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San Antonio Awarded 2017 CONCACAF Gold Cup Doubleheader

Alamodome to host confederation's marquee event matches, featuring Mexico

SAN ANTONIO, Texas -- [San Antonio Sports](#) and the City of San Antonio will host the area's first CONCACAF Gold Cup, a group doubleheader featuring Mexico as the seeded nation, on July 16, 2017 in the Alamodome, as announced by Confederation of North, Central America and Caribbean Association Football (CONCACAF). The game details, including the other participating teams and game time, will be announced next year.

- Watch as San Antonio Mayor Ivy Taylor shares today's news regarding the 2017 Gold Cup, [here](#).

The CONCACAF Gold Cup is a continental championship that takes place every two years, and is the official national team championship of the region, which includes North and Central America and the Caribbean.

"We can't wait to welcome soccer fans from across North and Central America and the Caribbean to our beautiful city," said San Antonio Mayor Ivy Taylor. "We know the Gold Cup match will be a big inspiration for our youngest soccer players."

"San Antonio is passionate about soccer, as we saw when the U.S.-Mexico game last year sold out the Alamodome a month in advance," said Russ Bookbinder, President & CEO of San Antonio Sports. "We know that soccer fans will be thrilled with this doubleheader match."

"CONCACAF is the culmination of months of efforts by the City of San Antonio, Visit San Antonio, San Antonio FC and San Antonio Sports," said Nick Langella, Alamodome General

Manager. “We are extremely proud to be a part of the winning team that is bringing this world-class event to the Alamo City.”

Soccer’s popularity in the U.S. continues to grow, with three million youth playing in soccer leagues (source: US Youth Soccer), and among 12-to-17 year olds, Major League Soccer (MLS) is now more popular than Major League Baseball (MLB) (source: ESPN). The fan base continues to increase with the growth of the U.S. Hispanic population. Estimates are that close to one million youth play soccer in Texas, and its growth in the state is the fastest behind California (source: STYSA & US Club Soccer).

The dates for Gold Cup matches scheduled for each group stage city were also announced, as well as the groups to be headed up by each of the tournament’s two seeded teams: the United States (Group B), and Mexico (Group C). Group A will be filled out pending the completion of the tournament field, with the UNCAF Central American Cup set to determine that region’s qualifiers in January.

Complete groups and the full schedule, including selection of dates and assignment of matches for the knockout round and the awarding of the Final, will be announced next year.

Fans interested in being part of an exclusive presale offering for the Gold Cup at the Alamodome may visit GoldCup.org. Tickets will go on sale to the general public at a later date. For more information, visit www.GoldCup.org.

Assets for Media Members

CONCACAF, together with the Local Host Committees, have prepared visual assets to aid media members in their coverage of this announcement. [Click here to access tournament logos, stadium information, photos and video footage of the stadiums.](#)

You will find the national press release [here](#), and a Spanish version [here](#), with the dates of the group round matches, the full list of venues, and the KO round venues.

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About San Antonio Sports

San Antonio Sports is a nonprofit organization whose mission is *to transform our community through the power of sport*. San Antonio Sports bids on and hosts premier sporting events, which have generated a local economic impact of more than \$570 million. San Antonio Sports kids programs, including *i play! afterschool*, Go!Kids Challenge™ presented by University Health System and SUBWAY® Kids Rock marathon training program, *annually* touch the lives of more than 150,000 children. Additionally, San Antonio Sports serves as a catalyst for the development of quality recreational and athletic facilities in our community and manages San Antonio Sports School Parks, a program that turns school grounds into community park space. To learn more, visit SanAntonioSports.org. Keep up with San Antonio Sports on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).