



Philadelphia Soccer 2026

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Response to FIFA Site Visit Confirmation

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Philadelphia is excited to welcome FIFA and U.S. Soccer on their official site visit to our city on Wednesday, September 22. Philadelphia Soccer 2026, the City's Bid Committee, has long anticipated this opportunity to showcase our world-class city, including our fantastic match play venue (Lincoln Financial Field), great complementary practice facilities, and terrific hospitality infrastructure for FIFA World Cup 2026™.

Just as we have for the 2000 Republican National Convention, the 2015 Papal Visit, the 2016 Democratic National Convention, and the 2017 NFL Draft, Philadelphia is delivering a comprehensive and compelling bid, which demonstrates our experience, enthusiasm, and capacity to host mega-events like FIFA World Cup™. We have worked closely with key partners throughout this process, including the City of Philadelphia, the Philadelphia Eagles, the PHLCVB, the Philadelphia Union, Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer, and more, to assemble an extremely strong bid. I am confident that, after the site visit, we will leave FIFA and U.S. Soccer with no doubt that Philadelphia is fully prepared to host FIFA World Cup 2026™ and fully committed to our shared goal of growing the game.