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LOS ANGELES MARKS TWO YEARS TO GO FROM HOSTING U.S. MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM OPENING MATCH IN FIFA WORLD CUP 26™

The United States begins their campaign at Los Angeles Stadium (SoFi Stadium) on June 12, 2026 with a total of eight matches in the region that will generate significant impact for Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (June 12, 2024) — Today, the Los Angeles region celebrates two years to go until the United States Men's National Team (USMNT) opens their FIFA World Cup 26™ at Los Angeles Stadium (SoFi Stadium) in Inglewood. Poised to be another pivotal moment for soccer in the United States, Los Angeles will be one of the primary host cities for the largest single-sport event in history with five Group Stage matches, two Round of 32 knockout matches, and one Quarterfinal in 2026.

“Los Angeles has set the stage for some of the greatest soccer moments that have taken place in North America and is home to a passionate fan base that stretches across every part of the region,” said **Gregg Berhalter, Head Coach, United States Men's National Team (USMNT)**. “I can't think of a better place to welcome the world and kick off our FIFA World Cup 26 campaign on June 12, 2026 than at the state-of-the-art SoFi Stadium in Los Angeles.”

Los Angeles is inseparable from the story of soccer in North America. LA has played host to the biggest sporting events in the world, including the 1994 FIFA World Cup™ and the 1999 FIFA Women's World Cup™ which celebrate their 30th and 25th anniversaries respectively this summer. Already the most-watched competition on Earth, the FIFA World Cup™ will be the largest edition ever in 2026 and the Los Angeles region is ready to be center of the action for the entirety of the tournament.

“Over the last three decades, the world's game has grown substantially in our country and FIFA World Cup 26 will create the next surge forward as the largest sporting event in history—being played across three countries, 16 host cities, and featuring an expanded tournament of 48 teams and 104 matches.” said **Chris Klein, Co-Chair, Los Angeles World Cup 2026 Host Committee**. “When we look back at the development of soccer in America, I am confident that we'll consider 2026 as an inflection point for the next generation of fans, communities and soccer players grown right here from the momentum of FIFA World Cup 26.”

Over the next two years, the Los Angeles World Cup 2026 Host Committee is preparing to welcome fans from across the globe as they begin their FIFA World Cup 26™ experience in the region—no matter where the tournament takes them. Led by the Los Angeles Sports & Entertainment Commission with Co-Chairs Larry Freedman and Chris Klein, the Los Angeles World Cup 2026 Host Committee continues to build out legacy programs that focus on delivering substantial economic and community impact for Southern California and using the largest single-sport event in history to bring people together from all over the world.

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“The FIFA World Cup has come a long way since Southern California hosted the competition in 1994. Our digital connections with one another, connections that reach into outer space and around our planet, have empowered Los Angeles in 2026 to reap the benefits of living at the center of the football universe when the most decorated and most competitive roster in USMNT history takes the field at SoFi Stadium,” said **Larry Freedman, Co-President, Los Angeles Football Club and Co-Chair, Los Angeles World Cup 2026 Host Committee**. “Hosting that opening match is an honor that we can’t wait to uphold—an event that will have an enormous impact on L.A.’s communities, local businesses and the industries that drive our local economy.”

FIFA World Cup 26™ will be played at Los Angeles Stadium (SoFi Stadium), the world’s top venue for sports and entertainment, located in Inglewood. Designed with a demountable seating system to accommodate a FIFA regulation pitch, Los Angeles Stadium (SoFi Stadium) has now completed modifications for 2026. This world-class building will also become the only venue to host the Super Bowl, FIFA World Cup™, and Olympics in three consecutive years as the Los Angeles region approaches a stretch of major sports events unmatched by any other destination with FIFA World Cup 26™, Super Bowl LXI in 2027 (second in five years), and the 2028 Olympic & Paralympic Games (third overall).

For more information on FIFA World Cup 26 Los Angeles™, please visit LosAngelesFWC26.com.

SoFi Stadium will adopt a new venue name for FIFA World Cup 26™, Los Angeles Stadium.

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 26™ 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 includes representatives from the Los Angeles Sports & Entertainment Commission (LASEC), the Los Angeles Rams, SoFi Stadium and Hollywood Park, Los Angeles Football Club (LAFC), and LA Galaxy.

About FIFA World Cup 26™

FIFA World Cup 26™ will be the biggest sporting event ever, with three Host Countries, 16 Host Cities, 48 teams and 104 matches uniting an entire continent to showcase a momentous new tournament format. With more countries, cities, teams, and games, FIFA World Cup 26™ will be the most inclusive tournament ever, engaging millions of fans across 16 unique stadiums and billions worldwide. The tournament will take place in June and July 2026. For the latest FIFA World Cup 26™ information please visit the [FIFA World Cup 26™ website](https://www.fifa.com/worldcup26). For media representatives wishing to stay up-to-date on all things 2026, please register via the [FIFA Media Hub](https://www.fifa.com/worldcup26/media).

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