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Bay Area Public Screening Playbook: Super Bowl LX & FIFA World Cup 26™

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About this playbook

In 2026, the Bay Area will host two of the world’s most iconic sporting events: **Super Bowl LX** on February 8 and six matches of the **FIFA World Cup 2026** from June 13 to July 1. These events present unique opportunities for local businesses and communities to engage fans, attract visitors, and showcase the vibrancy of our region.

This playbook is a guide for Bay Area small businesses and community organizations to **publicly screen these mega-sporting events, while adhering to NFL and FIFA regulations**.

Public screenings refer to **any broadcast of the Super Bowl or FIFA World Cup outside of a private dwelling**, from restaurants showing the game on their native screens to cities organizing large-scale fan engagement opportunities. Readers are encouraged to navigate to the sections most relevant to them.

This playbook was made by the **Bay Area Host Committee (BAHC)**, a regional non-profit and the official sports commission of the Bay Area that is dedicated to driving local impact from mega-sporting events, in partnership with **Visit Tri-Valley**. For more information, please reach out directly to **tracy@visittrivalley.com**.



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A letter from the President & CEO of the Bay Area Host Committee

The Bay Area is preparing to welcome the world for two iconic sporting events in 2026, Super Bowl LX and FIFA World Cup. We have an unprecedented opportunity to showcase our world-class venues, and the people, businesses, and communities that make this region extraordinary.

The Bay Area Host Committee (BAHC) was founded on a simple yet powerful mission: to unite the Bay Area through sport, ensuring that the impact of these global events reach every corner of our community. From small businesses and local restaurants, to the hotel community, artists, cultural organizations, and neighborhood associations, we believe everyone has a meaningful role to play in these celebrations.

This playbook provides guidance for businesses and cities to host their own fan events, bringing the energy of the stadium into the hearts of our neighborhoods and transforming public spaces and local venues into vibrant hubs of joy, pride, and connection.

Whether you are a restaurant owner in Fairfield, a nonprofit organization in Fremont, or a community leader across any of the ten counties in the greater Bay Area, these global sporting events are for you. We hope these events are milestones of community empowerment, economic inclusion, and regional pride – celebrations that reflect the full spirit and diversity of the region – and that leave lasting memories for residents and visitors alike.

With gratitude and excitement,



Zaileen Janmohamed
President & Chief Executive Officer
Bay Area Host Committee



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Guidance for small businesses (Super Bowl LX + FIFA World Cup 26)

A man with a grey beard and glasses, wearing a light-colored polo shirt, is seated at a rustic wooden table in a bar or restaurant. He is smiling and looking towards the camera. On the table in front of him are several dishes: a large bowl of pizza, a plate of wings, a plate of bread, a plate of shrimp, and a small bowl of sauce. There are also two glasses of beer on the table. The background shows a bar area with a brick wall and various decorations.

Bay Area businesses (e.g., bars, restaurants, hotels) are **encouraged to show** the Super Bowl and World Cup games but **must follow broadcasting and trademark regulations** set by the NFL and FIFA.



Super Bowl LX

Levi's Stadium, February 8, 2026

Super Bowl LX will be hosted at **Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara on February 8, 2026**. Up to 100,000 visitors are expected to travel to the greater Bay Area for the game. The NFL **does not allow communities to host large-scale fan activations**. But bars and restaurants with native screens are encouraged to host small-scale public screenings, as long as they strictly **follow NFL guidelines**.

Quick tips for small business (e.g., bars, restaurants) public screenings:



Do

- 1 Use general phrases in your marketing, like "Big Game" or "Football Championship"
- 2 Post social media promotions with generic content such as #theBigGame or #TeamSpirit
- 3 Obtain an eligible commercial TV package to show the game



Don't

- 1 Use trademarked phrases like "Super Bowl," "NFL," "60" or "LX" in conjunction with host city name
- 2 Post social media promotions with trademarked materials such as the NFL logo or #SuperBowl
- 3 Use personal streaming services to show the game

The next few pages will provide a deeper dive on regulations and best practices for Super Bowl public screenings hosted by small businesses.



Super Bowl LX

Levi's Stadium, February 8, 2026

Small business public screenings

A Super Bowl public screening offers a great opportunity to engage your community and showcase your business. Just be sure your plans follow the NFL guidelines below to ensure a smooth, compliant experience.

Broadcasting rights

Your business can show the game using a **standard over-the-air antenna** on **one TV per room** (up to four TV's total), each with a screen measuring under 55 inches.

If you have an eligible commercial TV package, you can display the game on larger setups such as jumbo screens, projectors, and multiple TVs, depending on the terms of your package. These terms are typically finalized and communicated closer to game day. If you are unsure of your current broadcasting rights, **contact your cable provider. Do not use personal streaming accounts** to show the game in a public setting.

Trademark regulations

The NFL strictly protects its trademarked words, logos, and images. Past trademark infringements have resulted in **cease-and-desist letters, event shutdowns, and fines.**

You are **prohibited from using trademarked terms or logos** in marketing materials (including "Super Bowl LX," "Super Bowl," "NFL", team names/logos, NFL logo, or "60"/"LX" in conjunction with host city name).



For example, the following flyers from events hosted in New Orleans for Super Bowl LIX **infringed on NFL trademarks**:



The first flyer unlawfully used the phrase “Super Bowl” and the official logos of competing teams. The second flyer unlawfully used the official Super Bowl logo.

These flyers implied affiliation with the NFL and Super Bowl and may have led to a legal response from the league.

Instead of trademarks, use **general phrases** that customers will still understand, like “The Big Game” or “Football Championship”. Use **generic images** such as footballs, field goals, and trophies.

The following flyers from events hosted in New Orleans for Super Bowl LIX **complied with NFL regulations** while still communicating the event details to their patrons:





An NFL-compliant flyer is included at the end of this playbook for your use, and the playbook website hosts a variety of marketing templates you can download and customize to promote your event.

Social media guidelines

The **same trademark regulations apply to social media promotions**, including posts on platforms like Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn, and X. You are prohibited from posting promotional material containing trademarked materials including “NFL,” “Super Bowl,” “Super Bowl LX,” team names, official team crests / logos, the NFL logo, and “60”/“LX” in conjunction with host city name. Violations could result in legal action from the NFL.

Instead, use **generic images and general language** in your captions and hashtags (e.g., #theBigGame, #TouchdownTime).

The following social media posts from New Orleans-hosted Super Bowl LIX avoided trademark infringements while remaining clear to patrons:



Further information

For the latest information on NFL regulations, please refer to [NFL's Terms and Conditions](#) posted on their official website and check back for updated versions of this playbook.



FIFA World Cup 2026



Levi's Stadium, Six matches held June 13- July 1, 2026

Quick tips for small business (e.g., bars, restaurants) public screenings:



Do



Don't

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|--|--|
| <div>1</div> Show the entire game with an extra 10 minutes on both ends | <div>1</div> Charge admission for the public screening event |
| <div>2</div> Share promotional materials using generic content like Global Soccer Tournament, Match Day, and images of soccer fields | <div>2</div> Share promotional materials with trademarks including "World Cup", "FIFA", team crests, the FIFA logo, and the official FIFA trophy |
| <div>3</div> Obtain the correct commercial package for showing the matches | <div>3</div> Use personal streaming services to show the matches |

The next few pages will provide a deeper dive on regulations and best practices for FIFA World Cup 2026 public screenings hosted by small businesses.



FIFA World Cup 2026

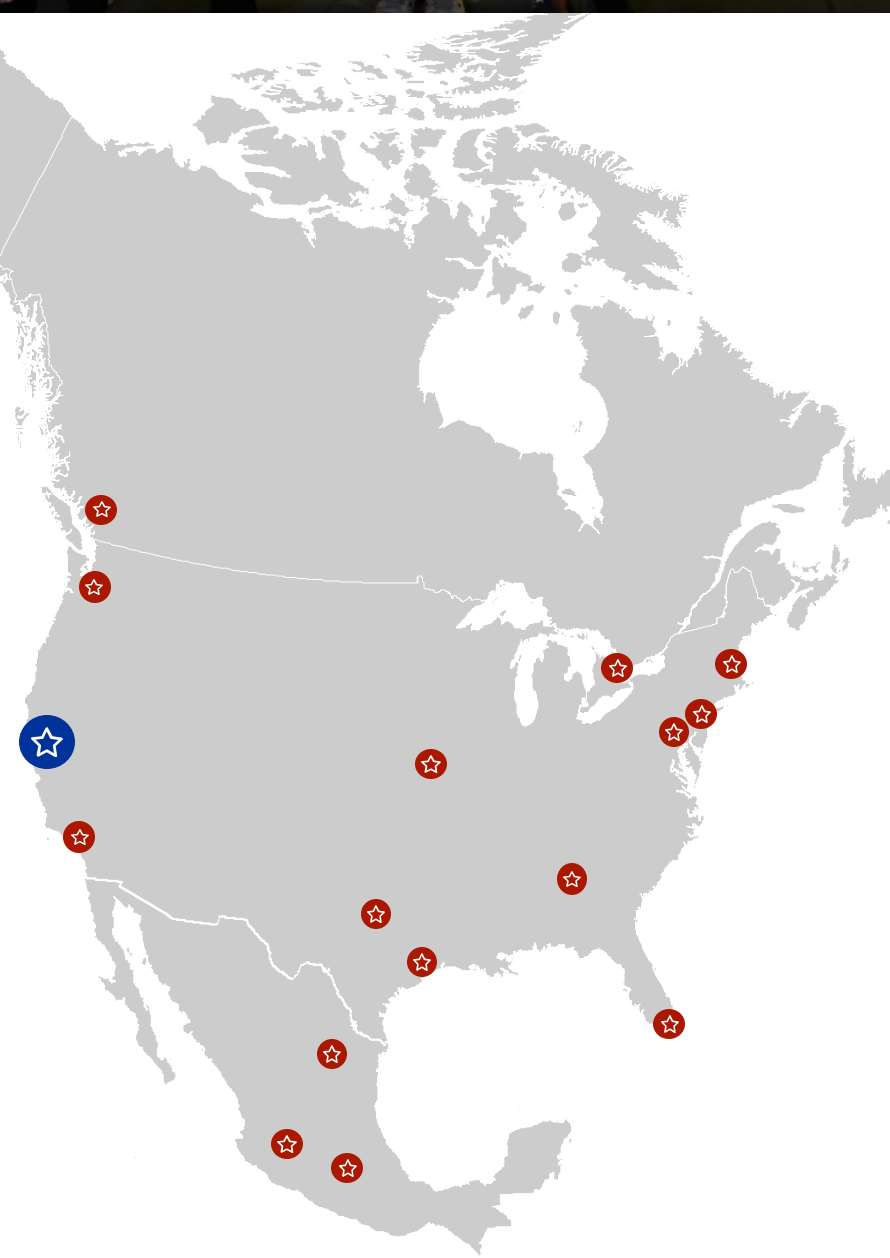


Levi's Stadium, Six matches held June 13 - July 1, 2026

For the first time in history, the FIFA World Cup 2026 will feature 48 national teams playing at stadiums across 16 North American host cities from June 11 – July 19, 2026.

The **San Francisco Bay Area Stadium (Levi's Stadium) in Santa Clara will host six FIFA World Cup matches** from June 13 to July 1, 2026. Up to 280,000 visitors are expected to travel to the Bay Area for the tournament.

The final draw of nations competing in the tournament will occur in December 2025.



- ★ San Francisco Bay Area
- ★ 2026 World Cup host city



Tournament schedule

GROUP STAGE MATCHES

6/11	6/12	6/13	6/14	6/15	6/16	6/17	6/18	☆ 6/19
Guadalajara Mexico City	Los Angeles Toronto	BAY AREA Boston New Jersey Vancouver	Dallas Houston Monterrey Philadelphia	Atlanta Los Angeles Miami Seattle	BAY AREA Boston Kansas City New Jersey	Dallas Houston Mexico City Toronto	Atlanta Guadalajara Los Angeles Vancouver	BAY AREA Boston Philadelphia Seattle

Juneteenth

GROUP STAGE MATCHES

6/20	6/21	6/22	6/23	6/24	6/25	6/26	6/27
Houston Kansas City Monterrey Toronto	Atlanta Los Angeles Miami Vancouver	BAY AREA Dallas New Jersey Philadelphia	Boston Guadalajara Houston Toronto	Mexico City Monterrey Seattle Vancouver	BAY AREA Dallas Los Angeles Kansas City	Guadalajara Houston Seattle Vancouver	Atlanta Dallas Kansas City Miami

ROUND OF 32

☆ 6/28	☆ 6/29	6/30	7/1	7/2	7/3
Los Angeles	Boston Houston Monterrey	Dallas Mexico City New Jersey	Atlanta BAY AREA Seattle	Los Angeles Toronto Vancouver	Dallas Kansas City Miami

SF Pride Celebrations

ROUND OF 16

☆ 7/4	7/5	7/6	7/7
Houston Philadelphia	Mexico City New Jersey	Dallas Seattle	Atlanta Vancouver

250th Independence Day

QUARTERFINALS

SEMI-FINALS

FINALS

7/9	7/10	7/11	7/14	7/15	7/18	7/19
Boston	Los Angeles	Kansas City Miami	Dallas	Atlanta	Miami	New Jersey

☆ Non-World Cup, large-scale events planned in the Bay Area



FIFA World Cup public screenings

Anyone showing a World Cup match outside of a private dwelling must adhere to FIFA broadcasting and trademark regulations. FIFA categorizes public viewings as:

Non-Commercial Public Viewing

(Small-Scale)

- **1,000 or fewer attendees**
- **Does not require a separate FIFA license**
- Free of charge (no direct or indirect admission fees)
- No sponsorships
- Typically includes events hosted by bars, restaurants, hotels



Covered in this section of the playbook, Guidance for small businesses.

Special Non-Commercial Public Viewing

(Large Scale)

- **Over 1,000 attendees**
- **Requires a separate FIFA license**
- Free of charge (no direct or indirect admission fees)
- No sponsorships
- Typically includes events hosted by universities, cities, cultural groups



Covered in the next section of the playbook, Guidance for large-scale fan activations.

Small-scale, non-commercial public screenings

These events do not require a viewing license. However, organizers must follow **broadcasting, commercial, and trademark regulations** set forth by FIFA and its Media Partners.



Broadcasting rights

FIFA holds exclusive rights to its tournaments and grants broadcasting rights to specific networks. In the U.S., **the official broadcasters for the FIFA World Cup are Fox Sports (English) and Telemundo (Spanish).**

Only use the official broadcasters to show the matches. **Do not use personal streaming accounts or unofficial sources.**

Broadcasting rights have historically been included in commercial TV packages. Package terms are likely to be announced closer to the tournament. If you are unsure about your terms, **check with your cable provider** about your public performance rights.

If you hold the appropriate broadcasting rights, you may show the match on any screen or projector, provided you follow these FIFA regulations:

- 1 **Live broadcast only:** Matches must be shown live. Delayed broadcasts or replays are not permitted
- 2 **No content modifications:** Matches must be shown in their entirety, including all original commercial elements, without any deletions, modifications, or superimposed on-screen material to the match or commercial content
- 3 **Full match coverage required:** Coverage must begin at least 10 minutes before kick-off for regular matches (at least 20 minutes before the opening and closing matches, to include pre-match ceremonies) and must continue until at least 10 minutes after the final whistle
- 4 **No political associations:** The broadcast must not be used to promote any political candidate or party, directly or indirectly
- 5 **No false affiliations:** Do not suggest or imply that your event, venue, products, or services are sponsored by or officially affiliated with FIFA

Commercial regulations

- 1 **Do not charge cover or admission fees.** Otherwise FIFA will consider your watch party a 'Commercial Public Viewing Event,' which requires a license



- 2 Do **not offer World Cup-themed food or beverage promotions**, such as "FIFA Happy Hour" or "World Cup wings, half-off"
- 3 Do not place unauthorized branding (logos, names, or promotional materials from companies that are not official FIFA sponsors) **near or around the display screens.**

While showing the matches, you are allowed to sell your products (e.g., food, beverages) as usual, so long as you do not imply their official association with FIFA or the tournament. FIFA does **not** require the promotion of their commercial partners or the limitation of sales of competitor products.

Trademark regulations

FIFA strictly protects its protected words, logos, and images. Unauthorized use of **trademarked terms or logos** (including "FIFA," "World Cup," official logos, team crests, or images of the official FIFA trophy) has historically led to **cease-and-desist letters, event shutdowns, and fines.**

Even strictly editorial usage of "FIFA World Cup 26" is not permitted for certain commercial entities: restaurants, breweries, airports, and single-branded sports retail stores.

For example, the following flyers **infringe on FIFA trademarks:**





The first flyer unlawfully uses an official FIFA symbol and the trademarked words “FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022” in official font. The second flyer uses the official U.S. team crest.

These flyers imply affiliation with FIFA and the World Cup and could lead to a legal response from the organization.

Instead, use **general phrases** that customers will still understand, like “Match Day” or “Soccer Tournament”. Use **generic images** such as soccer balls, pitches, and national flags.

The following flyers **comply with FIFA regulations** while still communicating the event details to your patrons:



A FIFA-compliant flyer is included at the end of this playbook for your use, and the playbook website hosts a variety of marketing templates you can download and customize to promote your event.

Social media guidelines

The **same trademark regulations apply to social media promotions**, including posts on platforms like Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn, and X. You are prohibited from posting promotional material with trademarks including "FIFA," "World Cup," official logos, team crests, or images of the official FIFA trophy. Violations could result in legal action from FIFA.



Instead, use **generic images and general language** in your captions and hashtags (e.g., #BayAreaLovesSoccer, #MatchDay).

The following example social media posts avoid trademark infringements and are still clear to your patrons:

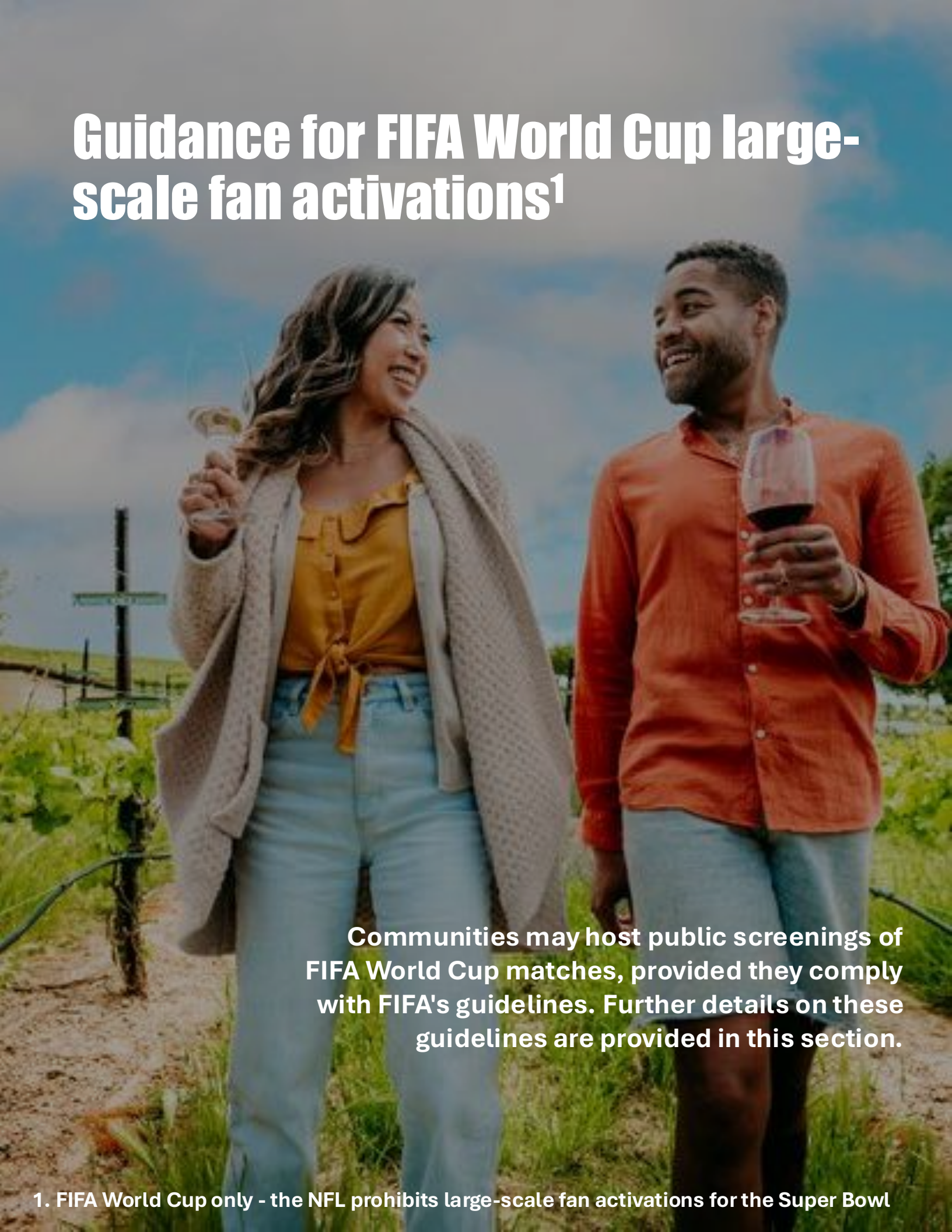


Further information

For the latest information on FIFA regulations, please refer to FIFA's [Rules and Reports](#) posted on their official website and check back for updated versions of this playbook.

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Guidance for FIFA World Cup large-scale fan activations¹

A man and a woman are walking through a vineyard, smiling and holding wine glasses. The woman is wearing a yellow top, light blue jeans, and a grey cardigan. The man is wearing an orange shirt and light blue shorts. They are both holding wine glasses and appear to be enjoying the outdoors. The background shows rows of grapevines and a clear sky.

Communities may host public screenings of FIFA World Cup matches, provided they comply with FIFA's guidelines. Further details on these guidelines are provided in this section.

1. FIFA World Cup only - the NFL prohibits large-scale fan activations for the Super Bowl



FIFA World Cup large-scale fan activations

If you're a city, school, or other community group planning a **FIFA World Cup 2026 public screening with 1,000+ attendees**, FIFA requires adherence to trademark and broadcasting regulations. Below are some quick tips for hosting a large-scale public viewing:

Quick tips for large-scale public screenings:



Do

- 1 Obtain a FIFA public viewing license and acquire relevant local permits
- 2 Share materials using generic terms like The Tournament or Match Day
- 3 Acquire a legal broadcast feed from Fox (English) or Telemundo (Spanish)



Don't

- 1 Charge admission or seek sponsorships for your public screening
- 2 Share promotional materials with trademarks including "World Cup", "FIFA", team crests, the FIFA logo, and the official FIFA trophy
- 3 Use personal or alternative streaming services to show the matches

The next few pages will provide a deeper dive on regulations and best practices for community-led, large-scale fan activations around FIFA World Cup matches.



Hosting a FIFA World Cup public screening

Anyone showing a World Cup match outside of a private dwelling must adhere to FIFA broadcasting and trademark regulations. FIFA categorizes public viewings as:

Non-Commercial Public Viewing

(Small-Scale)

- **1,000 or fewer attendees**
- **Does not require a separate FIFA license**
- Free of charge (no direct or indirect admission fees)
- No sponsorships
- Typically includes events hosted by bars, restaurants, hotels



Covered in the previous section of the playbook, Guidance for small businesses.

Special Non-Commercial Public Viewing

(Large Scale)

- **Over 1,000 attendees**
- **Requires a separate FIFA license**
- Free of charge (no direct or indirect admission fees)
- No sponsorships
- Typically includes events hosted by universities, cities, cultural groups



Covered in this section of the playbook, Guidance for large-scale fan activations.

Large-scale, non-commercial public screenings

These events (for example, block parties with a projector showing the match, larger festivals in public parks and plazas, public viewings held at community centers) have **many benefits for communities.**

These fan activations unite residents and visitors around a shared celebration of the sport, showcase the Bay Area's global diversity and vibrancy, and drive economic impact to local businesses, artists, and vendors.



Requirements for large-scale public screenings include a public viewing license, a legal broadcast feed, and the permits necessary for your event.

- 1 FIFA public viewing license:** In upcoming months (expected Q4 2025), FIFA will release a portal where you can apply for a public viewing license for your community event
 - Your organization will need to **apply independently through the portal**. The application will require detailed information about the event, such as location and crowd capacity.
 - FIFA will review applications based on a variety of factors including feasibility and potential conflicts with Official FIFA fan fest events. While there is no strict quota on the number, size, and locations of public viewings, **not all applications are guaranteed**
 - Once FIFA approves, the relevant Media Partner (Fox or Telemundo) will review the application and provide a public viewing license if approved
 - The Media Partner may charge a **license fee and a technical fee**, with the price dependent on the event

Only FIFA and its Media Partners have the authority to issue public viewing licenses for the World Cup. BAHC may be able to help you navigate the application process and reach a desired outcome if you fill out the interest form [here](#). Please note that **BAHC support does not guarantee acceptance by FIFA and its Media Partners.**

- 2 Legal broadcast signal:** You will need to use a broadcast signal from **Fox (English) or Telemundo (Spanish)**
 - This will likely be included in commercial TV packages; if unsure, **check with your provider**
 - Do not use personal streaming accounts to show the matches
- 3 Permits:** Check local ordinances for what is required for your event (e.g., street closure permit, temporary structures permit, temporary food facility permit)
 - It is your organization's responsibility to acquire the necessary permits
 - FIFA could require proof of compliance with local ordinances to approve your application



Beyond those requirements, you must follow these **additional FIFA regulations**:

- **Live broadcast only:** Matches must be shown live. Delayed broadcasts or replays are not permitted
- **No content modifications:** The footage cannot be altered or hidden, including all original commercial elements
- **Full match coverage required:** Coverage must begin at least 10 minutes before kick-off for regular matches (at least 20 minutes before the opening and closing matches to include pre-match ceremonies), and coverage must continue until at least 10 minutes after the final whistle
- **No political associations:** The broadcast must not be used to promote any political candidate or party, directly or indirectly
- **No false affiliations:** Do not suggest or imply that your event, venue, products, or services are sponsored by or officially affiliated with FIFA

FIFA will be monitoring third party public viewings for compliance with these and the following commercial and trademark regulations.

Commercial regulations

- 1 **Do not charge cover or admission fees.** Otherwise, FIFA will consider your public screening a “Commercial Event,” which requires a different license
- 2 **Do not offer World Cup-themed food or beverage promotions,** such as "FIFA Happy Hour" or "World Cup wings, half-off"
- 3 **Do not place unauthorized branding (logos, names, or promotional materials from companies that are not official FIFA sponsors) near or around the display screens**
- 4 **Sponsorships are prohibited** for non-commercial events

Food and beverage sales are allowed. FIFA does **not** require you to promote their commercial partners or limit sales of competitor products.

Trademark regulations

FIFA strictly protects its trademarks and other intellectual property. Unauthorized use of **trademarked terms or logos** (including "FIFA," "World Cup," official logos, team crests, or images of the trophy) in marketing materials and decorations has historically led to **cease-and-desist letters, event shutdowns, and fines**. You **must not suggest any affiliation** with FIFA, national teams, or broadcasters at your event.



FIFA allows organizers to use the event title "FIFA World Cup 26" in a standard font strictly for the editorial purpose of informing members of the public of the time and place of a public screening. Any other use of the term, such as in advertising materials, is prohibited.

Instead, **use general phrases** that customers will still understand, like “Match Day” or “Soccer Tournament”. Use **generic images** such as soccer balls, pitches, and national flags. Refer to page 14 of this playbook for FIFA-compliant flyer and social media examples.

Additional community-led fan engagement ideas

Use your event as an opportunity to **support local businesses and creatives**. For example:

- Gather a diversity of local food trucks
- Set up vendor tables / tents for neighborhood businesses
- Set aside space for a beer or wine garden featuring local vendors
- Feature a performance from a local band, artist or DJ
- Organize a street market with artisan stalls
- Commission a mural celebrating the game from a local artist

Celebrate the **spirit of the World Cup** with music, art, and cuisine representing the participating countries. For example:

- Showcase a dance or cultural performance group
- Curate a spirited playlist of music from competing nations
- Offer international snacks or drinks inspired by the nature of the game

Consider including **games or activities for all ages**. For example:

- Organize trivia, giveaways
- Set up a craft station (e.g., face painting, chalk)
- Offer lawn games or a mini soccer pitch
- Set up a photo backdrop with soccer props

To stay informed on FIFA regulations, which are subject to change, and the pending Public Viewing license application process, **please refer to FIFA's official website and check back for updated versions of this playbook.**



Interested in Hosting a Large-Scale Fan Activation?

As described in the section above, you'll need to acquire a **FIFA public viewing license** in addition to a legal broadcast feed and the relevant permits.

If you are interested in receiving BAHC support with the FIFA public viewing license application, please fill out the form found [here](#), or on the [playbook website](#). This form is intended to gather preliminary information about your organization, your event readiness, and your proposed event details.

This is not the official application to obtain a public viewing license from FIFA or its media partners. That application will need to be submitted separately when it becomes available on FIFA's official website.

BAHC may be able to help you navigate the FIFA application process and reach a desired outcome. **Please note that neither BAHC nor Visit Tri-Valley has the authority to issue public viewing licenses.**

Our goal is to identify community partners who are well-positioned to **host inclusive, engaging, and regulation-compliant** events that embody the spirit of global football. While completing this form does **not guarantee FIFA approval**, it helps us better understand your intent, level of preparedness, and alignment with the official event guidelines.

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Appendix



Check back for updates to this Public Screening Playbook

Ensuing versions will contain finalized schedules, updated NFL/ FIFA regulations, and further information on the mega-sporting events coming to the Bay in 2026.

VERSION 3

Expected Release:
Jan 2026

Update to include:

- Briefings on all nations competing in the World Cup
- FIFA tournament schedule
- FIFA public viewing license application updates

VERSION 4

Expected Release:
Apr 2026

Update to include:

- Planned changes to public transit for the World Cup

*There may be additional interim updates to the playbook.
Reach out to Visit Tri-Valley for the latest version.*

Please refer to official FIFA and NFL websites for the most up-to-date regulations.

Statement on BAHC policies

All events BAHC hosts will abide by our **key principles around human rights, accessibility, sustainability, and local sourcing**. Further details on these policies will be published in subsequent versions of the playbook.

Any and all use of BAHC marks must follow the available BAHC Brand Guidelines and **must be approved by BAHC**.

Frequently asked questions (1/3)

Q: How do I know if I have the correct commercial package to show SBLX?

A: If you have a commercial TV package, your provider will likely mention Super Bowl coverage on their website. If in doubt, reach out directly to their sales team to confirm.

Q: Am I allowed to install a television or screen outdoors?

A: FIFA and the NFL do not have regulations around this. It depends on local zoning laws, public safety codes, and potential licensing requirements. Check with your city or municipality before setting up any outdoor viewing area. And for the FIFA World Cup, remember that events with over 1,000 spectators require a license.

Q: I know FIFA has commercial partners like Coca-Cola. Can I sell competitor products like Pepsi while showing the World Cup at my bar/ restaurant?

A: Yes! Just make sure that sales are conducted in a manner that does not imply official affiliation with FIFA or the tournament.

Q: When are visitors expected to arrive for these mega-sporting events?

A: While exact numbers are hard to predict, there will likely be increased foot traffic in the days surrounding major matches, especially near stadiums, tourist areas, and public viewing sites. The Super Bowl is on February 8, 2026 and visitors will arrive as early as one week prior. The first match in the Bay Area is on June 13, 2026, so visitors could start arriving in early June.

Q: What are the legal consequences of trademark infringement?

A: Both FIFA and the NFL actively monitor for unauthorized use of their trademarks. Violations can lead to serious consequences, including takedown notices, cease and desist letters, fines, and further legal action.

Q: What if I accidentally post a trademarked logo or phrase on my business or company's social media account?

A: Delete the post immediately. Instead, use unbranded language and general imagery, such as “Big Game Watch Party!” or hashtags like #TouchdownTime or #MatchDay.

Frequently asked questions (2/3)

Q: Can I refer to the "World Cup" if only for informational purposes?

A: All non-affiliated entities must avoid using "FIFA World Cup 26" in any promotional materials, including social media posts/ flyers that advertise public viewing events at local businesses. They must never use logos or imply official affiliation with FIFA or the tournament. Refer to page 14 for more detailed information.

Use of "FIFA World Cup 26" is occasionally allowed for informational purposes. Certain commercial entities such as chain hotels and theaters are allowed to use the term for the sole purpose of informing members of the community of the date and time of a public viewing event. However, FIFA bans certain commercial entities — single-branded sports retail stores, breweries, restaurants, and airports — from using the event title "FIFA World Cup 26" in any fashion, even for editorial purposes.

Q: Are official guidelines subject to change?

A: Yes. Policies from the NFL and FIFA can change at any time. For up-to-date guidance, always consult the official websites ([FIFA](#), [NFL](#)) or refer to the latest version of this playbook.

Q: When will the full FIFA tournament schedule be announced?

A: The final tournament draw is scheduled for December 2025 and tickets for matches will go on sale soon after the final draw.

Q: Can I organize a large-scale fan activation for the Super Bowl?

A: No. The NFL does not permit communities to organize independent large-scale public screenings of the Super Bowl. However, bars/ restaurants with native screens are allowed to host small-scale public screenings.

Q: How can I apply for a FIFA public viewing license, required for a large-scale fan activation?

A: FIFA is expected to launch an online application portal in Q4 2025. Details will be published on FIFA's official website and shared in Version 3 of this playbook in January 2026. Please check then for the latest updates.

Frequently asked questions (3/3)

Q: How long will the application process for a FIFA public viewing license take?

A: At this time, the timeline of the application process has not been confirmed. Please check regularly for the latest updates to this playbook.

Q: How many public viewing licenses will be granted per area?

A: The number of licenses issued per area will vary depending on factors such as event size, location capacity, and infrastructure. FIFA generally limits licenses to ensure public safety, protect broadcast rights, and prevent market oversaturation. Early application is strongly recommended, especially in high-demand areas. Please note, the Bay Area Host Committee does not issue licenses.

Q: What kind of support will BAHC offer to large-scale fan activations?

A: BAHC encourages communities to organize their own fan activation events independently. Communities must apply independently for a FIFA public viewing license. If you are interested in receiving BAHC support for that application, please complete the interest form [here](#), or on the [playbook website](#).

Q: Will public transportation change during these mega-sporting events?

A: Likely yes. Plans will be announced closer to the events. Reach out to your local transit authority or check back for updated versions of this playbook.

Marketing flyers

The following pages contain **two general flyers for bars and restaurants to use** to promote Super Bowl and FIFA World Cup public screenings. Feel free to print them directly. They are black and white to accommodate all printers.

A broader selection of flyer designs is available on the [playbook website](#). This online collection of marketing materials, still under development, will include:

- Multilingual flyers
- Designs tailored to specific teams and matches
- Materials customized for different types of public screenings (for example, bar happy hours)

All flyer templates hosted on the website will be customizable. You can download the PDFs and insert your business name, along with the match date, time, and details.

Our team is actively developing more materials, which will be released over the coming months, as we approach the Super Bowl and receive the official tournament schedule for the World Cup.

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THE BIG GAME

FEB 8, 3:30 PM

WATCH PARTY HERE

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JOIN THE GLOBAL CELEBRATION OF SOCCER



**EVERY GOAL. EVERY MATCH.
SHOWN HERE**

06.11 - 07.19

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