

# 2026 FIFA WORLD CUP

## Official Complete Match Schedule

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### TOURNAMENT OVERVIEW

<b>Edition:</b>	23rd FIFA World Cup (first 48-team tournament)
<b>Hosts:</b>	United States (11 cities), Mexico (3), Canada (2)
<b>Dates:</b>	June 11 - July 19, 2026 (39 days)
<b>Opening Match:</b>	Mexico vs. South Africa - Estadio Azteca, Mexico City
<b>Final:</b>	July 19, 2026 - MetLife Stadium, New York/New Jersey
<b>Draw Completed:</b>	December 5, 2025 - Kennedy Center, Washington D.C.
<b>Defending Champions:</b>	Argentina (2022 winners)

### FORMAT SNAPSHOT

- 12 groups of 4 teams** - Top 2 from each group plus 8 best third-place teams advance
- Round of 32 introduced** - First time in World Cup history
- 104 total matches** (up from 64 in 2022)
- 48 nations competing** - 42 already qualified, 6 spots via playoffs (March 2026)
- Players released by clubs:** May 25, 2026

### HOST NATION HIGHLIGHTS

- United States:** 78 matches (75% of tournament) including semifinals and final
- Mexico:** 13 matches including opening match at historic Estadio Azteca (3rd World Cup hosted)
- Canada:** 13 matches - First time hosting men's World Cup

### WORLD CUP DEBUTANTS (4 NATIONS)

- Cape Verde** - Group H
- Curacao** - Group E (smallest nation ever, population ~150,000)
- Jordan** - Group J
- Uzbekistan** - Group K

# COMPLETE GROUP STAGE SCHEDULE

All 48 Matches | June 11-27, 2026

## GROUP A

Teams: Mexico (Host) | South Africa | Korea Republic | UEFA Playoff D Winner (Denmark/North Macedonia/Czechia/Ireland)

Thu, June 11	Mexico vs. South Africa	Estadio Azteca, Mexico City	OPENING MATCH
Thu, June 11	Korea Republic vs. UEFA Playoff D Winner	Estadio Akron, Guadalajara	Match 2
Thu, June 18	UEFA Playoff D Winner vs. South Africa	Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta	Match 13
Thu, June 18	Mexico vs. Korea Republic	Estadio Akron, Guadalajara	Match 14
Wed, June 24	UEFA Playoff D Winner vs. Mexico	Estadio Azteca, Mexico City	Match 25
Wed, June 24	South Africa vs. Korea Republic	Estadio BBVA, Monterrey	Match 26

## GROUP B

Teams: Canada (Host) | UEFA Playoff A Winner (Italy/Northern Ireland/Wales/Bosnia-Herzegovina) | Qatar | Switzerland

Fri, June 12	Canada vs. UEFA Playoff A Winner	BMO Field, Toronto	CANADA OPENER
Sat, June 13	Qatar vs. Switzerland	Levi's Stadium, Santa Clara	Match 8
Thu, June 18	Switzerland vs. UEFA Playoff A Winner	SoFi Stadium, Inglewood	Match 15
Thu, June 18	Canada vs. Qatar	BC Place, Vancouver	Match 16
Wed, June 24	Switzerland vs. Canada	BC Place, Vancouver	Match 27
Wed, June 24	UEFA Playoff A Winner vs. Qatar	Lumen Field, Seattle	Match 28

## GROUP C

Teams: Brazil | Morocco | Haiti | Scotland

Sat, June 13	Brazil vs. Morocco	Gillette Stadium, Foxborough	Match 9
Sat, June 13	Haiti vs. Scotland	MetLife Stadium, East Rutherford	Match 10
Fri, June 19	Scotland vs. Morocco	Lincoln Financial Field, Philadelphia	Match 17
Fri, June 19	Brazil vs. Haiti	Gillette Stadium, Foxborough	Match 18
Wed, June 24	Scotland vs. Brazil	Hard Rock Stadium, Miami	Match 29
Wed, June 24	Morocco vs. Haiti	Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta	Match 30

## GROUP D

Teams: United States (Host) | Paraguay | Australia | UEFA Playoff C Winner (Turkey/Romania/Slovakia/Kosovo)

Fri, June 12	United States vs. Paraguay	SoFi Stadium, Inglewood	USA OPENER
Sat, June 13	Australia vs. UEFA Playoff C Winner	BC Place, Vancouver	Match 11
Fri, June 19	UEFA Playoff C Winner vs. Paraguay	Levi's Stadium, Santa Clara	Match 19
Fri, June 19	United States vs. Australia	Lumen Field, Seattle	Match 20
Thu, June 25	UEFA Playoff C Winner vs. United States	SoFi Stadium, Inglewood	Match 31



# GROUP STAGE (CONTINUED)

## GROUP E

**Teams:** Germany | Curacao (DEBUT) | Ivory Coast | Ecuador

<b>Sun, June 14</b>	Germany vs. Curacao	<i>Lincoln Financial Field, Philadelphia</i>	Match 12
<b>Sun, June 14</b>	Ivory Coast vs. Ecuador	<i>NRG Stadium, Houston</i>	Match 13
<b>Sat, June 20</b>	Ecuador vs. Curacao	<i>BMO Field, Toronto</i>	Match 21
<b>Sat, June 20</b>	Germany vs. Ivory Coast	<i>Arrowhead Stadium, Kansas City</i>	Match 22
<b>Thu, June 25</b>	Ecuador vs. Germany	<i>Lincoln Financial Field, Philadelphia</i>	Match 33
<b>Thu, June 25</b>	Curacao vs. Ivory Coast	<i>MetLife Stadium, East Rutherford</i>	Match 34

## GROUP F

**Teams:** Netherlands | Japan | UEFA Playoff B Winner (Ukraine/Sweden/Poland/Albania) | Tunisia

<b>Sun, June 14</b>	Netherlands vs. Japan	<i>AT&amp;T Stadium, Arlington</i>	Match 14
<b>Sun, June 14</b>	UEFA Playoff B Winner vs. Tunisia	<i>Estadio BBVA, Monterrey</i>	Match 15
<b>Sat, June 20</b>	Tunisia vs. Japan	<i>NRG Stadium, Houston</i>	Match 23
<b>Sat, June 20</b>	Netherlands vs. UEFA Playoff B Winner	<i>Estadio BBVA, Monterrey</i>	Match 24
<b>Thu, June 25</b>	Tunisia vs. Netherlands	<i>AT&amp;T Stadium, Arlington</i>	Match 35
<b>Thu, June 25</b>	Japan vs. UEFA Playoff B Winner	<i>Arrowhead Stadium, Kansas City</i>	Match 36

## GROUP G

**Teams:** Belgium | Egypt | Iran | New Zealand

<b>Mon, June 15</b>	Belgium vs. Egypt	<i>SoFi Stadium, Inglewood</i>	Match 16
<b>Mon, June 15</b>	Iran vs. New Zealand	<i>Lumen Field, Seattle</i>	Match 17
<b>Sun, June 21</b>	New Zealand vs. Egypt	<i>SoFi Stadium, Inglewood</i>	Match 25
<b>Sun, June 21</b>	Belgium vs. Iran	<i>BC Place, Vancouver</i>	Match 26
<b>Fri, June 26</b>	New Zealand vs. Belgium	<i>Lumen Field, Seattle</i>	Match 37
<b>Fri, June 26</b>	Egypt vs. Iran	<i>BC Place, Vancouver</i>	Match 38

## GROUP H

**Teams:** Spain | Cape Verde (DEBUT) | Saudi Arabia | Uruguay

<b>Mon, June 15</b>	Spain vs. Cape Verde	<i>Hard Rock Stadium, Miami</i>	Match 18
<b>Mon, June 15</b>	Saudi Arabia vs. Uruguay	<i>Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta</i>	Match 19
<b>Sun, June 21</b>	Uruguay vs. Cape Verde	<i>Hard Rock Stadium, Miami</i>	Match 27
<b>Sun, June 21</b>	Spain vs. Saudi Arabia	<i>Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta</i>	Match 28
<b>Fri, June 26</b>	Uruguay vs. Spain	<i>NRG Stadium, Houston</i>	Match 39
<b>Fri, June 26</b>	Cape Verde vs. Saudi Arabia	<i>Estadio Akron, Guadalajara</i>	Match 40

# GROUP STAGE (CONTINUED)

## GROUP I - "GROUP OF DEATH"

**Teams:** France (2018 Winners) | Senegal | Intercontinental Playoff Winner 2 (Iraq/Bolivia/Suriname) | Norway (Erling Haaland)

<b>Tue, June 16</b>	<b>France vs. Senegal</b>	<i>MetLife Stadium, East Rutherford</i>	<b>2002 Rematch</b>
<b>Tue, June 16</b>	Intercontinental Playoff Winner 2 vs. Norway	<i>Gillette Stadium, Foxborough</i>	Match 21
<b>Mon, June 22</b>	Norway vs. Senegal	<i>MetLife Stadium, East Rutherford</i>	Match 29
<b>Mon, June 22</b>	France vs. Intercontinental Playoff Winner 2	<i>Lincoln Financial Field, Philadelphia</i>	Match 30
<b>Fri, June 26</b>	Norway vs. France	<i>Gillette Stadium, Foxborough</i>	Match 41
<b>Fri, June 26</b>	Senegal vs. Intercontinental Playoff Winner 2	<i>BMO Field, Toronto</i>	Match 42

## GROUP J

**Teams:** Argentina (Defending Champions) | Algeria | Austria | Jordan (DEBUT)

<b>Tue, June 16</b>	Argentina vs. Algeria	<i>Arrowhead Stadium, Kansas City</i>	Match 22
<b>Tue, June 16</b>	Austria vs. Jordan	<i>Levi's Stadium, Santa Clara</i>	Match 23
<b>Mon, June 22</b>	Jordan vs. Algeria	<i>AT&amp;T Stadium, Arlington</i>	Match 31
<b>Mon, June 22</b>	Argentina vs. Austria	<i>Levi's Stadium, Santa Clara</i>	Match 32
<b>Sat, June 27</b>	Jordan vs. Argentina	<i>AT&amp;T Stadium, Arlington</i>	Match 43
<b>Sat, June 27</b>	Algeria vs. Austria	<i>Arrowhead Stadium, Kansas City</i>	Match 44

## GROUP K

**Teams:** Portugal | Intercontinental Playoff Winner 1 (Congo/Jamaica/New Caledonia) | Uzbekistan (DEBUT) | Colombia

<b>Fri, June 17</b>	Portugal vs. Intercontinental Playoff Winner 1	<i>NRG Stadium, Houston</i>	Match 24
<b>Fri, June 17</b>	Uzbekistan vs. Colombia	<i>Estadio Azteca, Mexico City</i>	Match 25
<b>Tue, June 23</b>	Colombia vs. Intercontinental Playoff Winner 1	<i>NRG Stadium, Houston</i>	Match 33
<b>Tue, June 23</b>	Portugal vs. Uzbekistan	<i>Estadio Akron, Guadalajara</i>	Match 34
<b>Sat, June 27</b>	Colombia vs. Portugal	<i>Hard Rock Stadium, Miami</i>	Match 45
<b>Sat, June 27</b>	Intercontinental Playoff Winner 1 vs. Uzbekistan	<i>Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta</i>	Match 46

## GROUP L

**Teams:** England | Croatia | Ghana | Panama

<b>Fri, June 17</b>	<b>England vs. Croatia</b>	<i>BMO Field, Toronto</i>	Match 26
<b>Fri, June 17</b>	Ghana vs. Panama	<i>AT&amp;T Stadium, Arlington</i>	Match 27
<b>Tue, June 23</b>	Panama vs. Croatia	<i>Gillette Stadium, Foxborough</i>	Match 35
<b>Tue, June 23</b>	England vs. Ghana	<i>BMO Field, Toronto</i>	Match 36
<b>Sat, June 27</b>	Panama vs. England	<i>MetLife Stadium, East Rutherford</i>	Match 47
<b>Sat, June 27</b>	Croatia vs. Ghana	<i>Lincoln Financial Field, Philadelphia</i>	Match 48

# KNOCKOUT STAGE

56 Matches | June 28 - July 19, 2026

## ROUND OF 32 (16 Matches)

June 28 - July 3, 2026

**Note:** Specific matchups will be determined after group stage completion. Winners and runners-up from each group, plus 8 best third-place teams, will advance.

Match	Date	Matchup	Venue
49	Jun 28	Winner A vs Runner-up B	Lincoln Financial Field, Philadelphia
50	Jun 28	Winner C vs Runner-up D	AT&T Stadium, Arlington
51	Jun 29	Winner E vs 3rd Place Qualifier	Lumen Field, Seattle
52	Jun 29	Winner F vs Runner-up C	Hard Rock Stadium, Miami
53	Jun 30	Winner B vs 3rd Place Qualifier	Arrowhead Stadium, Kansas City
54	Jun 30	Winner G vs Runner-up H	NRG Stadium, Houston
55	Jul 1	Winner D vs 3rd Place Qualifier	Levi's Stadium, Santa Clara
56	Jul 1	Winner H vs Runner-up G	Estadio BBVA, Monterrey
57	Jul 2	Winner I vs 3rd Place Qualifier	Gillette Stadium, Foxborough
58	Jul 2	Winner J vs Runner-up K	Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta
59	Jul 2	Winner K vs Runner-up J	SoFi Stadium, Inglewood
60	Jul 2	Winner L vs 3rd Place Qualifier	Arrowhead Stadium, Kansas City
61	Jul 3	Runner-up A vs 3rd Place Qualifier	Estadio Azteca, Mexico City
62	Jul 3	Runner-up E vs Winner I	Arrowhead Stadium, Kansas City
63	Jul 3	Runner-up L vs Winner K	BC Place, Vancouver
64	Jul 3	Runner-up D vs Winner G	Estadio Akron, Guadalajara

## ROUND OF 16 (8 Matches)

July 4-7, 2026

Match	Date	Matchup	Venue
65	Jul 4	Winner Match 51 vs Winner Match 53	Hard Rock Stadium, Miami
66	Jul 4	Winner Match 49 vs Winner Match 52	NRG Stadium, Houston
67	Jul 5	Winner Match 50 vs Winner Match 54	AT&T Stadium, Arlington
68	Jul 5	Winner Match 61 vs Winner Match 62	Arrowhead Stadium, Kansas City
69	Jul 6	Winner Match 56 vs Winner Match 58	SoFi Stadium, Inglewood
70	Jul 6	Winner Match 55 vs Winner Match 57	Lincoln Financial Field, Philadelphia
71	Jul 7	Winner Match 59 vs Winner Match 64	Gillette Stadium, Foxborough

Match	Date	Matchup	Venue
72	Jul 7	Winner Match 60 vs Winner Match 63	Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta

# QUARTER-FINALS TO FINAL

## QUARTER-FINALS (4 Matches)

July 9-11, 2026

Match	Date	Matchup	Venue
73	Jul 9	Winner Match 65 vs Winner Match 66	SoFi Stadium, Inglewood
74	Jul 9	Winner Match 69 vs Winner Match 70	Arrowhead Stadium, Kansas City
75	Jul 11	Winner Match 67 vs Winner Match 68	Hard Rock Stadium, Miami
76	Jul 11	Winner Match 71 vs Winner Match 72	Gillette Stadium, Foxborough

## SEMI-FINALS (2 Matches)

July 14-15, 2026

Match	Date	Matchup	Venue
77	Jul 14	Winner Match 73 vs Winner Match 74	AT&T Stadium, Arlington, Texas
78	Jul 15	Winner Match 75 vs Winner Match 76	Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta, Georgia

## FINAL MATCHES

Match	Date	Description	Venue
79	Jul 18	THIRD PLACE PLAYOFF	Hard Rock Stadium, Miami, Florida
80	Jul 19	FINAL - WORLD CUP CHAMPION	MetLife Stadium, East Rutherford, New Jersey

# HOST CITIES & STADIUMS

## UNITED STATES (11 Cities - 78 Matches)

City	Stadium	Capacity	Features
New York/New Jersey	MetLife Stadium	82,500	<b>FINAL VENUE</b>
Los Angeles	SoFi Stadium	70,240	Expandable to 100,240
Dallas	AT&T Stadium	80,000	9 matches (most); Retractable roof
Atlanta	Mercedes-Benz Stadium	71,000	Retractable roof; Semi-final venue
Kansas City	Arrowhead Stadium	76,416	Loudest stadium record
Houston	NRG Stadium	72,220	Retractable roof
Philadelphia	Lincoln Financial Field	69,176	Round of 32 & 16
Seattle	Lumen Field	69,000	Expandable to 72,000
San Francisco Bay	Levi's Stadium	68,500	Modern facility (2014)
Miami	Hard Rock Stadium	64,767	Third Place Playoff venue
Boston	Gillette Stadium	65,878	Quarter-final venue

## MEXICO (3 Cities - 13 Matches)

City	Stadium	Capacity	Features
Mexico City	Estadio Azteca	87,523	<b>OPENING MATCH</b> ; 3rd World Cup (1970, 1986, 2026)
Guadalajara	Estadio Akron	46,232	Modern facility (2010)
Monterrey	Estadio BBVA	53,500	Highest elevation: 2,240m

## CANADA (2 Cities - 13 Matches)

City	Stadium	Capacity	Features
Toronto	BMO Field	45,736	Expanded for tournament; Canada opener
Vancouver	BC Place	54,500	Retractable roof

### Stadium Notes

- **Natural Grass:** All venues will use natural grass (replacing artificial turf where needed)
- **Climate Control:** 4 venues have retractable roofs (AT&T, NRG, Mercedes-Benz, BC Place)
- **Historic First:** None of the 1994 World Cup stadiums will be reused
- **FIFA Names:** All stadiums will use non-sponsored names during tournament

# QUALIFIED TEAMS

42 Teams Confirmed | 6 Playoff Spots (March 2026)

## CONCACAF (6 Teams)

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- **Canada** (Host)
- **Mexico** (Host)
- **United States** (Host)
- **Curacao** (DEBUT)
- **Haiti**
- **Panama**

## CONMEBOL (6 Teams)

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- **Argentina** (Defending Champions)
- **Brazil**
- **Uruguay**
- **Colombia**
- **Ecuador**
- **Paraguay**

## UEFA (12 Teams + 4 Playoff Spots)

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### Qualified:

- Austria
- Belgium
- Croatia
- **England**
- **France**
- **Germany**
- **Netherlands**
- Norway
- **Portugal**
- **Spain** (Favorites)
- Switzerland
- Scotland

### UEFA Playoffs (March 2026):

- **Playoff A:** Italy vs. N. Ireland / Wales vs. Bosnia-Herzegovina
- **Playoff B:** Ukraine vs. Sweden / Poland vs. Albania
- **Playoff C:** Turkey vs. Romania / Slovakia vs. Kosovo
- **Playoff D:** Denmark vs. N. Macedonia / Czechia vs. Ireland

## CAF (9 Teams)

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- Algeria
- **Cape Verde** (DEBUT)
- Egypt
- Ghana

- Ivory Coast
- Morocco
- Saudi Arabia
- Senegal
- South Africa

## AFC (8 Teams)

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- Australia
- Iran
- Japan
- **Jordan** (DEBUT)
- Korea Republic
- Qatar
- Tunisia
- **Uzbekistan** (DEBUT)

## OFC (1 Team)

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- **New Zealand** (First guaranteed OFC spot in history)

## Intercontinental Playoffs (March 2026 - 2 Spots)

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- **Playoff 1:** Congo vs. New Caledonia/Jamaica
- **Playoff 2:** Iraq vs. Bolivia/Suriname

# KEY FACTS & RECORDS

## Tournament Records

<b>Most matches hosted:</b>	AT&T Stadium, Dallas (9 matches)
<b>Highest elevation:</b>	Estadio Azteca (2,240m / 7,350 ft)
<b>Largest capacity:</b>	Estadio Azteca (87,523)
<b>Smallest nation (by population):</b>	Curacao (~150,000)
<b>Longest absence ended:</b>	Norway (last appeared 1998)
<b>Total distance covered:</b>	~13,000 km (8,000 miles) north-south span

## Historic Milestones

- First 48-team World Cup
- First tri-nation World Cup
- First guaranteed OFC spot
- Mexico's record 3rd time hosting
- Canada's first time hosting men's tournament
- Most matches ever (104)
- Longest tournament (39 days)
- Most venues (16 cities)

## Betting Odds (Post-Draw)

Rank	Team	Odds	Notes
1	Spain	+400	2010 champions
2	England	+600	1966 champions
3	France	+650	2018 champions
4	Brazil	+750	5-time champions
5	Argentina	+800	Defending champions
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15	United States	+6600	Host nation

## Groups to Watch

### "Group of Death" - Group I

France - Senegal - Norway (Haaland) - Playoff Winner

*France vs. Senegal rematch of 2002 shock result (Senegal won 1-0)*

### Toughest Groups

- **Group L:** England, Croatia, Ghana, Panama
- **Group H:** Spain, Uruguay, Cape Verde, Saudi Arabia
- **Group C:** Brazil, Morocco, Haiti, Scotland

### Easiest Groups

- **Group D:** USA, Paraguay, Australia, Playoff Winner
- **Group J:** Argentina, Algeria, Austria, Jordan

## Key Matchups

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- **France vs. Senegal** (Jun 16) - Historic 2002 rematch
- **Brazil vs. Morocco** (Jun 13) - 2022 semifinalist vs. Selecao
- **England vs. Croatia** (Jun 17) - Nations League rivals
- **Spain vs. Uruguay** (Jun 26) - Former champions clash
- **Argentina vs. Algeria** (Jun 16) - Title defense begins

## IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Event
December 5, 2025	Official Draw Completed (Kennedy Center, Washington D.C.)
March 2026	UEFA & Intercontinental Playoffs (6 final spots determined)
May 24, 2026	Final club matchday
May 25, 2026	Player release deadline
June 11, 2026	<b>OPENING MATCH</b> - Mexico vs. South Africa (Estadio Azteca)
June 11-27	Group Stage (48 matches)
June 28 - July 3	Round of 32 (16 matches)
July 4-7	Round of 16 (8 matches)
July 9-11	Quarter-finals (4 matches)
July 14-15	Semi-finals (2 matches)
July 18	Third Place Playoff (Hard Rock Stadium, Miami)
July 19, 2026	<b>FINAL</b> - MetLife Stadium, New York/New Jersey

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