

Pool A

New Zealand

France

Tonga

Americas 1

Asia 1

Analysis: France have twice been New Zealand's bogey team, beating them in the semi-final of the 1999 World Cup and the quarter-final last year, but New Zealand beat France in Auckland to win the 1987 World Cup final

How qualification works

Leading 12 ranked teams qualified already

Europe: two from Georgia, Germany, Portugal, Romania, Russia and Spain. One more goes into final play-off.

Americas: winner of United States v Canada (Americas 1). Loser plays winner of Brazil, Chile and Uruguay (Americas 2). Loser of that goes into the final play-off

Pool C

Australia

Ireland

Americas 2

Europe 2

Italy

Analysis: Australia have met Ireland four times in the World Cup, winning them all. However, the games in 1991 and 2003 were won by only one point. Italy have never played Ireland or Australia in the World Cup

● The tournament will be held over seven weeks from September to October 2011, in New Zealand. Final to be played at Eden Park, Auckland

Pool B

Argentina

England

Scotland

Europe 1

Play-off winner

Analysis: As good a draw as England could have hoped for. They have played Argentina once in the World Cup, beating them in 1995 despite being outscored by two tries to nil. Scotland came close to beating England in the 1991 semi-final

Oceania: Samoa play winners of Oceania Cup (Niue, New Caledonia, Cook Islands, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu and Solomon Islands).

Africa: Namibia, Ivory Coast, Tunisia and Uganda compete for Africa 1. Runners-up go into the final play-off. **Asia:** Winner of Asian Five Nations qualify as Asia 1. Runners-up go into the final play-off. One team emerges from four in final play-off

Pool D

South Africa

Wales

Fiji

Oceania 1

Africa 1

Analysis: The Group of Death, with Samoa, conquerors of Wales in 1991, likely to join from Oceania. South Africa will remember the scare they were given by Fiji in the quarter-finals of last year's tournament, too

