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ROAD TO VANCOUVER 2026

In this newsletter, the FIFA World Cup 2026™ Vancouver Host Committee team is excited to share updates, events and behind-the-scenes insights as we countdown to FIFA World Cup 2026™. Thank you for joining us on this unforgettable journey!

Game On! FIFA World Cup 2026™ match lineup announced



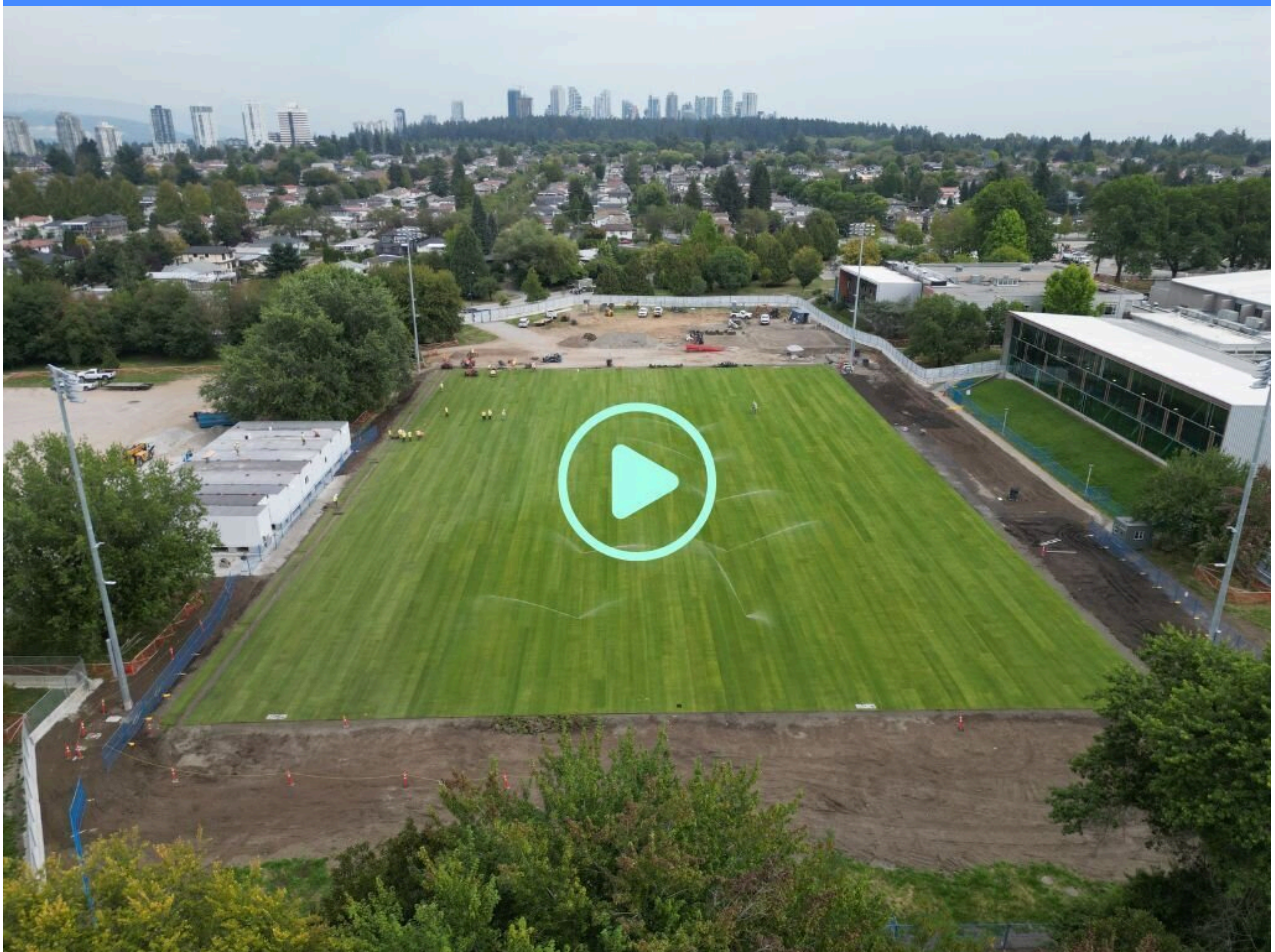
Watch a recap video of our Final Draw live watch party held in Vancouver

Following the FIFA World Cup 2026™ Final Draw, the full tournament match schedule is now available and published on [FIFA.com](https://www.fifa.com), marking a major milestone on the road to the biggest FIFA World Cup™ in history.

It's official, in addition to two group stage matches featuring Canada's Men's National Team; Australia, Qatar, New Zealand, Egypt, Switzerland, Belgium and more will be amongst those countries competing in seven unforgettable matches right here in Vancouver. Confirming these teams heightens the incredible opportunity ahead.

The results of the Final Draw provide a key piece of the puzzle so that the Vancouver Host Committee and its partners can plan and ensure delivery of the best possible experience for teams, fans, visitors and locals alike.

Foot on the gas, FIFA World Cup™ prep shifts to high gear



Built for the world's best, watch the full story behind the new pitch at Killarney Park Venue Specific Training Site.

With the match schedule released and most teams confirmed, Vancouver is advancing preparations to host seven unforgettable matches at BC Place Vancouver. Here's some highlights:

Killarney Park Training Site

Vancouver's first FIFA World Cup™ training venue is over 95% complete and ahead of schedule! The venue features a temporary team building with locker rooms and a high-performance pitch built for strength, density, and safety. Additional features including - energy-efficient high-mast lighting, a modern irrigation system, and future-ready utilities—will leave a lasting community legacy that supports future recreation and community events. [Learn more.](#)

FIFA Fan Festival™

Construction of the renewed PNE Amphitheatre at the heart of the Festival is progressing on schedule. The impressive venue is a major investment by the City of Vancouver in Vancouver's cultural infrastructure, creating a world-class venue for music, festivals, arts and community events. Programming will be designed to ensure Vancouver's FIFA Fan Festival™ is a place for fans to watch and celebrate between matches. Keep an eye on the [FIFA Fan Festival™ webpage](#) for announcements in early 2026.

Host City Dressing Program

The dressing program, or official tournament look, will bring the vibrant tournament atmosphere to Vancouver's streets, bridges, transit stations, and public spaces, creating a consistent visual identity. Design work is underway, with select installations starting in winter of 2026.

Check out [our fact sheet](#) for more updates on the Volunteer Program, community activations, transportation plans, and more.

FIFA launches third phase of ticket sales



Enter the Random Selection Draw for FIFA World Cup™ tickets in Vancouver

- Must be 18+ to enter
- No purchase necessary to enter the draw
- Subject to Official Rules of the Random Selection Draw
- Successful applicants will be automatically charged via their payment card
- Dec 11th – Jan 13th

Your donation will break down barriers and could land you at the FIFA World Cup 2026™ Vancouver



With six months to go until FIFA World Cup 2026™ the Vancouver Host Committee is supporting Level the Field, a registered charity, to raise \$5 million to help make sport more inclusive and accessible for everyone in B.C. Individuals who donate \$26 or more will be eligible to be invited to a FIFA World Cup 2026™ match at BC Place Vancouver.

All tax-deductible donations will directly support programs that expand sport access for equity-deserving individuals across the province who face the greatest barriers, including Indigenous participants, women and girls, racialized populations, 2SLGBTQIA+, low-income and more.

To help reach the \$5 million fundraising goal, three special draws will be held. The first draw is open now and will close on January 5, 2026 with 10 pairs of invitations to a group stage match at BC Place Vancouver (Matches 6, 40 and 64).

[Learn more and donate today.](#)

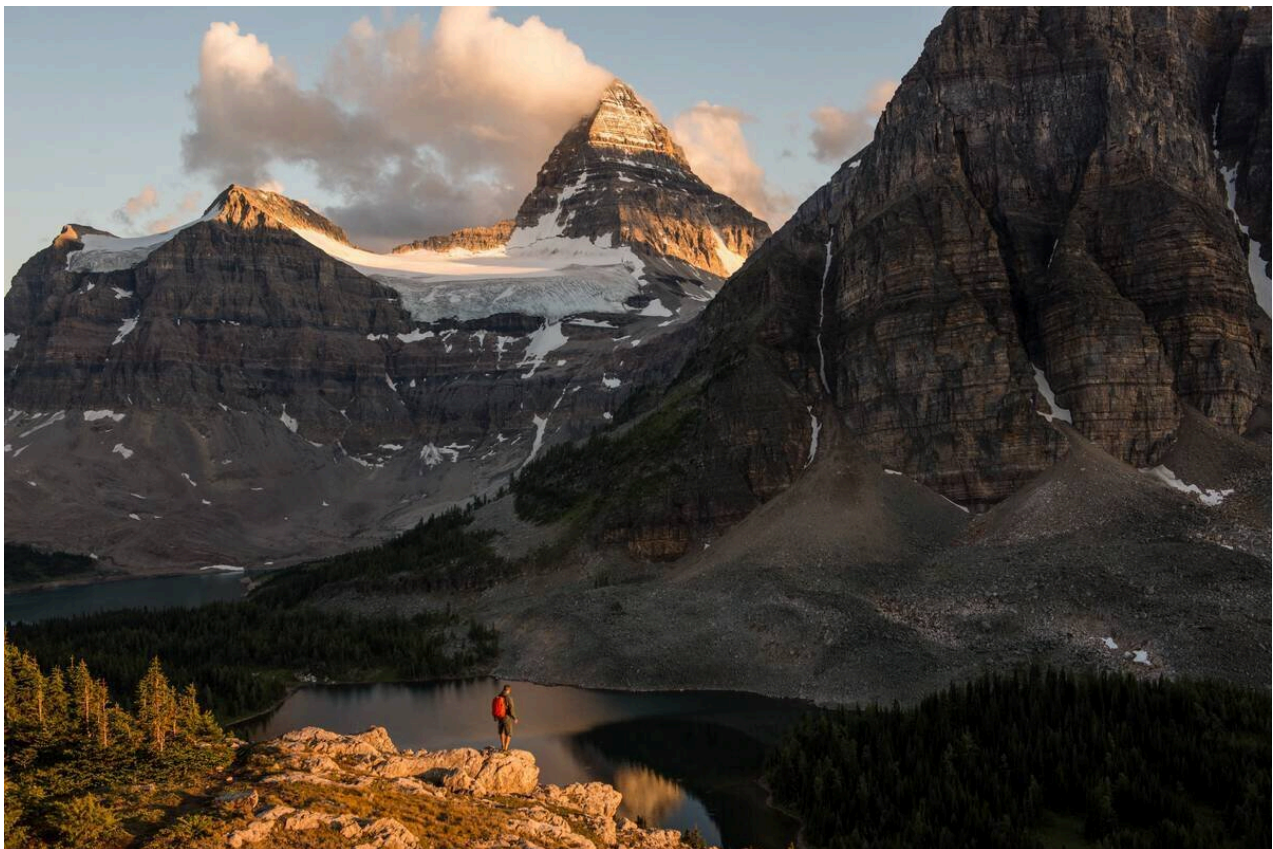
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Partner Pass

From stadium seats to scenic peaks



A hiker on the trail to Nublet and Nub Peak, with views of Lake Magog, Sunburst Lake and Mt. Assiniboine – Destination BC/Kari Medig

Destination BC launched two major initiatives in December to help drive travel around match days and spotlight British Columbia as a world-class destination:

Beautiful Seats Campaign – Phase 2

The [second phase](#) of the Beautiful Seats campaign is now live and will run through mid-January. This campaign showcases some of the most scenic places in BC and invites visitors to explore beyond the stadiums.

New Overnight Visitor Packages

Developed in partnership with Discover Canada Tours and Entrée Canada, these [multi-day packages](#) make it easier for international fans to explore BC before and after the matches. Packages include guided touring experiences, coastal and alpine adventures, custom travel itineraries, and more.

Plan your travel with new Government of Canada tool

Fans

As a fan, you may need a **visitor visa** or an **electronic travel authorization (eTA)** to travel to Canada. What you need depends on

- your citizenship
- how you plan to travel to Canada

Apply early so you don't miss your event.

You don't need to have a FIFA ticket to apply for a visitor visa or an eTA. Having a FIFA event ticket doesn't guarantee that your visa or eTA application will be approved.

[Find out what you need and apply](#)

The Government of Canada has launched a travel tool for fans, travellers, FIFA-invited volunteers, media and anyone planning a trip to Canada during the World Cup. The tool provides guidance on travel documents tailored to your nationality and travel plans, as well as answers to commonly asked questions.

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Quick Facts

Stay in the loop for the latest updates and answers to your burning questions. We've got you covered!

I applied to become a volunteer, when will I hear back about my application?

Due to the overwhelming number of applications we've received, only successful applicants will be notified by email. Invitations and Volunteer Team Tryouts will be completed by the end of January. If you have any questions regarding your application, please reach out to the support centre provided through the volunteer platform. You can submit a ticket by clicking the cloud icon located in the bottom-right corner of the screen.

As a vendor, how do I get involved with the FIFA Fan Festival™?

If you're passionate about quality, hospitality and creating unforgettable experiences, we'd love to hear from you! To capture your interest, complete [this form](#) by Monday, January 5, 2026 at 12 pm PST.

Our team is actively planning and wants to hear from those interested in future opportunities. While we can't guarantee placement, every submission is reviewed by our team.

Coming Up Next

Don't miss a moment on the Road to Vancouver FIFA World Cup 2026™. [Bookmark this webpage](#), your front row seat to the big milestones leading up to the tournament. Additionally, stay tuned for more information on FIFA's release of the tournament song and album, the Coca Cola trophy tour and celebrating 100 days to go.

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