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2026



WELCOME TO OTTAWA, ONTARIO

To all qualified athletes, coaches, staff and officials,

We're delighted to congratulate you on your outstanding season and your admirable qualification for the 2026 National Championships in Ottawa, Ontario. It's a remarkable achievement that reflects your hard work, training, and perseverance — and one earned against real competition: 137 men's teams and 58 women's teams took part in their provincial competitions this season in pursuit of a place at the National Championships.

We are honoured to invite you to join us for this thrilling event where you'll undoubtedly experience unforgettable moments that will be etched in your memory forever. This is the first time the National Championships have been held in Ottawa. The Ottawa Gloucester Soccer Club and our partners have gone above and beyond to ensure that the tournament is nothing short of amazing for all our guests.

To assist you in planning your trip, we'd like to share some essential information that will come in handy.

As final preparations are underway, we look forward to welcoming you to Ottawa. Get ready for an exceptional tournament experience that promises to be a highlight of your season!

Sincerely,

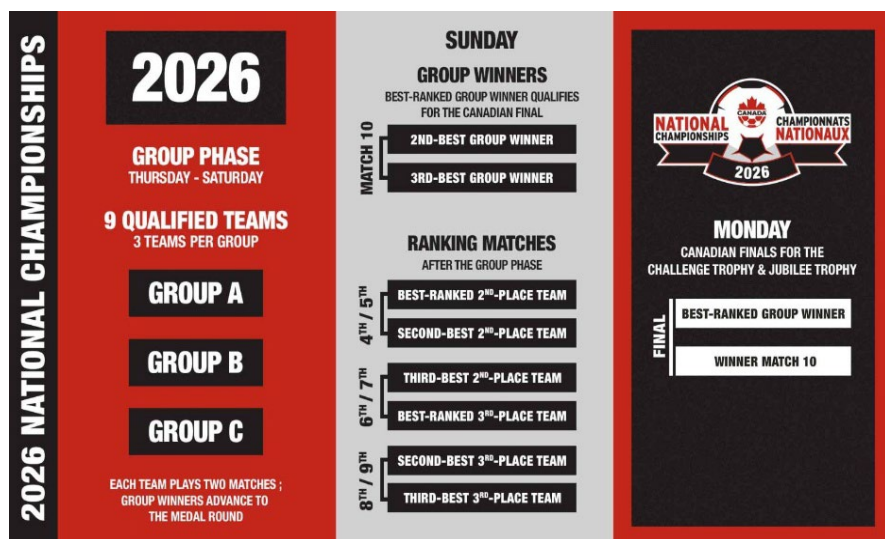
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On behalf of the Local Organising Committee

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Canada Soccer's National Championships serves as a pinnacle event to the 2026 season, bringing together the best amateur clubs from across the country. The 2026 edition will be played in Ottawa, Ontario from 8 to 12 October with nine men's teams playing for the Challenge Trophy and nine women's teams playing for the Jubilee Trophy.

Canada Soccer will deliver all key information pertaining to its national amateur competitions via www.canadasoccer.com/competitions.



The main landing page for your competition will feature:

- Links to each division for the Challenge and Jubilee Trophies
- Competition Regulations
- Resource Centre including:
 - o Canada Soccer Code of Conduct & Ethics
 - o Canada Soccer Disciplinary Code
 - o 2025-26 Laws of the Game

Your division's competition page will include the Schedule and Results (with a "Download XL" button) as well as the list of Participating Clubs (with links to each Club Profile page).

The participating teams for the 2026 National Championships qualify through their respective provincial leagues and cup competitions from September 2025 through September 2026. In total, 137 men's teams and 58 women's teams competed in their provincial competitions to reach the National Championships.

HOST CONTACT INFORMATION

Clubs are asked to communicate first and foremost with their provincial soccer organisation in preparation for the National Championships.

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SAFE SPORT

All participants deserve a sport experience that is safe, welcoming, accessible, and inclusive. To this end, we work diligently and proactively to ensure all soccer experiences are great ones.

If a member of your team witnesses or experiences maltreatment and wants to file a complaint, this complaint is to be directed to your Provincial or Territorial organisation to be processed by their independent service provider. If you require further support or direction, please reach out to our Manager of Safe Sport, Caroline Truchon at ctruchon@canadasoccer.com.

COMPETITION FIELDS & FACILITIES



The competition runs across five days, with nine teams in each division drawn into three groups of three teams. Group stage matches are played from

Thursday through Saturday followed by ranking and playoff matches on Sunday 11 October and then the Canadian Finals on Thanksgiving Monday 12 October. In all, there will be 28 matches played across the two divisions. Matches are scheduled at Julian de Guzman Park and the University of Ottawa's Matt Anthony Field. The Canadian Finals will be played at Julian de Guzman Park.



Competition Headquarters

Julian de Guzman Park

The complete schedule has been published at canadasoccer.com/competitions.

Julian de Guzman Park (two fields)

3928 Farmers Way

Carlsbad Springs, ON, K0A 1K0

Dimensions – 105 m x 66 m (114.8 yds x 72 yds)

Soccer turf installed and maintained since 2026

Natural grass surface for alternate field

University of Ottawa – Matt Anthony Field

801 King Edward Avenue

Ottawa, ON K1N 6N5

Dimensions – 100.5 m x 64 m (110 yds x 70 yds)

Soccer turf installed and maintained since 2026

Training sessions

Training sessions, booked through the Local Organising Committee, can be organised at the Hornets Nest Park (numerous grass fields). The LOC will manage the training site allocation and training times on an equitable basis. Please contact Ron Palacz to arrange bookings.

Dressing Rooms

Julian de Guzman Park currently has two permanent dressing rooms and one set of showers, inside the 16,000 sq ft building on site. The site also has four dressing rooms and six shower stalls located between the building and the soccer fields. The University of Ottawa Matt Anthony Field has eight or more dressing rooms with showers. Two permanent referee dressing rooms will be in place at both venues. Keys are issued before each match to team captains or coaches. Training balls and bibs will be available on site if teams do not have their own.

Athletic Therapy / First Aid

An AED at Julian de Guzman Park is mounted on the main level — through the front doors, up the first set of stairs, on the wall just before the entrance to the main hall. At the University of Ottawa, AEDs are positioned: at the Client Services desk on the main concourse; at the security and first aid stations; at the Health & Lifestyle Centre front desk on the second floor; and in the emergency cabinets by the main elevators. Physiotherapy will be positioned at a tent between the grass and turf fields (or in the parking lot) at Julian de Guzman Park. They will be positioned beside the field at the University of Ottawa.

Technical / Spectator Areas

Only accredited staff and players are permitted in the technical area.

It is important that Participating Clubs, their players and team staff respect the fields and facilities accordingly. Clubs are expected to keep their benches clean and tidy after each match or training session.

MEDICAL FACILITIES & PHARMACIES

First-Aid services will be provided for all matches. Athletic therapy can be provided one hour prior to each match, although clubs must bring their own supplies for taping.

The LOC Medical Officer is Theo Lopez (+1 647.972.7597, Tlopezdecastilla@gmail.com). Two hospitals with walk-in emergency rooms are within 10-15 minutes of both competition venues.

Nearest hospitals

- The Ottawa Hospital – General Campus, +1 613.722.7000
501 Smyth Road, Ottawa, ON — within 10-15 min of both venues
- Montfort Hospital, +1 613.746.4621
713 Montreal Road, Ottawa, ON — within 10-15 min of both venues

Walk-in Clinics

- Dr. Walk-In
2500 St. Laurent Blvd Unit 108, Ottawa, ON K1H 1B1
+1 613.260.3030
within 15 mins of both fields and hotel
- Trainyards Medical Centre
550 Terminal Ave. Unit 22B, Ottawa, ON K1G 0Z3
+1 613.731.4770
within ~10-15 minutes of both fields and hotel

Pharmacy

- Shoppers Drug Mart +1 613.737.6210 (near Julian de Guzman Park)
665 Industrial ave, Ottawa, ON. Open 8am-10pm Monday to Sunday
- Shoppers Drug Mart +1 613.789.9700 (close to Ottawa University)
322 Rideau street, Ottawa, ON. Open 9am-10pm Monday to Sunday

TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

The Local Organising Committee is working with Ottawa Tourism to identify local transportation partners and secure the best available rates for Participating Clubs. Please note that clubs are responsible for arranging their own ground transportation throughout the week of the competition.

Clubs may collect a rental vehicle from the airport on arrival. If your team requires a meet-and-greet, please send your itinerary to the Local Organising Committee in advance and a greeter — wearing a Gloucester Celtic jacket — will coordinate accordingly.

The Local Organising Committee can also provide arrival and departure support at Ottawa International Airport (YOW). All team hotels, the match officials' hotel and both competition venues are within approximately 20 minutes of the airport. Ottawa International is well equipped to handle large groups, so no advance coordination with the airport is required.

Clubs are responsible for their own transport to and from the competition venues. Please plan to arrive at least 60 minutes prior to your start time (officially 50 minutes before kick-off, or 10 minutes before your scheduled warm-up).

Parking at Julian de Guzman Park is free, with approximately 100 spaces and a drop-off zone at the front of the building; there is also free on-street parking directly in front. The University of Ottawa has a paid covered parking lot on site. Please allow extra time on matchdays, particularly at the University of Ottawa.

LOCAL LAUNDRY OPTIONS

On-site laundry service is available at the host hotel for guests to use. There are no laundry services at either competition venue.

- Spins Laundrymart
320 McArthur Ave. B, Vanier, ON K1L 5G2
+1 613.667.9209
- Maple Laundromart
1910 St. Laurent Blvd, Ottawa, ON K1G 2A4
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LOCAL HOSPITALITY & TOURISM



World-renown for its culture, entertainment and sporting heroes, the City of Ottawa and the nation's capital region will welcome Canada Soccer's biggest and oldest amateur competition for the first time ever this October leading into Thanksgiving weekend.

Ottawa is Canada's capital and an easy city to explore between matches — Parliament Hill, the ByWard Market, the Rideau Canal and the national museums are all within a short distance of downtown. Information on events, attractions and places to eat can be found at <https://ottawatourism.ca/>. The official destination-marketing partner and any dedicated visitor offers for the competition — including an offer for teams at the indoor golf venue located at Julian de Guzman Park — will be announced soon.

LOCAL FOOD & SUPPLIES

- **Roberto's Corner**, 1034 Pleasant Park Rd, Ottawa, ON K1G 1B6, ~10 mins from Julian de Guzman Park
- **NOX Eatery & Public House Inc.**, 801 King Edward Ave 2nd Level, Ottawa, ON K1N 6N5, ~1 mins from Matt Anthony Field
- **Subway**, 3190 Hawthorne Rd, Ottawa, ON K1G 5H5, ~10 mins from Julian de Guzman Park
- **Starbucks Coffee Company**, 275 Laurier Ave E, Ottawa, ON K1N 6P7, ~3 mins from Matt Anthony Field
- **The Green Door Restaurant & Bakery (Vegetarian)**, 198 Main St, Ottawa, ON K1S 1C6, ~5 mins from Matt Anthony Field & ~10 mins from hotel
- **Tasty Way (Halal)**, 180 Lees Ave, Ottawa, ON K1S 5G5, ~2 mins from Matt Anthony, ~5 mins from hotel

For more restaurant options, please refer to Ottawa Tourism:

<https://ottawatourism.ca/>.

COMPETITION MEETINGS

To help prepare for the National Championship, Canada Soccer will lead virtual and in-person meetings. Before departure, a member of each qualified team must attend a virtual pre-arrival meeting (conducted via Zoom, with schedule shared through each respective PTSO). Upon arrival, at least one member of each qualified team must attend the Pre-Competition meeting along with the uniform & equipment check (starting at 19h15 local time).

(Virtual) Pre-Arrival Meeting for Participating Clubs

Canada Soccer will coordinate pre-arrival meetings with the qualified teams. At least one staff member from each Club must take part in one of these meetings.

Thursday 3 September from 16.00 to 17.00 ET / 13.00 to 14.00 PT

Thursday 17 September from 19.00 to 20.00 ET / 16.00 to 17.00 PT

Monday 21 September from 16.00 to 17.00 ET / 13.00 to 14.00 PT

Canada Soccer Pre-Competition Meeting on Wednesday 7 October 2026

The Canada Soccer Organising Committee will chair the Pre-Competition Meeting. The PTSO Representative along with a staff or coach from each club must attend the meeting. All clubs must bring one example of each of their player and goalkeeper shirts and socks to this meeting (which means all colour variations for both outfield players and goalkeepers).

Clubs that have players who need to wear a cast or brace must have that equipment checked by the Supervisor of Officials (clubs must RSVP with Canada Soccer if they are bringing additional equipment that needs to be approved by the Supervisor of Officials).

Club Uniform & Equipment Check and Pre-Competition Meeting

Wednesday 7 October starting 19.15 for the uniform & equipment check, followed by the Pre-Competition Meeting at 200 Coventry Road in Ottawa

Pre-Competition Meeting for PTSO Representatives

Wednesday 7 October from 19.15 to 19.45 local time with the Match Commissioner at 200 Coventry Road in Ottawa

CANADA SOCCER AWARDS

Following the Canadian Finals on Thanksgiving Monday, Canada Soccer will hold one ceremony to present awards for both divisions. The awards include: the Most Valuable Player awards; the Judi Kelloway Spirit awards; medals for the match officials; medals for the three winning teams in each division; the Jubilee Trophy and the Challenge Trophy.

The two Canadian Finals will be played in succession at the same venue, with each ceremony taking place after the last match. The Canadian Finals will be played at Julian de Guzman Park and broadcast live on [CanadaSoccerTV](#).

Canadian Final for the Challenge Trophy – 10.00 local time (10.00 ET / 07.00 PT)

Canadian Final for the Jubilee Trophy – 13.00 local time (13.00 ET / 10.00 PT)

COMPETITION LOGO & BRAND GUIDELINES

Provincial associations, participating leagues and participating clubs must follow the brand guidelines to feature the competition logo (either on its own or as a logo lock up next to your league or club logo). Any and all use of the logo should be approved by Canada Soccer.

Approval requests can be sent to marketing@canadasoccer.com.

Third parties expressly authorised to use Canada Soccer's logos must not alter or modify the logo(s) in any way.

GATORADE BOTTLE & EQUIPMENT

Canada Soccer will provide Gatorade water bottles for every participant at the National Championships as well as Gatorade products for all teams. On all pitches and in all competition areas, Gatorade is the only brand that will be used or featured.

YOUTUBE.COM/CANADASOCCERTV

Canada Soccer will broadcast select matches from the National Championships on CanadaSoccerTV. Both Canadian Finals will be broadcast live.

TICKETING INFORMATION

Tickets to the National Championships can be purchased [online](#) via the Ottawa Gloucester Celtic ticketing page on zeffy.com. A "Full Tournament Admission" pass (all 28 matches) is available for just \$35 while a "Day Pass" is available for \$20.

OFFICIAL MERCHANDISE

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Canada Soccer and Northwest Designs will offer official merchandise for the 2026 National Championships in Ottawa, St. John's and Surrey, including shirts and hooded sweatshirts carrying the competition logo. Online pre-ordering is

available at the link below. Advance orders take two weeks to ship and will be mailed directly to the shipping address provided at check out.

The online store is: <https://nwdinc.ca/s/canada-soccer-national-championships/>.

On site, Northwest Designs will have a variety of items available. They will also offer special customisation on select products. The merchandise will be for sale at Julian de Guzman Park for the length of the tournament.

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Club+ is a platform built to support community soccer clubs across Canada with tools, templates, and strategies to grow the game. Whether you're a volunteer-run club or a growing organisation, Club+ is your go-to hub for practical, ready-to-use resources tailored to the real needs of grassroots soccer. For more information, please visit <https://clubplus.canadasoccer.com>.

Club+ is our way of ensuring that this FIFA World Cup leaves a lasting impact across every community in Canada.



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**The tools and support you need
to grow your club and your
community coast to coast.**

The graphic includes a Canada Soccer logo in the top left, a large stylized soccer ball in the background, and a photograph on the right showing a man in a grey long-sleeved shirt and blue shorts kneeling on a grassy field, high-fiving a young child in a blue and white soccer jersey. Red wavy lines are overlaid on the photo.

Thank you to our partners

Canada Soccer's National Championships is made possible through the support and commitment of the hosts' and their valued partners.

We thank them warmly for their contribution to the development of the game in Canada and the success of this event.



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