



# FIFA WORLD CUP 2026™

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In 2022, 5 Billion people engaged in tournament content, utilizing various platforms and devices, across the globe.



The average World Cup match is watched by 190 Million people worldwide.

1.5 Billion people worldwide watched the 2022 World Cup Final.



The 2022 Super Bowl drew 112 million viewers.



NCAA Final Four - 14.7 Million



NBA Finals - 11.6 Million



World Series - 12.3 Million



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2022 FIFA MATCH SCHEDULE		GROUP STAGE MATCHES														ROUND OF 32				ROUND OF 16			QUARTER-FINALS			SEMI-FINALS		FINAL																							
		Thursday 11 June	Friday 12 June	Saturday 13 June	Sunday 14 June	Monday 15 June	Tuesday 16 June	Wednesday 17 June	Thursday 18 June	Friday 19 June	Saturday 20 June	Sunday 21 June	Monday 22 June	Tuesday 23 June	Wednesday 24 June	Thursday 25 June	Friday 26 June	Saturday 27 June	Sunday 28 June	Monday 29 June	Tuesday 30 June	Wednesday 1 July	Thursday 2 July	Friday 3 July	Saturday 4 July	Sunday 5 July	Monday 6 July	Tuesday 7 July	Wednesday 8 July	Thursday 9 July	Friday 10 July	Saturday 11 July	Sunday 12 July	Monday 13 July	Tuesday 14 July	Wednesday 15 July	Thursday 16 July	Friday 17 July	Saturday 18 July	Sunday 19 July											
WESTERN REGION	VANCOUVER			AUS CAN					CAN QAT			NZL EGY			SUI CAN		NZL BEL																																		
	SEATTLE					BEL EGY				USA AUS							EGY IRN					1G 3 ARM																													
	SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA			QAT SUI			AUT JOR						JOR ALG			PAR AUS							1D 3 ESP																												
	LOS ANGELES		USA PAR				IRN NZL						BEL IRN					USA																																	
CENTRAL REGION	GUADALAJARA																																																		
	MEXICO CITY																																																		
	MONTREAL																																																		
	HOUSTON																																																		
	DALLAS																																																		
	KANSAS CITY																																																		
EASTERN REGION	ATLANTA																																																		
	MIAMI																																																		
	TORONTO																																																		
	BOSTON																																																		
	PHILADELPHIA																																																		
	NEW YORK NEW JERSEY																																																		

All times are Eastern Time (ET).

GROUP A MEXICO (MEX) SOUTH AFRICA (RSA) KOREA REPUBLIC (KOR) POLEND (POL)	A1 A2 A3 A4	GROUP B CANADA (CAN) USA (USA) GERMANY (GER) NEDERLANDS (NED)	B1 B2 B3 B4	GROUP C BRAZIL (BRA) ARGENTINA (ARG) CROATIA (CRO) SLOVENIA (SVN)	C1 C2 C3 C4	GROUP D USA (USA) FRANCE (FRA) ENGLAND (ENG) GERMANY (GER)	D1 D2 D3 D4	GROUP E GERMANY (GER) CROATIA (CRO) SLOVENIA (SVN) SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)	E1 E2 E3 E4	GROUP F NETHERLANDS (NED) JAPAN (JPN) KOREA REPUBLIC (KOR) SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)	F1 F2 F3 F4	GROUP G NETHERLANDS (NED) JAPAN (JPN) KOREA REPUBLIC (KOR) SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)	G1 G2 G3 G4	GROUP H NETHERLANDS (NED) JAPAN (JPN) KOREA REPUBLIC (KOR) SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)	H1 H2 H3 H4	GROUP I NETHERLANDS (NED) JAPAN (JPN) KOREA REPUBLIC (KOR) SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)	I1 I2 I3 I4	GROUP J NETHERLANDS (NED) JAPAN (JPN) KOREA REPUBLIC (KOR) SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)	J1 J2 J3 J4	GROUP K NETHERLANDS (NED) JAPAN (JPN) KOREA REPUBLIC (KOR) SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)	K1 K2 K3 K4	GROUP L NETHERLANDS (NED) JAPAN (JPN) KOREA REPUBLIC (KOR) SOUTH AFRICA (RSA)	L1 L2 L3 L4
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## Countries Coming to Houston



Netherlands



Germany



Portugal



Curaçao



Uzbekistan



Cabo Verde



Saudi Arabia

- UEFA Play-off B winner [Ukraine/Sweden/Poland/Albania]
- FIFA Play-off 1 winner [Congo DR/Jamaica/New Caledonia]

HOUSTON STADIUM

GERMANY	V	CURAÇAO
JUNE 14 • 12:00 CT		
PORTUGAL	V	FIFA COD/JAM/NCL
JUNE 17 • 12:00 CT		
NETHERLANDS	V	FIFA UKR/SWE/POL/ALB
JUNE 20 • 12:00 CT		
PORTUGAL	V	UZBEKISTAN
JUNE 23 • 12:00 CT		
CABO VERDE	V	SAUDI ARABIA
JUNE 26 • 19:00 CT		

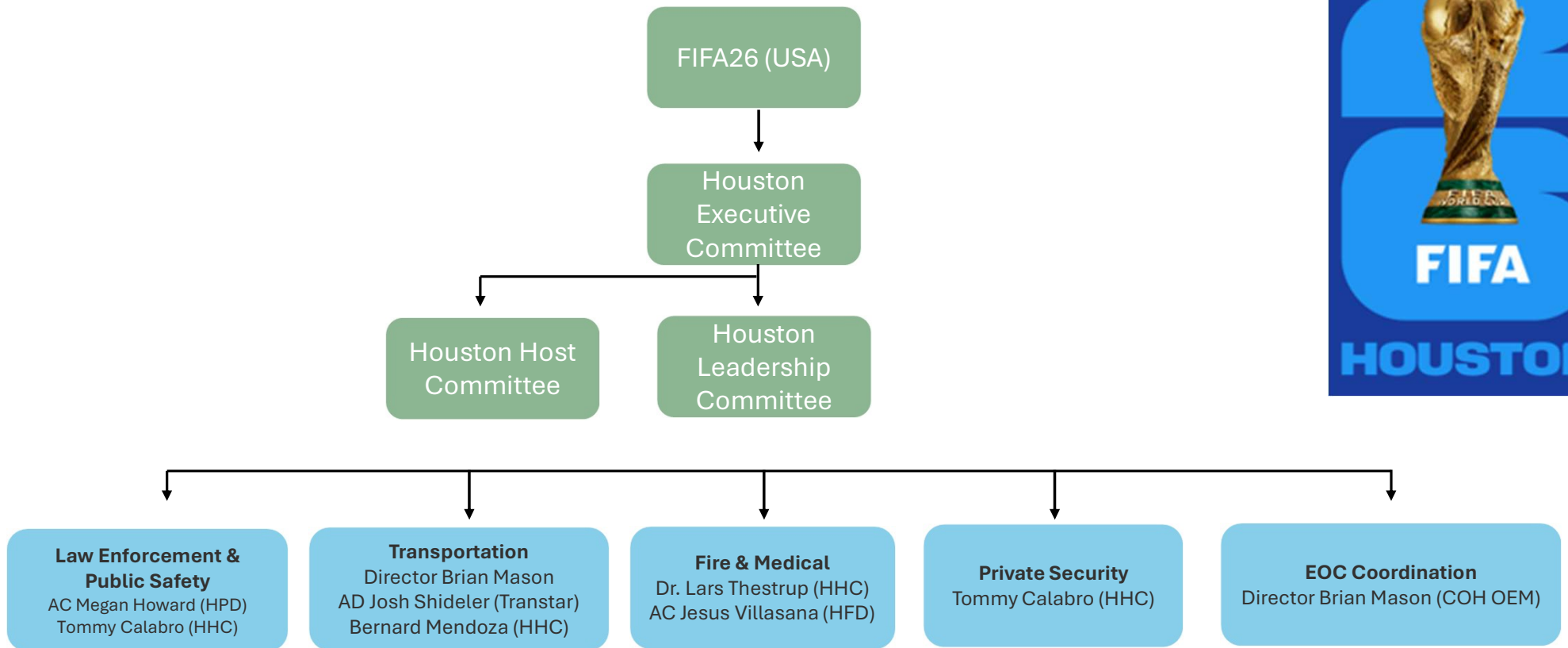
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Safety & Security









# NRG Stadium

- Stadium capacity – 72,000
- Crowds inside and out
- Soccer fans
- Traffic plans
- Operational and tactical resources



## FAN MARCHES

Unknown number marching –  
team dependent\*

Communications with  
organizations

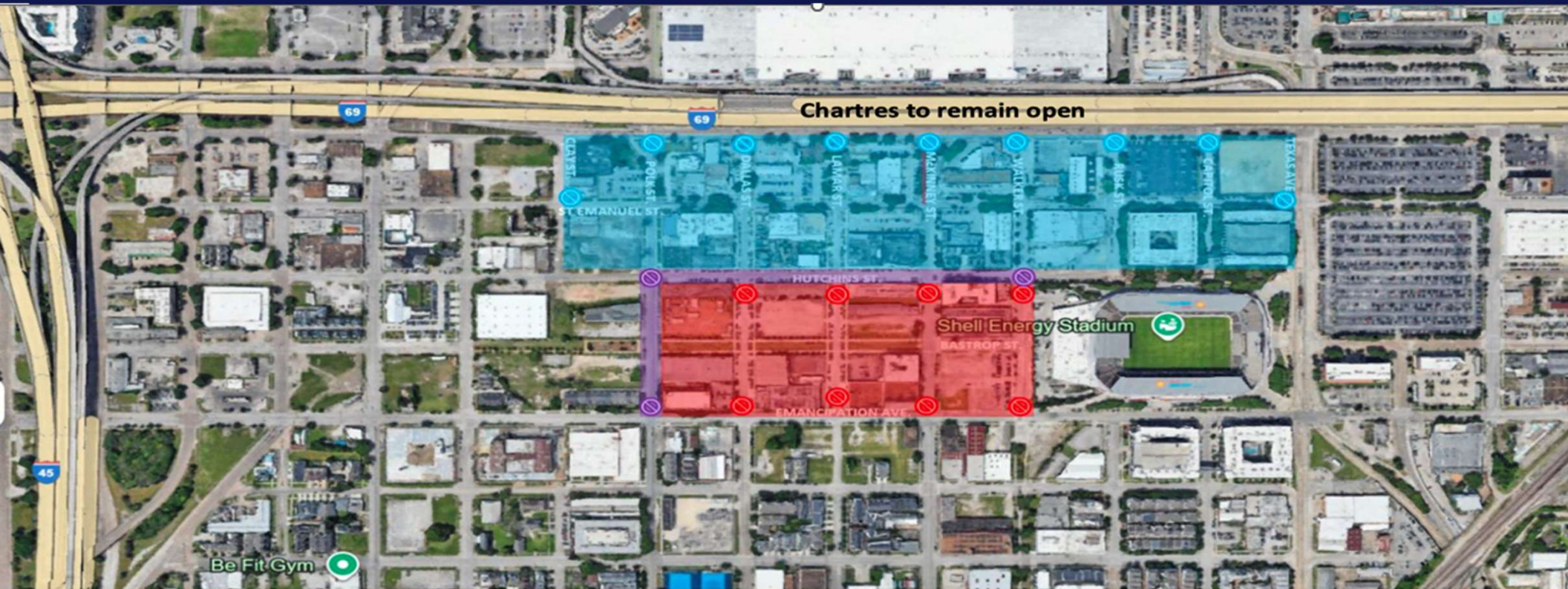
Occur on match days

Assessing several options

Pop-up marches a possibility



# Fan Festival





**HOTELS**

**BASE CAMPS**

**TRAINING SITES**

**AIRPORTS**

