

Women's World Cup

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When Did International Women's Football Begin?

In 1971, the first **international** women's football competition was held in Mexico. In the competition, six teams played against each other in three groups. The six teams were:

What Does International Mean?

International means between lots of different countries.



Mexico;



Argentina;



England;



Denmark;



France;



Italy.

When Was the First Women's World Cup?

A women's football competition was held in China in 1988. This competition was a test to see if a Women's World Cup would be a good idea. Twelve teams played to win the prize. After an exciting penalty shootout to work out third place, the competition was called a huge success. The first Women's World Cup was held in China three years later in 1991.

Women's World Cup Competitions

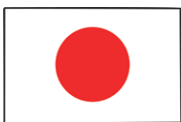
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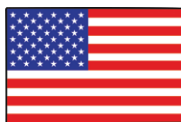
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1999	
	
Held in USA	Won by USA

2003	
	
Held in USA	Won by Germany

2007	
	
Held in China	Won by Germany

2011	
	
Held in Germany	Won by Japan

2015	
	
Held in Canada	Won by USA

Awards and Prizes

The prize for the winning team at the Women's World Cup is a trophy. The trophy weighs 4.6kg and it is 47cm tall. The trophy has a golden band that wraps around a football at the top. The name of the winner is carved on the bottom of the trophy.

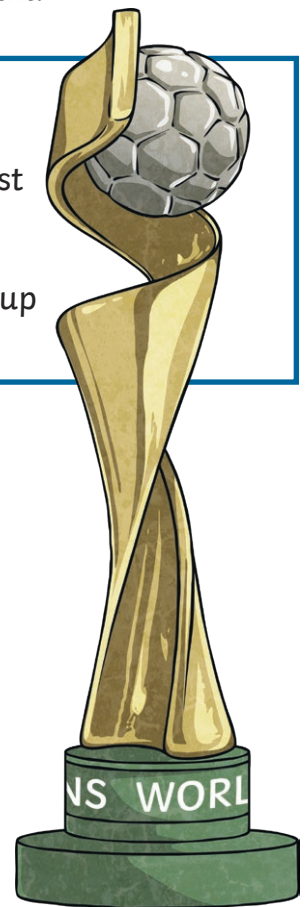
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- the **Golden Boot** for the top goal scorer;
- the **Golden Glove** for the best goalkeeper;
- the **Best Young Player Award** for the best player under 21 years old;
- the **Fair Play Award**;
- the best players overall are picked to be part of an **All-Star Team**.

Did You Know...?

The first Women's World Cup was held 61 years after the first men's World Cup.

Both Germany and the USA have won the Women's World Cup two times but they have never played each other in the finals.



Questions

1. In which year was the first Women's World Cup held? Tick **one**.

- ☐ 1971
☐ 1988
☐ 1991
☐ 1995

2. Who won the Women's World Cup in 2003? Tick **one**.

- ☐ Norway
☐ USA
☐ Germany
☐ Japan

3. Which of these countries took part in the first international women's football competition in Mexico? Tick **three**.

- ☐ Denmark
☐ England
☐ Spain
☐ France

4. Join the boxes to show which year each of these countries hosted the Women's World Cup.

Sweden
China
Canada

2007
1995
2015

5. Fill in the missing words.

The _____ Women's World Cup will be held in _____.

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7. Why would it be an exciting match if Germany and the USA were to play each other in the finals?

Pupils' own responses, such as: It would be exciting if Germany and the USA were to play each other in the finals because both teams have won two World Cups each so it would be an intense competition.

Women's World Cup

In 2019, the eighth Women's World Cup will be held. It has been held every four years since 1991. This international football competition sees teams compete against each other to become the champions.

The Very Beginning

In 1971, the first international women's football competition was held in Mexico. In this competition, six teams played against each other in three groups. Although Mexico, Argentina, England, Denmark, France and Italy all competed for the prize, only the game between France and Denmark was officially accepted as an international women's football match.

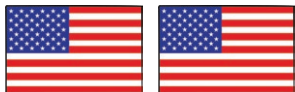


The First Women's World Cup

In 1988, a trial women's football competition was held in China. This competition was a test to see if a Women's World Cup would be a success. Twelve national teams played to win the prize. After a tense penalty shootout to decide third place, the competition was called a huge success. The first official Women's World Cup was held in China three years later.

Women's World Cup Competitions

Since 1991, there have been six Women's World Cup competitions hosted around the world. Another two competitions are set to happen in 2019 and 2023.

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Awards and Prizes

The prize for the winning team at each Women's World Cup is a trophy. Each trophy is made from bronze, gold, polished aluminium and granite (a type of igneous rock). Each trophy weighs 4.6kg and is 47cm tall. The design of the trophy is a band which wraps around a football at the top. The name of the winner is carved underneath the base of the trophy.

As well as a trophy given to the overall winner, there are six smaller prizes to be won at the Women's World Cup:

- the **Golden Ball** is awarded to the best player;
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- the **Golden Glove** is awarded to the best goalkeeper;
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- ☐ Sweden
- ☐ China
- ☐ Mexico
- ☐ France

2. In 2019, the _____ Women's World Cup will be held.
Which is the correct word to complete this sentence? Tick **one**.

- ☐ first
- ☐ fifth
- ☐ eighth
- ☐ tenth

3. Which prize is awarded to the top goal scorer of the Women's World Cup? Tick **one**.

- ☐ the Golden Ball
- ☐ the Golden Boot
- ☐ the Golden Glove
- ☐ the Best Young Player Award

4. The Women's World Cup trophy is partially made from granite. What is granite?

5. Fill in the missing words.

In the year _____, _____ teams played against each other in
_____ groups.

6. Find and copy one word which describes the penalty shootout in 1988.

7. Explain why a trial women's football competition was held in China.

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Pupils' own responses, such as: A trial women's football competition was held in China in 1988 as a test to see if a Women's World Cup would be a success.

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Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that Italy will host the 2023 because they were one of the first six countries to take part in the competition but they have not hosted it yet.

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An Unofficial Start

Women's football has been attracting crowds of fans for over 100 years. Many popular women's football teams provided much-loved entertainment throughout the World Wars. However, in 1921, the Football Association said that football as a sport was 'quite unsuitable for females'. They said that it 'ought not to be encouraged' and banned women from playing matches in the grounds of Football Association clubs.



This ban was finally lifted in 1971. In this year, the first unofficial Women's World Cup was held in Mexico. This competition saw six national teams competing against each other in three groups. Although Mexico, Argentina, England, Denmark, France and Italy all competed for the prize, only the game between France and Denmark was officially accepted as an international women's football match.

The First Official Competition

Finally, in 1988, a women's football competition was held in China. This competition was a test to see if a Women's World Cup would be a success. Twelve national teams competed for the prize. After a tense penalty shootout to decide third place, the competition was called a huge success. The first official Women's World Cup was held in China three years later.

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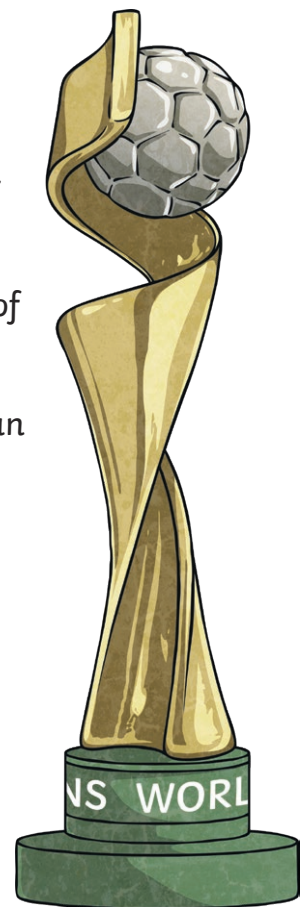
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- ☐ The First Official Competition
- ☐ Women's World Cup Competitions
- ☐ Awards and Prizes

2. In which year did the Football Association ban women's football matches from the grounds of their clubs? Tick **one**.

- ☐ 1921
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- ☐ 1991
- ☐ 2019

3. **This ban was finally lifted in 1971.**

Write this sentence in your own words.

4. Which prize is given to the team who have the best record of playing fairly?

5. **Find** and **copy two** materials used to make the Women's World Cup trophy.

1. _____

2. _____

6. **A further two competitions are already set to happen in 2019 and 2023.**

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Write this sentence in your own words.

Pupils' own responses, such as: They finally stopped banning women's football matches in 1971.

4. Which prize is given to the team who have the best record of playing fairly?

The Fair Play Award is given to the team with the best record of playing fairly.

5. **Find and copy two** materials used to make the Women's World Cup trophy.

Accept any two of the following: bronze; gold; aluminium; granite.

6. **A further two competitions are already set to happen in 2019 and 2023.**

What does this sentence tell you about the popularity of the Women's World Cup?

Pupils' own responses, such as: This sentence tells me that the Women's World Cup is incredibly popular because they are already planning four years ahead for the next one. This must mean that people are really looking forward to it.

7. Explain what the Football Association said in 1921 and what this meant for women's football.

Pupils' own responses, such as: In 1921, the Football Association said that women should not be allowed to play football. This meant that their popular matches were banned from Football Association grounds and people could not go and watch them.

8. Which of the six smaller prizes would you most like to win at the Women's World Cup? Explain your answer.

Pupils' own responses, such as: I would most like to win the chance to be part of the All-Star Team because it would be amazing to play with so many great teammates.