

# FIFA World Cup qualifying heats up

October match-ups see nations continue to book their tickets to North America, for the inaugural 48-team FIFA World Cup co-hosted by the United States, Mexico and Canada

## QUALIFICATION FORMAT

Final matchdays: **Nov 2025**  
Play-offs: **Mar 2026**

Europe:  
16 places



Asia: 8

North  
America: 6

South  
America: 6

Africa: 9

Play-offs: 2  
Oceania: 1

## QUALIFIED TEAMS

Teams ordered by 2026 qualification position

**0** Tournaments (inc. 2026)

### NORTH AMERICA

#### Best finish

<b>3</b>	<b>Canada</b>	Group stage 1986, 2022
<b>18</b>	<b>Mexico</b>	Quarter-final 1970, 86
<b>12</b>	<b>USA</b>	Third-place 1930

### SOUTH AMERICA

<b>19</b>	<b>Argentina</b>	3-time winner
<b>5</b>	<b>Ecuador</b>	Round of 16, 2006
<b>7</b>	<b>Colombia</b>	Quarter-final 2014
<b>15</b>	<b>Uruguay</b>	Winner 1930, 1950
<b>23</b>	<b>Brazil</b>	5-time winner
<b>9</b>	<b>Paraguay</b>	Quarter-final 2010

### OCEANIA

<b>3</b>	<b>New Zealand</b>	Groups 1982, 2010
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### ASIA

<b>7</b>	<b>Iran</b>	6-time group stage
<b>12</b>	<b>South Korea</b>	Fourth place 2002
<b>8</b>	<b>Japan</b>	4-time round of 16
<b>1</b>	<b>Uzbekistan</b>	<i>Debut</i>
<b>1</b>	<b>Jordan</b>	<i>Debut</i>
<b>7</b>	<b>Australia</b>	Round of 16, 2006, 22

### AFRICA

<b>4</b>	<b>Egypt</b>	Group stage 1990, 2018
<b>7</b>	<b>Morocco</b>	Fourth-place 2022
<b>5</b>	<b>Algeria</b>	Round of 16, 2014
<b>7</b>	<b>Tunisia</b>	6-time group stage

Qualifying places set  
to be secured **Oct 8-14**