than those that correspond to his prediction. Ex. Germany makes the quarterfinal and eventually goes to the Final where it loses. Having predicted merely a quarterfinal appearance for the Germans, the player in question would receive but the 0.5 point corresponding to his quarterfinal prediction. Should a team not advance as far as predicted, the player in question will receive no points for the team in question. Ex. Germany is predicted to make the quarterfinals but loses in the round of 16. The player in question would receive no points.

There will no regard to correct predictions as to specific match-ups. Ex.: Germany and England may face off in the round of 16, but merely predicting correctly that those two will at least make the round of 16 will suffice for whatever points are to be awarded.

The player with the most points at the end of the World Cup will be the 2010 Talossa World Cup Challenge Grand Champion!

Grand Championship Tiebreakers

- 1st tie-break: Pick the Champion
- 2nd tie-break: Pick the loser in the Final
- 3rd tie-break: Pick the 3rd place winner
- 4th tie-break: Pick the most teams to make the semi-finals
- 5th tie-break: Pick the most teams to make the quarterfinals
- 6th tie-break: Pick the most teams to make the round of 16
- 7th tie-break: Pick the most teams to win their Groups
- 8th tie-break: Most number of correctly-picked games in all Groups combined in Group play

If these breakers do not break the tie, said tie shall remain a tie.

INDIVIDUAL GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS

In each of the eight Groups (Group A, Group B, etc.)...

Each game correctly-guessed that has a single winner or ends in a tie
= 1.0 point

Each game incorrectly-guessed as having an outright winner
but ends in a tie = 0.25 point

Each game incorrectly-guessed as having an outright winner that does
not end in a tie = 0.0 point

Each game incorrectly-guessed as ending in a tie, but ends up with an
outright winner = 0.0 point

The player with the most number of points at the end of that particular Group's play will be the winner of that particular Individual Group Championship.

1st Tie-break: Group winner correctly-picked

2nd Tie-break: greatest number of Group winners correctly-picked

3rd Tie-break: greatest number of points earned in all Groups combined

If after the tie-breaks there is still a tie, said tie shall remain a tie.

COMBINED GROUP CHAMPIONSHIP

The player with the greatest number of points from all Individual Group Championships combined will be the Combined Group Champion. Hence, from your Group game picks, you could win eight Individual Group Championships plus the Combined Group Championship. Of course, it is also possible you could win the Combined Group Championship without winning even one Individual Group Championship.

1st tie-break: Greatest number of Individual Group Championships

2nd tie-break: Greatest number of correctly-picked Group winners

If after the tie-breaks there is still a tie, said tie shall remain a tie.

SUBMITTING YOUR ENTRY...

...is very easy.

<http://jeffrags.com/misc-stuff/talossa/talossan-world-cup-challenge-2010/>

is your go-to website. Visit it and download a **blankplayerentry2010.xls** spreadsheet which contains easy forms to fill in your predictions for the Grand Championship and the individual pools for purposes of the Individual and Combined Group Championships.

In the aforementioned .xls, look for the 'GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP' and 'GROUP' worksheets. The individual cells in each worksheet in which you will need to input information should be self-evident. Make sure to leave no blanks. Save your .xls with a filename that includes your name, please.

When you've finished your spreadsheet, email it to me at jeffrags@gmail.com Entries submitted as OpenOffice documents or .doc formats are also welcome.

**The deadline for entries is
Thursday 10 June 2010 at 11:59pm Central time.**

Good luck!

OFFICIAL FIFA WEBSITES

Main World Cup site

<http://www.fifa.com/worldcup>

Match schedules

<http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/matches/index.html>