

The World Cup Comes Home ■

Home Soil 2026 — Fan Schedule Guide

June 11 – July 19, 2026 • USA • Canada • Mexico • 104 Matches • 48 Teams

Your clean, fan-friendly companion to the official schedule. Bold headlines, easy sections, and everything you need to follow the biggest tournament on home soil. Wear it proud. Watch it loud. ■

■ THE 16 HOST CITIES — THREE REGIONS

WESTERN REGION Canada & U.S. West Coast	CENTRAL REGION Mexico & U.S. Central/South	EASTERN REGION U.S. East Coast & Canada East
Vancouver Seattle San Francisco Bay Area Los Angeles	Guadalajara Mexico City Monterrey Houston Dallas Kansas City	Atlanta Miami Toronto Boston Philadelphia New York/New Jersey

■■ KEY DATES & MILESTONES

June 11, 2026	Opening Match — Estadio Azteca, Mexico City (Mexico vs South Africa, Group A)
June 11–27, 2026	Group Stage — 72 matches across all 16 venues (12 groups of 4 teams)
Late June – Early July	Round of 32 — 16 matches (winners advance from group stage + best 3rd-placed teams)
Early – Mid July	Round of 16, Quarter-finals — Knockout rounds with rest days between stages
July 14–15, 2026	Semi-finals
July 18, 2026	Third Place Match (Bronze Final)
July 19, 2026	Final — MetLife Stadium, New York/New Jersey

Note: The official schedule includes specific rest days during the knockout stages to allow for recovery and travel between venues. The expanded 48-team format means more matches and a longer group stage than previous tournaments.

■ HOME SOIL PICK'EM CHALLENGE

Join the community and test your football knowledge! Predict group stage results, knockouts, and top scorers for a chance to climb the leaderboard. Lock in your picks early for bonus points on opening matches. Many fans are already competing — will you top the Home Soil leaderboard? ■ Live results and standings updated daily on homesoil2026.com.

Quick Start: Group stage predictions close June 10 • Knockout picks open after groups • Free to play, prizes for top predictors!

■■ USMNT 2026 PATH & KEY MATCHES

The USMNT's journey starts in the Western Region with high-profile home-soil games. Exact knockout path depends on group standing (top 2 + best 3rds advance). Here's the confirmed/expected schedule based on the official grid:

Date	Match / Stage	Venue
June 12	USA vs Paraguay (Group stage)	SoFi Stadium, Los Angeles
June ~15-20	USA Group Stage Match 2 & 3	Likely Western/Central venues (LA, Seattle, or SF area)
~June 28 - July 3	Round of 32 (if qualified)	TBD by group position & bracket (possible Central or Eastern venues)
Early-Mid July	Round of 16 / QF (if advancing)	Higher-seeded paths often favor larger stadiums (MetLife, AT&T, Azteca possible)

Note: Full USMNT bracket path (specific R32/R16 cities) will be confirmed after group stage. Check the official grid PDF or FIFA app for latest. Go USA!



THE 16 HOST VENUES

World-class stadiums across North America. Dallas hosts the most matches (9), while several Mexican venues host fewer but iconic games. The Final and Bronze Final will be played at MetLife Stadium in the New York/New Jersey area.

Region	City	Stadium	Matches
Western	Vancouver	BC Place	7
Western	Seattle	Lumen Field	6
Western	San Francisco Bay Area	Levi's Stadium	6
Western	Los Angeles	SoFi Stadium	8
Central	Guadalajara	Estadio Akron	4
Central	Mexico City	Estadio Azteca	5
Central	Monterrey	Estadio BBVA	4
Central	Houston	NRG Stadium	7
Central	Dallas	AT&T Stadium	9
Central	Kansas City	GEHA Field at Arrowhead	6
Eastern	Atlanta	Mercedes-Benz Stadium	8
Eastern	Miami	Hard Rock Stadium	7
Eastern	Toronto	BMO Field	6
Eastern	Boston	Gillette Stadium	7
Eastern	Philadelphia	Lincoln Financial Field	6
Eastern	New York/New Jersey	MetLife Stadium	8

SAMPLE OPENING MATCHES (from official sources)

Thursday, June 11, 2026 — Opening Day

- **Mexico City (Estadio Azteca)** — Mexico vs South Africa (Group A) — approx. 14:00–15:00 local
- **Guadalajara (Estadio Akron)** — Korea Republic vs Czechia — approx. 21:00 local

Friday, June 12, 2026

- **Toronto (BMO Field)** — Canada vs Bosnia and Herzegovina (Group B) — approx. 14:00 local
- **Los Angeles (SoFi Stadium)** — USA vs Paraguay (Group D)

These are confirmed early fixtures. The full schedule assigns every group-stage match to a specific venue and date/time slot. Many venues will host afternoon + evening double-headers on busy days. Always check FIFA.com or the official app for confirmed local times and broadcast info.

UNDERSTANDING THE 2026 FORMAT

The 2026 tournament is the first with **48 teams** (expanded from 32). It features **12 groups of 4 teams** each. In the group stage, every team plays three matches. The top two teams from each group advance automatically, along with the **eight best third-placed teams** across all groups — making a total of 32 teams that proceed to the Round of 32 knockout stage.

HOW TO READ THE OFFICIAL GRID

The official FIFA match schedule (the poster-style PDF you may have seen) uses a large grid format:

- **Rows** = Host venues/cities (grouped by Western, Central, Eastern regions with color coding)
- **Columns** = Dates from June 11 through the Final on July 19
- **Cells** = Specific match or placeholder (e.g. team codes like “MEX v RSA”, or “1A” / “W85” for knockout paths showing which group winner or previous match winner plays there)
- **Colors** in cells indicate stage: white/gray for group stage, orange for Round of 32, teal for Round of 16, etc.
- Some cells also show local kick-off times (e.g. 15:00, 21:00)

TIPS FOR FANS & TRAVELERS

- Matches are played in local time of the host city. Factor in time zones when planning TV viewing or travel.
- The schedule has built-in rest days during knockouts — useful for teams traveling long distances between venues.
- Iconic venues: Estadio Azteca (Mexico City) has hosted World Cup openers before (1970, 1986). MetLife Stadium hosts the Final for the first time.
- Fan fests and official FIFA Fan Festival zones will be set up in or near most host cities.
- Tickets, hospitality, and match-day info are available via FIFA.com and authorized partners.

Important: This simplified PDF is for quick reference and planning only. For the complete and authoritative match schedule — including every team pairing, exact times, and the full visual bracket — please consult the official FIFA World Cup 2026 Match Schedule (v17 or later) and FIFA’s digital platforms, which may receive updates.

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