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LOS ANGELES CELEBRATES A LASTING FIFA WORLD CUP 2026™ LEGACY AS MORE THAN 500 YOUTH TAKE THE PITCH AT “PLAY WHERE THE LEGENDS PLAYED” COMMUNITY EVENT

Following eight unforgettable FIFA World Cup™ matches, Los Angeles honors the tournament’s community impact while Fairplex, West Harbor and Downtown Burbank prepare for Fan Celebrations marking the final week of FIFA World Cup 2026™

LOS ANGELES (July 13, 2026) – Following eight matches that welcomed 561,656 fans to Los Angeles Stadium, the region marked the conclusion of local match play by opening up the Los Angeles Stadium (SoFi Stadium) pitch, where these matches took place, to more than 500 youth and families during Sunday’s “Play Where the Legends Played” legacy celebration—symbolically passing the inspiration of the world’s game to the next generation.

On July 12, the Los Angeles World Cup 2026 Host Committee invited participants from their 26 Community Champion organizations for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to step onto the same pitch that hosted FIFA World Cup 2026™ in Los Angeles, kicking soccer balls, scoring goals, taking photos and creating lifelong memories.

The event embodied the Los Angeles World Cup 2026 Host Committee’s vision from the very beginning—that hosting the world’s biggest sporting event should create opportunities that extend far beyond the final whistle. Through the support of ChampionLA donors Bob Graziano and Wendy Wachtell, Jeanie Buss, the Stephen and Regina Oswald Foundation, the Greg and Patty Penske family, California Resources Corporation and the Wallis Annenberg Legacy Foundation, hundreds of local youth and families experienced the tournament both inside the stadium attending the matches and, on the pitch, following the final match in Los Angeles.

“For the Host Committee, success was never measured only by the matches we hosted. It was measured by the lives we touched, the communities we strengthened, and the opportunities we created,” said **Kathryn Schloessman, CEO of the Los Angeles World Cup 2026 Host Committee**. “Seeing hundreds of young people step onto this field just days after the world’s greatest players competed here, is exactly the legacy we hoped FIFA World Cup 2026™ would leave for Los Angeles. We are grateful to our ChampionLA supporters for making moments like this possible.”

“The greatest legacy of a World Cup isn’t just what happens during the tournament, it’s what happens after,” said **Julie Foudy, Los Angeles World Cup 2026 Community Ambassador**. “Walking onto this field, where the biggest stars in the world just competed, gives these kids a memory they’ll carry with them for

years. Experiences like this remind young people that soccer is for everyone, and when we invest in our communities, we're investing in the future of the game."

"This moment represents so much more than stepping onto a field," said **Shawna Gordon, Founder of Football For Her**. "It's the culmination of years of opportunity. From financial support, to unforgettable match experiences, to standing on the same pitch as the world's best, we're incredibly grateful to the Los Angeles World Cup 2026 Host Committee and the LA84 Foundation for making moments like this possible."

During FIFA World Cup 2026™, Los Angeles welcomed hundreds of thousands of fans from around the globe while delivering eight unforgettable matches that captivated audiences worldwide. The region hosted the U.S. Men's National Team's historic tournament opener, dramatic knockout-round matches, and a Quarterfinal featuring tournament favorite Spain advancing to the Semifinal, reinforcing Los Angeles' reputation as one of the world's premier destinations for international sporting events.

The celebrations continue throughout the final week of the tournament with official Los Angeles World Cup 26 Fan Zones at [Fairplex](#) on July 14 & 15 and July 18 & 19, [West Harbor](#) on July 14 & 15 and July 18 & 19, and [Downtown Burbank](#) on July 18 & 19, where fans can gather to watch the Semifinals and Final together, enjoying live entertainment, family-friendly activities, local food and community programming. The FIFA World Cup 2026™ Final will be played Sunday, July 19 at 12pm PT at New York New Jersey Stadium.

Events Happening in LA This Week:

JULY 14:

- **FAN ZONE** – [Los Angeles World Cup 26 Fan Zone at Fairplex](#) featuring Semifinal matchups
- **FAN ZONE** – [Los Angeles World Cup 26 Fan Zone at West Harbor](#) featuring Semifinal matchups

JULY 15:

- **FAN ZONE** – [Los Angeles World Cup 26 Fan Zone at Fairplex](#) featuring Semifinal matchups
- **FAN ZONE** – [Los Angeles World Cup 26 Fan Zone at West Harbor](#) featuring Semifinal matchups

JULY 18:

- **FAN ZONE** – [Los Angeles World Cup 26 Fan Zone at Fairplex](#) featuring the Bronze Final match
- **FAN ZONE** – [Los Angeles World Cup 26 Fan Zone at West Harbor](#) featuring the Bronze Final match
- **FAN ZONE** – [Los Angeles World Cup 26 Fan Zone at Downtown Burbank](#) featuring the Bronze Final match

JULY 19:

- **FAN ZONE** – [Los Angeles World Cup 26 Fan Zone at Fairplex](#) featuring the Final match
- **FAN ZONE** – [Los Angeles World Cup 26 Fan Zone at West Harbor](#) featuring the Final match
- **FAN ZONE** – [Los Angeles World Cup 26 Fan Zone at Downtown Burbank](#) featuring the Final match

The Fan Zone match broadcasts will be available on both Fox and Telemundo, enabling fans to experience live match coverage throughout the tournament. Check the Fan Zone locations for the specific feeds being broadcasted.

Fans can plan their full tournament experience in Los Angeles using the official [39-Day Fan Experience Guide](#), the ultimate guide to all events throughout the region.

Fans can plan their transportation to the Los Angeles World Cup 26 Fan Zones using Metro. Plan your trip at [Metro.net](#). For more information on FIFA World Cup 2026™ in Los Angeles, visit [losangelesfwc26.com](#).

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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, led by the Los Angeles Sports & Entertainment Commission (LASEC), and includes the Los Angeles Rams, SoFi Stadium and Hollywood Park, Los Angeles Football Club (LAFC), and LA Galaxy. For more information, visit [losangelesfwc26.com](#).

