FIFA confirms hosts of the 2031 and 2035 Women's World Cups

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News

An Extraordinary FIFA Congress on 23 Nov 2026 confirmed the hosts of two Women's World Cups. 2031: the United States, Mexico, Costa Rica and Jamaica, the first time four countries will co-host the tournament. 2035: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, the first FIFA World Cup in the United Kingdom since the 1966 men's tournament. Both bids were unopposed. Both editions expand from 32 to 48 teams, with 104 matches each.

Key facts for the exam

Point	Details
Format	48 teams in 12 groups; 104 matches
2027 edition	Brazil

Background

- The first FIFA Women's World Cup was held in China in 1991; Spain won the 2023 edition (Australia–New Zealand). FIFA was founded in 1904 in Paris and is headquartered in Zurich; its president is Gianni Infantino.
- Men's World Cups: 2026 USA–Canada–Mexico (first with 48 teams), 2030 Spain–Portugal–Morocco, 2034 Saudi Arabia. India hosted the AFC Women's Asian Cup 2022.

Tamil Nadu link: Madurai's Sethu FC won the Indian Women's League (2018-19), and Tamil Nadu has supplied several India women's players such as Indumathi Kathiresan.

Frequently asked questions

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Practice questions (with answers)

1. Which nations will host the 2035 FIFA Women's World Cup?

A) Spain, Portugal and Morocco

B) Australia and New Zealand

C) USA, Mexico, Costa Rica and Jamaica

D) England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales

Answer: D – Explanation: 2031: four US-led nations; 2027: Brazil; 2023: Australia–New Zealand. An Extraordinary FIFA Congress confirmed both on 23 Nov 2026.

2. To how many teams will the 2031 Women's World Cup be expanded?

A) 64

B) 32

C) 40

D) 48

Answer: D – Explanation: It grows from 32 to 48 teams. The men's 2026 World Cup (USA–Canada–Mexico) is the first men's edition with 48 teams.

3. Where and when was the first FIFA Women's World Cup held?

A) Sweden, 1995

B) China, 1991

C) USA, 1999

D) Germany, 1987

Answer: B – Explanation: It began in China in 1991; Spain won in 2023. India hosted the 2022 AFC Women's Asian Cup.

4. Where is FIFA headquartered?

A) Zurich, Switzerland

B) Geneva, Switzerland

C) Lausanne, Switzerland

D) Paris, France

Answer: A – Explanation: FIFA was founded in Paris in 1904 and is based in Zurich; its president is Gianni Infantino. Lausanne hosts the IOC.

5. Which Tamil Nadu club won the Indian Women's League (IWL) football title in 2018-19?

A) Gokulam Keralam FC

B) Sethu FC, Madurai

C) Eastern Sporting Union

D) Chennaiyin FC

Answer: B – Explanation: Madurai's Sethu FC won the 2018-19 IWL; Tamil Nadu players such as Indumathi Kathiresan have played for India.