

FIFA announces Vancouver and Toronto as Canadian Host Cities for the FIFA World Cup 2026™

Thursday, June 16, 2022, OTTAWA, ON – FIFA revealed today that Toronto and Vancouver will be the Canadian Host Cities for the FIFA World Cup 2026™, joining 11 Host Cities in the USA, and three Host Cities in Mexico as competition venues for the largest FIFA World Cup™ in history.

The positive impacts of hosting the FIFA World Cup 2026™ will extend well beyond the matches hosted in Canada. Hosting the world's premier soccer showcase will create tangible legacy programs that continue the original bid vision of unity, certainty and opportunity.

"We are very proud of Canada's Candidate Host Cities for putting together substantial and compelling bids for the FIFA World Cup 2026™," said Dr. Nick Bontis, Canada Soccer President. "The competition for venue selection was the most robust in FIFA's history. Today's success is a testament to the cities, provinces, and federal government's commitment and dedication in pursuit of hosting the most prestigious single sporting event in the world. In offering our congratulations to both Toronto, Ontario and Vancouver, British Columbia, we also extend our sincere appreciation to Edmonton, Alberta for their historical support and strong interest in contributing to the growth and development of our game in this country through the hosting of FIFA competitions."

Canada Soccer will extend its collaboration with all stakeholders to seek opportunities for Canadian cities and communities from coast to coast to be part of this historic event. In addition to marquee FIFA Fan Fests™ in Canadian Host Cities, Canada Soccer will continue to pursue opportunities to host live sites across Canada, to showcase uniquely Canadian artists, talents, and cultures to the thousands of international visitors during and leading up to the competition in the summer of 2026.

The expanded format of the FIFA World Cup 2026™ also provides additional opportunities for Canadian cities to host international matches in the four-year runway to the competition as well as team base camps during the FIFA World Cup 2026™. Canada Soccer will continue to engage fans from coast to coast as the excitement builds to Canada, Mexico and the United States welcoming the world in 2026.

"We have the rare opportunity of coming together as three neighbouring nations to use sport to transform and improve lives and communities," said Bontis. "We look forward to supporting the host cities, our stakeholders across Canada and in Mexico and the United States, and FIFA to deliver what is certain to be the biggest and best FIFA World Cup™ in history and a once-in-a-generation opportunity to impact and grow the game in Canada."

Canada was awarded the FIFA World Cup 2026™ alongside Mexico and the United States in 2018 after a successful bid presented to FIFA by Canada Soccer, the Mexican Football Federation and U.S. Soccer.

When the opening whistle blows, Canada will have the distinction of having staged every FIFA World Cup from U20 upwards for women and men. As a host nation, Canada has set FIFA attendance records for many events, including hosting 1.35 million fans over 52 matches of the FIFA Women's World Cup Canada 2015™. The FIFA U-20 World Cup Canada 2007™ drew a then-record of 1.2 million fans. The 2022 FIFA U-19 Women's World Championship Final match between Canada and the United States brought in over 47,000 fans, a record that Canada still holds for the largest attendance at a FIFA women's youth competition.

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