

FIFA (World Cup) 2026 and Airspace Access for Public Safety



“FIFA Sanctioned” or “Official FIFA” vs “non-FIFA sanctioned” or “Unofficial FIFA” World Cup Soccer related events and airspace access

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There is a ***big difference*** with airspace management between “Official or sanctioned” FIFA (World Cup) events or locations vs. “unofficial or non-sanctioned” FIFA (World Cup) events or locations

<https://www.faa.gov/fifaworldcup2026>



FIFA (World Cup) Security Concerns and Airspace Security Procedures are Evolving

- **Expect changes**
- **Check NOTAMs each day for changes**



FIFA (World Cup)- related Airspace Access

- For **FIFA sanctioned or Official FIFA** events or locations (FanFests, FIFA Games, FIFA Team Hotels, and FIFA Team Training sites) **there are TFRs**, but the procedures for access vary by type of event/location
 - **Depending on the TFR, public safety may need to contact the SOSC to get access**, especially TFRs around the matches/games
 - When in doubt about what TFRs apply to your area, call Flight Service 1-800-WX-BRIEF (800-992-7499), or
 - **Read the NOTAM** text and comply
 - <https://notams.aim.faa.gov/notamSearch/> or
 - <https://tfr.faa.gov/tfr3/?page=map>

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- For **non-FIFA sanctioned, non-official events, there is no TFR**
- Follow the usual airspace access process:
 - If not controlled airspace, go fly (and comply with the flight rules)
 - If controlled airspace:
 - **Non-emergencies** (such as open-air assemblies overwatch)
 - **Part 107-** use LAANC with Further Coordination or FAADZ, *and*
 - send an email to the UAS Support Center (uashelp@faa.gov) with LAANC/FAADZ reference number and basic details, and they will alert the applicable Air Traffic Service Center to look for it
 - **Part 91-**use CAPS, *and*
 - send an email to the UAS Support Center (uashelp@faa.gov) with CAPS reference number and basic details, and they will alert the Air Traffic Service Center to look for it

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- **Emergency situations** where the public safety operator cannot fully comply with the applicable flight rules, call (for time sensitive ops) and email the Systems Operations Support Center (SOSC) for a Special Governmental Interest (SGI) emergency/temporary authorization/waiver
 - 202-267-8276
 - <https://waivers.faa.gov/>
- Go here for more info on the Special Governmental Interest (SGI) process:
 - https://www.faa.gov/uas/advanced_operations/emergency_situations

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