



# Players at the FIFA Women's World Cup France 2019™

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## Happy Birthday

Players, coaches and referees celebrating their birthday during the FIFA Women's World Cup France 2019

When	Turning...
<b>5 June</b>	
Maria THORISDOTTIR, NOR	26
Laura GIULIANI, ITA	26
Charlotte BILBAULT, FRA	29
<b>6 June</b>	
Rosie WHITE, NZL	26
Rebecca SAUERBRUNN, USA	34
<b>7 June</b>	
Henriette AKABA, CMR	27
<b>8 June</b>	
LI Jiayue, CHN	29
<b>9 June</b>	
Gaelle ENGANAMOUIT, CMR	27
Princess BROWN, JAM (Referee)	33
Monica AMBOYA, ECU (Assistant referee)	37
Bastian DANKERT, GER (VAR referee)	39
<b>10 June</b>	
Dolores GALLARDO, ESP	26
<b>11 June</b>	
Ashley LAWRENCE, CAN	24
Jeannette YANGO, CMR	26
<b>12 June</b>	
Michaela ABAM, CMR	22
Marthe ONGMAHAN, CMR	27
Orathai SRIMANEE, THA	31
Christine SINCLAIR, CAN	36
<b>13 June</b>	
Maria LEON, ESP	24
Barbara BONANSEA, ITA	28
<b>14 June</b>	
<b>NO BIRTHDAYS</b>	
<b>15 June</b>	
Risa SHIMIZU, JPN	23
<b>16 June</b>	
Emilie HAAVI, NOR	27
Tameka YALLOP, AUS	28
Aya SAMESHIMA, JPN	32
<b>17 June</b>	
Rebekah STOTT, NZL	26
<b>18 June</b>	
<b>NO BIRTHDAYS</b>	
<b>19 June</b>	
Sudarat CHUCHUEN, THA	22
<b>20 June</b>	
Uchenna KANU, NGA	22
Ana GUTIERREZ, CHI	23
Caroline WEIR, SCO	24
Celia JIMENEZ, ESP	24
Mariela CORONEL, ARG	38

When	Turning...
<b>21 June</b>	
Estefania BANINI, ARG	29
<b>22 June</b>	
Valentina CERNOIA, ITA	28
<b>23 June</b>	
Isabell HERLOVSEN, NOR	31
<b>24 June</b>	
CHO Sohyun, KOR	31
Milena BERTOLINI, ITA (Coach Team Italy)	53
<b>25 June</b>	
Busisiwe NDIMENI, RSA	28
KIM Hyeri, KOR	29
Wilaiporn BOOTHDUANG, THA	32
<b>26 June</b>	
Amanda SAMPEDRO, ESP	26
Daniela SABATINO, ITA	34
<b>27 June</b>	
Massimiliano IRRATI, ITA (VAR referee)	40
Lidwine RAKOTOZAFINORO, MAD (Assistant referee)	41
<b>28 June</b>	
Sophie SCHMIDT, CAN	31
Pawel GIL, POL (VAR referee)	43
<b>29 June</b>	
Fran KIRBY, ENG	26
Kim LITTLE, SCO	29
<b>30 June</b>	
Anna-Marie KEIGHLEY, NZL (Referee)	37
<b>1 July</b>	
Linda MOTLHALO, RSA	21
Annalie LONGO, NZL	28
Claudine MEFFOMETOU, CMR	29
Tom SERMANI, AUS (Coach Team New Zealand)	65
<b>2 July</b>	
Giulia GWINN, GER	20
Grace GEYORO, FRA	22
Alex MORGAN, USA	30
<b>3 July</b>	
Narumi MIURA, JPN	22
Crystal DUNN, USA	27
<b>4 July</b>	
Irene PAREDES, ESP	28
BARBARA, BRA	31
<b>5 July</b>	
Megan RAPINOE, USA	34
Kateryna MONZUL, UKR (Referee)	38
<b>6 July</b>	
Claudia SOTO, CHI	26
<b>7 July</b>	
Alexandra TAKOUNDA, CMR	19
Rattikan THONGSOMBUT, THA	28
Carly TELFORD, ENG	32
Jorge VILDA, ESP (Coach Team Spain)	38

## Through the ages

All ages and average ages are correct as of 7 June 2019, the start date of the tournament.

### Top 5 youngest players

If she takes to the field, Australia's Mary Fowler could become the fifth-youngest player in FIFA Women's World Cup™ history behind Nigeria's Ifeanyi Chiejine (16 years and 34 days in 1999), Mexico's Monica Vergara (16/53 also in 1999), New Zealander Annalie Longo (16/76 in 2007) and Russia's Elena Danilova (16/107 in 2003).

Age [years days]	Date of birth	Player
16y 113d	14.02.2003	Mary FOWLER, AUS
17y 52d	16.04.2002	Jody BROWN, JAM
17y 75d	24.03.2002	Dalila IPPOLITO, ARG
17y 142d	16.01.2002	Elisa DURAN, CHI
17y 170d	19.12.2001	Lena OBERDORF, GER

### Top 5 oldest players

If fielded, Brazil's Formiga will become the competition's all-time oldest player, surpassing USA's Christie Rampone (40/11 in 2015). Other probable entries in the top ten list of oldest players are Ingrid Hjelmseth of Norway and Argentina's Mariela Coronel.

Age [years days]	Date of birth	Player
41y 96d	03.03.1978	FORMIGA, BRA
39y 58d	10.04.1980	Ingrid HJELMSETH, NOR
37y 352d	20.06.1981	Mariela CORONEL, ARG
36y 326d	16.07.1982	Carli LLOYD, USA
36y 39d	29.04.1983	Hedvig LINDAHL, SWE

## Top 5 youngest / oldest teams

USA are the second-oldest side in the event's history, five months younger than the average age of the Americans' own squad four years ago in Canada, which was 29 years and five months. The Brazilian team for the 2019 finals, averaging 28 years and five months, becomes the all-time third-oldest.

Overall average	26/06
<b>Youngest teams</b>	<b>Average</b>
Jamaica	23/07
Japan	24/07
Spain	25/02
Canada	25/03
Chile Germany Norway	25/10
<b>Oldest teams</b>	<b>Average</b>
USA	29/00
Brazil	28/05
Cameroon	28/01
Italy	27/09
England	27/07

## Average age in the past

The average age of players competing in the Women's World Cup 2019 is at an all-time high, specifically 26 years and six months, beating the record set at Canada 2015 by almost one year.

Average age	
FIFA Women's World Cup™	Average age (years/months)
1991	23/10
1995	24/06
1999	24/06
2003	24/10
2007	25/01
2011	24/10
2015	25/07
2019	26/06

## Players and previous FIFA Women's World Cups

In all, 188 of the players have featured in at least one game at a previous Women's World Cup. They notably include Brazil's Formiga, who could play in her seventh global showpiece, thereby breaking the all-time record that she currently shares with Japan's Homare Sawa. Formiga is also third in the all-time appearance standings with 24 matches played (the same number as Julie Foudy, Birgit Prinz and Homare Sawa), one short of Abby Wambach in second place and behind Kristine Lilly on 30.

Formiga has participated in every Women's World Cup since 1995 and on the day she made her tournament debut, on 7 June against Japan, 150 of the players present at France 2019 were yet to be born.

One player who could make her return to the premier competition in women's football after a 16-year absence is Argentina's Mariela Coronel, whose last appearance came in USA 2003.

Another four players could play in their fifth global showpiece, namely Brazilians Cristiane and Marta, Canada's Christine Sinclair and Nigeria's Onome Ebi. Fifteen players have the chance to contest their fourth Women's World Cup: Lisa De Vanna (AUS), Sophie Schmidt (CAN), Karen Carney, Jill Scott (ENG), Rumi Utsugi (JPN), Isabell Herlovsen (NOR), Katie Duncan, Abby Erceg, Annalie Longo, Ria Percival and Ali Riley (NZL), Nilla Fischer, Hedvig Lindahl, Caroline Seger (SWE) and Carli Lloyd (USA).

Christine Sinclair and Marta are two of nine players who have scored in four Women's World Cups and the only ones with a chance to increase that record to five. Australia's Lisa De Vanna has netted in three different editions.

## Number of players in domestic leagues

In total, 225 (or 40.8 per cent) of the players ply their trade in foreign leagues. Only the USA roster is entirely home-based, whereas just one member of the China PR and Italy squads is employed abroad. By contrast, all the Jamaican squad play overseas.

Players in domestic leagues		Team,
23	(100%)	USA
22	(95.7%)	China PR Italy
21	(91.3%)	France Germany Japan Thailand
20	(87%)	Korea Republic Spain
18	(78.3%)	England
16	(69.6%)	Norway
15	(65.2%)	South Africa
14	(60.9%)	Sweden
12	(52.2%)	Argentina
9	(39.1%)	Australia
8	(34.8%)	Cameroon Chile
7	(30.4%)	Brazil New Zealand Nigeria Scotland
6	(26.1%)	Netherlands
2	(8.7%)	Canada
0	(0%)	Jamaica

*The 11 free agents were not considered to be employed by clubs in their native country.*



## Leagues with the most players

The players competing at France 2019 turn out for clubs in 33 different countries.

Number of players	League
73	USA
52	Spain
50	France
49	England
33	Germany
32	Sweden
28	Norway
27	Italy China PR
22	Japan Korea Republic

## Where they play – by confederation

Confederation	Number of players (in %)	
UEFA	298	(54.0%)
AFC	101	(18.3%)
CONCACAF	75	(13.6%)
CAF	30	(5.4%)
CONMEBOL	29	(5.3%)
Free agents	11	(2%)
OFC	8	(1.4%)

## Clubs with the most players

Number of players	Club affiliation
15	FC Barcelona (ESP)
14	Olympique Lyon (FRA)
12	Chelsea WFC (ENG) Manchester City WFC (ENG)
11	Hyundai Steel Red Angels (KOR)
10	Bundit Asia (THA) FC Bayern München (GER) NTV Beleza (JPN)
9	Arsenal WFC (ENG) Paris Saint-Germain (FRA)
8	Atletico Madrid (ESP) Juventus FC (ITA) LSK Kvinner FK (NOR) Orlando Pride (USA) Portland Thorns (USA) Reign FC (USA) VFL Wolfsburg (GER)

## Coaches

Fifteen of the coaches have experience in the finals of a FIFA competition, as a player or as a coach.

Three played in previous editions of the FIFA Women's World Cup™.

French tactician **Corinne Diacre** contested three games in the 2003 edition.

Germany's **Martina Voss-Tecklenburg** boasts 13 playing appearances and one goal in three editions (1991, 1995 when she reached the Final, and 1999), as well as contesting three games in the Women's Olympic Football Tournament 1996. As a coach, Voss-Tecklenburg previously guided Switzerland at the Women's World Cup 2015.

**Asako Takakura** played for Japan in seven matches spanning the 1991 and 1995 editions, plus another three in the Women's Olympic Football Tournament 1996. As a coach, Takakura led her country to the U-17 world title in 2014 and to third place in the U-20 event in 2016.

Among the coaches with managerial experience in the Women's World Cup, **Tom Sermanni** is attending his fourth global showpiece, this time with New Zealand after three outings with Australia in 1995, 2007 and 2011. The only coach to have participated in more editions is Even Pellerud, with five.

**Jill Ellis** led the holders USA to the world title in 2015, besides taking charge of the Stars and Stripes in the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup 2010 and the Women's Olympic Football Tournament 2016.

Appearing in their third Women's World Cup are Argentinian supremo **Carlos Borrello** (2003 and 2007), who also guided his compatriots in two U-20 Women's World Cups and one Olympic Football Tournament; and **Thomas Dennerby**, who currently coaches Nigeria but managed his native team Sweden in the 2007 and 2011 editions (finishing third in the latter campaign), besides participating in two Women's Olympic Football Tournaments.

Contesting their second Women's World Cup are Brazilian **Vadao** (who also boasts an Olympic Football Tournament); **Kenneth Heiner-Moller**, who is currently calling the shots for Canada but was in Denmark's dugout at the 2007 edition; Thai strategist **Nuengrutai Srathongvian**, who was also present four years ago along with Korea Republic's **Yoon Dukyeo**, who has additionally coached in a U-17 Women's World Cup and played two games in the 1990 FIFA World Cup™.

The coaches with only playing experience in FIFA competitions are **Ante Milicic** (six games and three goals with Australia in the FIFA U-20 World Cup 1993); China PR's **Jia Xiuquan** (three games at the U-20 finals in 1983 and three in the Men's Olympic Football Tournament 1988); and England's **Phil Neville**, who played three matches for Manchester United in the FIFA Club World Cup 2000.

Making his Women's World Cup debut is **Jorge Vilda**, who previously coached Spain to two podium finishes in the U-17 women's finals, finishing third in 2010 and second in 2014.

None of the other coaches have prior experience in a FIFA finals tournament, on the pitch or in the dugout.

## Top 3 youngest coaches

Ages are correct as of 7 June 2019, the start date of the tournament.

Age [years days]	Date of birth	Coach
37y 335d	07.07.1981	Jorge VILDA, ESP
42y 61d	07.04.1977	Martin SJOGREN, SWE (Coach Team Norway)
42y 137d	21.01.1977	Phil NEVILLE, ENG

## Top 3 oldest coaches

Three of the coaches present at France 2019 join the top ten list of oldest coaches in the Women's World Cup. Tom Sermanni goes into second place behind Paulo Goncalves of Brazil (66 years and 317 days old in 2003), whereas Argentinian Carlos Borrello is fourth and Brazilian tactician Vadao is in sixth position.

Age [years days]	Date of birth	Coach
64y 341d	01.07.1954	Tom SERMANNI, AUS (Coach Team New Zealand)
63y 268d	12.09.1955	Carlos BORRELLO, ARG
62y 290d	21.08.1956	VADAO, BRA