

# FIFA World Cup 2022 schedule- all you need to know



The 2022 FIFA World Cup will be the 22nd edition of the FIFA World Cup, an international football tournament contested by the men's national teams of the member associations of FIFA once every four years. It will be held in Qatar from 21 November to 18 December 2022.

The tournament will be the first World Cup to be held in the Arab world and only the second time two consecutive tournaments have been hosted by different countries, after Mexico and the United Arab Emirates jointly hosted in 2026, with an option for a possible co-hosted 2023 edition in case both countries win their bids to host either or both tournaments. Below [8Xbet](#) tell you the schedule...

## Group Stage

The first stage of any FIFA World Cup is its group stage. In it, 32 teams are divided into eight groups based on geographical location and recent performance in other tournaments. Each team will play three matches, for a total of six games per team. After that, four teams from each group will advance to a round of 16 bracket.

## Host nation: Qatar

Although in theory hosts get an automatic bid, it's likely that FIFA will look for a different country should Qatar win their bid. At least, one would hope. FIFA's history is not good with racism, so there are plenty

of reasons why Qatar shouldn't be hosting – and then there are human rights abuses that have been highlighted by Amnesty International.

## Official FIFA hashtag for the competition: #Qatar2022

according to experts, that's one of those hashtags that's going places. Not only is it short and snappy, but it has a high degree of difficulty, too—which means it might prove popular among soccer fans looking for a challenge. Be sure to incorporate some appropriate emojis into your social posts, just for good measure. And for goodness sake make sure not to mix up Qatar with Russia when referring to FIFA World Cup! (The two places have nothing in common). 😊

## Dates: 21 November – 18 December

Days 1–16 (Round of 16, matches 1–4) 28 November – 15 December: Days 17–31 (Quarter finals, matches 5–8) 14 January – 18 January: Days 32–34 (Semi-finals, matches 9 and 10) 21 January – 25 January: Day 35 (Third place play off match & Final)

## Knockout Stages

The first round of knockout games starts on June 26, and ends with quarterfinal games on July 1. The semi-finals are scheduled for July 2, and they'll lead up to one more day of rest and preparation before July 7's final at Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow.

## Semi Finals/Third Place Playoff

The third placed team of Group C, 4 & 5 will play in a knockout match against each other on 18 June. The winner will then face Group A's second placed team in a knockout match, played on 22 June. The winner of that match will qualify for the final against Group B's first placed team at Luzhniki Stadium, Moscow on Sunday 15 July.

## Final

The final of FIFA world cup is set to be played in Qatar in October 2022. It will be contested by 32 teams, who will qualify through their performance in various stages over two years. Here is everything you need to know about how qualifying works and how we got here.