



FIFA World Cup 2026 | Group Qualification Report

Group G

Teams

- Belgium
- Egypt
- Iran
- New Zealand

Group G features Europe's powerhouse Belgium alongside Egypt, a technically skilled African squad, Iran with disciplined Asian efficiency, and New Zealand representing Oceania. This group presents a classic scenario: a clear favourite plus a competitive battle for second place, with a potential outsider challenge.

1 Group Overview

- ✓ Group Difficulty: Moderate-High
 - ✓ Market Narrative: Belgium are the clear favourite.
 - ✓ Potential Market Inefficiency: Egypt and Iran may be closer in strength than markets imply.
 - ✓ Key Question: Can either Egypt or Iran emerge as the second qualifier, or will New Zealand surprise the market?
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2 Team Profiles

Belgium

Estimated Qualification Probability: 88%

Positives

- ✓ Elite squad with exceptional attacking depth
- ✓ World Cup pedigree with experienced internationals
- ✓ Tactical versatility under Roberto Martínez

Concerns

- ✓ Defensive lapses have occasionally cost points
- ✓ High public expectation may create pressure

Assessment

Belgium are the favourite and should top the group comfortably.

Egypt

Estimated Qualification Probability: 62%

Positives

- ✓ Technically gifted squad led by Mohamed Salah
- ✓ Improved defensive organisation
- ✓ Capable of exploiting transitional play

Concerns

- ✓ Squad depth below Belgium
- ✓ Historically inconsistent at World Cups

Assessment

Egypt are likely to challenge for the second qualification spot and could be undervalued in ante-post markets.

Iran

Estimated Qualification Probability: 55%

Positives

- ✓ Strong defensive discipline and structured organisation

- ✓ Experienced players with World Cup exposure
- ✓ Physicality suitable for frustrating stronger teams

Concerns

- ✓ Limited attacking depth
- ✓ Preparation affected by external factors

Assessment

Iran have a realistic chance of securing second place if they perform to potential.

New Zealand

Estimated Qualification Probability: 28%

Positives

- ✓ Cohesive and motivated squad
- ✓ Physical style suitable for tournament football
- ✓ Key players capable of decisive contributions

Concerns

- ✓ Lowest-ranked team in the group
- ✓ Limited experience against elite opposition
- ✓ Talent gap with Belgium and Egypt

Assessment

New Zealand remain clear outsiders but could act as spoilers in critical matches.

3 Key Group Dynamics

- **Belgium vs Egypt:** Belgium expected to control possession; Egypt can exploit counter-attacks.
- **Egypt vs Iran:** Likely the pivotal match for second place; outcome could determine knockout-stage qualifiers.
- **Iran vs New Zealand:** Iran expected to dominate possession; New Zealand may rely on defensive resilience.

4 Qualification Summary

Most Likely Outcome

- 1 Belgium
 - 2 Egypt
 - 3 Iran
 - 4 New Zealand
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5 Ante-Post Betting Recommendations

Primary Selection

- ✓ Market: To Qualify From Group G
- ✓ Selection: Egypt
- ✓ Estimated Probability: 62%
- ✓ Fair Price: 1.61

Rationale: Technically skilled, well-organised squad. Market may underestimate their chances for second place.

Secondary Value Angle

- ✓ Market: To Qualify From Group G
- ✓ Selection: Iran
- ✓ Estimated Probability: 55%
- ✓ Fair Price: 1.82

Rationale: Structured, disciplined approach could make them competitive for second if Egypt falters.

6 Value Assessment

Team	Est. Probability	Fair Price
Belgium	88%	1.14
Egypt	62%	1.61

Team	Est. Probability	Fair Price
Iran	55%	1.82
New Zealand	28%	3.57

Early View

- Belgium should top the group comfortably.
- Egypt are currently the strongest candidate for second place and represent ante-post value.
- Iran may offer a competitive angle for qualification if Egypt underperform.
- New Zealand are outsiders but could influence the group by taking points from Egypt or Iran.