

Healthcare Systems Update

World Cup 2026



FIFA World Cup 2026™ Qualified Teams



EUROPEAN PLAY-OFF

4 TEAMS WILL QUALIFY FOR FIFA WORLD CUP 26™



FIFA PLAY-OFF TOURNAMENT

2 TEAMS WILL QUALIFY FOR FIFA WORLD CUP 26™



December 6th Schedule Results

Group Stage Matches

Sunday June 14

- Germany v Curaçao @ noon CST

Wednesday June 17

- Portugal v qualifying /TBD @ noon CST

Saturday June 20

- Netherlands vs qualifying/TBD @ noon CST

Tuesday June 23

- Portugal v Uzbekistan @ noon CST

Friday June 26:

- Cabo Verde v Saudi Arabia @ 7pm CST



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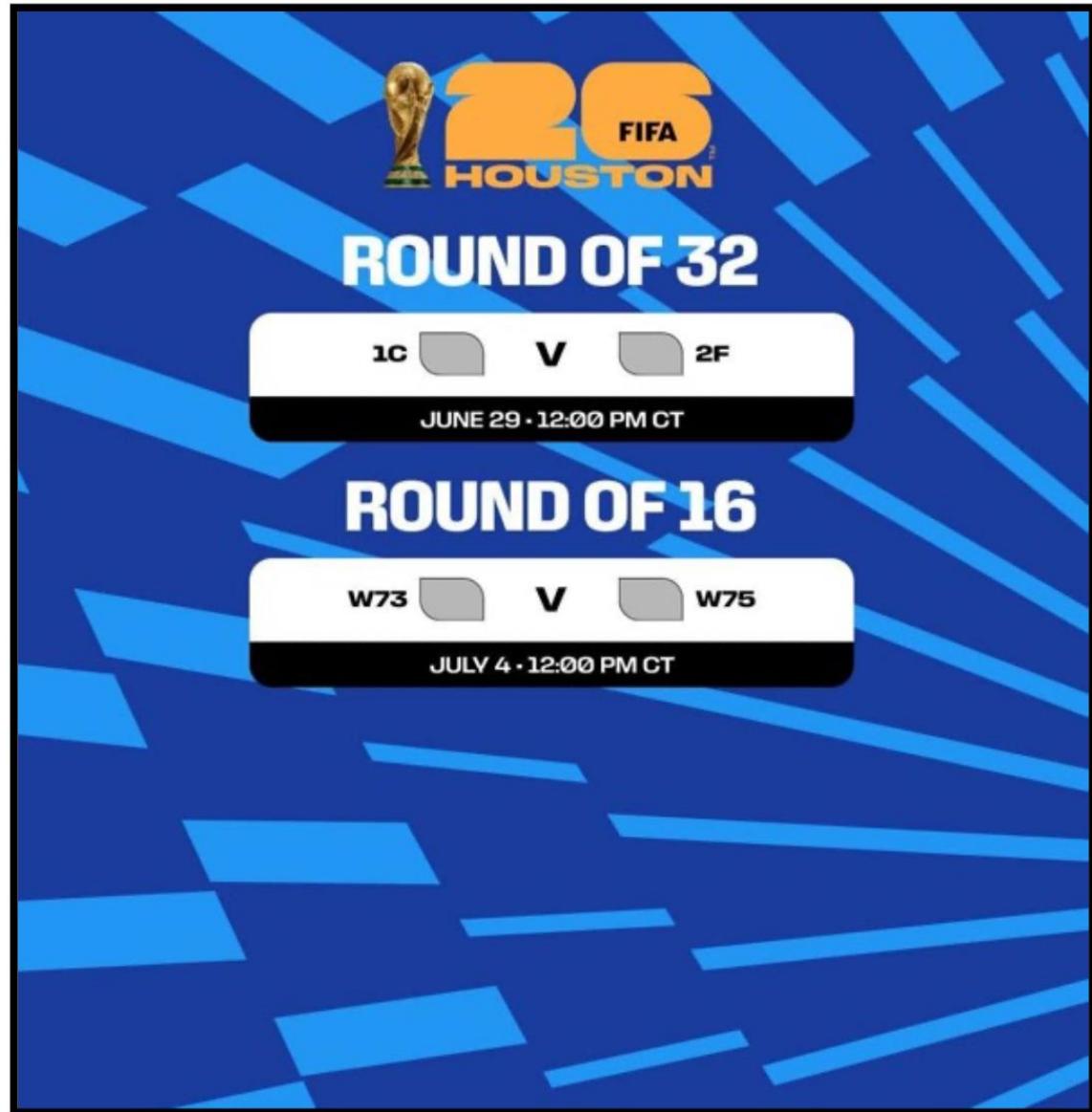
Knockout Round

Monday June 29 - Round of 32

- 1C vs. 2F @ noon CST
- **If the seedings hold, Brazil vs. Japan**

Saturday July 4 - Round of 16

- Winner of 73 vs Winner of 75 @ noon CST
- **Too early to publicly lay out the Round of 16 possibilities.**



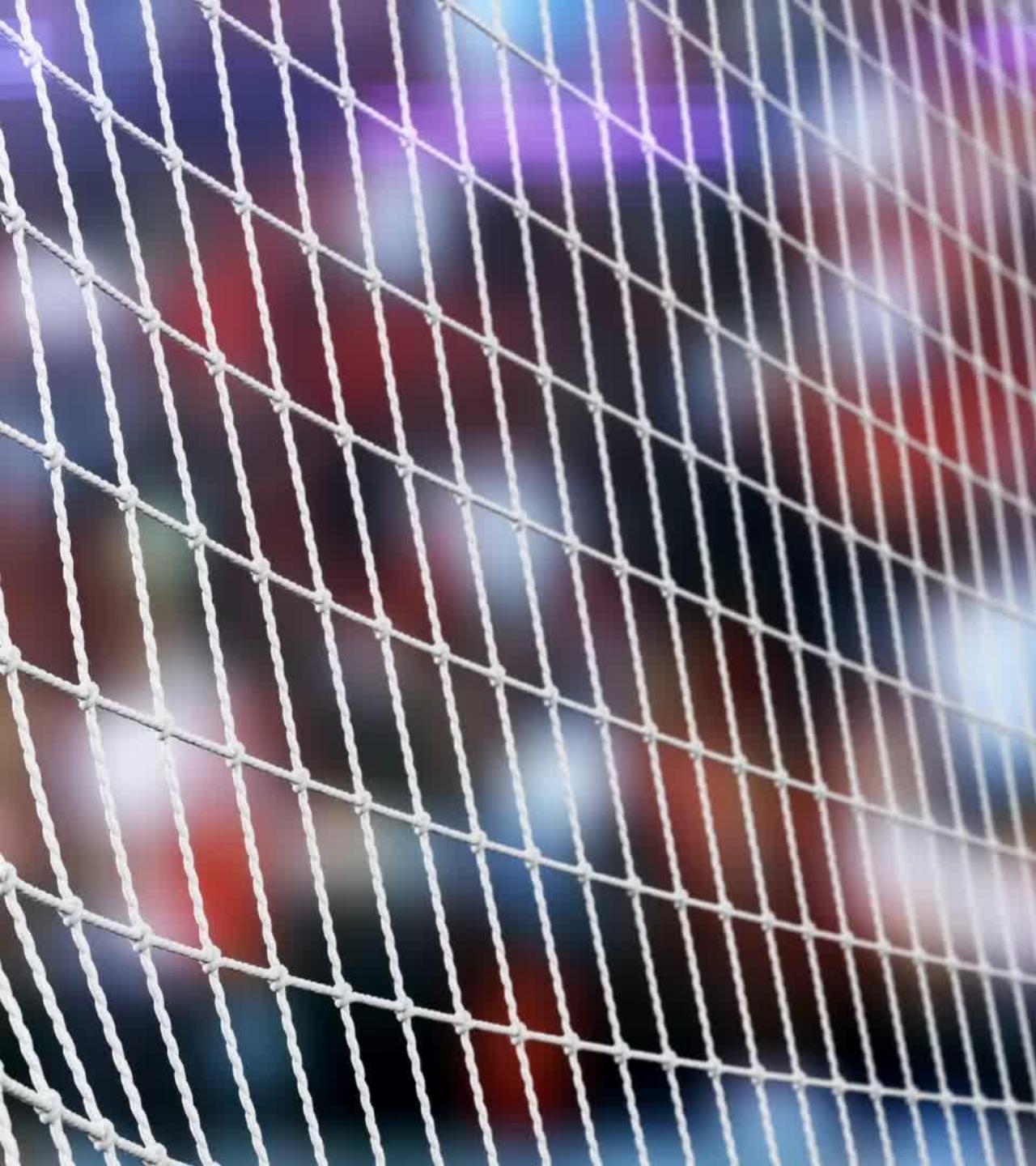


Draw Results

- 3 of the Top 10 teams
 - #6 Portugal
 - #7 Netherlands
 - #9 Germany
- Portugal with 2 games
 - Ronaldo's last WC
- Cape Verde, Curacao, and Uzbekistan all qualified for the WC for the first time in History

Draw Results

- Teams going to final stage of qualifying
 - Playing Netherlands: Sweden, Poland, Albania, and Ukraine
 - Playing Portugal: DR Congo, Jamiaca, and New Caledonia
- Portugal and Netherlands are both seeking to win their first WC
- Germany has won 4 WC's
- Portugal, Netherlands, and Germany among the most passionate and well-traveled fan bases in the world
 - Except lots of fans
 - Netherlands may have the largest traveling fan base



Host City Footprint

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- **NRG Park (Houston Stadium)**
 - NRG Stadium, NRG Arena, NRG Center
- **FIFA Fan Festival**
 - Planned for EaDo/south of Shell Energy Stadium with the intention to operate throughout the entire 38-day tournament window
- Volunteer Center: POST Houston
- Main Ticketing Center: POST Houston
- Airports: IAH, HOU and EFD*
- Official Hotels: Galleria, Med Center, Downtown



Host City Footprint Cont.

- **Venue Specific Training Sites (VSTS): Match Day -1**
 - As a Host City, we need to offer one primary and one secondary training site location for teams traveling to play in our city/at NRG Stadium
 - Shell Energy Stadium (confirmed) and TBD secondary site as needed
- **Team Base Camps (TBC)**
 - **If selected - these teams will reside/stay in Houston for 4-6 weeks and travel to other host cities for their matches**
 - Teams will not play all (or potentially any) of their games in selected basecamp cities
 - **Base camps will be selected by teams in January 2026**
 - SaberCats Stadium (Hwy 288)

FIFA World Cup 26™ expands Team Base Camp brochure: new options added



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Houston | Houston Sports Park



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Macon | Mercer



Planning

General Planning Updates

- Ongoing
- Base Camps: TBD End January/February
 - Teams visiting Houston
- Most plans complete, minor changes expected
- Mile March: still an unknown, awaiting route decisions
- Public Health
 - Researching endemic and novel diseases in each team country and potential for local exposure via FIFA associated travel
 - Comparative heat and heat index extremes associated to each region

What does this event mean for Hospitals?



Hospital Capacity

Significant population surge (up to 300,000+)
Capacity in the ED
Ambulance Wall Time
Medical Tourism



Mitigation Being undertaken

ETHAN – alternate destinations
Increased Staffing at the Sobering Center
Onsite medical for Fanfest
EMS surge capacity (35-50 units extra on the streets)
May transport to freestanding ER's

FIFA Command and Control

- FIFA Tournament Operations Center (TOC) - Dallas
- Houston EOC – *not FIFA, Game Days only*
- Transtar (COH, HC, TXDOT, Metro – Regional Consortium)
 - 120A – FIFA MACC
 - 120B – Local Area Command (FIFA Resources)
 - 108 - JIC
 - 216 – Regional Mobility
 - 217 – VIP Escorts
 - Each venue – Incident Complex with Unified Command
 - NRG
 - Fan Fest
 - Team Hotels
 - Practice Venues
 - Etc..



Regional EM - Maintaining Core Services



- How will you maintain your Core Services?
 - Limited Mutual Aid
 - Visitor Population Surge (TBD)
 - Hotels, VRBOs
 - Language Challenges (Houston - 6)
- Weather
 - Heat/Humidity
 - Hurricane Season
 - Evacuations
 - Response Resources
- Jurisdiction Events
 - “Watch Parties”
 - FIFA Sanctioned vs Non-Sanctioned



	2025 CSU PREDICTION	2024 SEASON	AVERAGE (1991-2020)
Named Storms	17	18	14
Hurricanes	9	11	7
Major Hurricanes	4	5	3

Next Meeting

February

What Questions Do You Have?

