

# Media Guide



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# Opening Remarks



### **AFC President Message**

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC), it gives me great pleasure to present the AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ Media Guide as we look forward to staging the grandest ever edition of Asia's crown jewel to date.



Just over a year since Asia took centerstage in world football in Qatar, the focus of fervent fans across the

globe returns to nine world-class venues in Doha where Asia's top 24 teams prepare to battle for the ultimate prize in Asian football.

There is no denying that the AFC Asian Cup™ has grown into one of the greatest success stories in modern football and a key reason for that achievement is the narrative built over the years by one of our most valued partners – the media community.

Over the years, our dear friends from the media have meticulously chronicled and captured the unscripted drama and excitement that have unfolded with each passing edition. And thanks to the tireless efforts of our media partners, the AFC Asian  $Cup^{\mathsf{TM}}$  has grown not only in stature, but also in reaching new audiences across the globe.

Today, the AFC Asian Cup™ has found its place in the hearts and minds of hundreds of millions of passionate fans, so on behalf of the Asian football family, let me convey our gratitude to all of you for your dedication and commitment to the promotion of the Asian game.

As the first edition to be held at FIFA World Cup venues, the 18th edition of the Continent's most prestigious men's tournament will once again enter new frontiers and we look forward to your unwavering support as we extend and strengthen its storied legacy.

And that journey begins right here with this bespoke media guide, which has been carefully curated to ensure you are well equipped to carry out your duties with utmost convenience.

At the same time, the AFC, together with the Local Organising Committee remains steadfast in setting new benchmarks of excellence in all areas, including ensuring a best-in-class environment for our members of the media, through top-level infrastructure and facilities and by offering our assistance with dedicated media officers.

I thank you once again for taking a keen interest in Asian football and I look forward to your continued support as we turn the page to yet another thrilling chapter of one of the most admired national teams' competitions in world football.

Shaikh Salman bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa AFC President

### **LOC Chairman Message**

Greetings,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome all of you to the AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™. As members of the media covering the event, your work will play a critical role in sharing stories from Qatar to the rest of the world.



It will be the third time that Qatar hosts this prestigious football tournament, having previously organized it in 1988 and 2011. This will be the first major football tournament delivered in Qatar after the historical FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™.

Fans from across Asia are set to congregate in Qatar to watch Asia's best players, while 24 participating teams will be playing the tournament at FIFA World Cup™ stadiums for the first time. Qatar's compact nature will mean that both supporters and players alike will be able to stay in one place of accommodation and make use of a robust transport system to travel between stadiums and different attractions.

The proximity of venues, and their interconnectivity, will create a football carnival atmosphere that will celebrate the beautiful game, while allowing fans the ability to exchange cultures, and, in some cases, build lifelong bonds. In many ways, that is precisely what hosting tournaments of this size is all about – the ability to create spaces for the promotion of dialogue and peace. Although there are many social dimensions to mega sporting events, all eyes will be on the pitch when the action gets underway on January 12th at Lusail Stadium.

This edition of the AFC Asian Cup™ – the 18th in its illustrious history – will see the host country take part as the defending champions. The tournament will see teams like Tajikistan make their first appearance at the AFC Asian Cup™, and others like Hong Kong, China making a return after an absence of 56 years. Continental giants like Australia, Japan and Korea Republic will look to build on their success from the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™ as all three sides made their way out of the group stage. Regionally, former champions Iraq, Saudi Arabia and the Islamic Republic of Iran will surely draw large crowds as they vie to lift the title once again.

All the ingredients are in place for Qatar to host the best edition of the AFC Asian Cup™ to date, and you will play a big part of this success. I look forward to meeting each of you while you are in your second home Qatar.

Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani Chairman, Local Organising Committee AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™



## **Participating Teams**

The AFC Asian Cup 2023™ includes 24 qualified teams, drawn into six groups of four.

### **Group A**







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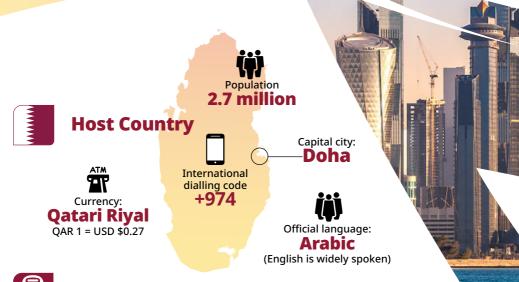
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### **Public transport**

 Qatar's compact nature means visitors will always be in the thick of the action and never far from a stadium or tourist attraction. Transport is inexpensive and plentiful across the country.



Doha Metro
Day pass
QAR 6

Doha Metro
Single ride
QAR 2

(US\$ 0.54)

Doha Metro

Charge card QAR 10

(US\$ 2.75) Can be topped up with credit

- Visitors can take the Doha Metro directly to five of the nine stadiums, with the remaining three venues served by a combination of metro and shuttle bus services.
- The Doha Metro is also directly connected to Hamad International Airport, the main hub for visitors travelling to Qatar.
- Taxis are plentiful and competitively priced, with multiple ridesharing apps available in Qatar. This also includes the possibility of booking wheelchair accessible taxis.
- Msheireb Downtown Doha, Education City and Lusail all have light rail tram systems in addition to the city's public transportation system.



Qatar benefits from one of the lowest crime rates in the world. In January 2022, Qatar maintained its position as the 'safest country' in the world according to the Numbeo Crime Index.

Qatar's security forces have gained extensive experience at mega sporting events over the last decade to gain hands-on experience to deal with any situation.

Qatar is committed to ensuring visitors will experience a safe and secure environment, along with a discrimination-free tournament.



### **Climate**

The average temperature in January and February – when the tournament will be held – is 15-24C (59-75F).



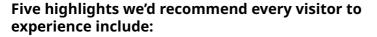
Qatar has extensive international cuisine options and a host of food delivery services. All food in Qatar is Halal compliant and most restaurants offer vegetarian options.

Most major credit and debit cards are accepted across Qatar.



### **Tourist Attractions**

Qatar has a range of tourist attractions, including museums, beaches and shopping malls. There will be plenty of activities for visitors to enjoy away from watching live games in amazing stadiums. Check the Visit Qatar website for further details. Visitors wishing to take a desert safari are recommended to book through an official operator. Independent travel in the desert is dangerous for those unfamiliar with the territory.



Museum of Islamic Art Katara Cultural Village Inland Sea East-West/West-East



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Hamad International Airport: 4010 6666



Mowasalat Taxi: 4458 8888





Qatar has a high standard of healthcare and state-of-the-art facilities.

# Emergency services can be reached by dialling 999 from any phone.



Passengers handling medication, such as painkillers, antibiotics or medicines containing sedatives must provide the original prescription from the prescribing doctor before departure. This is a standard requirement and will help ensure smooth entry to the country. Medicines should be carried in their original packaging so that customs authorities can easily identify them.

### Important phone numbers

Police, fire and ambulance: 999

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Hamad General Hospital: 4439 5777

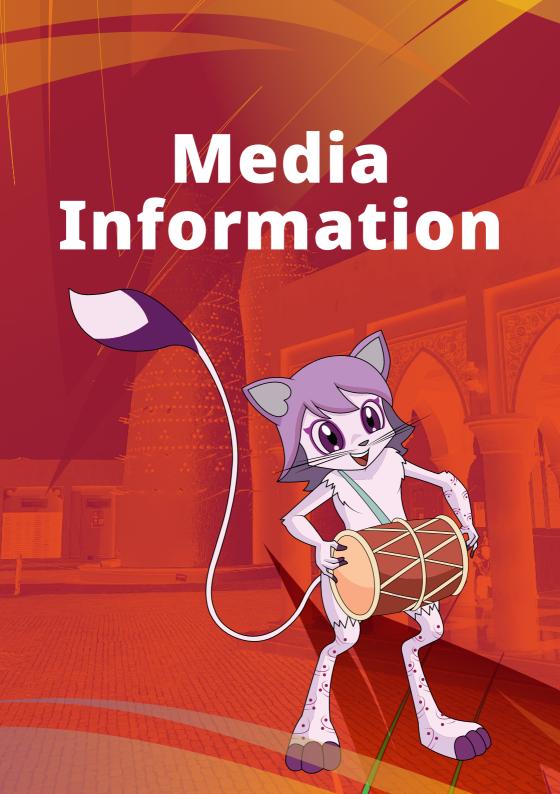
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Vodafone: 800 7110





### **Media Accreditation**

Accreditation is an integral part of the overall security and access management of the AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™. Accredited media will have access to the certain matches, once they are confirmed with their media ticket. Every media must apply for a media ticket to cover the matches:

An additional ticket will be issued electronically with an assigned seat for the Media Tribune.

Bib tickets (physical ticket) will be issued to Photographers indicating position on the field of play from positions 1 -150.



### **Accreditation Terms & Conditions**

The Accreditation Card is the property of the AFC and can be withdrawn, with immediate effect for any reason, with or without cause. This Accreditation Card does not give the bearer the right to a spectator seat to watch any AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ match and must be always worn visibly.

The Accreditation Card is personal to the bearer named in this card and strictly non-transferable. If this Accreditation Card is lost or found, please contact the Accreditation Desk at the venues or at the Main Accreditation Centre (DEC) or at the Main Media Centre (MMC) in Msheireb.



### **Samples of Bibs**

User	Function	Color	Sample
	HB Camera crew & pitch reporter	Grey	HB HB
TV	RTV Camera crew	Maroon	RIV RIV
	ENG	Pink	ENG ENG
MEDIA	Photographer	Green	PHO PHO
Official AFC & LOC Crews	AFC Official Photographer, AFC Digital, and LOC Photographer	Dark Blue	INCOME DE LOCADO LA COME DE LOCADO LACADO LOCADO LOCADO LOCADO LOCADO LOCADO LOCADO LOCADO LACADO LACADO LA
Team Analyst (Official)	Team Technical Video	Red	TEAM TEAM TEAM TECHNICAL OI
Team Media (Official)	Team Photographer or Team Social Media	Red / Blue	TEAM MEDIA TEAM MEDIA



### **Media Ticketing**

The Accreditation Card does not guarantee the holder a seat at the Media Tribune or the Photo positions behind the A-boards. Each stakeholder – PRE, PHO and NRH – will have to apply for a match ticket to be able to have a position during the match.

Below is the priority procedure which will be applied for allocation of seats (approval):

- 1. Media from the playing countries (Team A & Team B)
- 2. Media from the host country (Qatar)
- 3. All other media



### **Media Tribune**

- Written Press (PRE) and Non-Rights Holding broadcasters (NRH) will have to apply for a particular match ticket through their respective AFC Media Channel accounts.
- The application window for each match will open 48 hours prior to the kickoff until 24 hours to the kickoff. The AFC will review the application against the number of seats available in the Media Tribune. Written Press then needs to go and select their seat while Non Rights Holders will be automatically allocated an Observer seat.
- Once approved, the written press applicant may login to their respective account and select their preferred seat in the tribune.
- The written press applicant will then receive an email with an
  e-ticket for their selected seat. This e-ticket must be presented
  at the entrance of the Media Tribune together with the holder's
  accreditation card.
- Upon review of applications based on the priority list, the photographers will receive approval/rejection email from the AFC on MD-1. Those approved photographers will have to login again to their AFC Media Channel accounts at provided timings (based on the priority list) to select the seat (e.g. seats from 1-150).



### **Photographer Positions** (Pitch and Media Tribune)

- Like the Media Tribune concept, the Photographers (PHO) wishing to cover the match from the pitch positions, or the Media Tribune photo positions will have to apply for a ticket online through their respective AFC Media Channel accounts.
- The application window for each match will open 48 hours prior to the kickoff until 24 hours to the kickoff.
- While applying for the match ticket, the photographer will have to select whether he/she would like to cover the match from the Media Tribune photo position or the pitch position.
- Upon review of applications based on the priority list, the photographers will receive approval/rejection email from the AFC on MD-1. Those approved photographers will have to login again to their AFC Media Channel accounts to select the seat (e.g. seats from 1-150).



- Upon selection of the seat, the photographers will receive an email confirmation of their selected seat, which they will have to present to collect the bib ticket at the Main Media Centre (MMC) on MD-1 or the Stadium Media Centre (SMC) on the match day.
- Those who missed the ticket application deadline (-48 to -24 hours to kickoff) and wish to cover the match, may register their names on the waitlist at the MMC until end of the MD-1 operation hours. Waitlisted media will receive an email notification (only if they are approved), and the tickets shall be collected from the Stadium Media Centre (SMC) on match day.



### **Accreditation collection**

All the media who have received accreditation confirmation email, may collect their accreditation cards from the Main Accreditation Centre at the Doha Exhibition Centre (DEC) or from the Main Media Centre (MMC) in Msheireb.

The media will have to present the approval email apart from his or her passport or Qatar Resident ID as proof to collect the card.

### Photographer bib collection

All accredited photographers will have to always wear a bib (dark green) during official activities. The bibs can be collected from the Main Media Centre at Msheireb after collecting the accreditation card.





### Hayya Media Portal (HMP)

The Hayya Media Portal (HMP) offers media and broadcast representatives attending the AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ access to a range of services and essential permits to enter and operate in Qatar.

### Services offered include:

- Tournament Media Accreditation (subject to receiving Accreditation Authorisation Letter from AFC Media Channel)
- Mandatory Hayya entry permit for all media and broadcast representatives attending the AFC Asian Cup
- Mandatory filming and photography permits for all media and broadcast representatives attending the AFC Asian Cup™ and entering Qatar with cameras and photography equipment
- Facilitation of hand-carry equipment clearance procedures

For inquiries, please contact media@hayya.qa



### Registration

All media and broadcast representatives are required to complete their application process on the HMP promptly upon receiving the Accreditation Authorisation Letter from the AFC Media Channel.



Once the Registration Form is completed and approvals granted, the applicant will receive an Entry Permit, a nationwide filming and photography permit, and AFC Media Accreditation at the same time.

### **Equipment holders**

All media and broadcast (who plan to bring hand-carry equipment) representatives are required to apply for their accreditation via the HMP.

Media and broadcast representatives must choose their correct category and role, mirroring the selection made on the AFC Media Channel.

Successful media and broadcast applicants will receive their AFC Media Accreditation confirmation via email. The Accreditation Card should be printed upon arriving in Doha.

### **Accreditation Pick Up Points:**

- Doha Exhibition Centre (DEC)
- Main Media Center (MMC) in Msheireb



# **Spectrum License and Application Process**

Media who need to use radio equipment within AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ venues must register the equipment through the spectrum portal and obtain the necessary permits and licenses from the Communication Regulatory Authority (CRA).

All licensed and license-exempt radio devices will require approval prior to use within AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ venues. This applies to radio devices that are already licensed/ authorized to operate in Qatar (both licensed and license-exempt categories), including systems and devices already in use in the stadiums and other venues.

Radio Frequency (RF) assignment and coordination is necessary as it ensures interference- free operation, the safety and security of life and property, assures regulatory compliance, and optimizes the wireless delivery networks of the AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™.

### **Licensed Spectrum**

Licensed spectrum refers to radio frequencies for which an individual license for use must be issued by the CRA. The license for use grants exclusive rights to the license holder to use the licensed spectrum (frequency) without the likelihood of interference from other users.

Licensed spectrum will be used at AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ principally by broadcasters who require dedicated frequencies for use by wireless cameras, talkback systems and other broadcast-critical wireless systems which do not fall under license-exempt (mainly short-range devices) category.

The license granted by CRA authorizes a licensee to install or use radio equipment in a clearly defined way. A license consists of a license document, a set of general terms and conditions and a license schedule or schedules. Without a license, it is not possible to import or use equipment in the country. The use of radio equipment without a valid license is a criminal offence in the State of Oatar.

### **License-Exempt Spectrum**

License-exempt spectrum can be used by wireless devices without a frequency license. Use of license-exempt spectrum must still comply with the national government's pre-defined technical parameters (e.g., transmission power levels).

For the AFC Asian Cup, Qatar 2023™ devices which utilize licenseexempt spectrum must still be registered with the CRA before being permitted for use at any official tournament sites.

License-exempt spectrum is used for a multitude of applications but the most notable uses at the AFC Asian Cup, Qatar 2023™ shall be:

- · Wireless microphones (Low Power)
- Wireless Local Area Networks (WLAN), commonly known as Wi-Fi.
- DECT-based cordless telephony and intercom systems, often used by broadcasters and referee communication systems, etc.

The use of license-exempt transmitting devices shall be minimized across all official AFC Asian Cup, Qatar 2023™ sites and shall be carefully coordinated to mitigate interferences issues. Only license-exempt transmitting devices with a legitimate operational purpose shall be permitted by the CRA.

### **Spectrum Application Process**

Anyone wishing to use licensed or licenseexempt radio spectrum must submit an application via the CRA e-Spectrum Portal. Portal access must first be requested through the responsible AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ contact. For registration, the CRA will send an invitation email with details of how to access the portal and create an account.

Once an application has been submitted, the CRA will check it for any potential errors and then complete processing. If any issues with the application are found, the CRA will contact the applicant to seek clarification.

For further information on the registration and application processes, the applicant may approach CRA at: spectrumaffairs@cra.gov.qa



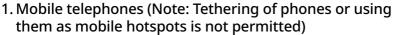
# **Interference Monitoring and Enforcement**

The CRA will deploy spectrum monitoring teams at each stadium on match days, to actively monitor for any unauthorized radio transmissions, find the source of the transmission and resolve the issue. They will also conduct physical checks on equipment in operation in the venue to assess that devices are in compliance with the licenses they have been issued.

If any radio equipment is discovered to be operating in a venue without CRA license / authorization, then it will be shut down, until the user gets it approved from CRA.

### **Exclusions**

The following devices are exempt from this process:



- 2. Personal Bluetooth devices such as headsets, keyboards, mice, wearable electronics, etc.
- 3. Personal tablet devices
- 4. PCs (Laptops / Desktops)
- 5. Car key fobs

### **Airport Customs Procedures**

Upon arrival at the airport, accredited media first proceed through immigration (passport) control and then collect their luggage. A fast-track lane will be designated to all AFC accredited personnel. The fast-track lane can be identified by the AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023™ logo, which will be shown on the screen above the immigration desk. The fast-track lane will be operational for the period of 2nd January 2024 – 10th February 2024.

Once the luggage is collected, passengers should proceed through the screening area and then follow one of the customs channels.





Media and Broadcasters traveling by air or by land can apply for Equipment Custom Clearance via the Hayya Media Portal (HMP) for the Broadcast & Photo equipment brought with them as hand carried or checked in luggage. Media and Broadcasters need to declare their equipment details through the form made available post the completion of the Registration Form.

The form is made available through a pop-up on HMP with a 'Declare Now' option.

HMP users who have been approved on the portal and received their Hayya Entry Permit will need to log in to the HMP portal, after which they will be redirected to the 'Logged In' User Page.

Hayya Media Portal Users who have selected "YES" to bring equipment, at the end of the main registration form, will receive email reminders to declare their equipment using the same process.



### **Important Notes**

 Media and Broadcasters who intend to bring Hand Carry equipment must complete the Hand Carry Form at least 2 weeks ahead of arrival.

 In the event that equipment is not declared through the submission of the Hand Carry form, equipment may be stopped at the airport or the border.

 Any equipment requiring Radio or Wireless Frequencies allocation must be declared through the form on the Hayya Media Portal at least 2 weeks ahead of arrival.

 All the information provided in the form must be accurate, any incorrect information provided may lead to rejection of the application – the reason for rejection will be shared.

- In case of rejection, a new application must be submitted with correct information for further processing.
- Media and Broadcasters that have already received the CRA license via the CRA Spectrum portal must mention the Authorization Reference Number on the form.
- Media and Broadcasters must agree to the Terms & Conditions of equipment clearance before submitting the form.
- Personal Items are not to be included in the form such as mobile phones, iPads, headphones, make-up, keys and the like.

# **Approval Notification**

Approval of equipment list will be sent by email with an attached document that contains details of all submitted equipment. This document needs to be presented in electronic or printed form at the Customs Counter at the airport or the border upon arrival.

# **In Case of Rejection**

If the application is rejected, applicants will be notified by email and the reason for rejection will be provided. Applicants may resubmit a new application after rectifying the data as advised in the rejection note.

# **Applying for a New List of Equipment**

To apply for clearance for a new list of equipment, applicants can submit a new equipment form with the details of the additional equipment.

Please note that each application will undergo the approval process separately & applicants will receive approvals separately for each submitted application.

# **Media Entity Freight Shipments**

- Media that intend to ship equipment and material through Air or Sea Freight must follow standard Customs Procedures detailed in the Customs Clearance Policy.
- Shipping requires the identification of a recognised shipping company.

# **Photography / Filming Permits**

Filming and photography across the State of Qatar are allowed during the tournament by the AFC accredited media registered and approved via the Hayya Media Portal (HMP).

All accredited media and broadcast representatives entering the country with camera and photography equipment are required to obtain the relevant permits required to operate during the tournament.

Filming Permits will be generated as part of the Hayya Accreditation / Entry Permit application submission.

The filming and photography permit does not allow filming with drones.

The permit for filming and photography in public spaces is mandated in the Terms & Conditions of the Hayya Media Portal.

The Filming Permit icon on the Accreditation enables Media to take photos and videos around Qatar at touristic locations and open spaces. Filming Permits do not permit the holder to film or take photos in restricted areas. These areas are marked with clear signs showing 'no film' and 'no photos', or if instructed by security personnel. These locations are also stated in the Application Terms & Conditions on the Qatar Media Portal.









#### Recommended Media Hotels

### **Centro Capital Doha**

Centro Capital Doha Hotel is 9 minutes away by car to MMC. It is 650 m (9-minute

walk) away from Bin Mahmoud metro station, which is connected to Msheireb metro station. MMC is within walking distance, about 400 metres away from the Msheireb metro station.

#### How to book

For media to be able to book in **Centro Capital Hotel**, media must provide AFC Media Channel provisional approval and email abed.moubayed@rotana.com directly to book the preferred rate.

#### **Four Points by Sheraton**

Four Points by Sheraton is a 7-minute walk from Msheireb metro station and 10-minute walk from the MMC.

#### How to book

For media to be able to book in **Four Points by Sheraton**, please find below the booking link for a preferred rate between 1 January and 15 February. Media can start booking once they receive provisional approval from AFC Media Channel.

https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1695025158638&key=GRP

#### **Souq Waqif Hotels**

Al Najada Boutique Hotel by Tivoli and Souq Waqif Boutique Hotel by Tivoli are located in Souq Waqif, and are within a walking distance from the MMC.

#### How to book

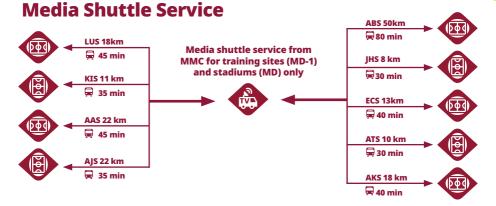
For **Al Najada Boutique Hotel by Tivoli**, media must send an email to reservations.tnjd@tivolihotels.com, copying amerenciano@tivolihotels.com.

For **Souq Waqif Boutique Hotel by Tivoli**, send an email to res.vswq@tivolihotels.com, copying amerenciano@tivolihotels.com





# **Transport Information**



Media transportation will be provided for AFC accredited media from the MMC to stadiums on matchdays only, and from MMC to official training sites on Match Day -1 official training session only.

In case of any questions, media can address their queries to the information desk located at the MMC or the stadiums.

### **Main Media Centre (MMC) to Stadiums**

A dedicated shuttle service will be provided from the MMC to stadiums on match days only. The media drop-off and pick-up point at the stadiums are in the vicinity of the media gates.

Shuttle services are planned with a frequency about every 30 minutes, between KO -4 hours till KO -1 hour (arrival at the stadium). Return from stadiums to main media centre start 30 minutes after the final whistle until FW +2.

No shuttle service will be offered between KO -1 hour until 30 minutes after the final whistle.

#### Media bus service for Stadiums

#### MMC ←→ Stadiums (Match-days only)

Dedicated shuttle service will be provided from MMC to Stadiums on Match-days.

- First bus will arrive at the stadiums at KO-4 hours.
- Shuttle service will operate at every 30 minutes between KO-4 hours until KO-1 hours.
- There will be no service from KO-1 to FW+30 minutes.

#### **STADIUMS ←→ MMC**

• Shuttle service will run from the stadiums to MMC from FW+30 until FW+2 hours at every 30 minutes.



#### Media bus service for training sites

#### MMC ← Team base camp training sites (MD-1 only)

- One round trip shuttle service will be provided for all official MD-1 training sessions.
- One bus service will arrive at TBCTS 45 minutes before training session start.
- Departure time from MMC will be published depending upon travel time to various TBCTS. You may also seek for further assistance at the Help Desk in the MMC.
- Return shuttle departs from TBCTS 60 minutes after start of training session.
- Due to limited spaces, this is a first come first serve service.



#### **Media Parking and VAPPs**

To use private or rented cars and access media parking at the stadiums, accredited media must present the relevant Vehicle Access and Parking Permits (VAPP) at traffic control points (TCPs) and vehicle permit checkpoints (VPCs).



Access to media parking at the MMC and training sites does not require a VAPP. MMC parking will require media to request parking tickets at the parking entrance barriers. Details regarding the parking tickets will be communicated via the MMC welcome desk on the ground floor. MMC parking tickets will be provided for free on a first come first served basis.

All VAPPs are provided free of charge, but requests are subject to approval based on the media parking capacity of each stadium.

#### **Stadium VAPP**

All media will have to apply for match specific VAPP through their respective AFC Media Channel accounts. The application window for each match will open 48 hours prior to the kickoff until 24 hours to the kickoff. The AFC will review the application against the number of parking spots available at each stadium and allocate the VAPPs based on priority procedure. The approved applicants will then receive an email with their approval. The match-day specific VAPP is non-transferable and can be collected by media representatives at the media welcome desk at the MMC.

Those who missed the VAPP application deadline (-48 to -24 hours to kickoff) may register their names on the waitlist at the MMC until end of the MD-1 operation hours. Waitlisted media will receive an email notification (only if they are approved), and the tickets shall be collected from the MMC on match day.

Each VAPP includes a QR code at the back which can be used to access the stadium map, check the location of Media Parking (P4) and show coordinates to reach the destination.

Each VAPP will be scanned by access control at the media car park entrance before access can be granted to the stadium car park.

### **Public Transport**

Qatar has a modern public transport system that provides high level of accessibility and quality services within all areas across the country. Mowasalat-Karwa provides a frequent, reliable bus service throughout Doha and to all major communities in Qatar.

Mowasalat operates a total of 50 routes, starting from 04:00 with last buses timed to depart around 23:00.

#### **Metro**

#### Doha metro

Doha Metro is a rapid transit system, composed of a three-line network that covers all the significant parts of Doha.

Regular Metro operational hours (Please make sure to check the updated timings during the AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023):

Sunday to Wednesday	from 05:30 to 23:59
<b>Thursday</b> (Opening time to be earlier in case th	from 14:00 to 01:00 here is a match affected by it)
Friday	from 14:00 to 01:00
Saturday	from 06:00 to 11:59

#### **Taxi**

Taxi services are widely used in Qatar. Karwa is the official taxi service in Qatar, and can be found at most locations or can be booked through the app. There are other ride-sharing apps available such as Uber, Taxi F and Ryde. Taxi pick up and drop off at the stadiums are usually near the spectators' entrance and may require walking to the media entrance. Karwa also provides wheelchair accessible taxis.

# المواد الممنوعة على ممثلي جهات الإعلام و البث **Prohibited Items for Media and Broadcasters**



















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A wide range of IT services will be provided to the accredited media representatives at all official sites as per the split below. Dedicated technical venue support teams and volunteers will assist the media throughout the official venues except for with end-user equipment.

In case IT support is required, the media should go to the media information desk in the main media centre, stadium media centres (matchdays only), or the training sites media centres (MD-1 only).

Service	Main Media Centre	Stadium Media Centre	Stadium Media Tribune	Pitch side	Team base camp training site
Wired connectivity	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	
Wireless connectivity	✓	<b>✓</b>	✓	<b>✓</b>	✓
Multi-channel IPTV	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>		
Mobile network	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Audio and video	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>			

#### **How To Connect**

Please ensure your devices are compatible with the 5 GHz network as 2.4 GHz will not be broadcast. Relevant information can be found in the technical characteristics of your devices.

To ensure better internet services for all participants, the usage of unmanaged switches, routers, and access points (Mi-Fi) is not permitted as well as tethering of phones or using them as mobile hotspots. Spectrum management will monitor the



Main Media Centre, stadiums and training sites where the Event Network is available to avoid interference with the organiser's Wi-Fi network.

# **Internet Connectivity**

All media areas in the stadiums, MMC, and training sites will be equipped with dedicated Wi-fi for media. We recommend using wired connections in the respective media areas.

It is recommended that media representatives check their devices for on-board Ethernet ports and bring the necessary personal RJ45 adaptors.

#### **Power**

Qatar operates on a supply voltage of 240 volts and 50Hz on UK Type G plugs.



# Media Guidelines





# **Photographers (PHO) Guidelines**

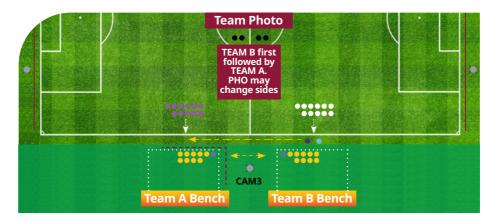
The following guidelines will help you maximize your coverage whilst safeguarding the commercial interests of the AFC and AFC's commercial partners.

#### **Access Areas**

The AFC will grant Photographers (PHOs) access to the following:

- 1. Main Media Centre (MMC) / Stadium Media Centre (SMC)
- Subject to space availability. The SMCs will be closed on nonmatchdays. MMC operation hours will be available on the AFC Media Channel
- 2. Official training sessions at the official training sites
- Open for at least the first 15 minutes and subject to space availability
- Only operate in area designated by the AFC and/or Host Organisation
- Wearing of appropriate bib and clearly displaying Accreditation Card
- Official Training schedule will be available on the AFC Media Channel
- 3. Pre-Match Press Conference
- · Subject to space availability
- PHO position at the rear of press conference room (preferably on camera platform if space permits)
- Photographers will be allowed only until the head coach and player complete their opening remarks before being requested to exit the room
- Press conference schedule will be available on the AFC Media Channel
- 4. Pitch side PHO Position
- Subject to space availability on matchday
- Wearing of appropriate bib and clearly displaying Accreditation Card and match-specific bib ticket
- Always seated, movement allowed under the direct supervision of AFC and/or LOC Venue Media Manager, only before match, during half-time and after match.

- 5. Mixed Zone
- · Photographers are NOT allowed in the Mixed Zone



# **Matchday Operation**

1. PHO pitch side position is made up of six sectors behind the perimeter boards as shown below:

(Sectors PP\_3L and PP\_3R are non-equipped positions)

- 2. Access to PHO pitch side position starts from two (2) hours before kick-off (or KO-120 minutes).
- 3. At around KO-15 minutes, PHO will be escorted to the center line behind rope barriers managed by the Photo Marshalls to take photos of the pre-match ceremony, e.g., teams walk-in, the national anthems, team group photo and picture of the team captains with match officials.

Immediately after the coin toss, photographers escorted back to their

allocated seats behind the perimeter boards as quickly as possible.

- 4. Access to PHO pitch side position closed immediately after kick-off.
- 5. PHO may change sides only during half-time.

# **Equipment**

- 1. Monopods can be used to support the camera. Tripods are prohibited.
- 2. Remote cameras can be set up in the designated area behind the goals provided the remote camera rig does not exceed a total height of 25 cm and can be set up until KO-10minutes. Remote cameras can only be serviced during half time. Approval of remote camera set up is at the sole discretion of the AFC Media Officer and/or LOC Venue Media Manager.
- 3. Flash photography during the game is prohibited.

For any other query regarding Photographer (PHO) access, please contact mediatv.ops@the-afc.com

#### Note:

The AFC has at their sole and absolute discretion, issued all PHO their accreditation card for the event and may impose further terms and conditions as it sees fit.

Failure to comply to the guidelines/terms and condition will result in the revocation of the accreditation card. Revocation may be temporary or permanent, dependent on the severity of the transgression.

The AFC also reserves the right to revoke the accreditation card of any individual at any time without providing reasons and without being liable to compensate the affected part, their employer or any other person or entity.

# AFC Non-Rights Holder (NRH) Guidelines

The following guidelines will help you maximise your coverage whilst safeguarding the commercial interests of the AFC and AFC's commercial partners.

### **Definition - Non-Rights Holder (NRH)**

A broadcaster which does not have a media rights agreement with the AFC, either directly or through AFC's Commercial Partner, Asia Football Group (AFG), to use and/or exploit the broadcasting rights to the Competition.

Non-rights holders (NRH) are allowed to bring in television cameras into the stadiums and Main Media Centre (MMC). However, radio transmitters are not permitted into stadiums and MMC.

#### **Access Areas**

# The AFC will grant Non-Rights Holders (NRHs) access to the following:

- Main Media Centre (MMC) / Stadium Media Centre (SMC), subject to space availability. SMCs are closed on non-matchdays. MMC operational hours will be available on the AFC Media Channel
- 2. Official training sessions at the official training sites
- Open for at least the first 15 minutes and subject to space availability
- Only operate in area designated by the AFC and/or Host Organisation



#### 3. Pre-Match Press Conference

- Subject to space availability
- Broadcast camera with tripod allowed on camera platform (one per organisation)
- Press conference schedule will be available on the AFC Media Channel

#### 4. Media Tribune

- · Subject to space availability on matchday
- Any recording equipment shall be deposited upon arrival at the stadium
- No video/audio recording or live stream on broadcast mobile device(s) allowed for the duration of the match

#### 5. Post-Match Press Conference

- Subject to space availability
- Broadcast camera with tripod allowed on camera platform (one per organisation)

#### 6. Mixed Zone

- Subject to space availability
- Set up camera and tripod allowed in designated area behind barricade

### **Footage Usage**

Any footage recorded during official training sessions, in the mixed zone or during press conferences shall only be used for editorial purposes in regularly scheduled current affairs news and/or sports news programming.

NRH interested in securing match footage for news purpose may contact AFC at the following email address:

afc.commercial@the-afc.com

#### Note:

The AFC has at their sole and absolute discretion, issued all NRH accreditation cards for the event and may impose further terms and conditions as it sees fit. Failure to comply with the guidelines/terms and condition will result in the revocation of the accreditation card. Revocation may be temporary or permanent, depending on the severity of the action. The AFC also reserves the right to revoke the accreditation card of any individual at any time without providing reasons and without being liable to compensate the affected part, their employer or any other person or entity.

For any other query regarding NRH access, please contact mediatv.ops@the-afc.com





# **Lusail Stadium**

**Operational dates and hours** 

Date 12 Jan 10 Feb From 15:00 14:00 To 23:00 22:00



Qatar's largest stadium – Lusail Stadium – is an exquisite celebration of culture and sports. It is currently the second largest football stadium in Asia. The iconic stadium held its inaugural match at the Lusail Super Cup 2022 and eventually served as the grand arena for the historic FIFA World Cup 2022™ final match.



**Nearest Metro Station: Lusail (Red Line)** 

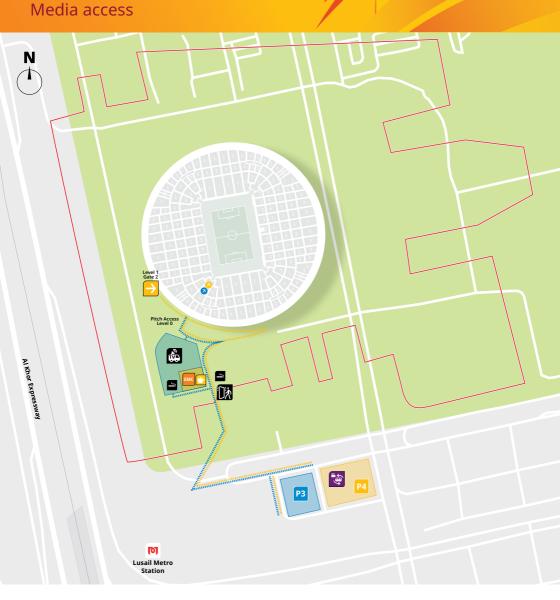
Distance from MMC: 18 km Time from MMC: 45 minutes







# **Lusail Stadium**











Media Shuttle drop off / pick up

Media Stadium

entrance Level 1, Gate 2





Media Lounge

Broadcast

Broadcast

Compound

Parking



Taxi / Uber pick up/ drop-off



Stadium Media Centre





Media Parking

Routes to Security perimeter ···· Media Flow ----- Broadcast Flow

# Khalifa International Stadium

**Operational dates and hours** 

 Date
 14 Jan
 16 Jan
 19 Jan
 22 Jan
 25 Jan
 29 Jan

 From
 13:30
 16:30
 16:30
 14:00
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 10:30

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 22:00
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 18:30



The Khalifa International Stadium was inaugurated in 1976. As one of Qatar's oldest stadiums, it stands as a legend in the nation's sporting history. The stadium received an overhaul in preparations for the FIFA World Cup 2022™. It reopened its gates in May 2017 to host the finals of the Amir Cup.

Dual arches lend the stadium its distinctive personality. A new tier with 12,000 seats was added as part of the stadium's expansion. The façade was also modernised and illuminated with digital lighting, and now shines as a beacon of sportsmanship.

Khalifa International Stadium will host a total of 6 matches; 5 in the group stage and one in Round of 16.



**Nearest Metro Station: Sports City (Golden Line)** 

Distance from MMC: 11 km Time from MMC: 35 minutes





# Khalifa International Stadium











Media & Broadcast Mag & Bag (Security Check point)



Gate 3





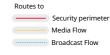




Taxi / Uber pick up/ drop-off

Media Parking





# **Al Bayt Stadium**

#### **Operational dates and hours**

 Date
 17 Jan
 23 Jan
 29 Jan
 3 Feb

 From
 13:30
 10:30
 15:00
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 To
 21:30
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Al Bayt Stadium is easily one of the most recognisable stadiums with its magnificent tent-like structure. The stadium was inaugurated on 30 November 2021 to mark the opening of the FIFA Arab Cup 2021™. It also hosted the opening match of the FIFA World Cup 2022™, reaching full capacity.

Bayt translates to 'home' and rightly so, the Al Bayt Stadium warmly welcomes fans into the heart of tradition – the home of its vibrant past. The tent-like structure is inspired by the bayt al sha'ar or tents of Qatar's nomadic people, complete with the black-and-white stripes on the outside and sadu patterns on the inside – allowing visitors to step back in time.

Al Bayt Stadium will host a total of 4 matches; 2 in the group stage, one in Round of 16 and one Quarter-final.

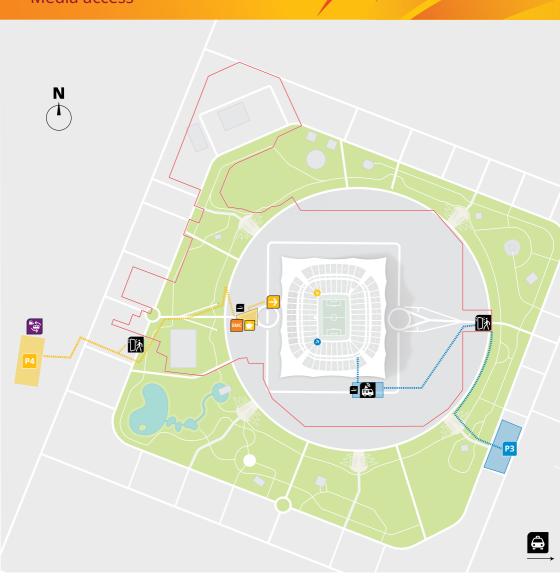


Distance from MMC: 50 km Time from MMC: 80 minutes





#### Al Bayt Stadium Media access







Level 0

Pitch access















Routes to
Security perimeter
Media Flow
Broadcast Flow

# **Ahmad bin Ali Stadium**

**Operational dates and hours** 

Date	13 Jan	15 Jan	18 Jan	21 Jan	28 Jan	2 Feb	6 Feb
From	10:30	13:30	13:30	16:30	15:00	10:30	14:00
To	18:30	21:30	21:30	00:30(+1)	23:00	18:30	22:00



Ahmad Bin Ali Stadium is located in Umm Al Afaei and is home to the famous Al Rayyan team. The stadium hosted its first match on 21 November 2022, when USA faced Wales at the group stage of the FIFA World Cup 2022™.

Built on the edge of a desert, the stadium is a homage to the indigenous landscape. The façade mimics the undulations of sand dunes and is adorned with geometric patterns that lock in the heritage of the land.

Ahmad bin Ali Stadium will host a total of 7 matches; 4 in the group stage, one in Round of 16, one Quarter-final and one Semi-final.



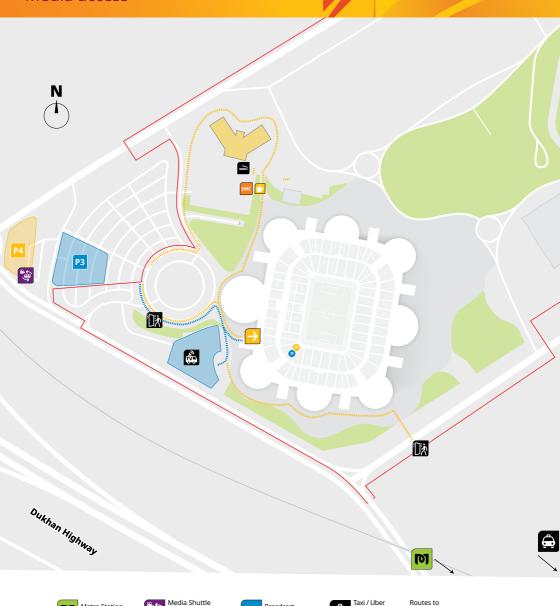
Nearest Metro Station: Al Rifaa (Green Line)

Distance from MMC: 22 km Time from MMC: 45 minutes





#### **Ahmad Bin Ali Stadium** Media access







Level 0

Pitch access



Media Shuttle drop off / pick up



Media & Broadcast Mag & Bag (Security Check point)



Media Stadium Entrance Gate 3



Broadcast Parking

Media Lounge





Stadium Media Centre



Security perimeter Media Flow Broadcast Flow

Routes to

Media Parking

pick up/ drop-off

# **Al Janoub Stadium**

#### **Operational dates and hours**

Date	15 Jan	18 Jan	23 Jan	25 Jan	30 Jan	2 Feb
From	16:30	16:30	10:30	10:30	10:30	14:30
To	00:30(+1)	00:30(+1)	18:30	18:30	18:30	22:30



Al Janoub Stadium lies in the southern city of Al Wakrah – one of Qatar's oldest inhabited areas with a rich fishing and pearl diving past. The stadium was inaugurated on 16 May 2019 during the Amir Cup final and has since then hosted a number of football matches, including seven during the FIFA World Cup 2022™.

A fitting tribute to Al Wakrah's marine heritage – the stadium's design reflects the majestic sails of Qatar's traditional dhow boats used by pearl-divers, that once sailed through the Gulf waters. The stadium is designed by legendary Iraqi-British architect Zaha Hadid.

Al Janoub Stadium will host a total of 6 matches; 4 in the group stage, one in Round of 16 and one Quarter-final.

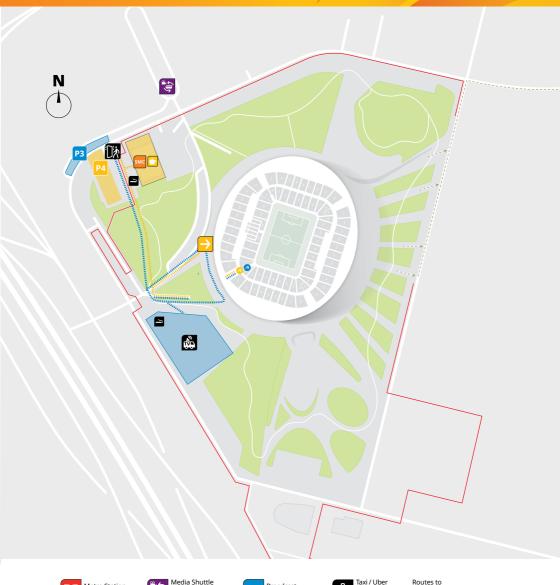


Distance from MMC: 22 km Time from MMC: 35 minutes





# **Al Janoub Stadium** Media access











Media Shuttle drop off / pick up

Entrance

Gate 17







Broadcast Parking

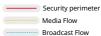








Media Parking



# Jassim bin Hamad Stadium

**Operational dates and hours** 

Date 13 Jan 15 Jan 18 Jan 20 Jan 22 Jan 24 Jan 28 Jan From 16:30 10:30 10:30 13:30 14:00 10:30 10:30 To 00:30(+1) 18:30 18:30 21:30 22:00 18:30 18:30



Jassim Bin Hamad Stadium is home of the Qatar Stars League side Al Sadd SC. The stadium was opened in 1975 and is one of Qatar's oldest football arenas. While the stadium did not host any of the FIFA World Cup 2022™ matches, it was used as a training base for France. It has hosted other notable tournament such as the Asian Games Doha 2006 and the FIFA Club World Cup 2019™.

The multi-purpose stadium has been renovated twice - in 2004 and in 2010. It stands as an integral part of Qatar's football history, greeting local fans who regularly flock to watch local teams compete in prestigious domestic matches.

Jassim bin Hamad Stadium will host a total of 7 matches; 6 in the group stage and one in Round of 16.

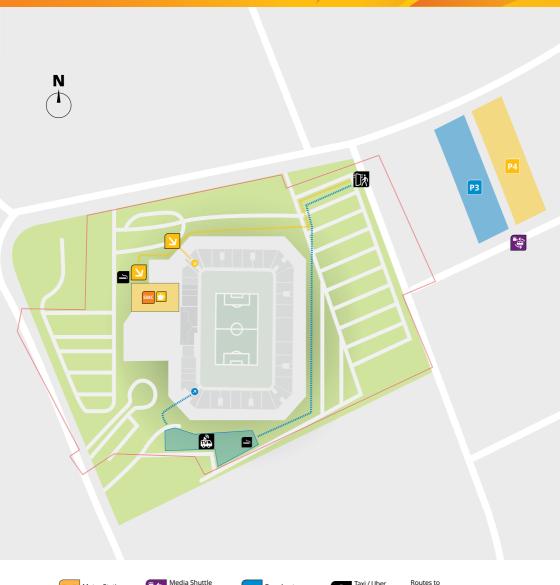


Nearest Metro Station: Al Sudan (Golden Line)
Distance from MMC: 8 km
Time from MMC: 30 minutes

Group Stage	UZB v SYR * *	Saturday 13 January 20:30
Group Stage	KOR V BHR	Monday 15 January 14:30
Group Stage	* * SYR v AUS	Thursday 18 January 14:30
Group Stage	BHR v MAS	Saturday 20 January 17:30
Group Stage	TJK v LBN	Monday 22 January 18:00
Group Stage	IRQ v VIE	Wednesday 24 January 14:30
Round of 16	1B v 3ACD	Sunday 28 January 14:30



# Jassim Bin Hamad Stadium Media access











Media Shuttle drop off / pick up

Media Stadium

Entrance





Media Lounge

Broadcast

Broadcast

Compound

Parking







Stadium Media Centre



Security perimeter





# **Education City Stadium**

**Operational dates and hours** 

Date	14 Jan	19 Jan	23 Jan	25 Jan	30 Jan	3 Feb
From	16:30	10:30	14:00	14:00	15:00	10:30
To	00:30(+1)	18:30	22:00	22:00	23:00	18:30



The Education City Stadium is nestled within its namesake location – Qatar's Education City that is home to some of the world's most prestigious universities. The stadium was inaugurated on 3 September 2020, hosting its first match for the Qatar Stars League season. It has also hosted the quarterfinals of the FIFA World Cup 2022™.

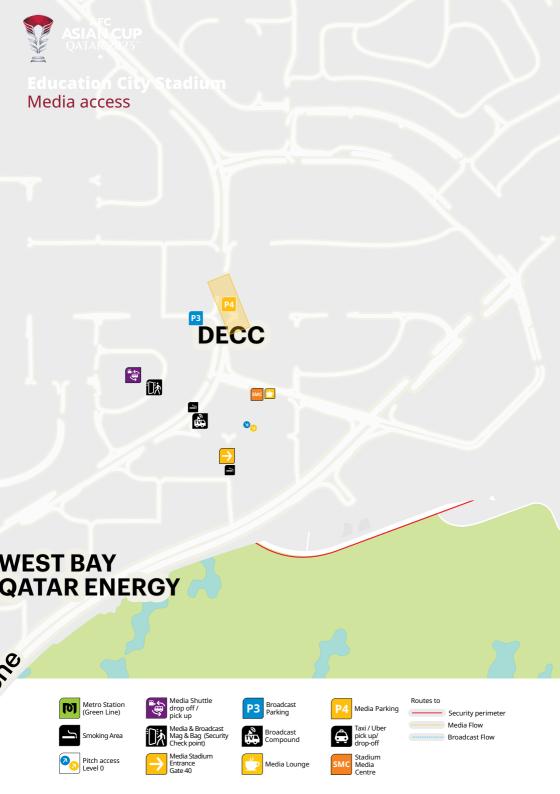
The stadium has earned a nickname 'Diamond of the Desert' from its glistening façade that features a mosaic of diamond-shaped geometrical patterns that sparkle as the sun moves across the sky. A stunning light show preserves the illumination at night, ushering in a sporting spectacle that waits inside.

Education City Stadium will host a total of 6 matches; 4 in the group stage, one in Round of 16 and one Quarter-final.



Nearest Metro Station: Education City (Green Line). Distance from MMC: 13 km. Time from MMC: 40 minutes





# Al Thumama Stadium

#### **Operational dates and hours**

Date	14 Jan	17 Jan	20 Jan	24 Jan	31 Jan	7 Feb
From	10:30	10:30	10:30	10:30	10:30	14:00
To	18:30	18:30	18:30	18:30	18:30	22:00



Al Thumama Stadium is located near Qatar's Hamad International Airport. Its much-anticipated inauguration took place on 22 October 2021 to mark the Amir Cup Final. The stadium has also hosted matches during the FIFA Arab Cup 2021™ and the FIFA World Cup 2022™.

Designed as an ode to the traditions of this region, the stadium is a much-celebrated venue amongst locals. The stadium's iconic circular form reflects the gahfiya – the traditional woven cap adorned by men and boys all across the Arab world. The gahfiya symbolises the coming of age for youth, akin to the venue marking a new era in stadium design. The stadium is designed by Qatari architect Ibrahim Al Jaidah.

Al Thumamah stadium will host a total of 6 matches; 4 in the group stage, one in Round of 16 and one Semi-final.



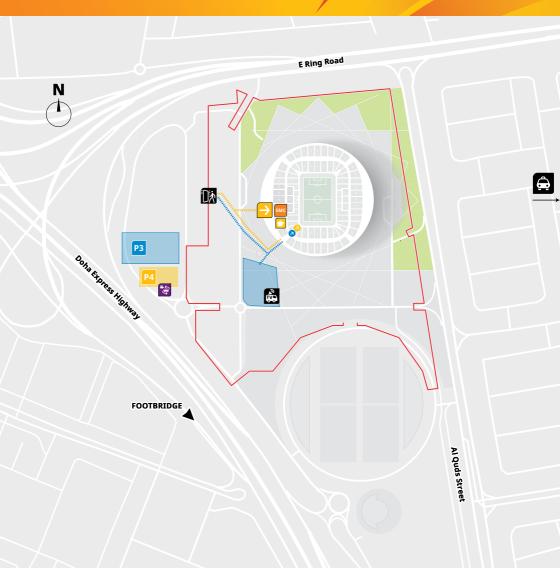
Nearest Metro Station: Free Zone (Red Line) (Metro Shuttle is provided from the metro station to the stadium)

Distance from MMC: 10 km Time from MMC: 30 minutes





#### **Al Thumama Stadium** Media access











Media Shuttle drop off / pick up

Media Stadium

Entrance Gate 2





Compound Media Lounge

Broadcast Parking

Broadcast





Media Parking









Routes to

# Abdullah bin Khalifa Stadium

Operational dates and hours

Date	13 Jan	16 Jan	19 Jan	21 Jan	23 Jan	25 Jan	31 Jan
From	13:30	13:30	13:30	13:30	14:00	14:00	15:00
To	21:30	21:30	21:30	21:30	22:00	22:00	23:00



Abdullah bin Khalifa Stadium is home to Qatar Stars League side Al Duhail SC. The stadium has previously hosted matches during the 24th Arabian Gulf Cup.

The stadium is part of a wider sports complex that includes a multipurpose hall as well as a popular food market.

Abdullah bin Khalifa stadium will host a total of 7matches; 6 in the group stage and one in Round of 16.



Distance from MMC: 18 km Time from MMC: 40 minutes





# Abdullah Bin Khalifa Stadium

Media access











Media Shuttle drop off / pick up



















 Security perimeter ----- Media Flow ··· Broadcast Flow

Media Parking

# **Main Media Centre (MMC)**

The Main Media Centre (MMC) is the main working hub for AFC accredited media, located in Msheireb Downtown. It offers high-level services such as press conference halls, and workspaces, in addition to the technical support, to ensure seamless media coverage for the AFC Asian Cup Qatar 2023.

All media will have access to all official press conferences on MD-1. Key event items such as bibs and parking passes, will be distributed from the MMC.

The MMC will also work as the main media transport hub, providing media transfer to stadiums (matchdays only), and the official training sites (MD-1 official training sessions only).

## **MMC Operational Dates and Hours**

05 Jan 2024 – 25 Jan 2024	from 10:00 to 23:00
26 Jan 2024	from 10:00 to 15:00
27 Jan 2024	from 10:00 to 18:00
28 Jan 2024 – 31 Jan 2024	from 10:00 to 23:00
01 Feb 2024	from 10:00 to 18:00
02 Feb 2024 – 03 Feb 2024	from 10:00 to 23:00
04 Feb 2024	from 10:00 to 15:00
05 Feb 2024	from 10:00 to 18:00
06 Feb 2024 – 07 Feb 2024	from 10:00 to 23:00
08 Feb 2024	from 10:00 to 15:00
09 Feb 2024	from 10:00 to 18:00
10 Feb 2024	from 10:00 to 23:00
11 Feb 2024	from 10:00 to 18:00

Nearest Metro station: Msheireb (Red, Green and Golden Lines) Use exit 5.



#### Main Media Centre Media access





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## 8 Msheireb

#### **MMC West Parking**





# Taxi Drop off





















#### How to reach the MMC underground parking:

- 1. Take the Wadi Musheireb road and turn right onto Abdul Aziz bin Ahmed Street
- 2. Enter through the Galleria West basement parking (which will be located on the right-hand side) to access the media parking (https://maps.app.goo.gl/21cwgJTtdHvNm8Fm9)
- 3. Park your vehicle at level B3 near elevator number 14;
- 4. Use elevator 14 to reach Level G;
- 5. Go out of the building and turn to the right. Walk about 50 meters and then turn to the right, following the left side of tram lines until the MMC Entrance.





# **Training Sites**

All team training sessions will take place at dedicated training sites. Media representatives will be allowed to attend both regular and official training sessions for at least 15 minutes. The actual duration of the open slot is at the discretion of the national teams. The open slot starts at the scheduled session time or the actual start time if it is later than scheduled. After the end of the open slot, all media representatives without exception must leave the pitch.

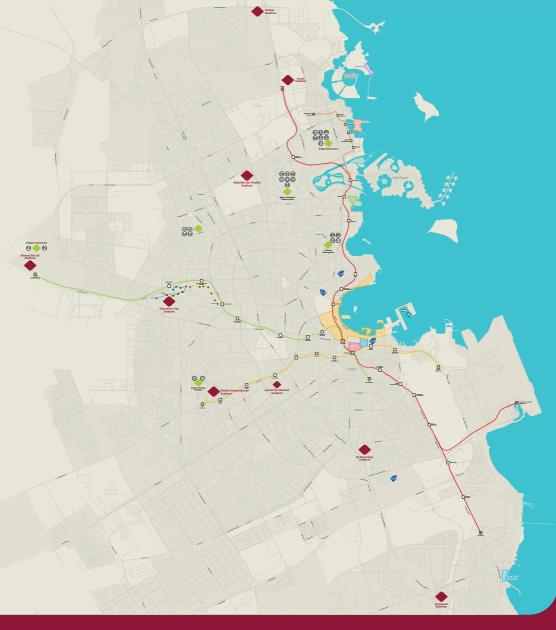
All regular (non-official) training sessions will be managed by team media officers.

Media centres will be located in each training cluster, and will be shared by media attending all training sessions within this cluster. Accredited media can access the training sites media center one hour before the beginning of the open slot, and they can go pitch side 30 minutes before the open slot for official training sessions.

All official press conferences before or after the official training sessions will be held at the Main Media Centre (MMC) in Msheireb at MD-1.

Each training site has a media parking area operating on a first come, first served basis. No vehicle access and parking permit (VAPP) is required.

The media can also arrive by media shuttle from the MMC on official training sessions (MD-1).



TRAINING SITE	NO.	TRAINING SITE	NO.
Al Egla Training Site 1	1	Al Gharrafa Training Site 2	13
Al Egla Training Site 2	2	Al Rayyan Training Site 1	14
Al Egla Training Site 3	3	Al Rayyan Training Site 2	15
Al Egla Training Site 5	4	Aspire Training Site 3 & 4	16
Al Egla Training Site 7	5	Aspire Training Site 8	17
Al Egla Training Site 9	6	Qatar University Training Site 1	18
Al Egla Training Site 10	7	Qatar University Training Site 3	19
Al Erssal Training Site 1	8	Qatar University Training Site 6	20
Al Erssal Training Site 2	9	Qatar University Training Site 8	21
Al Erssal Training Site 3	10	Qatar University Training Site 9	22
Al Erssal Training Site 6	11	Qatar University Training Site 10	23
Al Gharrafa Training Site 1	12	Qatar University Training Site 11	24

Team	Acronym	Training Site	Number On Map	Media Entrance QR CODE	Media Parking QR CODE
Australia	AUS	Qatar University Training Site 11	24		
Bahrain	BHR	Qatar University Training Site 1	18		
China PR	CHN	Qatar University Training Site 3	19		
Hong Kong, China	HKG	Qatar University Training Site 9	22		
India	IND	Al Egla Training Site 10	7		
Indonesia	IDN	Al Egla Training Site 2	2		
Iraq	IRQ	Al Gharrafa Training Site 2	13		
Islamic Republic of Iran	IRN	Al Rayyan 1	14		

Team	Acronym	Training Site	Number On Map	Media Entrance QR CODE	Media Parking QR CODE
Japan	JPN	Al Erssal Training Site 6	11		
Jordan	JOR	Al Egla Training Site 3	3		
Korea Republic	KOR	Al Egla Training Site 7	5		
Kyrgyz Republic	KGZ	Al Egla Training Site 1	1		
Lebanon	LBN	Al Egla Training Site 9	6		
Malaysia	MAS	Qatar University Training Site 10	23		
Oman	ОМА	Qatar University Training Site 8	21		
Palestine	PLE	Al Erssal Training Site 3	10		

Team	Acronym	Training Site	Number On Map	Media Media Entrance Parking QR CODE QR CODE	
Qatar	QAT	Aspire Training Site 3	16		国政院及
Saudi Arabia	KSA	Aspire Training Site 8	17		回线诉讼
Syria	SYR	Al Gharrafa Training Site 1	12		
Tajikistan	тјк	Al Erssal Training Site 1	8		
Thailand	ТНА	Al Erssal Training Site 2	9		回旋线
United Arab Emirates	UAE	Al Egla Training Site 5	4		回数数
Uzbekistan	UZB	Qatar University Training Site 6	20		
Vietnam	VIE	Al Rayyan Training Site 2	15		回機器

F2 Thailand (THA)
F3 Kyrgyz Republic (KGZ)
F4 Oman (OMA) F1 Saudi Arabia **Group F** (JOR) (BHR) E1 Korea Republic (KOR) Group E E2 Malaysia E3 Jordan E4 Bahrain (IPN) (IRQ) (VIE) Indonesia Vietnam Japan Iraq D2 D3 5 Hong Kong, China (HKG) Palestine (PLE) Islamic Republic of Iran (IRN) United Arab Emirates (UAE) Group C 2002 (AUS) (SYR) Group B Uzbekistan Australia India Syria B3 B3 B4 (CHN) (QAT) Group A Tajikistan Lebanon China PR Qatar A 83 A2





# **AFC Asian Cup™ Trophy**

Designed and made by world renowned silversmiths Thomas Lyte of London, the trophy eloquently communicates the powerful spirit of one of the world's oldest continental football competitions.

Updated after six decades and unveiled in May 2018, the production process encompassed a total of 450 hours of craftsmanship, including 230 hours of hammering sheets of steel into the final, unique shape.

The end result is a 78-centimetre-tall, 42-centimetre-wide masterpiece depicting the Asian Football Confederation's five regions and celebrating the proud history of the AFC Asian Cup™ as the continent's foremost men's football competition by labelling its previous winners on the trophy's plinth.

## **Prize Money / Participation Fee**

Champions – US\$ 5 million Runners-up – US\$ 3 million Losing semi-finalists – US\$ 1 million per team Participation fee (all 24 teams) – US\$ 200,000 per team

# **AFC Asian Cup™ Awards**

### **Fair Play Award**

The AFC Fair Play Award will be presented to the Participating Team who have collected the most Fair Play points. The applicable rules and Fair Play Criteria are stated in the Competition Operations Manual.

The AFC Fair Play awards shall only take into account the performance during the Final Competition.

## **Top Goalscorer Award**

The Top Goalscorer Award will be presented to the Participating Player who has scored the highest number of goals. In the event of a tie, the number of assists as determined by the AFC Technical Study Group will be taken into account to identify the winner. If there is still a tie, the total minutes played will be taken into account with the Participating Player with the lower number of minutes played ranked first.

The Top Goalscorer Award shall only take into account the performance during the Final Competition.



## **Most Valuable Player Award**

The Most Valuable Player of the Competition is awarded to the Participating Player who has a major influence in each of the Matches and the Competition overall as selected by the AFC Technical Study Group.

The Most Valuable Player Award shall only take into account the performance during the Final Competition.

## **Best Goalkeeper Award**

The Best Goalkeeper is awarded to the most outstanding goalkeeper based on his performance during the competition as selected by the AFC Technical Study Group.

The Best Goalkeeper Award shall only take into account the performance during the Final Competition.













