



White House Task Force for the FIFA World Cup 2026

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Securing the World's Game: Leaders Meet at U.S. NORTHCOM's 11 Host Cities Summit on FIFA World Cup 2026

WASHINGTON, D.C. – As thousands of fans make plans to travel to the United States for the FIFA World Cup 2026, top security experts met in Colorado Springs to prepare for the upcoming tournament. The White House Task Force on the FIFA World Cup 2026 and the Department of War spearheaded interagency and host city coordination that brought federal and local leaders together at U.S. Northern Command (USNORTHCOM) for the two-day safety and security summit.

The event focused on aligning plans, capabilities, and support processes to ensure a safe and successful 2026 FIFA World Cup, which will be hosted across 11 U.S. cities, with 78 matches scheduled between June 12 and July 19, 2026. More than 200 attendees participated in the Summit which included representatives from the 11 host cities, White House Task Force, the Department of War, FIFA, the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice/FBI, FEMA, and Health and Human Services. The Summit also included representatives from Canada, including representation from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police as well as Canadian Armed Forces members from the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD), reinforcing the integrated U.S. – Canada partnership in support of the first North American-hosted World Cup.

The Summit kicked off with remarks from General Gregory Guillot, Commander of NORAD and US NORTHERN COMMAND, and White House Task Force Executive Director Andrew Giuliani, followed by a World Cup overview from FIFA Chief Safety & Security Officer G.B. Jones, and interagency briefings. The second day focused on a tabletop exercise in which Summit participants discussed how they would address hypothetical scenarios based on realistic threats that could occur during matches. The exercise provided attendees with the opportunity to collaborate on emergency responses, share information and receive guidance from subject-area experts.

“Thanks to President Trump’s vision, we are entering a new American era of sports and global events,” said Andrew Giuliani, Executive Director of the White House Task Force on the FIFA World Cup 2026. “The World Cup will lay the groundwork for future mega events and bringing everyone together at this Summit strengthens our nation’s ability to welcome the world to an extraordinary experience in a safe and secure environment.”

General Gregory M. Guillot, Commander of United States Northern Command and North American Aerospace Defense Command stated, “The purpose of this Summit is to establish a shared understanding of host city plans, federal capabilities, and the process for requesting and providing support to ensure the safe and successful execution of FIFA World Cup 2026. Bringing everybody together at this summit presents some terrific opportunities.”

“Best practices are not sufficient to secure this World Cup,” said G.B. Jones, FIFA World Cup 2026 Chief Security Officer. “We have to go dynamic. We have to go bigger and bolder than we ever have before.”

U.S. Northern Command (USNORTHCOM) was established to provide command and control of Department of War homeland defense efforts and to coordinate defense support of civil authorities. USNORTHCOM defends America’s homeland — protecting our people, national power, and freedom of action. Integrated and aligned with North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD), a bi-national command responsible for aerospace warning, aerospace control, and maritime warning, they share a common goal of defending North America.

About the White House Task Force on the FIFA World Cup 2026:

The [White House Task Force FIFA World Cup 2026](#) is dedicated to leading and coordinating federal efforts in support of the FIFA Club World Cup 2025 and the FIFA World Cup 2026. In collaboration with executive departments & agencies, the Task Force will facilitate comprehensive planning, organization, and execution of the largest sporting events in the history of mankind. Through interagency cooperation, information sharing, and strategic support, the Task Force aims to ensure the successful hosting of world-class international events that reflect the values, security, and hospitality of the United States of America.

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