

History of the Copa America






The Copa America – organised by the South American Football Confederation – is the world’s oldest international football tournament, first officially contested in 1916

SOUTH AMERICAN SHOWPIECE

- **1910:** First international tournament in South America. ***Copa Centenario Revolucion de Mayo*** hosted by Argentina
- **1916:** Uruguay win inaugural ***South American Championship*** after topping round-robin – first edition of current Copa
- **1919:** Brazil win first title
- **1921:** Argentina triumph over Brazil
- **1967:** After years of disruption and irregularity, competition has eight-year absence
- **1975:** Rebranded as ***Copa America*** for 30th edition – tournament is contested every four years
- **1987-2001:** Adopts two-year rotation
- **2007:** Reverts to four-year cycle with exception of centennial anniversary
- **2011:** Uruguay win record 15th title
- **2015:** Chile win first title on home soil with shootout victory over Argentina
- **2016:** United States host centenary – first time tournament is held outside South America
- **2021: Brazil host tournament – delayed by one year due to coronavirus pandemic – after both Argentina and Colombia are stripped of hosting duties**



MOST TOURNAMENTS HOSTED

	Argentina	<i>Years: 1916, 21, 25, 29, 37, 46, 59, 87, 2011</i>	9
	Uruguay	<i>1917, 23, 24, 42, 56, 67, 95</i>	7
	Chile	<i>1920, 26, 41, 45, 55, 91, 2015</i>	7
	Brazil	<i>1919, 22, 49, 89, 2019, 21</i>	6
	Peru	<i>1927, 35, 39, 53, 57, 2004</i>	6

Other: Ecuador 3, Bolivia 2, Paraguay, Colombia, Venezuela, United States 1