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**LOS ANGELES FINAL MATCH SCHEDULE
FOR THE FIFA WORLD CUP 2026™ NOW AVAILABLE**

The Los Angeles World Cup 2026 Host Committee will welcome the U.S. Men's National Team for its opening match vs Paraguay on June 12, 2026, along with Belgium, Iran, New Zealand, Switzerland, and European Play-Off A and C winners, for their group stage matches in Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES (December 6, 2025) – Following the Final Draw for the FIFA World Cup 2026™, the full tournament match schedule is now available and published on [FIFA.com](#)—marking a major milestone on the road to the biggest FIFA World Cup™ in history.

The FIFA World Cup 2026™, to be staged across 16 Host Cities in Canada, Mexico and the United States, will be the first to feature 104 matches and will deliver an unparalleled experience for fans both in-stadium and around the world, qualified national teams and global media.

The tournament's match schedule minimizes travel for both teams and fans, while maximizing the number of rest days for teams between fixtures. In addition, match kick-off times have now been finalized, with start times across the 16 Host Cities selected to seek to optimize conditions for teams and fans, while offering the greatest possible viewership and engagement in the countries of the participating teams, host countries and globally.

Los Angeles' Final Match Schedule for the FIFA World Cup 2026™

- **Match 4 - Friday 12 June 2026 at 18:00 PT (21:00 ET), USA vs PAR (Group D)**
- **Match 15 - Monday 15 June 2026 at 18:00 PT (21:00 ET), IRN vs NZL (Group G)**
- **Match 26 - Thursday 18 June 2026 at 12:00 PT (15:00 ET), SUI vs ITA/NIR/WAL/BIH* (Group B)**
- **Match 39 - Sunday 21 June 2026 at 12:00 PT (15:00 ET), BEL vs IRN (Group G)**
- **Match 59 - Thursday 25 June 2026 at 19:00 PT (22:00 ET), TUR/ROU/SVK/KOS* vs USA (Group D)**
- **Match 73 - Sunday 28 June 2026 at 12:00 PT (15:00 ET), Round of 32**
- **Match 84 - Thursday 2 July 2026 at 12:00 PT (15:00 ET), Round of 32**
- **Match 98 - Friday 10 July 2026 at 12:00 PT (15:00 ET), Quarter-Finals**

**final opponent will be determined by the results of the [European Play-Off](#) in March 2026.*

Reaction Quotes From LA Stakeholders

“The Final Draw for the FIFA World Cup 2026 and schedule release have officially set the stage for L.A.’s five group-stage matches, including the U.S. Men's National Team’s opening match against Paraguay on

June 12, 2026,” said **Kathryn Schloessman, CEO of the Los Angeles World Cup 2026 Host Committee**. “We look forward to welcoming Belgium, Iran, New Zealand, Paraguay, Switzerland, the United States, the European Play-Off winners of groups A and C, and soccer fans from around the world, as we invite them to begin their World Cup experience here in Los Angeles. It will be a tremendous opportunity to showcase our region.”

“It’s incredibly exciting to see Los Angeles host the team’s opening match vs Paraguay,” said **Chris Klein, Los Angeles World Cup 2026 Host Committee Co-Chairman and former U.S. Men’s National Team Player**. “Our region will be the starting point for the United States’ FIFA World Cup journey, giving fans across the country a chance to rally behind our team and experience the excitement of the world’s biggest stage.”

“We can’t wait to welcome Belgium, Iran, New Zealand, Paraguay, Switzerland, the United States, and the European Play-Off group A and C winners, for their group stage matches in LA,” said **Larry Freedman, Los Angeles World Cup 2026 Host Committee Co-Chairman**. “The match schedule brings us one step closer to hosting hundreds of thousands of visitors in 2026 for a FIFA World Cup 26 experience that will reflect the spirit, creativity, and diversity of Los Angeles, and will create long-lasting benefits for Angelenos.”

“When Stan Kroenke set out to build our transformative stadium, it was with the goal of bringing the biggest global events and all the economic and community benefits that result to Los Angeles, Inglewood and this entire region,” said **Kevin Demoff, Los Angeles Rams President**. “The release of the match schedule marks another incredible milestone on the road to hosting the largest single-sport event in history. We’re excited to welcome fans from around the world to join Angelenos in showcasing how the power of sport can bring together communities from every neighborhood and background.”

“The release of the match schedule immediately transitions us from the planning stage to the execution phase, and we are ready,” said **Otto Benedict, Senior Vice President of Facilities & Operations at Los Angeles (SoFi Stadium and Hollywood Park)**. “We are proud to host these nations and their fans, and we are committed to delivering a world-class experience worthy of the biggest stage in sports.”

“Now that the match schedule is out, the excitement in Los Angeles is truly electric,” said **Adam Burke, President & CEO of LA Tourism**. “Knowing which nations are coming to LA allows us to tailor our marketing efforts and create moments that fans will remember long after the final whistle. Working closely with the Los Angeles World Cup Host Committee, we’re preparing 39 days of fan activations across the region that will showcase the very best of our city. This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity for Los Angeles, and we can’t wait to welcome the world.”

“In just six months, L.A. will welcome the world when we host eight incredible matches that showcase the world’s best athletes, unite our diverse neighborhoods and boost our local economy,” said **Mayor Karen Bass**. “This will undoubtedly be the best FIFA World Cup yet, bringing the entire world together in the name of soccer. Los Angeles is a hub for culture, community, and competition and our city will shine on the world stage in 2026 and beyond.”

“With the match schedule now set, Inglewood proudly prepares to welcome the world,” said **James T. Butts Jr., Mayor of Inglewood**. “Knowing that Belgium, Iran, New Zealand, Paraguay, Switzerland, the United States, and the two teams that qualify through the European Play-Off will take the field, gives our community a direct connection to this incredible moment. The excitement, the energy, and the international attention coming to Inglewood will be felt long after the final whistle.”

“Metro is proud to help connect fans from around the world to the matches, fan festivals and fan zones, cultural destinations, and communities,” said **Stephanie Wiggins, CEO of Metro**. “We look forward to delivering a world-class transportation experience when Los Angeles takes the global stage in 2026.”

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The complete match schedule, containing all 104 matches, can be found at [FIFA.com](#).

With the stage now set, fans can start making their plans to be there and witness history in the making.

Fans will soon have another opportunity to apply for FIFA World Cup 2026™ tickets as the next sales period, the [Random Selection Draw](#), will begin on December 11 on [FIFA.com/tickets](#) and is open through January 13, 2026. Timing of a fan’s entry into the Random Selection Draw during the entry period will not impact the fan’s chances of success. All successful and partially successful ticket applicants will receive communications via email and subsequently will be automatically charged for their tickets in February. This marks the third phase of ticket sales for the 2026 tournament, as nearly two million tickets have been made available and purchased for the tournament thus far.

Fans who would like to immediately purchase access to specific match-ups can consider hospitality packages as well. Hospitality packages, which are inclusive of game tickets, are available now at [FIFA.com/hospitality](#) through On Location, the Official Hospitality Provider of the FIFA World Cup 2026™.

This milestone marks an important step on the road to the FIFA World Cup 2026™ experience in Los Angeles. For more information on FIFA World Cup 26™ Los Angeles, including the community legacy programs and for fans looking to start their World Cup experience in Los Angeles, please visit [losangelesfwc26.com](#).

[More information on the nation’s playing in Los Angeles:](#)

USA

- The 2026 edition, which the USA are co-hosting with Canada and Mexico, will see the Stars and Stripes compete for the 12th time in a FIFA World Cup™. They previously hosted the tournament solo in 1994, reaching the round of 16 before a narrow 1-0 defeat to eventual champions Brazil
- The Stars and Stripes’ best World Cup performance came in the inaugural 1930 edition, when they reached the semi-finals. They also advanced to the quarter-finals in 2002.
- The USA have progressed from the group stage in each of their last three appearances (2010, 2014 and 2022) and have reached the knockout phase in five of their last seven participations overall.
- Since being edged out 2-1 by Ghana in their final group match at the 2006 tournament, the USA have tasted defeat just once in their last nine group-stage outings (W3 D5): a 1-0 reverse against eventual champions Germany in the 2014 edition.

Paraguay

- Paraguay will make their ninth FIFA World Cup™ appearance in 2026, ending a 16-year absence from the tournament. They most recently participated in 2010.

- The 2010 edition marked Paraguay's best-ever World Cup performance, as they reached the quarter-finals for the first time. They were narrowly eliminated by eventual champions Spain, with David Villa scoring the decisive goal in the 83rd minute.
- In addition to their 2010 quarter-final run, Paraguay have reached the round of 16 on three occasions, doing so in consecutive instalments in 1986, 1998 and 2002.
- La Albirroja secured their spot at the FIFA World Cup 26™ by finishing in the top six of the South American qualifying tournament. Their campaign was built on defensive solidity, keeping ten clean sheets across 18 matches and conceding just ten goals.

IR Iran

- IR Iran are making a fourth successive appearance at the FIFA World Cup™. They had only featured three times in the history of the competition prior to this run.
- Team Melli have yet to make it out of the group stage in six attempts. Their highest-ever points tally in a group was in 2018 when they picked up four points with a 1-0 victory against Morocco and a 1-1 draw against Portugal either side of a narrow 1-0 defeat to Spain.
- Despite exiting in the group stage at Qatar 2022, IR Iran picked up their third win in a match at the finals when they defeated Wales 2-0 courtesy of two goals late in second-half added time.
- The Iranians were the second team, after Japan, to qualify through the FIFA World Cup 26™ preliminary competition in Asia, securing their place after a 2-2 draw with Uzbekistan in Tehran on 25 March 2025. The result guaranteed them a top two finish in Group A, which saw them subsequently finished top of the section.

New Zealand

- The 2026 edition will mark New Zealand's third FIFA World Cup™ instalment, having previously featured in football's biggest competition in 1982 and 2010.
- They secured qualification on 24 March 2025 with a 3-0 victory over New Caledonia in the final of the OFC tournament and became the second team of any continent, after Japan, to qualify outside of host nations.
- In their previous two World Cup campaigns, New Zealand exited after the group stage. In 1982, they lost all three matches. Remarkably, in 2010, they were the only unbeaten team in the tournament, drawing all three group games against Slovakia, Italy and Paraguay.
- The All Whites' all-time leading scorer, Chris Wood, achieved a remarkable feat during their qualifying campaign for the 2026 finals, recording hat-tricks in back-to-back matches. He netted three goals against Samoa on 18 November 2024 in their final group-stage fixture, then repeated the act in the semi-final clash against Fiji on 21 March 2025.

Switzerland

- Switzerland are making a sixth consecutive FIFA World Cup™ participation, which represents their longest run of successive appearances. Overall, they have graced the global showpiece on 12 previous occasions.
- They advanced through qualifying unbeaten, registering four wins and two draws from six matches, with 14 goals scored and only two conceded.
- Three-time quarter-finalists, the Swiss made it through to the last eight in 1934, 1938 and on their own patch in 1954. They have negotiated their way out of their group in five of their last six tournament campaigns but have tasted defeat in the round of 16 on each of those occasions.
- The Nati suffered shoot-out agony against Ukraine in their last-16 showdown at the 2006 edition of the tournament after the sides had failed to trouble the scoreboard after 120 minutes of

action, with the Swiss becoming the first team to exit a FIFA World Cup without conceding a goal – a record that still stands to this day.

- The 1954 FIFA World Cup™ quarter-final showdown between host nation Switzerland and Austria was a 12-goal thriller that remains the highest-scoring match in the tournament’s history. Despite racing into a 3-0 lead, the hosts were ultimately on the receiving end of a 7-5 defeat in a contest for the ages.

Belgium

- Belgium have been regular fixtures at the FIFA World Cup™, having featured in nine of the last 11 editions and 14 tournaments overall.
- They sealed their 15th appearance at the finals with a commanding 7-0 victory over Liechtenstein on the final matchday, finishing two points clear of runners-up Wales. Remaining unbeaten across eight matches—with five wins and three draws—it marked their third consecutive qualifying campaign without defeat.
- The Red Devils have twice reached the semi-finals of the global showpiece. They finished fourth in 1986 and recorded their best-ever showing in 2018 after overcoming England in the play-off for third place.
- Prior to their 2-0 defeat to Morocco in their second outing at Qatar 2022™, the Belgians were riding a 13-match unbeaten run in group-stage encounters at the competition.

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About the Los Angeles World Cup 2026 Host Committee

The Los Angeles World Cup Host Committee was established to deliver a premier FIFA World Cup 2026™ experience and drive lasting social, cultural, and economic impact for the region. We serve as the liaison between FIFA and the Los Angeles region to harness opportunities surrounding the tournament to elevate our community. The Host Committee is co-chaired by LAFC Co-President Larry Freedman and former U.S. Men’s National Team player Chris Klein, and is led by the Los Angeles Sports & Entertainment Commission (LASEC). It also includes the Los Angeles Rams, SoFi Stadium and Hollywood Park, Los Angeles Football Club (LAFC), and LA Galaxy. For more information, visit losangelesfwc26.com.

