



“We Have Tomorrow – Bright Before Us, Like A Flame.” *Langston Hughes*

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KANSAS CITY**

### Kansas City World Cup Match Schedule

Whether you're hoping to watch a match live at Arrowhead Stadium or just want to know what's happening when, here are the dates of the six matches that will be played in Kansas City this summer.

- June 16:** Argentina vs. Algeria
- June 20:** Ecuador vs. Curaçao
- June 25:** Tunisia vs. Netherlands
- June 27:** Austria vs. Algeria
- July 3:** Round of 32 (teams TBD)
- July 11:** Quarterfinal (teams TBD)

### OUR MISSION

We create a community where all enjoy life and feel at home.

City information is available at [lawrenceks.gov](http://lawrenceks.gov) and on cable Channel 25.

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## Lawrence is ready to welcome the world!

Preparations are underway for 2026 FIFA World Cup! With the Kansas City region hosting four teams and several matches, we're expecting thousands of visitors this summer.

After nearly two years of planning, it's official: Lawrence will be a base camp for the Algerian men's soccer team during this summer's FIFA World Cup. That means Lawrence will be host to the Algerian players, support staff and the fans who want to live near the World Cup practice facility.

And Lawrence is just one piece of the activity coming to the Kansas City region this summer. The greater Kansas City area will also be host to the Argentina, England and Netherlands soccer teams and fans over the course of their World Cup campaigns.

This will be an unprecedented event for our community – and we're excited and ready to see what this summer will bring!

### Lawrence Residents: Get Ready

In January 2025, Douglas County organizations formalized a unified command structure to coordinate preparations for the World Cup.

The Unified Command brings together organizations from across Douglas County to address logistics for an influx of thousands

of visitors drawn by the base camp and the nearby matches.

Key considerations for this group include transportation, accommodations, and the needs of the local community regarding public safety, infrastructure and more.

### TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC

Detailed transportation guidance and traffic advisories will be posted on our website, [scorelawrence.com](http://scorelawrence.com), closer to the tournament.

Generally, we know I-70 and other major routes to Kansas City will experience heavier than normal congestion during match days. We'll also have increased traffic through Lawrence as visitors travel between Kansas City and other regional attractions.

The FIFA World Cup Kansas City team has launched ConnectKC26, which is a regional transportation system that will operate during the World Cup. They will have a regional program that offers Motorcoach bus service from June 11 – July 13, 2026. It will

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connect riders to the heart of Kansas City with service between FIFA Fan Festival™ and 15 regional sites, including Lawrence.

More information on ConnectKC26 is online at [kansascityfwc26.com/getting-around-kc](http://kansascityfwc26.com/getting-around-kc).

### SAFETY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police, fire, medical, and all essential city services will be operational throughout the tournament.

Douglas County encourages residents to sign up for the NE Kansas Regional Notification System, a free call notification system that provides health and safety information including weather alerts from the National Weather Service. You can sign up at [dgcoks.gov/em](http://dgcoks.gov/em).

For emergencies, community members will continue to call or text 911 (Call if you can, text if you can't.) You can reach non-emergency dispatch by calling 785-843-0250 or 785-832-7509.

### HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATIONS

With high demand for lodging in the Kansas City metro area – and as a result of hosting a base camp for Team Algeria – Lawrence is anticipating an increased interest in local accommodations.

To accommodate community members who may want to rent out additional spaces, the City has made two major changes to our short-term rental code.

The first change is that non-owner-occupied short-term rentals will be permitted in R-1 and R-2 zoning districts citywide beginning May 25, regardless of their status of owner-occupied versus nonowner-occupied, with a sundown date to be determined for late July. After the

ordinance is no longer in effect, non-owner occupied short-term rentals in R-1 and R-2 zoning districts are prohibited.

The second change is that there is no limit on the number of short-term rentals an owner may operate during the World Cup authorization period (May 25 – late July). After the ordinance is no longer in effect, an owner may operate no more than three short-term rentals within the city.

The City of Lawrence is now accepting temporary short-term rental applications to accommodate an expected increase in visitors this summer. The issue date will automatically be set to May 5, 2026, and will expire July 26, 2026. You can apply on the City website: [lawrenceks.gov/epl](http://lawrenceks.gov/epl).

More information on short-term rentals is online: [scorelawrence.com/quick-resources](http://scorelawrence.com/quick-resources).

### VOLUNTEERING

Do you want to help make the 2026 World Cup a success in Lawrence? Volunteers will play a vital role in making this historic event successful.

Sign up on our website to learn about opportunities as they become available: [scorelawrence.com/volunteer-form](http://scorelawrence.com/volunteer-form).

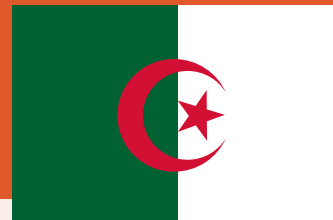
### CULTURAL

With the announcement of Team Algeria setting up a base camp in Lawrence, organizers are zeroing in on the particular needs – linguistic, cultural and otherwise – of fans and players, as well as opportunities the visitors create for the region.

**Questions?** Go online to learn more about this summer's activities and stay up to date on preparations: [scorelawrence.com](http://scorelawrence.com).

## ALL ABOUT ALGERIA

National Languages	Algeria has two official languages: Arabic and Tamazight (Berber). Although French holds no official status, it is widely used in government, media, and education.
Geography	Algeria is the largest country in Africa and 10th largest in the world. The Sahara Desert covers 80-90% of the country's land.
National Animal	The Fennec Fox is a small nocturnal fox with large ears. The animal is so beloved that it's one of the nicknames of the football team!
National Flag	The Algerian flag has two vertical bands, green and white, with a red star and crescent in the centre. The crescent symbolises Islam as the country's main faith.
Team Nicknames	The Greens The Fennecs The Desert Warriors
Team Cheer	"1, 2, 3, Viva l'Algérie"



## CELEBRATE FAIR HOUSING MONTH THIS APRIL

Fair Housing Month, observed each April, reaffirms the City of Lawrence's commitment to ensuring every resident has access to safe, fair, and equitable housing. While the month commemorates the passage of the Fair Housing Act of 1968, it also highlights the City's ongoing work to end discrimination and expand housing opportunities for the entire community.

### How the City advances fair housing

The City of Lawrence works year-round to uphold civil rights protections and promote fair housing through education, enforcement, and community partnership. This work includes:

- Investigating discrimination complaints
- Providing outreach and education
- Monitoring local trends and barriers

### Role of the Human Relations Commission

The Human Relations Commission ensures that community voices remain central to the City's efforts to make Lawrence a place where everyone can enjoy life and feel at home. Commissioners help identify emerging concerns, recommend policy improvements, and support efforts that expand fair housing access.

### The role of the Human Relations Division

The Human Relations Division serves as the primary resource for residents who believe they may have experienced discrimination.

Staff accept and review complaints, investigate those complaints, and work to resolve cases at no cost to the complainant. The Division enforces the protections

outlined in the Lawrence City Code, which prohibits discrimination based on race, sex, religion, color, national origin, age, ancestry, familial status, sexual orientation, disability, gender identity, source of income, and immigration status.

Through this work, the Division helps ensure that fair housing protections are not only written into law but actively upheld in practice.

### Accessing support

Residents who have questions or concerns about discrimination are encouraged to contact the Human Relations Division:

- Email: [humanrelations@lawrenceks.gov](mailto:humanrelations@lawrenceks.gov)
- Phone: 785-832-3310
- Online complaints: [lawrenceks.gov/attorney/complaint\\_filing](http://lawrenceks.gov/attorney/complaint_filing)