

FIFA World Cup 2026 – Meet the teams

A total of 39 nations have already sealed qualification, joining co-hosts United States, Mexico and Canada in the draw for next year's showpiece, with six places to be decided via play-offs



Europe:
16 places

Erling Haaland
Norway qualify for first time since 1998

Asia: 8

North America: 6

South America: 6

Africa: 9

Play-offs: 2
Oceania: 1

March 2026: Inter-continental play-offs
Bolivia, DR Congo, Iraq, Jamaica, New Caledonia and Suriname play-off for two places

QUALIFIED TEAMS

Teams ordered by 2026 qualification position

0 Tournaments (inc. 2026)

NORTH AMERICA Best finish

3	Canada	Group stage 1986, 2022
18	Mexico	Quarter-final 1970, 86
12	USA	Third-place 1930
2	Panama	Group stage 2018
1	Curaçao	Debut
2	Haiti	Group stage 1974

SOUTH AMERICA

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

OCEANIA

3	New Zealand	Groups 1982, 2010
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EUROPE

21	Germany	4-time winner
13	Switzerland	3-time quarter-final
9	Scotland	8-time group stage
17	France	Winner 1998, 2018
17	Spain	Winner 2010
9	Portugal	Third-place 1966
12	Netherlands	3-time final
8	Austria	Third-place 1954
4	Norway	Round of 16, 1998
15	Belgium	Third-place 2018
17	England	Winner 1966
7	Croatia	Final 2018

March 2026: European play-offs

Twelve runners-up and four best ranked UEFA Nations League teams compete. Split into four play-off paths – four path winners will qualify for FIFA World Cup

ASIA

7	Iran	6-time group stage
12	South Korea	Fourth place 2002
8	Japan	4-time round of 16
1	Uzbekistan	Debut
1	Jordan	Debut
7	Australia	Round of 16, 2006, 22
2	Qatar	Group stage 2022
7	Saudi Arabia	Round of 16, 1994

AFRICA

4	Egypt	Group stage 1990, 2018
4	Senegal	Quarter-final 2002
4	South Africa	3-time group stage
1	Cape Verde	Debut
7	Morocco	Fourth-place 2022
4	Côte d'Ivoire	3-time group stage
5	Algeria	Round of 16, 2014
7	Tunisia	6-time group stage
5	Ghana	Quarter-finals 2010