

TO THE MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS OF FIFA

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Men's international match calendar 2018-2024

Dear Sir or Madam,

With this circular, we would like to inform you that the men's international match calendar for the 2018-2024 period has been updated in accordance with the decisions taken by the FIFA Council in this regard at its meeting on 26 October 2018.

Following the consultation process carried out by the FIFA administration with all stakeholders and the relevant committees, the FIFA Council approved:

- CONMEBOL's request to shift the hosting of the *Copa América* from odd years to even years, starting with the edition to be played between 12 June and 12 July 2020. Subsequent tournaments will be held every four years in order to be aligned with the UEFA European Championship.
- CAF's request to move the 2023 Africa Cup of Nations (CAN) from January/February to June/July 2023;

The updated version of the men's international match calendar (see enclosure) has now been published online and can be downloaded using the following link: [MEN'S INTERNATIONAL MATCH CALENDAR 2018-2024](#)

We thank you for your kind attention to the above and remain at your disposal should you have any queries in this regard.

Yours faithfully,

FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE
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cc: - FIFA Council
- Confederations
- ECA
- FIFPro

MEN'S INTERNATIONAL MATCH CALENDAR 2018-2024



FIXED DATES FOR INTERNATIONAL "A" MATCHES 2018-2024

Year	Dates	Official or friendly matches <small>(Release of players to national teams on Monday morning at the latest and release back to clubs on Wednesday morning the following week at the latest)</small>	Number of match dates
2018	January	-	-
	February	-	-
	19-27 March	2	2
	April	-	-
	May	-	-
	14 June – 15 July	2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™	-
	August	-	-
	3-11 September	2	2
	8-16 October	2	2
	12-20 November	2	2
	December	-	-

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2019	January	-	-
	5 January – 1 February	2019 AFC Asian Cup in United Arab Emirates	-
	February	-	-
	18-26 March	2	2
	April	-	-
	May	-	-
	3-11 June	2	2
	June – July	Africa Cup of Nations in Cameroon	-
	14 June – 7 July	CONCACAF Gold Cup	-
	14 June – 7 July	<i>Copa América</i> in Brazil	-
	July	Preliminary Draw for the 2022 FIFA World Cup Qatar™	-
	August	-	-
	2-10 September	2	2
	7-15 October	2	2
	11-19 November	2	2
	December	-	-

Year	Dates	Official or friendly matches (Release of players to national teams on Monday morning at the latest and release back to clubs on Wednesday morning the following week at the latest)	Number of match dates
2020	January	-	-
	February	-	-
	23-31 March	2	2
	April	-	-
	May	-	-
	1-9 June	2 (for non-UEFA confederations)	2
	June – July	UEFA EURO	-
	June – July	<i>Copa América</i>	-
	August	-	-
	31 August – 8 September	2	2
	5-13 October	2	2
	9-17 November	2	2
	December	-	-

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2021	January	-	-
	February	-	-
	22-30 March	2	2
	April	-	-
	May	-	-
	31 May – 8 June	2	2
	June – July	Africa Cup of Nations in Côte d'Ivoire	-
	June – July	FIFA Confederations Cup in Asia	-
	2-25 July	CONCACAF Gold Cup	-
	30 August – 7 September	2	2
	4-12 October	2	2
	8-16 November	2	2
	December	-	-

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2022	January	-	-
	February	-	-
	21-29 March	2	2
	April	Final Draw for the 2022 FIFA World Cup Qatar™	-
	30 May – 14 June	4	4
	July	-	-
	August	-	-
	19-27 September	2	2
	October	-	-
	November/December	Release of players for the 2022 FIFA World Cup Qatar™: 14 November 2022 FIFA World Cup Qatar™ 21 November – 18 December	-

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2023	January	-	-
	February	-	-
	20-28 March	2	2
	April	-	-
	May	-	-
	12-20 June	2	2
	June – July	Africa Cup of Nations	-
	26 June – 16 July	CONCACAF Gold Cup	-
	July	-	-
	August	-	-
	4-12 September	2	2
	9-17 October	2	2
	13-21 November	2	2
	December	-	-

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2024	January	-	-
	February	-	-
	18-26 March	2	2
	April	-	-
	May	-	-
	3-11 June	2 (for non-UEFA confederations)	2
	June – July	UEFA EURO	-
	2-10 September	2	2
	7-15 October	2	2
	11-19 November	2	2
	December	-	-