

FIFA World Cup 2026

Safety and Security

Overview



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Presentation Overview



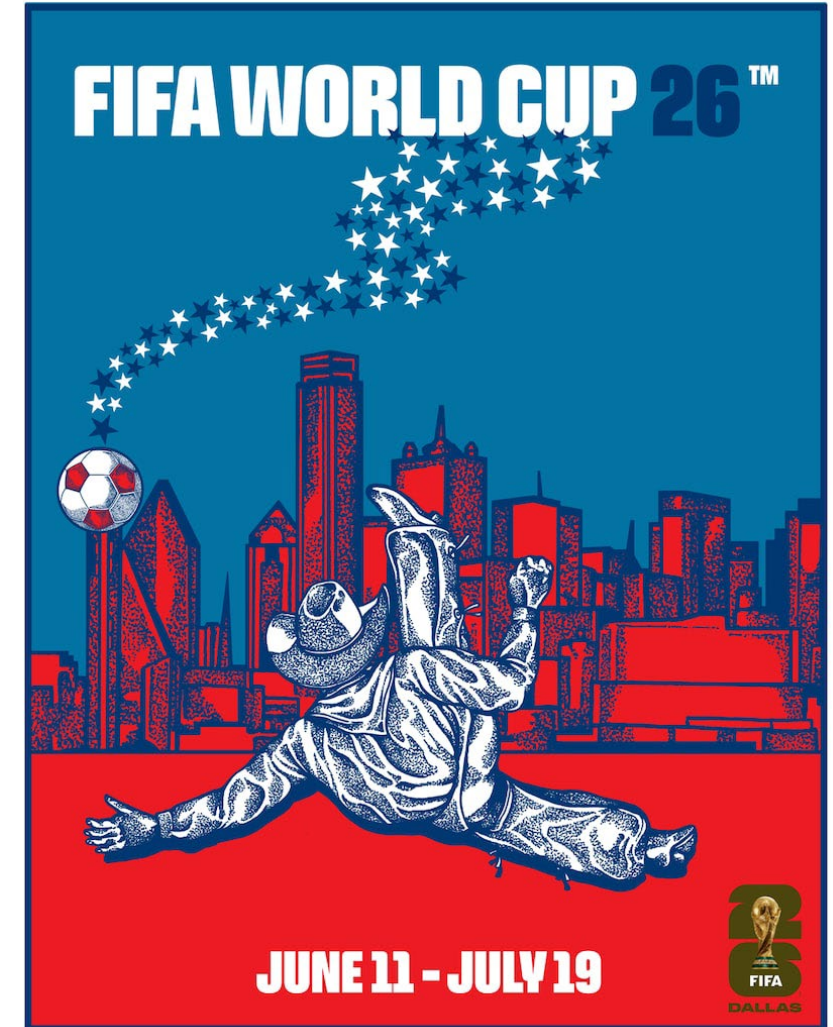
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General FIFA Information



- FIFA World Cup is the largest sporting event in the world.
- 39 Days of Sustained Operations:
 - From 6/11/2026 thru 7/19/2026
 - Dallas Stadium (AT&T Stadium) has a total of 9 matches
- The City of Dallas will be hosting multiple activities and high-profile venues.
- Anticipated impacts: international visitors, global media presence, high-profile dignitaries, and increased security needs.



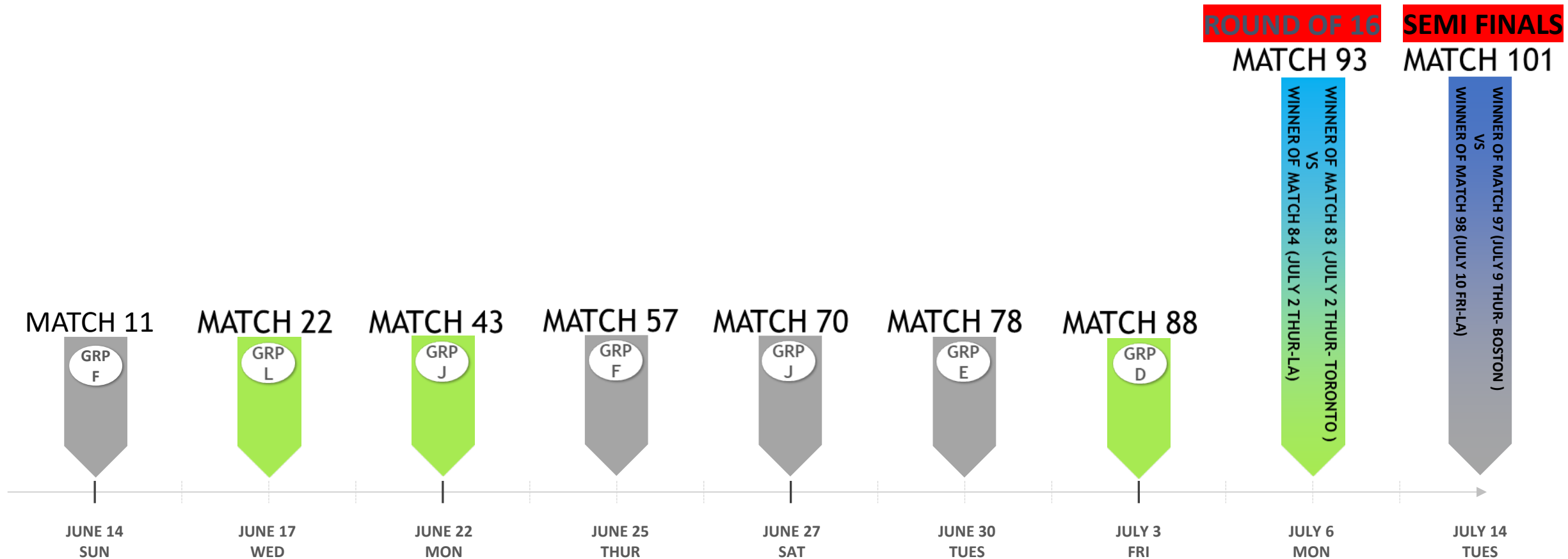
Planning Scope



- This presentation addresses our current planning status with the information available today
- Ongoing planning efforts will be further informed by:
 - Team draw (December 5th, 2025)
 - Selection of base camps (Spring 2026)
 - Funding availability
 - National and global political climate



FIFA – Matches Timeline



Public Safety Objectives



- Ensure public safety and operational continuity throughout the 39-day FIFA World Cup event period by maintaining effective communication, resource coordination, and situational awareness across all involved agencies, stakeholders, and jurisdictions.
- Establish and sustain a unified command structure that facilitates timely decision-making and collaboration, ensuring rapid response to incidents while minimizing disruptions to residents and visitors.



Key Safety and Security Challenges



INTEGRATED PLANNING & PREPAREDNESS COORDINATION

- 25 Key Local Public Safety Planning Partners plus various Key State and Federal Partners
- 27 Venues and Event Sites Potentially Require Public Safety Coverage
- 4 Fusion Centers
- 9 Matches

REGIONAL AREA OF COVERAGE, COORDINATION & MOVEMENT DISTANCES

- The Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) Metroplex contains over 200 incorporated cities/towns
- Escorts and Transportation Challenges

REGIONAL RESOURCE SHARING & RESOURCE PROCUREMENT

- Kansas City & Houston
- Private Security Staffing
- Security Equipment Procurement

INTEGRATED COMMUNICATIONS

- Public and Private Sector Safety & Security

REGIONAL MEDICAL COVERAGE - WEATHER CONDITIONS

- Extreme Summer Heat



Fan Fest (Fair Park)

- **Dates/Hours:** Open daily from 6/11/2026 thru 7/19/2026, 10:00am – 10:00pm (subject to change)
- **Attendance:** Anticipated 35,000 visitors per day (numbers may fluctuate depending on team matchups)
- Produced in partnership with C3 Presents and the Dallas Sports Commission



International Broadcast Center (IBC)



- The IBC is a designated FIFA World Cup 2026 site and will serve as the global hub for television, radio, mobile, and new media operations, providing national and international broadcast connectivity.
- The Exclusive Use Period runs from January 14, 2026 – August 24, 2026, during which the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center will be dedicated exclusively to FIFA with 24/7 access.
- The venue will host thousands of sports broadcast journalists and media professionals from around the world leading up to and throughout the competition.



Other Key Locations



- Training Sites:
 - Southern Methodist University (Highland Park)
 - Cotton Bowl
- Fan Zone:
 - Klyde Warren Park
- Base Camps:
 - FC Dallas Stadium (Frisco)
 - University of North Texas (Denton)
 - Mansfield Multipurpose Stadium
 - TCU (Fort Worth)



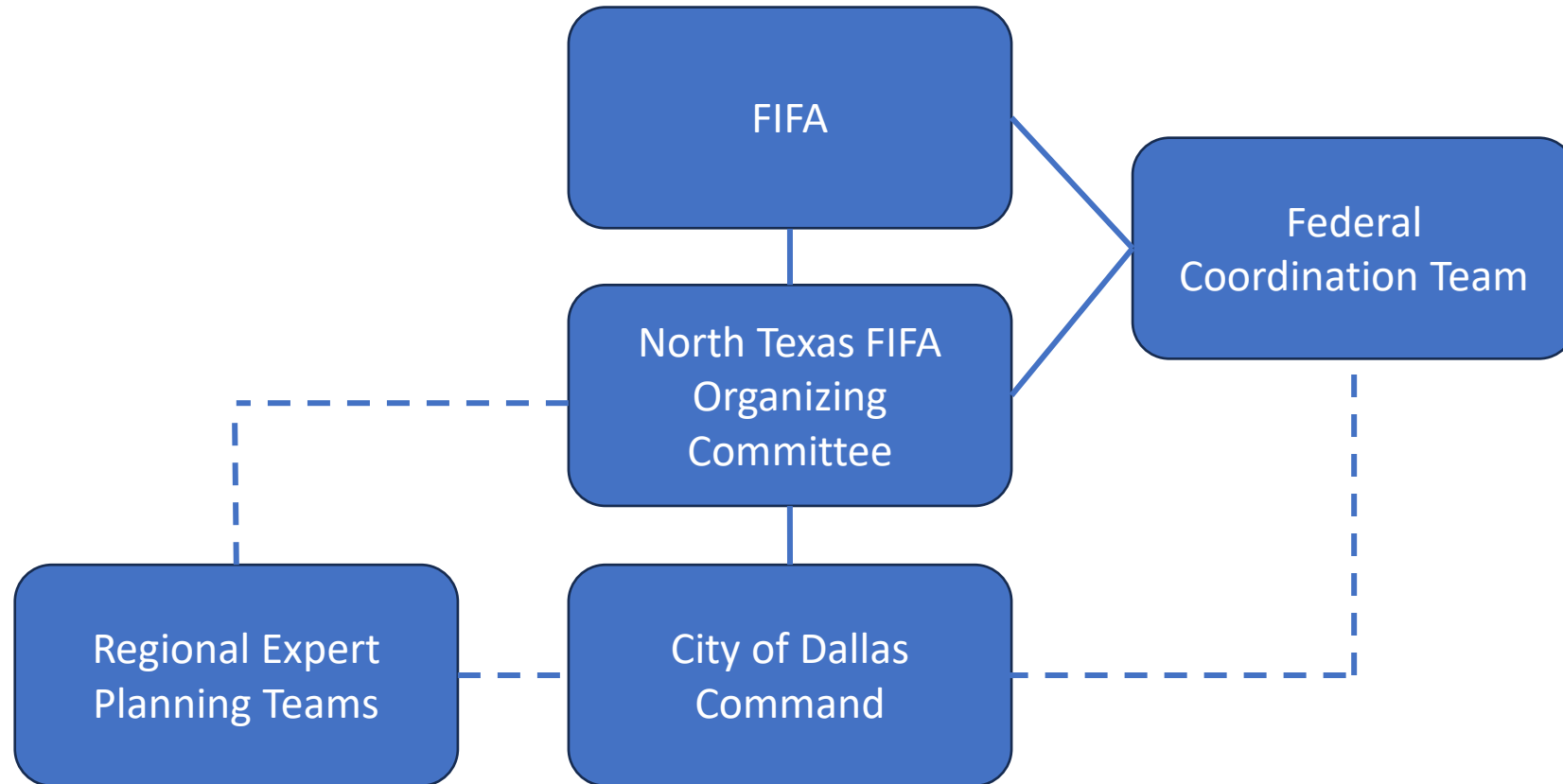
Cross-Agency Collaboration



- **EMCR:** Planning, coordination, EOC activation, consequence management, alerts and warnings.
- **DPD:** Security operations, dignitary protection, traffic management.
- **DFR:** Fire protection & EMS coverage
- Coordination with regional, state, and federal partners.



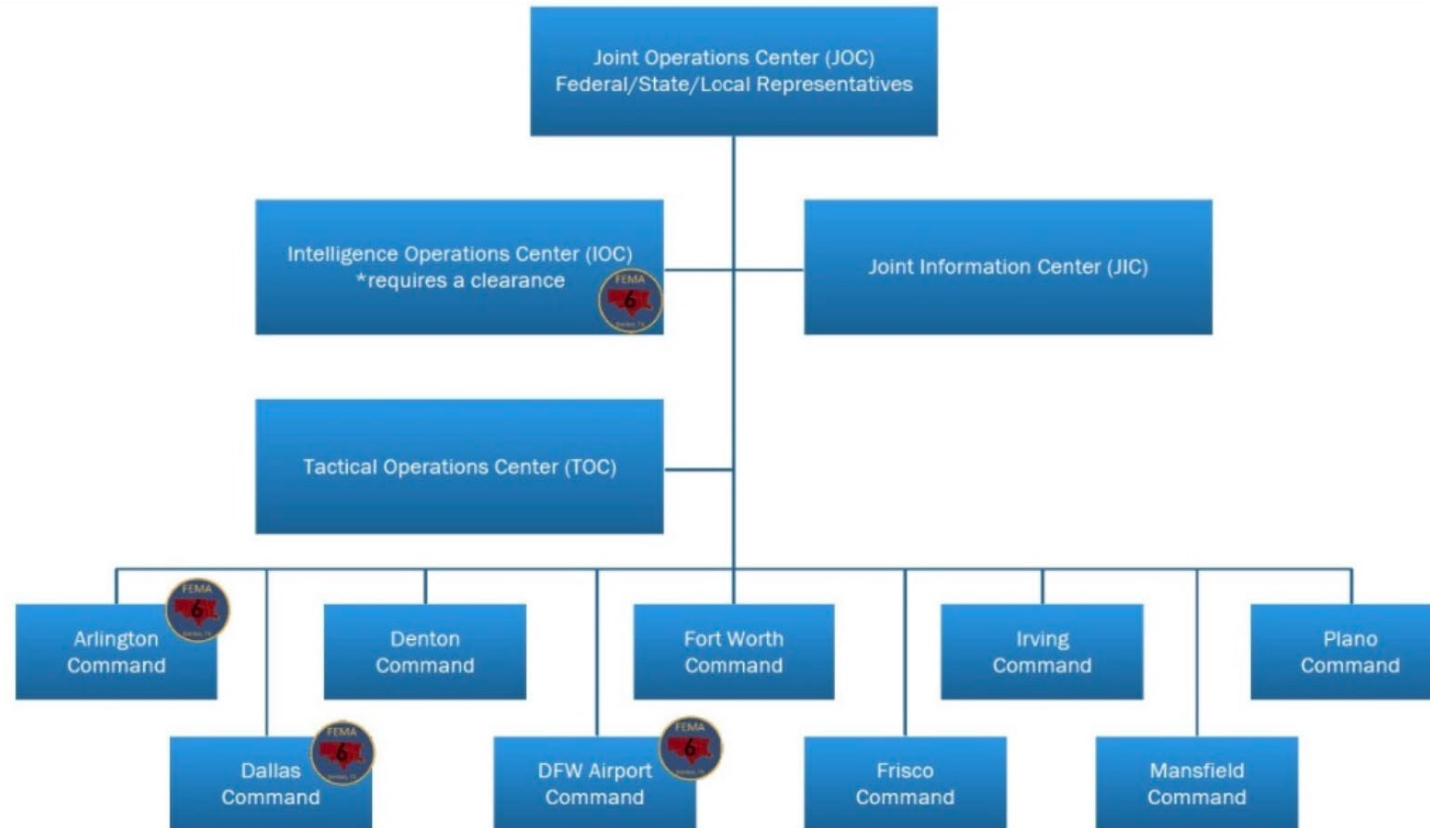
Cross-Agency Collaboration (Cont.)



Public Safety Regional Command & Control



North Texas Public Safety Regional Command & Control Structure



Emergency Management & Crisis Response



- Developing a Concept of Operations (ConOps) in close coordination with DPD and DFR.
- Leading efforts on a unified Emergency Action Plan (EAP) to ensure consistent safety protocols across all FIFA sites.
- Actively engaged with regional partners through the DFW Expert Planning Teams (EPTs) to align planning, response, and recovery strategies.
- Preparing for EOC activation and multi-agency coordination during tournament operations.



Dallas Police Department (DPD)



- Developing and overseeing operational plans for the IBC, Fan Fest, team hotels, training sites, team escorts, and dignitary/VVIP movements
- Allocating appropriate staffing and resources across all venues and FIFA related events, including entertainment districts, to account for increase in visitors and large crowds
- Working with local, state and federal partners throughout North Texas to ensure continuity of information and resources, including regularly scheduled Expert Planning Teams (EPTs) meetings
- Purchasing additional technology (fixed cameras, camera trailers, etc.) and physical barriers for increased security footprint around identified locations



Dallas Fire-Rescue (DFR)



- Collaborate with City Departments and outside partners to prepare operational planning to address areas of Emergency Response for the International Broadcast Center, Fan Fest, team hotels, and training sites, to include:
 - Incident Management
 - Fire
 - EMS
 - Inspections
 - Special Operations
 - Dispatch
- Review/revise staffing levels and training procedures pertaining to mass gatherings and appropriate response.
- Collaborate with EMCR to establish an Incident Management Team to monitor and support city services during the event duration.
- Maintain situational awareness and response throughout the event without causing a negative impact to the delivery of emergency services to the rest of the City.



Next Steps



- **Ongoing Partner Coordination** – Continue joint planning with DPD, DFR, regional partners, and public safety stakeholders.





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