



Costa Rica national football team

The **Costa Rica national football team** (Spanish: *Selección de fútbol de Costa Rica*) represents Costa Rica in men's international football. The national team is administered by the Costa Rican Football Federation (FEDEFUTBOL), the governing body for football in Costa Rica. It has been a member of the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) since 1927, the Confederation of North, Central American and Caribbean Association Football (CONCACAF) since 1961, and a member of the Central American Football Union (UNCAF) since 1990.








Costa Rica is the most successful national football team from the region of Central America, winning three CONCACAF Championships (1963, 1969, 1989) and leading the Copa Centroamericana tournament with four championships up until 2017, when it was absorbed into the CONCACAF Nations League. Costa Rica is the only national team in Central America to have played in six FIFA World Cup editions. Costa Rica's national football team has the all-time highest average Football Elo Ranking in Central America with 1597.1, and the all-time highest Football Elo Ranking in Central America, with 1806 in 2014.

Since the late 1980s, the team has continuously been visible as a solidly competitive side and has been widely considered to be the second or third best team in the CONCACAF, with a prominent performance in the 1990 FIFA World Cup in Italy, making it to the knockout stage in their debut after finishing second in their group during the first phase, below Brazil. They also qualified for the 2002 and 2006 World Cups. In 2014, Costa Rica achieved their best performance in history by finishing first in their group that consisted of three former World Cup champions: Uruguay, Italy, and England. During the round 16 they defeated Greece 5–3 via a penalty shoot-out after a 1–1 draw. Moreover, during their match against the Greek team, Keylor Navas saved more than 15 shots. They reached the quarter-finals for the first time but were defeated by the Netherlands, also in a penalty shoot-out (3–4) after a scoreless draw on 5 July.^{[4][5]} Both their 2018 and 2022 World Cup campaigns ended in a fourth place group stage exit, with their only points coming from a 2–2 draw against Switzerland in 2018 and a 1–0 win over Japan in 2022.

History

Early history

The national team made its debut in the Independence Centenary Games held in Guatemala City in September 1921, winning their first game 7–0 against El Salvador. In the final, Costa Rica defeated 6–0 Guatemala to claim the trophy.^[6]

<div>Costa Rica</div> <div></div>	
Nickname(s)	<div>Los Ticos (<i>The Ticos</i>)</div> <div>La Sele (<i>The Selection</i>)</div> <div>La Tricolor (<i>The Tricolor</i>)</div>
Association	<u>Federación Costarricense de Fútbol (FCRF)</u> ^[1]
Confederation	<u>CONCACAF</u> (North America)
Sub-confederation	<u>UNCAF</u> (Central America)
Head coach	<u>Gustavo Alfaro</u>
Captain	<u>Francisco Calvo</u>
Most caps	<u>Celso Borges</u> (163)
Top scorer	<u>Rolando Fonseca</u> (47)
Home stadium	<u>Estadio Nacional</u>
FIFA code	CRC
<div><div><div>First colours</div></div><div><div>Second colours</div></div></div>	
FIFA ranking	
Current	49 ▲ 3 (18 July 2024) ^[2]
Highest	13 (February–March 2015)
Lowest	93 (July 1996)
First international	
<div> <u>Costa Rica</u> 7–0 <u>El Salvador</u> <div>(<u>Guatemala City</u>, <u>Guatemala</u>; 14 September 1921)</div></div>	
Biggest win	
<div> <u>Costa Rica</u> 12–0 <u>Puerto Rico</u> <div>(<u>Barranquilla</u>, <u>Colombia</u>; 10 December 1946)</div></div>	
Biggest defeat	

Costa Rica's team in the late 1940s acquired the nickname "The Gold Shorties".^[7] Throughout the '50s and '60s, they were the second strongest team in the CONCACAF zone behind Mexico, finishing runners-up in World Cup qualifying in the 1958, 1962 and 1966 qualifiers. Stars of the side during this period included Ruben Jimenez, Errol Daniels, Leonel Hernandez and Edgar Marin. However, Costa Rica was not able to utilize this advantage, hence failed to reach any World Cup at that decade.

At the end of the 1960s their fortunes declined as Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Haiti, Trinidad & Tobago and Canada rose in prominence.

1980s

Costa Rica failed to qualify for any of the World Cups in the 1970s and 1980s, and did not reach the final round of the CONCACAF qualifying until the 1986 qualifiers.

They participated in two consecutive Summer Olympic Games, in Moscow 1980 and in Los Angeles 1984. In 1980, Costa Rica competed against Yugoslavia, Finland and Iraq in Group D, losing 3–2, 3–0 and 3–0 respectively. In Los Angeles, the Ticos lost 3–0 against the United States, and 4–1 against Egypt, but beat a strong Italy team, which included Walter Zenga, Pietro Vierchowod, Franco Baresi and Aldo Serena, 1–0 with a goal by the midfielder Enrique Rivers.

1990 World Cup

Costa Rica won the 1989 CONCACAF Championship to qualify for the finals of a World Cup for the first time. In the first round of the qualifiers, they beat Panama 3–1 on aggregate after a 2–0 away victory in the second leg, with goals by Juan Cayasso and Hernán Medford. They were drawn against Mexico in the second round, but advanced automatically when their opponents were disqualified for age fraud.

Costa Rica started the final qualifying group stage with a home victory and an away defeat against both Guatemala and the United States. They drew 1–1 with Trinidad and Tobago and then beat the same opponents 1–0 at home with a goal by Cayasso. They achieved an important away win, 4–2 against El Salvador at the Estadio Cuscatlán, with goals from Carlos Hidalgo, Cayasso and a brace from Leonidas Flores, before beating El Salvador 1–0 in San José with a goal from Pastor Fernández. They finished first in the group table, ahead of the United States on goal difference.

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
 Costa Rica	8	5	1	2	10	6	+4	11
 United States	8	4	3	1	6	3	+3	11
 Trinidad and Tobago	8	3	3	2	7	5	+2	9
 Guatemala	6	1	1	4	4	7	−3	3
 El Salvador	6	0	2	4	2	8	−6	2

Source: RSSSF (<https://www.rsssf.org/tablesc/conca89.html>)

<div> Mexico 7–0 <div>Costa Rica</div></div> <div>(Mexico City, Mexico; 17 August 1975)</div>		
<div> Spain 7–0 <div>Costa Rica</div></div> <div>(Doha, Qatar; 23 November 2022)</div>		
World Cup		
Appearances	6 (<i>first in 1990</i>)	
Best result	Quarter-finals (2014)	
CONCACAF Championship / Gold Cup		
Appearances	22 (<i>first in 1963</i>)	
Best result	Champions (1963, 1969, 1989)	
Nations League Finals		
Appearances	1 (<i>first in 2021</i>)	
Best result	Fourth place (2021)	
Copa América		
Appearances	6 (<i>first in 1997</i>)	
Best result	Quarter-finals (2001, 2004)	
Medal record		
CONCACAF Gold Cup		
<div><div></div><div>G</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>1963 El Salvador</div></div>	Team
<div><div></div><div>G</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>1969 Costa Rica</div></div>	Team
<div><div></div><div>G</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>1989 North America</div></div>	Team
<div><div></div><div>S</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>2002 United States</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>Team</div></div>
<div><div></div><div>B</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>1965 Guatemala</div></div>	Team
<div><div></div><div>B</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>1971 Trinidad and Tobago</div></div>	Team
<div><div></div><div>B</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>1985 North America</div></div>	Team
<div><div></div><div>B</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>1993 North America</div></div>	Team
Copa Centroamericana		
<div><div></div><div>G</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>1991 Costa Rica</div></div>	Team
<div><div></div><div>G</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>1997 Guatemala</div></div>	Team
<div><div></div><div>G</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>1999 Cost Rica</div></div>	Team
<div><div></div><div>G</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>2003 Panama</div></div>	Team
<div><div></div><div>G</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>2005 Guatemala</div></div>	Team
<div><div></div><div>G</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>2007 El Salvador</div></div>	Team
<div><div></div><div>G</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>2013 Costa Rica</div></div>	Team
<div><div></div><div>G</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>2014 United States</div></div>	Team
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<div><div></div><div>S</div></div>	<div><div></div><div>2011 Panama</div></div>	Team
Website	<div>fcrf.cr/sele-mayor (https://www.fcrf.cr/category/noticias/seles-masculinas/sele-mayor/)</div>	

Placed in Group C at the World Cup finals, Costa Rica began by beating Scotland 1–0 thanks to another goal by Cayasso. Although they lost to Brazil by the same score, they came from behind to beat Sweden 2–1 in their final group match to reach the knockout stages. There, they lost 4–1 to Czechoslovakia, for whom Tomáš Skuhravý scored a hat-trick.

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification
1	 <u>Brazil</u>	3	3	0	0	4	1	+3	6	Advance to <u>knockout stage</u>
2	 <u>Costa Rica</u>	3	2	0	1	3	2	+1	4	
3	 <u>Scotland</u>	3	1	0	2	2	3	−1	2	
4	 <u>Sweden</u>	3	0	0	3	3	6	−3	0	

Source: FIFA (<https://web.archive.org/web/20150407140015/http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/archive/italy1990/groups/index.html>)

Rules for classification: Group stage tiebreakers



2002 World Cup

The Ticos played first in qualification for the 2002 World Cup held in South Korea and Japan. During the qualifiers, Costa Rica were coached by Brazilian Gílson Nunes, and then by the naturalised Brazilian, Alexandre Guimarães. The first qualifying group stage began with an unexpected 2–1 defeat to Barbados. After this humiliation, Costa Rica beat the United States 2–1 at the Ricardo Saprissa Stadium, with goals from Rolando Fonseca and Hernán Medford. They then beat Guatemala 2–1 in the Estadio Alejandro Morera Soto, with two goals from Paulo Wanchope and Barbados 3–0 at the Ricardo Saprissa, with goals from Jafeth Soto, Fonseca and Medford. A draw against the United States and a 2–1 defeat to Guatemala forced Costa Rica into a play-off against Guatemala in Miami. Costa Rica won 5–2 with two goals from Fonseca and one each from Wanchope, Reynaldo Parks and Jafeth Soto.

Costa Rica displayed fine attacking form during the final qualifying round, beginning with a 2–2 draw against Honduras at the Ricardo Saprissa, with goals from Fonseca and Rodrigo Cordero, and a 3–0 defeat of Trinidad and Tobago at the Morera Soto. Their only loss in this round came when the United States beat them 1–0. Costa Rica bounced back with a 2–1 win against Mexico in Mexico City, a match known as the Aztecazo,^[8] with goals from Fonseca and Medford. Further wins over Jamaica, Honduras and Trinidad and Tobago took Costa Rica to the brink of qualification, which they sealed with an emotional 2–0 win against the United States in the Saprissa, with a double from Fonseca.

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification
1	 <u>Costa Rica</u>	10	7	2	1	17	7	+10	23	Qualified to the <u>2002 FIFA World Cup</u>
2	 <u>Mexico</u>	10	5	2	3	16	9	+7	17	
3	 <u>United States</u>	10	5	2	3	11	8	+3	17	
4	 <u>Honduras</u>	10	4	2	4	17	17	0	14	
5	 <u>Jamaica</u>	10	2	2	6	7	14	−7	8	
6	 <u>Trinidad and Tobago</u>	10	1	2	7	5	18	−13	5	

Source: FIFA (<https://es.fifa.com/worldcup/archive/koreajapan2002/groups/preliminaries/nccamerica/index.html>)

In the finals, Costa Rica were drawn into Group C with Brazil, China, and Turkey. Their campaign started in Gwangju, where the Ticos beat China 2–0. In their second game against Turkey in Incheon, Winston Parks scored an 86th-minute goal to earn a 1–1 draw. Against Brazil, Costa Rica fought back from 3–0 down to 3–2 early in the second half, only to concede two further goals and lose 5–2. With Turkey beating China 3–0, Costa Rica finished behind Turkey on goal difference and were eliminated.

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification
1	 <u>Brazil</u>	3	3	0	0	11	3	+8	9	Advance to <u>knockout stage</u>
2	 <u>Turkey</u>	3	1	1	1	5	3	+2	4	
3	 <u>Costa Rica</u>	3	1	1	1	5	6	−1	4	
4	 <u>China</u>	3	0	0	3	0	9	−9	0	

2006 World Cup

Costa Rica again managed to qualify for the World Cup finals in 2006, albeit with difficulties that saw their American coach Steve Sampson depart after they required away goals to beat Cuba in the preliminary phase. The Colombian Jorge Luis Pinto took over for the next round, which began with a disastrous 5–2 defeat at home against Honduras and a 2–1 loss in Guatemala. Costa Rica recovered with two wins over Canada and a resounding 5–0 triumph over Guatemala, when Wanchope scored a hat-trick and Carlos Hernández and Fonseca added further goals. Costa Rica advanced to the hexagonal round by winning the group.

In the final round they started with a 2–1 defeat against Mexico at the Saprissa, before beating Panama by the same score, with goals from Wayne Wilson and Roy Myrie. Pinto was dismissed after a goalless draw with Trinidad and Tobago, and Guimarães returned as coach. His first match ended in a 3–0 defeat to the United States, but wins followed against Guatemala, Panama and Trinidad and Tobago. Costa Rica decisively beat the United States in the Saprissa, 3–0, with a goal from Wanchope and two from Hernández, to guarantee their third World Cup qualification.

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification						
1	 <u>United States</u>	10	7	1	2	16	6	+10	22^[a]	2006 FIFA World Cup	—	<u>2–0</u>	<u>3–0</u>	<u>1–0</u>	<u>2–0</u>	<u>2–0</u>
2	 <u>Mexico</u>	10	7	1	2	22	9	+13	22^[a]		<u>2–1</u>	—	<u>2–0</u>	<u>2–0</u>	<u>5–2</u>	<u>5–0</u>
3	 <u>Costa Rica</u>	10	5	1	4	15	14	+1	16		<u>3–0</u>	<u>1–2</u>	—	<u>2–0</u>	<u>3–2</u>	<u>2–1</u>
4	 <u>Trinidad and Tobago</u>	10	4	1	5	10	15	–5	13	Inter-confederation play-offs	<u>1–2</u>	<u>2–1</u>	<u>0–0</u>	—	<u>3–2</u>	<u>2–0</u>
5	 <u>Guatemala</u>	10	3	2	5	16	18	–2	11		<u>0–0</u>	<u>0–2</u>	<u>3–1</u>	<u>5–1</u>	—	<u>2–1</u>
6	 <u>Panama</u>	10	0	2	8	4	21	–17	2		<u>0–3</u>	<u>1–1</u>	<u>1–3</u>	<u>0–1</u>	<u>0–0</u>	—

Source: ^[9]

Notes:

- a. Tied on head-to-head points (3). Head-to-head goal difference: United States +1, Mexico –1.

On 9 June 2006, Costa Rica played their debut match in Munich in the opening match of the World Cup against the hosts, Germany. Wanchope scored to equalise after an early goal from Philipp Lahm, and later added another, but Costa Rica lost 4–2. They failed to match this encouraging performance in their remaining two games, losing 3–0 against Ecuador and 2–1 against Poland in a dead rubber.

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification
1	 <u>Germany (H)</u>	3	3	0	0	8	2	+6	9	Advance to <u>knockout stage</u>
2	 <u>Ecuador</u>	3	2	0	1	5	3	+2	6	
3	 <u>Poland</u>	3	1	0	2	2	4	–2	3	
4	 <u>Costa Rica</u>	3	0	0	3	3	9	–6	0	

Source: FIFA (<https://www.fifa.com/worldcup/archive/germany2006/groups/index.html>)

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(H) Hosts

2010 World Cup

Costa Rica began the qualifying competition for the 2010 World Cup against Grenada, winning 5–2 on aggregate (2–2, 3–0). They won all six games played in the next phase, against El Salvador (1–0, 3–1), Haiti (3–1, 2–0) and Suriname (7–0, 4–1).

With two games left in the Hexagonal round, Costa Rica trailed Honduras by one point in trying to win the third automatic qualification place behind the United States and Mexico. When Honduras lost 3–2 at home to the United States, Costa Rica overtook them with a 4–0 win against Trinidad and Tobago. Needing to win the final match in Washington, D.C. against the

United States to ensure qualification, the Ticos led 2–0 at half-time, but Jonathan Bornstein scored an injury-time equaliser to draw the match 2–2. Meanwhile, Honduras's 1–0 victory over El Salvador moved them into third place in the group table on goal difference.

Costa Rica finished fourth, pushing them into a play-off with the fifth-placed team from the CONMEBOL region, Uruguay. The Ticos lost the first leg in San José 1–0, after a goal by Diego Lugano, and finished with ten men after Randall Azofeifa was sent off. In the second leg, played at the Estadio Centenario in Montevideo, Sebastián Abreu put Uruguay ahead twenty minutes from time, and although Walter Centeno equalised, the 1–1 draw sent Uruguay to the World Cup finals, 2–1 on aggregate.

After failing to qualify, the team began a new era, with the young talent of players such as Azofeifa, Keylor Navas, Cristian Bolaños, Michael Barrantes and Joel Campbell. Rónald González was the interim coach before Ricardo La Volpe was appointed in September 2010. He lasted only ten months before being replaced by the Colombian, Jorge Luis Pinto, in his second spell in charge. During this period, Costa Rica played many friendlies against the top-ranked teams in the world, including the world champion Spain, most of them in the new national stadium, the Estadio Nacional, which was opened in 2011.

2014 World Cup

The Ticos' 2014 World Cup campaign began with a 2–2 draw against El Salvador in the third round of the qualifiers. They followed this with a 4–0 win over Guyana with a hat-trick by Álvaro Saborío. Two defeats to Mexico put the Ticos one defeat away from elimination, but they resurrected their campaign with a 1–0 win against El Salvador, with the only goal scored by José Miguel Cubero. They clinched a final round berth with a 7–0 win over Guyana, with goals scored by Randall Brenes, Saborío, Cristian Bolaños, Celso Borges and Cristian Gamboa.

The fourth round began with a 2–2 draw against Panama. In March, Costa Rica lost 1–0 against the United States in Denver, and launched an unsuccessful appeal against the match because of inclement weather.^[10] Costa Rica again fell 1–0 to the United States in the Gold Cup that June.^[11] Costa Rica then won 2–0 against Jamaica, beat Honduras 1–0 against, drew 0–0 at the Azteca against Mexico and won at home 2–0 against Panama. In September, they won 3–1 against the United States in San José.

On 10 September 2013, Costa Rica drew 1–1 with Jamaica, thanks to a goal from Brenes, to qualify with two games to spare. After a 1–0 loss at Honduras and 2–1 win over Mexico in October, Costa Rica finished second in the table, behind the United States.

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification						
1	 United States	10	7	1	2	15	8	+7	22	Qualification to 2014 FIFA World Cup	—	1–0	1–0	2–0	2–0	2–0
2	 Costa Rica	10	5	3	2	13	7	+6	18		3–1	—	1–0	2–1	2–0	2–0
3	 Honduras	10	4	3	3	13	12	+1	15		2–1	1–0	—	2–2	2–2	2–0
4	 Mexico	10	2	5	3	7	9	–2	11	Advance to inter-confederation play-offs	0–0	0–0	1–2	—	2–1	0–0
5	 Panama	10	1	5	4	10	14	–4	8		2–3	2–2	2–0	0–0	—	0–0
6	 Jamaica	10	0	5	5	5	13	–8	5		1–2	1–1	2–2	0–1	1–1	—

Source: ^[12]

Costa Rica were drawn in finals Group D against three previous tournament winners – Italy, England and Uruguay – and were given odds of 2500–1 to win the tournament. However, they beat Uruguay and Italy and drew 0–0 with England to finish top of the group and qualify for the knockout stage.

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification
1	 Costa Rica	3	2	1	0	4	1	+3	7	Advance to knockout stage
2	 Uruguay	3	2	0	1	4	4	0	6	
3	 Italy	3	1	0	2	2	3	–1	3	
4	 England	3	0	1	2	2	4	–2	1	

Source: FIFA (<https://www.fifa.com/worldcup/archive/brazil2014/groups/index.html>)

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In the second round, they beat [Greece](#) 5–3 on penalties after a 1–1 draw, seeing them through to the quarter-finals for the first time. There, they held the [Netherlands](#) to a 0–0 draw after extra time, before losing 4–3 on penalties. Costa Rica rose 12 places to 16th in the [FIFA World Rankings](#). Former player [Rónald González](#) cited their long-term progress since 2007 as the reason for their achievement.^[13]

2018 World Cup

The Ticos' qualification for the [2018 World Cup](#) started with a bye to the [fourth qualifying round](#), where they won five games and drew one, winning their group. In the [final round](#), they finished second behind Mexico to qualify automatically, winning four matches, drawing four and losing two.



Costa Rica national team at the [2018 World Cup](#) in Russia

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification						
1	Mexico	10	6	3	1	16	7	+9	21	Qualification to 2018 FIFA World Cup	—	2–0	1–0	3–0	1–1	3–1
2	Costa Rica	10	4	4	2	14	8	+6	16		1–1	—	0–0	1–1	4–0	2–1
3	Panama	10	3	4	3	9	10	–1	13		0–0	2–1	—	2–2	1–1	3–0
4	Honduras	10	3	4	3	13	19	–6	13	Advance to inter-confederation play-offs	3–2	1–1	0–1	—	1–1	3–1
5	United States	10	3	3	4	17	13	+4	12		1–2	0–2	4–0	6–0	—	2–0
6	Trinidad and Tobago	10	2	0	8	7	19	–12	6		0–1	0–2	1–0	1–2	2–1	—

Source: FIFA (<https://www.fifa.com/worldcup/preliminaries/nccamerica/group=276450/index.html>)

Rules for classification: [Qualification tiebreakers](#)

Costa Rica were drawn in [Group E](#) alongside [Brazil](#), [Switzerland](#) and [Serbia](#). Many key players from 2014 remained in the squad, but they made a disappointing exit at the group stage. Costa Rica lost their first two games, against Serbia and Brazil, without scoring, but drew 2–2 with Switzerland in their last match after equalising in injury time.

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification
1	Brazil	3	2	1	0	5	1	+4	7	Advance to knockout stage
2	Switzerland	3	1	2	0	5	4	+1	5	
3	Serbia	3	1	0	2	2	4	–2	3	
4	Costa Rica	3	0	1	2	2	5	–3	1	

Source: FIFA (<https://www.fifa.com/worldcup/groups/index.html>)

Rules for classification: [Group stage tiebreakers](#)

2022 World Cup

The Ticos' qualification for the [2022 World Cup](#) started with a bye to the final qualifying round. They finished fourth behind the United States to advance to [inter-confederation play-offs](#) winning seven matches, drawing four and losing three. In the inter-confederation play-offs in [Al Rayyan](#), Qatar, Costa Rica won the match 1–0 against New Zealand and qualified for the World Cup.

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification
1	Canada	14	8	4	2	23	7	+16	28	2022 FIFA World Cup
2	Mexico	14	8	4	2	17	8	+9	28	
3	United States	14	7	4	3	21	10	+11	25	
4	Costa Rica	14	7	4	3	13	8	+5	25	Inter-confederation play-offs
5	Panama	14	6	3	5	17	19	−2	21	
6	Jamaica	14	2	5	7	12	22	−10	11	
7	El Salvador	14	2	4	8	8	18	−10	10	
8	Honduras	14	0	4	10	7	26	−19	4	

Source: FIFA (<https://www.fifa.com/tournaments/mens/worldcup/qatar2022/qualifiers/concacaf>), CONCACAF (<https://www.concacaf.com/en/world-cup-qualifying-men/schedule-results-world-cup-qualifying-men/>)

Rules for classification: [Tiebreakers](#)

14 June 2022

21:00 UTC+3

Costa Rica **1–0** **New Zealand**
 Campbell 3' [Report \(https://www.fifa.com/fifaplan/en/match-centre/match/520/286158/286159/400242823?date=2022-06-14&prev=competition\)](https://www.fifa.com/fifaplan/en/match-centre/match/520/286158/286159/400242823?date=2022-06-14&prev=competition)

[Ahmad bin Ali Stadium](#), [Al Rayyan](#) (Qatar)

Attendance: 10,803

Referee: [Mohammed Abdulla Hassan Mohamed](#) (United Arab Emirates)

On November 23, 2022, Costa Rica lost 7–0 against Spain, the biggest World Cup loss since 2010.^[14] This match also tied for their worst defeat in professional football with a match against Mexico, which ended with Mexico 7–0 Costa Rica in Mexico City on 17 August 1975. After defeating [Japan](#) and scoring two goals against [Germany](#) in the first half, the latter scored three goals and eliminated Costa Rica.

Pos	Team	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Qualification
1	Japan	3	2	0	1	4	3	+1	6	Advanced to knockout stage
2	Spain	3	1	1	1	9	3	+6	4	
3	Germany	3	1	1	1	6	5	+1	4	
4	Costa Rica	3	1	0	2	3	11	−8	3	

Source: FIFA (<https://www.fifa.com/fifaplan/en/match-centre/competition/17?date=2022-11-21&tab=competitionStandings>)

Rules for classification: [Group stage tiebreakers](#)

Home stadium

[Estadio Nacional](#) is the home stadium of the Costa Rica national team since its opening on 10 January 2011. This venue hosts their friendly matches as well as the World Cup qualifying matches against [CONCACAF](#) rivals. Previous matches were played in [Estadio Ricardo Saprissa](#) or in [Estadio Alejandro Morera Soto](#).

Team image

Costa Rica traditionally wears a red jersey with blue shorts and white socks. Their away kit historically was a Juventus-style black and white striped jersey with white shorts and white or black socks, due to these colors being the ones of CS La Libertad, one of the oldest clubs in Costa Rica. However, after 1997, the striped kit was replaced by a white kit. In 2015, Boston-based sportswear company New Balance became the provider of the national team, after taking over for Italian company Lotto. Since 2023, Adidas is the kit provider for the national team.



Costa Rica's 2018 FIFA World Cup kit showcased in Limón

Kit sponsorship









Supplier	Period
 Desport	1980–1989
 Lotto	1990–1994
 Reebok	1995–1999
 Trooper	1999
 Atletica	2000–2001
 Joma	2001–2007
 Lotto	2007–2014
 New Balance	2015–2022
 Adidas	2023–present

Results and fixtures

The following is a list of match results in the last 12 months, as well as any future matches that have been scheduled.

 Win  Draw  Loss  Fixture

2023

Friendly	8 September 20:00 UTC+1	Saudi Arabia 	1–3	 Costa Rica	Newcastle, England Stadium: St James' Park
		Al-Bulayhi ⚽ 68'	Report (https://int.soccerway.com/matches/2023/09/08/world/friendlies/saudi-arabia/costa-rica/422084-3/)	Calvo ⚽ 12' Ugalde ⚽ 32' Leal ⚽ 89'	
Friendly	12 September 18:00 UTC+2	Costa Rica 	1–4	 United Arab Emirates	Zaprešić , Croatia Stadium: Ivan Lajlak-Ivić Stadium
		Cascante ⚽ 64'	Report (https://int.soccerway.com/matches/2023/09/12/world/friendlies/costa-rica/united-arab-emirates/4237786/)	Al-Ghassani ⚽ 16', 53' Canedo ⚽ 23' Salmeen ⚽ 38'	
2023–24 Nations League QF	16 November 21:00 UTC–6	Costa Rica 	0–3	 Panama	San José, Costa Rica Stadium: Estadio Ricardo Saprissa Aymá Attendance: 17,787 Referee: Mario Escobar (Guatemala)
			Report (https://www.concacaf.com/en/nations-league/game-details?matchid=713006)	Murillo ⚽ 4' Fajardo ⚽ 29' Waterman ⚽ 60'	
2023–24 Nations League QF	20 November 21:00 UTC–5	Panama 	3–1 (6–1 agg.)	 Costa Rica	Panama City, Panama Stadium: Estadio Rommel Fernández Attendance: 15,288
		Fajardo ⚽ 20' Rodríguez ⚽ 23'	Report (https://www.concacaf.com/en/nations-league/game-details?matchid=713006)	Calvo ⚽ 51'	

Bárceñas ⚽ 43' (pen.) [s-league/game-details?matchid=713010](https://www.concacaf.com/en/concacaf-s-league/game-details?matchid=713010)

Referee: Saíd Martínez (Honduras)

Note: Panama won 6–1 on aggregate and qualified to the 2024 Copa América. Costa Rica advanced to the play-in.

2024

Friendly	2 February 20:00 UTC–6	Costa Rica 🇸🇨	2–0	El Salvador 🇸🇻	San José, Costa Rica Stadium: Estadio Nacional Referee: Steven Madrigal (Costa Rica)
		Daly ⚽ 20' Suárez ⚽ 70'	Report (https://int.soccerway.com/matches/2024/02/03/world/friendlies/costa-rica/el-salvador/4279857/)		
2024 Copa América qualifying play-offs	23 March 18:15 UTC–5	Costa Rica 🇸🇨	3–1	Honduras 🇧🇪	Frisco, United States Stadium: Toyota Stadium Attendance: 15,299 Referee: Ismail Elfath (United States)
		Galo ⚽ 18' Madrigal ⚽ 56' Brenes ⚽ 62'	Report (https://www.concacaf.com/en/nations-league/game-details?matchid=726678)	Chirinos ⚽ 10'	
<i>Note: Costa Rica qualified for the 2024 Copa América after winning this game.</i>					
Friendly	26 March 20:00 UTC–7	Argentina 🇦🇷	3–1	Costa Rica 🇸🇨	Los Angeles, United States Stadium: Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Referee: Josef Mickelson (United States)
		Di María ⚽ 52' Mac Allister ⚽ 56' L. Martínez ⚽ 77'	Report (https://int.soccerway.com/matches/2024/03/27/world/friendlies/argentina/costa-rica/4326190/)	Ugalde ⚽ 34'	
Friendly	31 May 20:00 UTC–6	Costa Rica 🇸🇨	0–0	Uruguay A' 🇺🇾	San José, Costa Rica Stadium: Estadio Nacional de Costa Rica Referee: Óscar Barrera (El Salvador)
			Report (https://int.soccerway.com/matches/2024/06/01/world/friendlies/costa-rica/uruguay/4356071/)		
2026 FIFA World Cup qualification	6 June 20:30 UTC–6	Costa Rica 🇸🇨	4–0	Saint Kitts and Nevis 🇰🇳	San José, Costa Rica Stadium: Estadio Nacional de Costa Rica Attendance: 5,150 Referee: Julio Luna (Guatemala)
		Galo ⚽ 40', 49' Alcócer ⚽ 82' Rojas ⚽ 84'	Report (https://www.fifa.com/en/match-centre/match/520/288301/288302/400017724)		
2026 FIFA World Cup qualification	9 June 17:30 UTC–4	Grenada 🇬🇩	0–3	Costa Rica 🇸🇨	St. George's, Grenada Stadium: Kirani James Athletic Stadium Attendance: 2,780 Referee: Steffon Dewar (Jamaica)
			Report (https://www.fifa.com/en/match-centre/match/520/288301/288302/400017727)	Ugalde ⚽ 9' Zamora ⚽ 34' Taylor ⚽ 70'	
2024 Copa América GS	24 June 18:00 UTC–7	Brazil 🇧🇷	0–0	Costa Rica 🇸🇨	Inglewood, United States Stadium: SoFi Stadium Attendance: 67,158 Referee: César Ramos (Mexico)
			Report (https://www.concacaf.com/en/copa-america/game-details?matchid=726965)		
2024 Copa América GS	28 June 15:00 UTC–7	Colombia 🇨🇴	3–0	Costa Rica 🇸🇨	Glendale, United States Stadium: State Farm Stadium Attendance: 27,386 Referee: Gustavo Tejera (Uruguay)
		Díaz ⚽ 31' (pen.) Sánchez ⚽ 59' Córdoba ⚽ 62'	Report (https://www.concacaf.com/en/copa-america/game-details?matchid=726974)		

2024 Copa América GS	2 July	Costa Rica 	2–1	 Paraguay	Austin, United States
	20:00 UTC−6	Calvo  3' Alcócer  7'	Report (https://www.concacaf.com/en/copa-america/game-details?matchid=726982)	Sosa  55'	Stadium: Q2 Stadium Attendance: 12,765 Referee: Yael Falcón (Argentina)
2024–25 Nations League	5 September	Costa Rica 	v	 Guadeloupe	Costa Rica
	--:-- UTC−6				Stadium: TBD
2024–25 Nations League	9 September	Guatemala 	v	 Costa Rica	Guatemala
	--:-- UTC−6				Stadium: TBD
2024–25 Nations League	11 October	Suriname 	v	 Costa Rica	Suriname
	--:-- UTC−3				Stadium: TBD
2024–25 Nations League	15 October	Costa Rica 	v	 Guatemala	Costa Rica
	--:-- UTC−6				Stadium: TBD

2025

2026 FIFA World Cup qualification	7 June	Bahamas 	v	 Costa Rica	Bahamas
	--:-- UTC−4				
2026 FIFA World Cup qualification	10 June	Costa Rica 	v	 Trinidad and Tobago	Costa Rica
	--:-- UTC−6				

Coaching staff

Position	Name
Manager	 <u>Gustavo Alfaro</u>
Assistant coach 1	 <u>Carlos Gonzalez</u>
Assistant coach 2	 <u>Claudio Cristofanelli</u>
Goalkeeper's coach	 <u>Diego Martin Carranza</u>
Fitness coach 1	 <u>Sergio Omar</u>
Fitness coach 2	 <u>Pedro Ignacio</u>
Video analyst	 <u>Alejandro Juan</u>
Doctor	 <u>Alejandro Ramírez</u>
Physiotherapist	 <u>Martha Sisfontes</u>
Physiotherapist	 <u>Brayner Sánchez</u>
Nutritionist	 <u>Alhelí Mateos</u>
Massage therapist	 <u>Óscar Segura</u>
Props	 <u>Randall Obando</u>
Props	 <u>Alberto Mena</u>
Team administrator	 <u>Alvaro Herrera</u>
Sporting director	 <u>Claudio Vivas</u>


































































Current manager Gustavo Alfaro

Coaching history

Caretaker managers are listed in *italics*.

-  Eladio Rosabal Cordero (1921)
-  Manolo Rodríguez (1930)





-  [Ricardo Saprissa](#) (1935–1938)
-  [Alejandro Morera Soto](#) (1941, 1943)
-  [Jorge Rojas](#) (1943)
-  [Hernán Bolaños](#) (1946); (1948)
-  [Randolph Galloway](#) &  [Hernán Bolaños](#) (1946)
-  [Santiago Bonilla](#) (1950)
-  [Ismael Quesada](#) (1951)
-  [Ricardo Saprissa](#) &  [Luis Cartín Paniagua](#) (1951)
-  [Otto Bumbel](#) (1953)
-  [Alfredo Piedra](#) (1955–1957)
-  [Rubén Amorín](#) (1960)
-  [Hugo Tassara](#) (1960)
-  [Eduardo Toba Muíño](#) (1961)
-  [Alfredo Piedra](#) (1961–1963)
-  [Eduardo Viso Abella](#),  [Alfredo Piedra](#), &  [Mario "Catato" Cordero](#) (1965)
-  [Rodolfo Ulloa Antillón](#) (1967–1968)
-  [Américo Brunner](#) (1968)
-  [Rogelio Rojas](#) (1969)
-  [Marvin Rodríguez](#) (1969, 1971, 1975, 1989–1990, 1992, 1999–2000)
-  [Eduardo Viso Abella](#) (1970)
-  [Humberto Maschio](#) (1972)
-  [José Etchegoyen](#) (1975)
-  [Juan José Gámez](#) (1976)
-  [Antonio Moyano](#) (1979–1980, 1983–1984, 1994)
-  [Ivan Mráz](#) (1980)
-  [Odir Jacques](#) (1985)
-  [Álvaro Grant MacDonald](#) (1985, 1993)
-  [Gustavo De Simone](#) (1987–1989)
-  [Antonio Moyano](#) &  [Marvin Rodríguez](#) (1989)
-  [Bora Milutinović](#) (1990)
-  [Rolando Villalobos](#) (1991, 1998)
-  [Héctor Núñez](#) (1992)
-  [Juan José Gámez](#) (1993)
-  [Juan Luis Hernández Fuertes](#) (1993–1994, 1997)
-  [Toribio Rojas](#) (1994–1995)
-  [Juan Blanco](#) (1995)
-  [Valdeir Vieira](#) (1996)
-  [Horacio Cordero](#) (1997)
-  [Francisco Maturana](#) (1998–1999)
-  [Gilson Nunes](#) (2000)
-  [Alexandre Guimarães](#) (2001–2002, 2005–2006)
-  [Rodrigo Kenton](#) (2002)
-  [Steve Sampson](#) (2003–2004)
-  [Jorge Luis Pinto](#) (2004–2005, 2011–2014)
-  [Carlos Watson](#) (2006)
-  [Hernán Medford](#) (2007–2008)
-  [Rodrigo Kenton](#) (2008–2009)
-  [Renê Simões](#) (2009)
-  [Rónald González](#) (2010, 2018)
-  [Ricardo La Volpe](#) (2010–2011)
-  [Paulo Wanchope](#) (2014–2015)
-  [Óscar Ramírez](#) (2015–2018)
-  [Gustavo Matosas](#) (2018–2019)
-  [Douglas Sequeira](#) (2019)
-  [Rónald González Brenes](#) (2019–2021)
-  [Luis Fernando Suárez](#) (2021–2023)
-  [Claudio Vivas](#) (2023)
-  [Gustavo Alfaro](#) (2023–present)

Players

Current squad

The following 26 players were called up to the squad for the [2024 Copa América](#).^[15]

Caps and goals as of 2 July 2024, after the match against  Paraguay.

No.	Pos.	Player	Date of birth (age)	Caps	Goals	Club
1	GK	<u>Kevin Chamorro</u>	8 April 2000	11	0	 <u>Estoril</u>
18	GK	<u>Aarón Cruz</u>	25 May 1991	4	0	 <u>Herediano</u>
23	GK	<u>Patrick Sequeira</u>	1 March 1999	8	0	 <u>Ibiza</u>
2	DF	<u>Gerald Taylor</u>	28 May 2001	7	1	 <u>Heart of Midlothian</u>
3	DF	<u>Jeyland Mitchell</u>	29 September 2004	7	0	 <u>Feyenoord</u>
4	DF	<u>Juan Pablo Vargas</u>	6 June 1995	25	3	 <u>Millonarios</u>
5	DF	<u>Fernán Faerrón</u>	22 August 2000	2	0	 <u>Herediano</u>
6	DF	<u>Julio Cascante</u>	3 October 1993	9	1	 <u>Austin FC</u>
8	DF	<u>Joseph Mora</u>	15 January 1993	12	0	 <u>Saprissa</u>
15	DF	<u>Francisco Calvo</u>	8 July 1992	96	12	 <u>Juárez</u>
22	DF	<u>Haxzel Quirós</u>	3 June 1998	7	0	 <u>Herediano</u>
25	DF	<u>Yeison Molina</u>	25 January 1996	1	0	 <u>Guanacasteca</u>
26	DF	<u>Douglas Sequeira</u>	16 September 2003	0	0	 <u>Saprissa</u>
10	MF	<u>Brandon Aguilera</u>	28 June 2003	19	0	 <u>Rio Ave</u>
11	MF	<u>Ariel Lassiter</u>	27 September 1994	23	1	 <u>CF Montréal</u>
13	MF	<u>Jefferson Brenes</u>	13 April 1997	14	1	 <u>Saprissa</u>
14	MF	<u>Orlando Galo</u>	11 August 2000	19	3	 <u>Riga</u>
16	MF	<u>Alejandro Bran</u>	5 March 2001	8	0	 <u>Minnesota United</u>
20	MF	<u>Josimar Alcócer</u>	7 July 2004	13	2	 <u>Westerlo</u>
7	FW	<u>Anthony Contreras</u>	29 January 2000	28	4	 <u>Riga</u>
9	FW	<u>Manfred Ugalde</u>	25 May 2002	12	3	 <u>Spartak Moscow</u>
12	FW	<u>Joel Campbell</u>	26 June 1992	142	27	 <u>Atlético Goianiense</u>
17	FW	<u>Warren Madrigal</u>	24 July 2004	15	1	 <u>Saprissa</u>
19	FW	<u>Kenneth Vargas</u>	17 April 2002	6	0	 <u>Heart of Midlothian</u>
21	FW	<u>Álvaro Zamora</u>	9 March 2002	14	1	 <u>Aris</u>
24	FW	<u>Andy Rojas</u>	5 December 2005	2	1	 <u>Herediano</u>

Recent call-ups

The following players have been called up within the last twelve months.

Pos.	Player	Date of birth (age)	Caps	Goals	Club	Latest call-up
GK	Alexandre Lezcano	26 August 2001	0	0	 Herediano	Microcycle , 27–31 May 2024
GK	Keylor Navas ^{RET}	15 December 1986	114	0	<i>Unattached</i>	v.  Argentina , 26 March 2024
GK	Kevin Briceño	21 October 1991	1	0	 Cartaginés	v.  El Salvador , 2 February 2024
DF	Yurguin Román	19 January 1997	0	0	 San Carlos	v.  Uruguay , 31 May 2024
DF	Joseth Peraza	9 December 2004	0	0	 San Carlos	v.  Uruguay , 31 May 2024
DF	Iverson Salmerón	6 March 2003	0	0	 Municipal Grecia	Microcycle , 27–31 May 2024
DF	Yael López	17 December 1998	3	0	 Alajuelense	v.  Argentina , 26 March 2024
DF	Alexis Gamboa	20 March 1999	3	0	 Alajuelense	v.  Argentina , 26 March 2024
DF	Pablo Arboine	April 3, 1998	9	0	 Saprissa	v.  Argentina , 26 March 2024
DF	Jefry Valverde	10 June 1995	3	0	 Saprissa	v.  El Salvador , 2 February 2024
DF	Ian Lawrence	28 May 2002	4	0	 Alajuelense	v.  El Salvador , 2 February 2024
DF	Giancarlo González	8 February 1988	90	2	 Sporting San José	v.  Panama , 20 November 2023
DF	Bryan Oviedo	18 February 1990	81	2	 Real Salt Lake	v.  Panama , 20 November 2023
DF	Rónald Matarrita	9 July 1994	54	3	 Alajuelense	v.  United Arab Emirates , 12 September 2023
DF	Carlos Barahona	22 August 2002	0	0	 Apollon Limassol	v.  United Arab Emirates , 12 September 2023
DF	Elián Quesada	19 February 2005	0	0	 Arsenal Under-21s and Academy	v.  Saudi Arabia , 8 September 2023
MF	Carlos Mora	18 March 2001	8	0	 U Craiova	v.  Uruguay , 31 May 2024
MF	Douglas López	21 September 1998	3	0	 Cartaginés	v.  Uruguay , 31 May 2024
MF	Allan Cruz	24 February 1996	24	2	 Herediano	Microcycle , 27–31 May 2024
MF	Elías Aguilar	7 November 1991	22	2	 Herediano	Microcycle , 27–31 May 2024
MF	Kendall Porras	8 September 2002	0	0	 Sporting San José	Microcycle , 27–31 May 2024
MF	Randall Leal	14 January 1997	29	1	 Nashville	v.  El Salvador , 2 February 2024
MF	Aarón Suárez	27 June 2002	7	1	 Alajuelense	v.  El Salvador , 2 February 2024
MF	Luis Flores	23 January 1994	1	0	 Sporting San José	v.  El Salvador , 2 February 2024
MF	Yeltsin Tejeda	17 March 1992	78	1	 Herediano	v.  Panama , 20 November 2023
MF	Jewison Bennette	15 June 2004	11	2	 Sunderland	v.  Panama , 20 November 2023
MF	Sebastián Acuña	25 June 2002	0	0	 San Carlos	v.  Panama , 20 November 2023
MF	Youstin Salas	17 June 1996	6	0	 Saprissa	v.  Panama , 16 November 2023
MF	Cristopher Núñez	8 December 1997	5	0	 Lamia	v.  United Arab Emirates , 12 September 2023
MF	David Guzmán	18 February 1990	64	0	 Saprissa	v.  Saudi Arabia , 8 September 2023

FW	<u>Steven Cárdenas</u>	13 December 1991	0	0	 Sporting San José	v. Uruguay, 31 May 2024
FW	<u>Julián Ugalde</u>	12 April 2005	0	0	 Municipal Grecia	Microcycle, 27–31 May 2024
FW	<u>Jostin Daly</u>	23 April 1998	2	1	 Cartaginés	v. El Salvador, 2 February 2024
<div> <div>INJ</div> <div>Withdrew due to injury.</div> </div> <div> <div>RET</div> <div>Retired from the national team.</div> </div> <div> <div>ILL</div> <div>Withdrew due to illness.</div> </div> <div> <div>PRE</div> <div>Preliminary squad.</div> </div> <div> <div>WD</div> <div>Withdrew for personal reasons.</div> </div>						

Records

As of 2 July 2024^[16]
*Players in **bold** are still active with Costa Rica.*

Most appearances

Rank	Player	Caps	Goals	Career
1	<u>Celso Borges</u>	163	27	2008–2023
2	<u>Bryan Ruiz</u>	147	29	2005–2022
3	<u>Joel Campbell</u>	142	27	2011–present
4	<u>Walter Centeno</u>	137	24	1995–2009
5	<u>Luis Marín</u>	128	5	1993–2009
6	<u>Keylor Navas</u>	114	0	2008–2024
7	<u>Rolando Fonseca</u>	113	47	1992–2011
8	<u>Álvaro Saborío</u>	112	36	2002–2021
9	<u>Mauricio Solís</u>	110	6	1993–2006
10	<u>Michael Umaña</u>	102	1	2004–2017



Celso Borges is Costa Rica's most capped player with 163 appearances.

Top goalscorers































Rank	Player	Goals	Caps	Ratio	Career
1	<u>Rolando Fonseca</u>	47	113	0.42	1992–2011
2	<u>Paulo Wanchope</u>	45	73	0.62	1996–2008
3	<u>Álvaro Saborío</u>	36	112	0.32	2002–2021
4	<u>Bryan Ruiz</u>	29	147	0.2	2005–2022
5	<u>Juan Ulloa</u>	27	27	1	1955–1970
	<u>Joel Campbell</u>	27	142	0.19	2011–present
	<u>Celso Borges</u>	27	163	0.17	2008–2023
8	<u>Rónald Gómez</u>	24	91	0.26	1993–2008
	<u>Walter Centeno</u>	24	137	0.18	1995–2009
10	<u>Jorge Monge</u>	23	27	0.85	1955–1961



Rolando Fonseca is Costa Rica's all-time top scorer with 47 goals.

Competitive record
































FIFA World Cup

FIFA World Cup record										Qualification record					
Year	Round	Position	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Squad	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
 1930	Did not enter									Declined invitation					
 1934										Did not enter					
 1938	Withdrew									Withdrew					
 1950	Did not enter									Did not enter					
 1954	Entry not accepted by FIFA									Entry not accepted by FIFA					
 1958	Did not qualify									6	4	1	1	16	7
 1962										9	5	1	3	22	14
 1966										8	5	2	1	17	3
 1970										4	2	1	1	7	3
 1974										2	0	1	1	4	5
 1978										6	1	4	1	8	6
 1982										8	1	4	3	6	10
 1986										8	2	5	1	10	8
 1990	Round of 16	13th	4	2	0	2	4	6	Squad	10	6	2	2	13	7
 1994	Did not qualify									8	4	0	4	16	11
 1998										16	7	3	6	22	17
  2002	Group stage	19th	3	1	1	1	5	6	Squad	17	11	3	3	31	10
 2006		31st	3	0	0	3	3	9	Squad	18	8	4	6	30	25
 2010	Did not qualify									20	12	3	5	41	22
 2014	Quarter-finals	8th	5	2	3	0	5	2	Squad	16	8	4	4	27	12
 2018	Group stage	29th	3	0	1	2	2	5	Squad	16	9	5	2	25	11
 2022		27th	3	1	0	2	3	11	Squad	15	8	4	3	14	8
   2026	Qualification in progress									2	2	0	0	7	0
   2030	To be determined									To be determined					
 2034															
Total	Group stage	6/22	21	6	5	10	22	39	—	189	95	47	47	316	184

FIFA World Cup history	
First match	 Costa Rica 1–0  Scotland (11 June 1990; Genoa, Italy)
Biggest win	 Uruguay 1–3  Costa Rica (14 June 2014; Fortaleza, Brazil)
Biggest defeat	 Spain 7–0  Costa Rica (23 November 2022; Doha, Qatar)
Best result	Quarter-finals (2014)
Worst result	Group stage (2002, 2006, 2018, 2022)








*Draws include knockout matches decided via penalty shoot-out.



CONCACAF Gold Cup

CONCACAF Championship & Gold Cup record										Qualification record					
Year	Round	Position	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Squad	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
 1963	Champions	1st	6	5	1	0	14	2	Squad	Qualified automatically					
 1965	Third place	3rd	5	2	2	1	11	4	Squad	Automatically entered					
 1967	Did not enter									Did not enter					
 1969	Champions	1st	5	4	1	0	13	2	Squad	Qualified as hosts					
 1971	Third place	3rd	5	2	1	2	6	5	Squad	Qualified as defending champions					
 1973	Did not qualify									2	0	1	1	4	5
 1977										6	1	4	1	8	6
 1981										8	1	4	3	6	10
1985	Third place	3rd	8	2	5	1	10	8	Squad	5	1	0	4	5	9
1989	Champions	1st	8	5	1	2	10	6	Squad	Qualified automatically					
 1991	Fourth place	4th	5	1	0	4	5	9	Squad	Qualified as defending champions					
  1993	Third place	3rd	5	1	3	1	6	5	Squad	5	4	0	1	11	2
 1996	Did not qualify									4	1	1	2	5	6
 1998	Group stage	5th	2	1	0	1	8	4	Squad	5	3	2	0	12	3
 2000	Quarter-finals	6th	3	0	2	1	5	6	Squad	5	3	0	2	13	3
 2002	Runners-up	2nd	5	3	1	1	8	5	Squad	5	2	2	1	8	5
  2003	Fourth place	4th	5	2	0	3	10	8	Squad	5	4	1	0	5	1
 2005	Quarter-finals	6th	4	2	1	1	6	4	Squad	4	3	1	0	8	2
 2007		7th	4	1	1	2	3	4	Squad	4	2	1	1	6	3
 2009	Semi-finals	4th	5	2	2	1	10	6	Squad	4	3	1	0	9	1
 2011	Quarter-finals	5th	4	1	2	1	8	6	Squad	4	1	2	1	5	4
 2013		5th	4	2	0	2	4	2	Squad	5	4	1	0	6	1
  2015		7th	4	0	3	1	3	4	Squad	3	2	1	0	7	3
 2017	Semi-finals	4th	5	3	1	1	6	3	Squad	5	1	3	1	4	2
   2019	Quarter-finals	5th	4	2	1	1	8	4	Squad	Qualified automatically					
 2021		5th	4	3	0	1	6	4	Squad	4	1	3	0	4	3
  2023		7th	4	1	1	2	7	8	Squad	4	2	0	2	4	4
Total	3 Titles	22/27	104	45	29	30	167	109	—	82	38	28	16	125	64









CONCACAF Championship & Gold Cup history	
First match	 Costa Rica 6–0 Jamaica (24 March 1963; <u>Santa Ana</u> , El Salvador)
Biggest win	 Costa Rica 6–0 Jamaica (24 March 1963; Santa Ana, El Salvador) Costa Rica 6–0 Netherlands Antilles (28 March 1965; <u>Guatemala City</u> , Guatemala)
Biggest defeat	 Mexico 4–1 Costa Rica (12 June 2011; Chicago, United States)
Best result	Champions (1963, 1969, 1989)
Worst result	Quarter-finals (<u>2007</u> , <u>2015</u> , 2023)

CONCACAF Nations League

CONCACAF Nations League record																		
League										Finals								
Season	Division	Group	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	P/R	Year	Result	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Squad
<u>2019–20</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>D</u>	4	1	3	0	4	3		 <u>2021</u>	Fourth place	2	0	2	0	2	0	<u>Squad</u>
<u>2022–23</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	4	2	0	2	4	4		 <u>2023</u>	Did not qualify							
<u>2023–24</u>	<u>A</u>	Bye								 <u>2024</u>								
<u>2024–25</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	To be determined							 <u>2025</u>	To be determined							
Total	—	—	8	3	3	2	8	7	—	Total	0 Titles	2	0	2	0	2	0	—

CONCACAF Nations League history	
First match	 Haiti 1–1  Costa Rica (10 October 2019; <u>Nassau</u> , Bahamas)
Biggest win	 Costa Rica 2–0  Martinique (5 June 2022; <u>San José</u> , Costa Rica)
Biggest defeat	 Costa Rica 0–3  Panama (16 November 2023; <u>San José</u> , Costa Rica)
Best result	Fourth place (<u>2019–20</u>)
Worst result	Eighth place (<u>2023–24</u>)

Copa América

Copa América record									
Year	Round	Position	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	Squad
 1993*	Not invited								
 1995									
 1997	Group stage	10th	3	0	1	2	2	10	<u>Squad</u>
 1999	Not invited								
 2001	Quarter-finals	5th	4	2	1	1	7	3	<u>Squad</u>
 2004		7th	4	1	0	3	3	8	<u>Squad</u>
 2007	Not invited								
 2011	Group stage	9th	3	1	0	2	2	4	<u>Squad</u>
 2015	Not invited								
 2016	Group stage	10th	3	1	1	1	3	6	<u>Squad</u>
 2019	Not invited								
 2021									
 2024	Group stage	10th	3	1	1	1	2	4	<u>Squad</u>
Total	Quarter-finals	6/13	20	6	4	10	19	35	—

**The 1993 Copa América was the first time nations from outside CONMEBOL were invited.*

Copa Centroamericana



Copa Centroamericana record								
Year	Round	Position	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
 1991	Champions	1st	3	3	0	0	10	1
 1993	Runners-up	2nd	3	2	0	1	3	2
 1995	Fourth place	4th	4	1	1	2	5	6
 1997	Champions	1st	5	3	2	0	12	3
 1999	Champions	1st	5	3	0	2	13	3
 2001	Runners-up	2nd	5	2	2	1	8	5
 2003	Champions	1st	5	4	1	0	5	1
 2005	Champions	1st	4	3	1	0	8	2
 2007	Champions	1st	4	2	1	1	5	2
 2009	Runners-up	2nd	4	3	1	0	9	1
 2011	Runners-up	2nd	4	1	2	1	6	5
 2013	Champions	1st	5	4	1	0	6	1
 2014	Champions	1st	3	2	1	0	7	3
 2017	Fourth place	4th	5	1	3	1	4	2
Total	8 Titles	14/14	59	34	16	9	103	37

CCCF Championship

CCCCF Championship record								
Year	Round	Position	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA
 1941	Champions	1st	4	4	0	0	23	5
 1943	Third place	3rd	6	3	0	3	20	15
 1946	Champions	1st	5	4	0	1	24	6
 1948	Champions	1st	8	5	1	2	25	11
 1951	Runners-up	2nd	4	2	1	1	13	5
 1953	Champions	1st	6	6	0	0	19	2
 1955	Champions	1st	6	6	0	0	19	4
 1957	Withdraw							
 1960	Champions	1st	5	3	2	0	14	4
 1961	Champions	1st	7	7	0	0	32	4
Total	7 Titles	9/10	51	40	4	7	191	56

Olympic Games




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 1912									
 1920									
 1924	<i>Not an IOC member</i>								
 1928									
 1936									
 1948									
 1952	<i>Did not participate</i>								
 1956									
 1960									
 1964									
 1968	<i>Did not qualify</i>								
 1972									
 1976									
 1980	Group stage	16th	3	0	0	3	2	9	Squad
 1984	Group stage	13th	3	1	0	2	2	7	Squad
 1988	<i>Did not qualify</i>								
Since 1992	<i>See Costa Rica national under-23 football team</i>								
Total	Quarter-finals	2/12	6	1	0	5	4	16	—

Pan American Games

Pan American Games record									
Year	Round	Position	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	
 1951	Silver medal	2nd	4	2	1	1	9	12	
 1955	<i>Did not participate</i>								
 1959	Round-robin	5th	6	2	1	3	10	16	
 1963	<i>Did not participate</i>								
 1967									
 1971									
 1975	Fourth place	4th	6	2	1	3	7	13	
 1979	Fourth place	4th	5	2	0	3	8	7	
 1983	<i>Did not participate</i>								
 1987									
 1991									
 1995	Quarter-finals	6th	4	2	0	2	12	6	
Since 1999	<i>See Costa Rica national under-23 football team</i>								
Total	1 Silver medal	5/12	25	10	3	12	46	54	

Panamerican Championship

Panamerican Championship record									
Year	Round	Position	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	
 1952	<i>Did not participate</i>								
 1956	Third place	3rd	5	2	1	2	11	15	
 1960	Fourth place	4th	6	1	2	3	4	10	

Total	Third place	2/3	11	3	3	5	15	25
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Head-to-head record

The following table shows Costa Rica's all-time international record, correct as of 2 July 2024.

Positive Record Neutral Record Negative Record

Team	M	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD
 Argentina	7	0	2	5	6	15	−9
 Aruba	2	1	1	0	4	3	1
 Australia	1	0	0	1	0	1	−1
 Austria	2	0	1	1	2	4	−2
 Barbados	2	1	0	1	4	2	2
 Belgium	2	0	0	2	1	5	−4
 Belize	6	6	0	0	18	1	17
 Bermuda	1	1	0	0	2	1	1
 Bolivia	3	2	1	0	7	1	6
 Bosnia and Herzegovina	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
 Brazil	12	1	1	10	9	34	−25
 Cameroon	1	1	0	0	5	0	5
 Canada	24	9	9	6	22	18	4
 Chile	11	6	2	3	13	10	3
 China	5	2	2	1	8	6	2
 Colombia	15	4	1	10	17	30	−13
 Cuba	18	15	3	0	57	11	46
 Curaçao	2	1	1	0	3	2	1
 Czech Republic^[a]	2	0	0	2	1	5	−5
 Dominican Republic	2	2	0	0	8	1	7
 Ecuador	12	1	5	6	10	22	−12
 El Salvador	69	40	15	14	151	58	93
 England	2	0	1	1	0	2	−2
 Finland	1	1	0	0	2	1	1
 France	2	0	0	2	3	5	−2
 French Guiana	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
 Germany	2	0	0	2	4	8	−4
 Greece	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
 Grenada	3	2	1	0	8	2	6
 Guadeloupe	3	3	0	0	9	2	7
 Guatemala	64	32	15	17	132	72	60
 Guyana	2	2	0	0	11	0	11
 Haiti	16	8	6	2	31	13	18
 Honduras	69	26	24	19	114	84	30
 Hungary	1	0	0	1	0	1	−1
 Iran	2	0	1	1	2	3	−1
 Italy	2	1	0	1	1	1	0
 Jamaica	31	15	11	4	56	19	37
 Japan	6	1	1	4	4	13	−9
 Martinique	5	5	0	0	15	6	9
 Mexico	58	6	20	32	34	88	−54
 Netherlands	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
 New Zealand	3	3	0	0	6	0	6

 <u>Nicaragua</u>	19	17	1	1	72	10	62
 <u>Nigeria</u>	1	1	0	0	2	0	2
 <u>Northern Ireland</u>	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
 <u>Norway</u>	2	0	1	1	0	1	−1
 <u>Oman</u>	1	1	0	0	4	3	1
 <u>Panama</u>	42	29	14	19	119	61	58
 <u>Paraguay</u>	10	4	3	3	7	7	0
 <u>Peru</u>	9	2	1	6	10	18	−8
 <u>Poland</u>	3	0	0	3	3	8	−5
 <u>Puerto Rico</u>	1	1	0	0	13	0	13
 <u>Qatar</u>	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
 <u>Republic of Ireland</u>	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
 <u>Russia^[b]</u>	2	1	0	1	5	5	0
 <u>Saint Kitts and Nevis</u>	1	1	0	0	4	0	4
 <u>Saudi Arabia</u>	5	4	0	1	12	6	6
 <u>Scotland</u>	2	2	0	0	2	0	2
 <u>Serbia</u>	1	0	0	1	0	1	−1
 <u>Slovakia</u>	3	1	1	1	6	5	1
 <u>South Africa</u>	2	0	0	2	1	3	−2
 <u>South Korea</u>	11	3	3	5	12	14	−2
 <u>Spain</u>	4	0	1	3	3	16	−13
 <u>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines</u>	3	3	0	0	13	1	12
 <u>Suriname</u>	6	6	0	0	19	4	15
 <u>Sweden</u>	2	1	0	1	2	2	0
 <u>Switzerland</u>	3	1	1	1	3	4	−1
 <u>Trinidad and Tobago</u>	26	19	4	3	59	15	44
 <u>Tunisia</u>	1	0	0	1	0	1	−1
 <u>Turkey</u>	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
 <u>Ukraine</u>	1	0	0	1	0	4	−4
 <u>Uruguay</u>	15	3	4	8	19	26	−7
 <u>United Arab Emirates</u>	1	0	0	1	1	4	−3
 <u>United States</u>	41	17	5	19	49	49	0
 <u>Uzbekistan</u>	1	1	0	0	2	1	1
 <u>Venezuela</u>	16	7	5	4	28	24	4
 <u>Wales</u>	2	1	0	1	1	1	0
Total (78)	715	205	133	235	1,261	848	+413

a. include  Czechoslovakia

b. include  Soviet Union

Honours

Major competitions

- CONCACAF Championship / Gold Cup

- **Champions (3):** [1963](#), [1969](#), [1989](#)
- **Runners-up (1):** [2002](#)
- **Third place (4):** [1965](#), [1971](#), [1985](#), [1993](#)
- **Panamerican Championship**
 - **Third place (1):** [1956](#)

Other competitions

- **Central American and Caribbean Games**
 - **Runners-up (3):** [1930](#), [1935](#), [1938](#)
- **CONCACAF Olympic Qualifying Tournament**
 - **Champions (2):** [1980](#), [1984](#)
- **Copa Centroamericana**
 - **Champions (8):** [1991](#), [1997](#), [1999](#), [2003](#), [2005](#), [2007](#), [2013](#), [2014](#)
 - **Runners-up (4):** [1993](#), [2001](#), [2009](#), [2011](#)
- **CCCF Championship**
 - **Champions (7):** [1941](#), [1946](#), [1948](#), [1953](#), [1955](#), [1960](#), [1961](#)
 - **Runners-up (1):** [1951](#)
 - **Third place (1):** [1943](#)
- **Independence Centenary Games**
 - **Champions (1):** [1921](#)



Costa Rica national football team players celebrating their classification at the FIFA World Cup 2014 for the round of 16 in first place of Group D at Mineirão stadium in Belo Horizonte after their draw with [England](#).

FIFA World Ranking

Last update was on 27 May 2021 Source:^[17]

■ Best Ranking
 ■ Worst Ranking
 ■ Best Mover
 ■ Worst Mover

 Costa Rica's		History			
Rank	Year	Best		Worst	
		Rank	Move	Rank	Move
50	2021	—	—	—	—
51	2020	46	—	51	▼ 4
46	2019	37	▲ 1	47	▼ 5
36	2018	23	▲ 2	37	▼ 9
26	2017	17	▲ 5	26	▼ 7
17	2016	17	▲ 8	37	▼ 4
37	2015	13	▲ 3	42	▼ 27
16	2014	15	▲ 12	35	▼ 3
31	2013	31	▲ 16	66	▼ 3
66	2012	57	▲ 8	72	▼ 6
65	2011	48	▲ 21	69	▼ 5
69	2010	40	▲ 3	69	▼ 13
44	2009	30	▲ 11	47	▼ 8
53	2008	53	▲ 12	79	▼ 4
70	2007	46	▲ 12	70	▼ 10
68	2006	21	—	68	▼ 19
21	2005	19	▲ 6	27	▼ 3
27	2004	17	▲ 5	33	▼ 5
17	2003	17	▲ 3	22	▼ 2
21	2002	21	▲ 5	30	▼ 2
30	2001	29	▲ 14	56	▼ 2
60	2000	54	▲ 8	69	▼ 5
64	1999	64	▲ 5	69	▼ 2
67	1998	46	▲ 7	67	▼ 15
51	1997	51	▲ 9	66	▼ 2
72	1996	72	▲ 12	93	▼ 6
78	1995	56	▲ 18	78	▼ 13
65	1994	39	▲ 3	65	▼ 9
42	1993	37	▲ 1	42	▼ 5

See also



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football portal*



Costa Rica portal


- Costa Rica national under-23 football team
- Costa Rica national under-20 football team
- Costa Rica national under-17 football team
- Costa Rica at the FIFA World Cup

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