

2014 FIFA World Cup

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The **2014 FIFA World Cup** was the 20th FIFA World Cup, the tournament for the association football world championship, which took place at several venues across Brazil. [Germany](#) won the tournament and took its fourth title, its first since the reunification of West and East Germany in 1990, by defeating [Argentina](#) 1–0 in the final – the same result as the [1990 FIFA World Cup Final](#).

The tournament began on 12 June with a [group stage](#) and concluded on 13 July with the championship match.^[6] It was the second time that Brazil hosted the competition, the first being in 1950.

The national teams of 31 countries advanced through [qualification competitions](#) to participate with the host nation Brazil in the final tournament. A total of 64 matches were played in 12 cities across Brazil in either new or re-developed stadiums. For the first time at a World Cup finals, match officials used [goal-line technology](#), as well as [vanishing foam](#) for [free kicks](#).^[7]

All world champion teams since the [first World Cup](#) in 1930 – [Argentina](#), [Brazil](#), [England](#), [France](#), [Germany](#), [Italy](#), [Spain](#) and [Uruguay](#) – qualified for this competition. The title holders, Spain, were eliminated at the group stage, along with previous winners England and Italy. Uruguay was eliminated in the Round of 16 and France was eliminated at the quarter-finals. Host and [2013 Confederations Cup](#) winner Brazil lost to Germany in the [first semi-final](#). By winning the final, Germany became the first European team to win a World Cup in the Americas.^[8] The result also marked the first time that sides from the same continent had won three tournaments in a row (following Italy in 2006 and Spain in 2010).^{[9][10]}

As the winners, Germany qualified for the [2017 FIFA Confederations Cup](#). During the 2014 FIFA World Cup, the [FIFA Fan Fest](#) in the host cities in Brazil received 5 million people, and the country received 1 million guests from 202 countries around the world.^[11]

1 Host selection

Main article: [2014 FIFA World Cup bids](#)

In March 2003, FIFA announced that the tournament would be held in South America for the first time



Announcing of Brazil as hosts, 2007

since 1978, in line with its then-active policy of rotating the right to host the World Cup among different confederations.^{[12][13]} With [2010 FIFA World Cup](#) hosted in South Africa, it would be the second consecutive World Cup outside of Europe, which was a first for the tournament. It was also second in the Southern Hemisphere.^[14] Only Brazil and Colombia formally declared their candidacy but, after the withdrawal of the latter from the process,^[15] Brazil was officially elected as host nation unopposed on 30 October 2007.^[16]

2 Participating teams and officials

2.1 Qualification

Main article: [2014 FIFA World Cup qualification](#)

See also: [FIFA World Cup qualification](#)

Following qualification matches between June 2011 and November 2013, the following 32 teams – shown with their final pre-tournament [FIFA World Rankings](#)^[17] – qualified for the final tournament. 24 out of the 32 teams to qualify were returning participants from the 2010 World Cup. [Bosnia and Herzegovina](#) was the only team with no previous World Cup Finals experience.^{[nb 2][18]} Colombia qualified for the World Cup after 16 years of absence; Russia and Belgium returned after 12 years. The highest-ranking team to not qualify was [Ukraine](#) (ranked 16th), while the lowest ranked team that did qualify was [Australia](#), who were 62nd.^[17]

2.2 Final draw

Main article: 2014 FIFA World Cup seeding

The 32 participating teams were drawn into eight groups. In preparation for this, the teams were organised into four pots with the seven highest-ranked teams joining host nation Brazil in the seeded pot.^[19] As with the previous tournaments, FIFA aimed to create groups which maximised geographic separation and therefore the unseeded teams were arranged into pots based on geographic considerations.^{[20][21]} The draw took place on 6 December 2013 at the Costa do Sauípe resort in Bahia, during which the teams were drawn by various past World Cup-winning players.^{[22][23]} Under the draw procedure, one randomly drawn team – Italy – was firstly relocated from Pot 4 to Pot 2 to create four equal pots of eight teams.^[20]

2.3 Officials

Main article: 2014 FIFA World Cup officials

In March 2013, FIFA published a list of 52 prospective referees, each paired, on the basis of nationality, with two assistant referees, from all six football confederations for the tournament. On 14 January 2014, the FIFA Referees Committee appointed 25 referee trios and eight support duos representing 43 different countries for the tournament.^{[24][25]} Yuichi Nishimura from Japan acted as referee in the opening match whereas Nicola Rizzoli from Italy acted as referee in the final.^{[26][27]}

2.4 Squads

Main article: 2014 FIFA World Cup squads

As with the 2010 tournament, each team's squad consists of 23 players (three of whom must be goalkeepers). Each participating national association had to confirm their final 23-player squad no later than 10 days before the start of the tournament.^[28] Teams were permitted to make late replacements in the event of serious injury, at any time up to 24 hours before their first game.^[28] During a match, all remaining squad members not named in the starting team are available to be one of the three permitted substitutions (provided the player is not serving a suspension).^[28]

3 Venues

Main article: 2014 FIFA World Cup venues

12 venues (seven new and five renovated) in twelve cities were selected for the tournament. The venues covered all

the main regions of Brazil and created more evenly distributed hosting than the 1950 finals in Brazil.^[29] Consequently, the tournament required long-distance travel for teams.^[30] During the World Cup, Brazilian cities were also home to the participating teams at 32 separate base camps,^[31] as well as staging official fan fests where supporters could view the games.^[32]

3.1 Team base camps

Base camps were used by the 32 national squads to stay and train before and during the World Cup tournament. On 31 January 2014, FIFA announced the base camps for each participating team,^[31] having earlier circulated a brochure of 84 prospective locations.^[34] Most teams opted to stay in the Southeast Region of Brazil, with only eight teams choosing other regions; five teams (Croatia, Germany, Ghana, Greece and Switzerland) opted to stay in the Northeast Region and three teams (Ecuador, South Korea and Spain) opted to stay in the South Region. None opted to stay in the North Region or the Central-West Region.^[35]

3.2 FIFA Fan Fests

For a third consecutive World Cup tournament, FIFA staged FIFA Fan Fests in each of the 12 host cities throughout the competition. Prominent examples were the Copacabana Beach in Rio de Janeiro, which already held a Fan Fest in 2010, and São Paulo's Vale do Anhangabaú.^{[36][37]} The first official event took place on Iracema Beach, in Fortaleza, on 8 June 2014.^[38]

4 Innovations

4.1 Technologies

To avoid ghost goals the 2014 World Cup introduced goal-line technology following successful trials at among others 2013 Confederations Cup. The chosen Goal Control system featured 14 high speed cameras, 7 directed to each of the goals. Data were sent to the central image-processing centre, where a virtual representation of the ball was output on a widescreen to confirm the goal. The referee was equipped with a watch which vibrated and displayed a signal upon a goal.^{[39][40][41]} France's second goal in their group game against Honduras was the first time goal-line technology was needed to confirm that a goal should be given.^[42]

Following successful trials,^[nb 4] FIFA approved the use of vanishing foam by the referees for the first time at a World Cup Finals. The water-based spray, which disappears within minutes of application, can be used to mark

a ten-yard line for the defending team during a **free kick** and also to draw where the ball is to be placed for a free kick.^[43]

The **Adidas Brazuca** was the official **match ball** of the 2014 FIFA World Cup^{[44][45][46][47]} and was supplied by **Forward Sports of Sialkot, Pakistan**.^[44] Adidas created a new design of ball after criticisms of the **Adidas Jabulani** used in the **previous World Cup**. The number of panels was reduced to six, with the panels being thermally bonded. This created a ball with increased consistency and aerodynamics compared to its predecessor. Furthermore Adidas underwent an extensive testing process lasting more than two years to produce a ball that would meet the approval of football professionals.

4.2 Cooling breaks

Because of the relatively high ambient temperatures in Brazil, particularly at the northern venues, cooling breaks for the players were introduced.^[48] Breaks can take place after the 30th minute of the first and second half of games at the referee's discretion if the **Wet Bulb Globe Temperature** exceeds 32 °C (90 °F).

The first cooling break in World Cup play took place during the 32nd minute of the **Netherlands vs. Mexico Round of 16 match**.^{[49][50][51][52]} At the start of the match, FIFA listed the temperature at 32 °C (90 °F) with 68% humidity.^[53]

4.3 Anti-doping

The **biological passport** was introduced in the FIFA World Cup starting in 2014. **Blood and urine** samples from all players before the competition, and from two players per team per match, are analysed by the **Swiss Laboratory for Doping Analyses**.^[54] FIFA reported that 91.5% of the players taking part in the tournament were tested before the start of the competition and none tested positive.^[55] However, FIFA was criticised for its approach towards finding doping offences.^{[56][57]}

5 Format

The first round, or group stage, was a competition between the 32 teams divided among eight groups of four, where each group engaged in a **round-robin tournament** within itself. The two highest ranked teams in each group advanced to the knockout stage.^[28] Teams were awarded three points for a win and one for a draw. When comparing teams in a group over-all result came before head-to-head.

In the **knockout stage** there were four rounds (round of 16, quarter-finals, semi-finals, and the final), with each

eliminating the losers. The two semi-final losers competed in a third place play-off. For any match in the knockout stage, a draw after 90 minutes of regulation time was followed by two 15 minute periods of **extra time** to determine a winner. If the teams were still tied, a **penalty shoot-out** was held to determine a winner.^[28]

The match schedule was announced on 20 October 2011^[58] with the kick-off times being confirmed on 27 September 2012;^[59] after the final draw, the kick-off times of seven matches were adjusted by FIFA.^[60] The competition was organised so that teams that played each other in the group stage could not meet again during the knockout phase until the final (or the 3rd place match).^[28] The group stage began on 12 June, with the host nation competing in the opening game as has been the format since the 2006 tournament. The opening game was preceded by an **opening ceremony** that began at 15:15 local time.^[61]

6 Match summary

The 32 teams played a total of 64 matches which included 48 group stage matches, 8 Round of 16 matches, 4 quarter-final matches, 2 semifinals, 1 match for the third place and the **final match**. Rest days were allocated during the various stages to allow players recovery during the tournament.^{[62][63]} All times listed in the table below are in **Brasília official time (UTC−3)**.^[nb 5]

7 Group stage

Main article: **2014 FIFA World Cup group stage**

The **group stage of the 2014 FIFA World Cup** took place in **Brazil** from 12 June 2014 to 26 June 2014: each team played three games. The group stage was notable for a scarcity of draws and a large number of goals. The first drawn (and goalless) match did not occur until the 13th match of the tournament, between Iran and Nigeria: a drought longer than any World Cup since 1930.^[70] The group stage produced a total of 136 goals, nine fewer than were scored during the entire 2010 tournament.^[71] This is the largest number of goals in the group stage since the 32-team system was implemented in 1998^[72] and the largest average in a group stage since 1958.^[73] World Cup holders Spain were eliminated after only two games, the quickest exit for the defending champions since Italy's from the 1950 tournament.^[74]

7.1 Group A

Main article: **2014 FIFA World Cup Group A**

7.2 Group B

Main article: [2014 FIFA World Cup Group B](#)

7.3 Group C

Main article: [2014 FIFA World Cup Group C](#)

7.4 Group D

Main article: [2014 FIFA World Cup Group D](#)

7.5 Group E

Main article: [2014 FIFA World Cup Group E](#)

7.6 Group F

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7.7 Group G

Main article: [2014 FIFA World Cup Group G](#)

7.8 Group H

Main article: [2014 FIFA World Cup Group H](#)

8 Knockout stage

Main article: [2014 FIFA World Cup knockout stage](#)

Scores after extra time are indicated by (aet), and penalty shoot-outs are indicated by (pen.).

8.1 Round of 16

For the first time since the introduction of a round of 16 after the group stage in 1986, all the group winners advanced into the quarterfinals.^[75] They included four teams from UEFA, three from CONMEBOL, and one from CONCACAF. Of the eight matches, five required extra-time, and two of these required penalty shoot-outs; this was the first time penalty shoot-outs happened in

more than one game in a round of 16.^[nb 6] The goal average per game in the round of 16 was 2.25, a drop of 0.58 goals per game from the group stage.^[76] The eight teams to win in the round of 16 included four former champions (Brazil, Germany, Argentina and France), a three-time runner up (Netherlands), and two first-time quarterfinalists (Colombia and Costa Rica).^{[77][78]} Belgium reached their first quarterfinals since 1986.^[79]

All times listed below are at local time (UTC−3)

8.2 Quarter-finals

With a 1–0 victory over France, Germany set a World Cup record with four consecutive semi-final appearances. Brazil beat Colombia 2–1, but Brazil's [Neymar](#) was injured and missed the rest of the competition. Argentina reached the final four for the first time since 1990 after a 1–0 win over Belgium. The Netherlands reached the semi-finals for the second consecutive tournament, after overcoming Costa Rica in a [penalty shoot-out](#) following a 0–0 draw at the end of extra time.

8.3 Semi-finals

Germany qualified for the final for the eighth time with a 7–1 win over Brazil – the biggest defeat in Brazilian history since 1920. [Miroslav Klose](#)'s goal in this match was his 16th in all World Cups, breaking the record he had previously shared with [Ronaldo](#).^[80] Klose set another record by becoming the first player to appear in four World Cup semi-finals.^[81] Argentina reached their first final since 1990, and the fifth overall after overcoming Netherlands in a [penalty shoot-out](#) following a 0–0 draw at the end of extra time.

Main article: [Brazil v Germany \(2014 FIFA World Cup\)](#)

8.4 Third place play-off

The Netherlands defeated Brazil 3–0 to secure third place, the first for the Dutch team in their history. Overall, Brazil conceded 14 goals in the tournament; this was the most by a team at any single World Cup since 1986, and the most by a host nation in history.^[82]

8.5 Final

Main article: [2014 FIFA World Cup Final](#)

The final featured Germany against Argentina for a record third time after 1986 and 1990.

Despite the early exit of reigning champions Spain and previous champions Italy in the group stage, this marked

the first time that teams from the same continent had won three consecutive World Cups (following Italy in 2006 and Spain in 2010). It was also the first time that a European nation had won the World Cup in the Americas. On aggregate Europe now has 11 victories, compared to South America's 9 victories.

9 Statistics

Main article: 2014 FIFA World Cup statistics

See also: FIFA World Cup records

9.1 Goalscorers

James Rodríguez was awarded the Golden Boot for scoring six goals, the first time that a Colombian player received the award. In total, 171 goals were scored by a record 121 different players, with five of them credited as own goals. Goals scored from penalty shoot-outs are not counted.

6 goals

-  James Rodríguez

5 goals

-  Thomas Müller



4 goals

-  Lionel Messi
-  Neymar
-  Robin van Persie

3 goals

-  Enner Valencia
-  Karim Benzema
-  André Schürrle
-  Arjen Robben
-  Xherdan Shaqiri

2 goals

-  Abdelmoumene Djabou
-  Islam Slimani

-  Tim Cahill
-  David Luiz
-  Oscar
-  Alexis Sánchez
-  Jackson Martínez
-  Bryan Ruiz
-  Mario Mandžukić
-  Ivan Perišić
-  Mario Götze
-  Mats Hummels
-  Miroslav Klose
-  Toni Kroos
-  André Ayew
-  Asamoah Gyan
-  Wilfried Bony
-  Gervinho
-  Memphis Depay
-  Ahmed Musa
-  Clint Dempsey
-  Luis Suárez

1 goal

-  Yacine Brahimi
-  Sofiane Feghouli
-  Rafik Halliche
-  Ángel Di María
-  Gonzalo Higuaín
-  Marcos Rojo
-  Mile Jedinak
-  Kevin De Bruyne
-  Marouane Fellaini
-  Romelu Lukaku
-  Dries Mertens
-  Divock Origi
-  Jan Vertonghen

-  Edin Džeko
-  Vedad Ibišević
-  Miralem Pjanić
-  Avdija Vršajević
-  Fernandinho
-  Fred
-  Thiago Silva
-  Joël Matip
-  Charles Aránguiz
-  Jean Beausejour
-  Jorge Valdivia
-  Eduardo Vargas
-  Pablo Armero
-  Juan Cuadrado
-  Teófilo Gutiérrez
-  Juan Quintero
-  Joel Campbell
-  Óscar Duarte
-  Marco Ureña
-  Ivica Olić
-  Wayne Rooney
-  Daniel Sturridge
-  Olivier Giroud
-  Blaise Matuidi
-  Paul Pogba
-  Moussa Sissoko
-  Mathieu Valbuena
-  Sami Khedira
-  Mesut Özil
-  Sokratis Papastathopoulos
-  Georgios Samaras
-  Andreas Samaris
-  Carlo Costly
-  Reza Ghoochannejhad

-  Mario Balotelli
-  Claudio Marchisio
-  Keisuke Honda
-  Shinji Okazaki
-  Giovanni dos Santos
-  Andrés Guardado
-  Javier Hernández
-  Rafael Márquez
-  Oribe Peralta
-  Daley Blind
-  Stefan de Vrij
-  Leroy Fer
-  Klaas-Jan Huntelaar
-  Wesley Sneijder
-  Georginio Wijnaldum
-  Peter Odemwingie
-  Cristiano Ronaldo
-  Nani
-  Silvestre Varela
-  Aleksandr Kerzhakov
-  Aleksandr Kokorin
-  Koo Ja-cheol
-  Lee Keun-ho
-  Son Heung-min
-  Xabi Alonso
-  Juan Mata
-  Fernando Torres
-  David Villa
-  Blerim Džemaili
-  Admir Mehmedi
-  Haris Seferović
-  Granit Xhaka
-  John Brooks
-  Julian Green

-  Jermaine Jones
-  Edinson Cavani
-  Diego Godín

Own goals

-  Sead Kolašinac (against Argentina)
-  Marcelo (against Croatia)
-  John Boye (against Portugal)
-  Noel Valladares (against France)
-  Joseph Yobo (against France)

Source: FIFA^[83]

9.2 Assists

Juan Cuadrado and Toni Kroos finished highest in the assists table with four assists each.

4 assists

-  Juan Cuadrado
-  Toni Kroos

3 assists

-  Karim Benzema
-  André Schürrle

2 assists

-  Kevin De Bruyne
-  Eden Hazard
-  Alexis Sánchez
-  Abel Aguilar
-  James Rodríguez
-  Christian Bolaños
-  Walter Ayoví
-  Mathieu Valbuena
-  Philipp Lahm
-  Thomas Müller
-  Mesut Özil

-  Serge Aurier
-  Daley Blind
-  Daryl Janmaat
-  Josip Drmić
-  Graham Zusi

1 assist

-  Yacine Brahimi
-  Abdelmoumene Djabou
-  Sofiane Feghouli
-  Carl Medjani
-  Islam Slimani
-  Ángel Di María
-  Ezequiel Garay
-  Gonzalo Higuaín
-  Lionel Messi
-  Marcos Rojo
-  Ryan McGowan
-  Tommy Oar
-  Romelu Lukaku
-  Divock Origi
-  Edin Džeko
-  Senad Lulić
-  Miralem Pjanić
-  Tino-Sven Sušić
-  Dante
-  David Luiz
-  Luiz Gustavo
-  Marcelo
-  Neymar
-  Oscar
-  Thiago Silva
-  Allan Nyom
-  Charles Aránguiz

-  Mauricio Pinilla
-  Jorge Valdivia
-  Eduardo Vargas
-  Teófilo Gutiérrez
-  Adrián Ramos
-  Joel Campbell
-  Júnior Díaz
-  Cristian Gamboa
-  Eduardo
-  Nikica Jelavić
-  Ivan Perišić
-  Danijel Pranjić
-  Ivan Rakitić
-  Juan Carlos Paredes
-  Glen Johnson
-  Wayne Rooney
-  Mathieu Debuchy
-  Paul Pogba
-  Benedikt Höwedes
-  Sami Khedira
-  Kwadwo Asamoah
-  John Boye
-  Asamoah Gyan
-  Sulley Muntari
-  Theofanis Gekas
-  Georgios Samaras
-  Brayan Beckeles
-  Javad Nekounam
-  Antonio Candreva
-  Andrea Pirlo
-  Gervinho
-  Keisuke Honda
-  Yuto Nagatomo
-  Giovanni dos Santos

-  Héctor Herrera
-  Rafael Márquez
-  Memphis Depay
-  Klaas-Jan Huntelaar
-  Arjen Robben
-  Wesley Sneijder
-  Michel Babatunde
-  Emmanuel Emenike
-  Cristiano Ronaldo
-  Miguel Veloso
-  Dmitri Kombarov
-  Lee Keun-ho
-  Yun Suk-young
-  Cesc Fàbregas
-  Andrés Iniesta
-  Juanfran
-  Gökhan Inler
-  Admir Mehmedi
-  Ricardo Rodríguez
-  Michael Bradley
-  Edinson Cavani
-  Fernando Muslera
-  Gastón Ramírez

Source: UEFA^{[84][85]}

9.3 Discipline

Main article: 2014 FIFA World Cup disciplinary record

The most notable disciplinary case was that of Uruguayan striker Luis Suárez, who was suspended for nine international matches and banned from taking part in any football-related activity (including entering any stadium) for four months, following a biting incident on Italian defender Giorgio Chiellini. He was also fined CHF100,000.^{[86][87][88]} After an appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport, Suárez was later allowed to participate in training and friendly matches with new club Barcelona.^[89]

9.4 Awards

Main article: 2014 FIFA World Cup awards

The following awards were given at the conclusion of the tournament:^{[90][91]}

Technical Study Group

The members of the Technical Study Group, the committee that decided which players won the awards, were led by FIFA's head of the Technical Division **Jean-Paul Brigger** and featured:^[96]

There were changes to the voting procedure for awards for the 2014 edition, accredited media were allowed to vote for the Golden Ball award in 2010,^[97] however in 2014, only the Technical Study Group could select the outcome.^[98]

9.5 All-Star Team

The **Castrol Index** that evaluated player performances through statistical data finished with the following players leading each position (**Toni Kroos** was the overall leader).^[99] Despite winning the Golden Ball, **Lionel Messi** was not included in the team.

9.6 Dream Team

The Dream Team elected by users of fifa.com consisted of the following players.^[100]

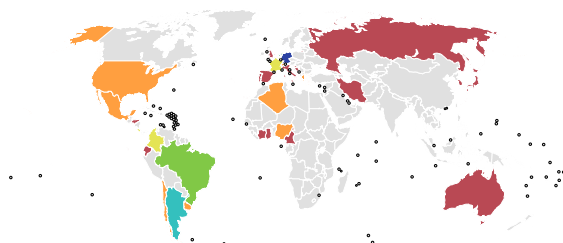
9.7 Prize money

The total prize money on offer for the tournament was confirmed by FIFA as **US\$576 million** (including payments of \$70 million to domestic clubs and \$100 million as player insurances), a 37 percent increase from the amount allocated in the 2010 tournament. Before the tournament, each of the 32 entrants received \$1.5 million for preparation costs. At the tournament, the prize money was distributed as follows:^[101]

- \$8 million – To each team eliminated at the **group stage** (16 teams)
- \$9 million – To each team eliminated in the **round of 16** (8 teams)
- \$14 million – To each team eliminated in the **quarter-finals** (4 teams)
- \$20 million – **Fourth placed team**
- \$22 million – **Third placed team**
- \$25 million – **Runner-up**
- \$35 million – **Winner**

9.8 Tournament team rankings

Note: As per statistical convention in football, matches decided in **extra time** are counted as wins and losses, while matches decided by **penalty shoot-outs** are counted as draws.^[102]



Result of countries participating in the 2014 FIFA World Cup

10 Preparations and costs

Main article: 2014 FIFA World Cup preparations

Forecasts on the eve of the tournament estimated that the cost to the Brazilian government would be US\$14 billion, making it the most expensive World Cup to date.^[103] FIFA is expected to spend US\$2 billion on staging the finals,^[104] with its greatest single expense being the **US\$576 million prize money pot**.^[101]

Although organisers originally estimated costs of US\$1.1 billion,^[105] a reported US\$3.6 billion was ultimately spent on stadium works.^{[106][107]} Five of the chosen host cities had brand new venues built specifically for the World Cup, while the **Estádio Nacional Mané Garrincha** in the capital **Brasília** was demolished and rebuilt, with the remaining six being extensively renovated.^[108]

An additional R\$3 billion (US\$1.3 billion, €960 million, £780 million at June 2014 rates) was earmarked by the Brazilian government for investment in infrastructure works and projects for use during the 2014 World Cup and beyond.^[109] However, the failed completion of many of the proposed works provoked discontent among some Brazilians.^{[110][111][112]}

The Brazilian government pledged US\$900 million to be invested into security forces and that the tournament would be “one of the most protected sports events in history.”^[113]

11 Marketing

Main article: 2014 FIFA World Cup marketing

The marketing of the 2014 FIFA World Cup included sale of tickets, support from sponsors and promotion through events that utilise the symbols and songs of the



Fuleco, the official mascot of the 2014 FIFA World Cup

tournament. Popular merchandise included items featuring the official mascot as well as an official video game that has been developed by EA Sports.^[114] The official song of the tournament was "We Are One (Ole Ola)" with vocals from Pitbull, Jennifer Lopez and Claudia Leitte.^[115] As a partner of the German Football Association, the German airline Lufthansa renamed itself "Fan-hansa" on some of its planes that flew the German national team, media representatives and football fans to Brazil.^[116]

12 Media

See also: 2014 FIFA World Cup broadcasting rights

For a fourth consecutive FIFA World Cup Finals, the coverage was provided by HBS (Host Broadcast Services), a subsidiary of Infront Sports & Media.^[117] Sony was selected as the official equipment provider and built 12 bespoke high definition production 40-foot-long containers, one for each tournament venue, to house the extensive amount of equipment required.^{[118][119]} Each match utilised 37 standard camera plans, including Aerial and Cablecam, two Ultramotion cameras and dedicated cameras for interviews.^[119] The official tournament film, as well as three matches,^[nb 7] will be filmed with ultra high definition technology (4K resolution), following a successful trial at the 2013 FIFA Confederations Cup.^[120]

The broadcasting rights – covering television, radio, internet and mobile coverage – for the tournament were sold to media companies in each individual territory either directly by FIFA, or through licensed companies or organisations such as the European Broad-

casting Union, Organización de Televisión Iberoamericana, International Media Content, Dentsu and RS International Broadcasting & Sports Management.^[121] The sale of these rights accounted for an estimated 60% of FIFA's income from staging a World Cup.^[122] The International Broadcast Centre was situated at the Riocentro in the Barra da Tijuca neighbourhood of Rio de Janeiro.^{[123][124]}

Worldwide, several games qualified as the most-watched sporting events in their country in 2014, including 42.9 million people in Brazil for the opening game between Brazil and Croatia, the 34.1 million in Japan who saw their team play Ivory Coast, and 34.7 million in Germany who saw their national team win the World Cup against Argentina,^[125] while the 24.7 million viewers during the game between the USA and Portugal is joint with the 2010 final as the most-watched football game in the United States.^[126]

13 Controversies

Main article: List of 2014 FIFA World Cup controversies

The 2014 FIFA World Cup generated various controversies, including demonstrations, some of which took place even before the tournament started. Furthermore, there were various issues with safety, including eight deaths of workers and a fire during construction, breaches into stadiums, an unstable makeshift staircase at the Maracanã Stadium, a monorail collapse, and the collapse of an unfinished overpass in Belo Horizonte.^{[127][128][129][130][131]} The houses of thousands of families in Rio de Janeiro were cleared for redevelopments for the World Cup in spite of protests and resistance. Favela do Metrô, near the Maracanã Stadium, was completely destroyed as a result, having previously housed 700 families in 2010.^{[132][133][134]}

In the tournament itself, controversy centred around officiating, with international referees including Yuichi Nishimura, Milorad Mažić, Enrique Osses, Peter O'Leary, Ravshan Irmatov, Howard Webb, Mark Geiger, Carlos Velasco Carballo, and assistant Humberto Clayijo coming under criticism for their performances. The most notable disciplinary case was that of Uruguayan striker Luis Suárez, who was disciplined after biting Italian player Giorgio Chiellini during a game.

13.1 Protests

Further information: List of 2014 FIFA World Cup controversies § Protests

See also: 2013 protests in Brazil and 2014 protests in Brazil



Anti-World Cup demonstration on the opening day.

Prior to the opening ceremony of the 2013 FIFA Confederations Cup staged in Brazil, demonstrations took place outside the venue, organised by people unhappy with the amount of public money spent to enable the hosting of the FIFA World Cup.^[135] Both the Brazilian president Dilma Rousseff and FIFA president Sepp Blatter were heavily booed as they were announced to give their speeches at the 2013 tournament's opening,^[136] which resulted in FIFA announcing that the 2014 FIFA World Cup opening ceremony would not feature any speeches.^[137] Further protests took place during the Confederations Cup as well as prior to and during the World Cup.^{[138][139][140][141][142]}

13.2 Breaches into stadiums

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At the Group B match between Spain and Chile, around 100 Chilean supporters who had gathered outside Maracanã Stadium forced their way into the stadium and caused damage to the media centre. Military police reported that 85 Chileans were detained during the events, while others reached the stands. Earlier, about 20 Argentinians made a similar breach during Argentina's Group F game against Bosnia and Herzegovina at the same stadium.^{[143][144]}

13.3 Bridge collapse

Main article: Belo Horizonte overpass collapse

On 3 July 2014, an overpass under construction in Belo Horizonte as part of the World Cup infrastructure projects collapsed onto a busy carriageway below, leaving two people dead and 22 others injured.^{[145][146]}

13.4 Head injuries

During the tournament, FIFA received significant criticism for the way head injuries are handled during matches. Two incidents in particular attracted the most attention. First, in a group stage match, after Uruguayan defender **Álvaro Pereira** received a blow to the head, he lay unconscious.^[147] The Uruguayan doctor signaled for the player to be substituted, but he returned to the match. The incident drew criticism from the professional players' union FIFPro, and from Michel D'Hooghe, a member of the FIFA executive board and chairman of its medical committee.^[148]

Second, in the Final, German midfielder **Christoph Kramer** received a blow to the head from a collision in the 14th minute, but returned to the match before collapsing in the 31st minute. During that time, Kramer was disoriented and confused, and asked the referee **Nicola Rizzoli** whether the match he was playing in was the World Cup Final.^[149]

14 Notes

- [1] The Brazilian Portuguese pronunciation is ['kɔpɐ du 'mũdu da 'fifɐ bra'ziw 'doʒɐ 'miw i ka'tɔɾzi], in Brazil's standard pronunciation.
- [2] Bosnia and Herzegovina was until 1992 part of Yugoslavia, which competed at eight World Cup tournaments.
- [3] The Arena Pernambuco is located in São Lourenço da Mata, Recife metropolitan area.
- [4] The spray was trialled at the 2013 FIFA U-20 World Cup, 2013 FIFA U-17 World Cup and 2013 FIFA Club World Cup
- [5] This is the time zone of ten of the twelve venues; the other two, Cuiabá and Manaus, are in the Amazon time zone (UTC−4), therefore for matches hosted at these two venues the local kickoff times are one hour earlier than the times listed.^[64] The match schedule was announced at FIFA's headquarters in Zürich on 20 October 2011.^[65] The kick-off times were confirmed on 27 September 2012.^[66] After the final draw, the kick-off times of seven matches were adjusted by FIFA.^[67]
- [6] In 1938's round of 16, two games were also tied after extra-time, but those were replayed instead.
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