



Monday, May 26, 2025

TEAM ROSTERS ANNOUNCED FOR INAUGURAL CANADIAN SHIELD TOURNAMENT

On June 7 and 10, BMO Field will host the inaugural Canadian Shield Tournament, a new four-country soccer tournament bringing together the Men's National Teams from Canada, Côte d'Ivoire, New Zealand and Ukraine in its first year. Over the course of two days, the four nations will compete in two doubleheaders for the winning title in preparation for the 2026 FIFA World Cup, hosted in North America with six matches being held in Toronto.

"We are excited for two competitive matches on home soil in front of Canadian crowds," said Jesse Marsch, MLS Canada Head Coach of the Men's National Team. "We expect an excellent atmosphere and spirited matches that will help prepare us for the types of games we will play at this summer's Gold Cup and next summer's FIFA World Cup."

This week, all four teams have announced their final roster, listing the selected players to represent each of the four competing countries. Fans can secure their tickets to witness history and see some of the world's top talent in action at **[CanadianShieldTournament.com](https://canadianshieldtournament.com)**.

2025 CANADIAN SHIELD TOURNAMENT ROSTER (CANADA)

PLAYERS

Sam Adekugbe
Ali Ahmed
Zorhan Bassong
Tajon Buchanan
Mathieu Choinière
Derek Cornelius
Maxime Crépeau
Jonathan David
Promise David
Luc de Fougerolles

HEAD COACH

Jesse Marsch

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Stephen Eustáquio
Daniel Jebbison
Jamie Knight-Lebel
Ismaël Koné
Cyle Larin
Richie Laryea
Jayden Nelson
Tani Oluwaseyi
Nathan Saliba
Jacob Shaffelburg
Niko Sigur
Dayne St. Clair
Joel Waterman

2025 CANADIAN SHIELD TOURNAMENT ROSTER (CÔTE D'IVOIRE)

PLAYERS

Simon Adingra
Clement Akpa
Lazare Amani
Ali Badra
Jeremie Boga
Amad Diallo
Mohamed Diomande
Maho Doregeles
Yahia Fofana
Jean Philippe Gbamin
Evann Guessand
Parfait Guiagon
Sebastien Haller
Franck Kessie
Cedric Kipre
Ghislain Konan
Mohamed Kone
Odilon Kossounou
Christopher Operi
Nicholas Pepe
Ibrahim Sangare
Wilfried Singo
Maho Dorgeles

HEAD COACH

Emerse Faé

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2025 CANADIAN SHIELD TOURNAMENT ROSTER (NEW ZEALAND)

PLAYERS

Kosta Barbarouses
Joe Bell
Tyler Bindon
Michael Boxall
Liberato Cacace
Max Crocombe
Callan Elliot
Matt Garbett
Eli Just
Callum McCowatt
Ben Old
Alex Paulsen
Nando Pijnaker
Alex Rufer
Sarpreet Singh
Tommy Smith
Marko Stamenić
Finn Surman
Bill Tuiloma
Nik Tzanev
Francis de Vries
Ben Waite
Chris Wood

HEAD COACH

Darren Bazeley

2025 CANADIAN SHIELD TOURNAMENT ROSTER (UKRAINE)

PLAYERS

Valeriy Bondar
Artem Bondarenko
Yevhen Cheberko
Vladyslav Dubinchak
Oleksiy Hutsuliak
Vladyslav Kabaiev
Ivan Kaliuzhnyi
Andriy Lunin
Oleksandr Martyniuk
Mykola Matviyenko
Mykola Mykhailenko
Bohdan Mykhailichenko
Oleksandr Nazarenko
Yehor Nazaryna
Oleksandr Pikhonok

HEAD COACH

Serhiy Rebrov

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Dmytro Riznyk
Mykola Shaparenko
Heorhiy Sudakov
Maksym Talovierov
Anatoliy Trubin
Viktor Tsyhankov
Oleksandr Tymchyk
Roman Yaremchuk
Illia Zabarnyi
Oleksandr Zinchenko
Oleksandr Zubkov

Tournament Schedule:

June 7: Canada vs. Ukraine – 3:30 p.m. EST; New Zealand vs. Côte d'Ivoire – 7 p.m. EST

June 10: New Zealand vs. Ukraine – 5 p.m. EST; Canada vs. Côte d'Ivoire – 8:30 p.m. EST