



WORLD U20 EDMONTON, CANADA 2024
CHAMPIONSHIPS
TACKLE FOOTBALL

Team Outback Information Package

EDMONTON 2024

The Host for the 2024 IFAF U20 World Championships



Edmonton, Alberta, Canada is the heartland of football in Canada and is the perfect choice for Football Canada to host the 2024 IFAF U20 World Championships. Alberta's Capital became a city in 1906 and over the past 118 years has grown into a major metropolitan region with over 1,000,000 residents.

Edmonton proudly recognizes that it is located on Treaty Six land and fully respects the Indigenous heritage of all the first nations that enriches its culture every day. It is also home to a broad spectrum of cultures, beliefs, and creeds that annually thrive on display in the largest Heritage Days celebration in the nation each August.

Alberta's Capital City also has a long and proud tradition of hosting major sporting events. Starting most notably in 1978 with the Commonwealth Games, Edmonton has also hosted the 1983 World Universiade Games, the 2001 World Track and Field Championship, and portions of the 2002 FIFA U19 Women's World Cup and 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup. In each situation the events drew huge crowds, rave reviews and the host organization set the bar for future events.

As for football, the Edmonton area boasts the CFL's Edmonton Elks; the University of Alberta Golden Bears and is the only city in Canada boasting two Junior teams in the CJFL. The City and the Elks have hosted the Canadian Football League's Grey Cup on five occasions and always set a new standard for the delivery of the game and have had four of the five highest attended events since 1997. 2018's Grey Cup

festival reached 430,967 people (including the sellout crowd of 55,819 who attended the game) and had a 93% positive impact rating by Edmontonians surveyed after the game.



In short, all those things listed above combined show you that Edmonton is a diverse community that knows how to host things and host things well. Its football history and fan support will make it perfect for Football Canada Cup

LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE:



Football Alberta is the Provincial Governing Body for the sport of football in the province and will be the host organization of this event. Incorporated as a non-profit association under the Societies Act of Alberta in 1973 it grew out of the Northern and Southern Alberta Coaches Associations that formed in the 1950's. Membership in Football Alberta has grown through the years to incorporate close to 20,000 paid and associate members and we annually vie to be the largest representative member of Football Canada.

Our Association runs several provincial events each year and has hosted five Football Canada Cups and two Western U16 Challenges since 1996 and each time were successful and ran an event that set the bar for the next ones. Our ability to host events plus the size of our paid and committed membership and supportive communities make us more than confident we can run an elite event worthy of a national championship.

Event Description

The game schedule will be as follows for 2024:

Saturday, June 22

Clarke Stadium

11:00 a.m. Canada 2 vs. Austria (Game 1)

4:00 p.m. Japan vs. Australia (Game 3)

Commonwealth Stadium

12:00 p.m. USA vs. Panama (Game 2)

5:00 p.m. Canada vs. Brazil (Game 4)

Wednesday, June 26

Clarke Stadium

11:00 a.m. L2 vs. L3

4:00 p.m. L1 vs. L4

Commonwealth Stadium

12:00 p.m. W2 vs. W3

5:00 p.m. W1 vs. W4

Sunday, June 30

Clarke Stadium

11:00 a.m. 7th & 8th Place Game

4:00 p.m. 5th & 6th Place Game

Commonwealth Stadium

12:00 p.m. Bronze Medal Game

5:00 p.m. Gold Medal Game

A comprehensive practice schedule and meal schedule are in the other attachments. They are based on arrival times and LRT Schedule.

Finally, many cultural events will be added to the schedule, and we will update all nations closer to the event.

Game and Practice Venues:

COMMONWEALTH STADIUM



The feature stadium for the competition will be Commonwealth Stadium. With its seating for 55,000 and infrastructure that can handle Grey Cups, it is the only facility in town that can handle more than 5000 spectators and is located on the LRT line for ease of transportation a mere 5 minute ride from the accommodations. It will also handle the major broadcasts for the event.

CLARKE STADIUM



The smaller stadium adjacent to Commonwealth Stadium with four dressing rooms, seating for 3000, full spotters' box and artificial turf. It is also located on the LRT Line a five-minute ride from the accommodations and will be easily accessed by teams for practice and games.

NOTE: The practice sites are open facilities. The host committee will provide personnel to ensure access and water supply. They will **NOT be in charge of deciding who can and cannot watch team's practice. If a team wishes a "closed" practice the team in question must provide the personnel to limit access to the facility.**

Access: Should your team experience problems accessing the facilities or locker room areas please call the Maintenance line at +1(780)719-8459.

Wifi: At Commonwealth Stadium, the best Wifi is "EENET" and the password is "Commonwealth1978!"

ACCOMMODATIONS

Chateau Lacombe and Westin Hotels



Two of Edmonton's Premier Hotels will serve as the main accommodation and meals facility for all teams. Should Parents or Fans from participating nations wish to stay in the same hotels please click on the following links for block bookings set aside for them.

Booking link for Chateau Lacombe:

[Spectator Block 2024 IFAF](#)

Westin Booking – [The Westin Edmonton Edmonton | Bookonline.com](#)

AIRPORT

Edmonton's direct flights to major hubs such as Amsterdam, Atlanta, Denver, Frankfurt, Los Angeles, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Los Angeles, Montreal, Toronto, Seattle, and Vancouver for you to connect through can be invaluable for families and others wishing to come to the World Juniors. Hosts will meet their teams at the airport, but with certain ones like the USA and Brazil will come in split shifts.



Local Transportation

Teams will be transported to and from the airport by Charter Bus. After that, all of the transport to and from their practices will be the Light Rail Transit system.



Travelling on the LRT

Hosts will be responsible to ensure that their team gets “trained” on the use of the LRT while there are in Edmonton and teams will take it from there after that. Things to remember:

In General

- Team should stick to the times assigned for travel. That is when Transit Police and EPS are warned to watch out for the wellbeing of the teams.
- Teams should NEVER get on the Valley Line LRT (the blue above ground trains downtown)
- Heading to practice/game they should NEVER get on a train bound for “NAIT”. Only trains with “CLAREVIEW” on the front will take them to “STADIUM STATION”. Make sure they get off at Stadium Station the first time.
- For return to their hotel, either train headed for “CENTURY STATION” or “HEALTH SCIENCES” is okay to take. To get back to the Westin they would get off at “CHURCHILL STATION” or the first stop. To get to the Chateau Lacombe they would get off at “CENTRAL STATION” or the 2nd stop.

From the Westin

- Teams can gather in the lobby and either go to the basement to take the pedway to the Library Parkade where they can walk through to Churchill Station or go above ground. This pedway is not open on the way back so they will have to go above ground to return from Churchill Station to the Westin afterwards.
- They should NEVER take the above ground Valley Line LRT between the Library and Churchill station.

From the Chateau Lacombe

- Teams can gather in the lobby then proceed north on 101 Street, crossing over to the west side of the street and access the Central Station access point before they get to Jasper Avenue.
- Coming back, they can reverse the process.

Security

- The City of Edmonton takes your security very seriously and will have additional security on site for your listed travels times. Please ensure that your team travels in a group and at the times listed in your schedule.
- In the unlikely event of an emergency you may call 911 or Transit Watch at (780)422-4900. Blue Emergency Phones are on all platforms and red emergency buttons are on all trains and washrooms in the system

Ticketing and Social Media

All tickets for out-of-town parents, family and fans will be available at via Ticketmaster or linked via one of our social media sites:

Website

<https://worldjrfootballchampionships.com>

Instagram

[2024ifafwc](#)

X/Twitter

[@2024IFAFWC](#)

Opening and Closing Ceremonies

These events are not easy to work into football events, however here is what will happen so teams can be prepared:

OPENING CEREMONIES – A brief ceremony no longer than 20 minutes prior to the last game of the first day at Commonwealth Stadium for the game between Canada and Brazil.

CLOSING CEREMONIES – All teams would be in attendance at Commonwealth Stadium and would be marched in at the conclusion of the Gold Medal game. Both teams involved in the game would simply line up on their respective 45 yard lines following the shaking of hands and the other six teams would be marched to a pre-determined yard line. From there, there would be closing speeches and whatever medal and MVP presentations that would be required. The final presentation would be the Gold Medal Trophy to the winning team. All teams would then be shuttled back to their accommodations via LRT.

PRACTICE DAYS

Hosts will not have to be actively present on most Practice Days, unless they want to be. The exception will be the first and last one so we can ensure that they get to the right place according to the schedule. Hosts must commit to that. As well, hosts will be responsible when there for liaising with the assigned Equipment Managers for the teams to ensure the water is filled up and the field equipment is available.

NOTE: ALL TEAMS MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN WATER BOTTLES. WE WILL KEEP THE GATORADE JUGS FULL BUT TEAMS ARE ON THEIR OWN AFTER THAT.

GAME DAYS

Hosts will be responsible for escorting their teams to and from the hotels and ensuring their locker rooms are open, etc. During the game one member of the host stay MAY be asked to join the Public Address Announcers in the booth to translate some of the messages they say. Others will be responsible post-game for assisting with the Doping and Drug testing (in case the player selected does not speak English) and/or any interviews requested by the media (in case the player selected does not speak English)

Special Events

The event is a busy time for all participants. Here are some of the other activities teams can take part in during their stay.

Legend:

Walkable from Hotel and Free

Walkable from Hotel, check with LOC for availability of tickets

Accessible by LRT and Free

Accessible by LRT, check with LOC for availability of tickets

June 15	Stanley Cup Final Game 4 Watch Party (6:00 p.m. Ice District Plaza)
June 18*	Stanley Cup Final Game 5 Watch Party (6:00 p.m. Ice District Plaza)
June 19	Movies on the Square – Kung Fu Panda (6:15 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. – Churchill Square)
June 20	Edmonton Stingers Basketball Game (7:00 p.m., Expo Centre)
June 20	Snoop Dogg Concert (6:00 p.m., Rogers Place)
June 21	Civic IFAF Welcome Reception (7:00 p.m. Westin Hotel - MANDATORY)
June 22	Red Bull Soapbox Derby (3:15 p.m., Queen Elizabeth Park)
June 22	Entertainment District Free Concerts (6:00 p.m., Rice Howard Way)
June 23	Edmonton Stingers Basketball Game (4:00 p.m., Expo Centre)
June 24*	Stanley Cup Final Game 7 Watch Party (6:00 p.m. , Ice District Plaza)
June 25	Edmonton Riverhawks Baseball Game (7:00 p.m., ReMax Field)
June 26	Edmonton Riverhawks Baseball Game (7:00 p.m., ReMax Field)
June 27	Edmonton Riverhawks Baseball Game (7:00 p.m., ReMax Field)
June 27	NFL Experience (4:00 – 8:00 p.m., Parking Lot B, Commonwealth Stadium)
June 27	The Works Art and Design Festival (All day, Churchill Square)
June 28	NFL Experience (4:00 - 8:00 p.m., Parking Lot B, Commonwealth Stadium)
June 28	Cage the Elephant Concert (6:00 p.m., Rogers Place)
June 28	The Works Art and Design Festival (All day, Churchill Square)
June 29	Edmonton Riverhawks Baseball Game (7:00 p.m. ReMax Field)
June 29	NFL Experience (4:00 – 8:00 p.m., Parking Lot B, Commonwealth Stadium)
June 29	Entertainment District Free Concerts (6:00 p.m. and on, Rice Howard Way)
June 29	The Works Art and Design Festival (All day, Churchill Square)

* - depending on status of the best of seven series

Act of God Mitigation

North America is experiencing many extreme weather- and weather-related issues in recent years. Currently in the western half of the continent we are experiencing drought conditions which have led to wildfires in our northern forests. Air quality issues, although not anticipated, can become a problem for outdoor activities which are beyond the control of the LOC and IFAF. Rest assured that should that happen; the LOC has secured back-up indoor facilities that will ensure that our schedule will be kept and that the games will be played. There will not be any room for spectators, so arrangements are being made for live casting games to other indoor venues to accommodate fans. Again, this is unlikely, but you need to be aware of the possibility going into this event and accept any adaptation based on weather related issues without question should they occur.

Team Australia Schedule

June 14

10:40 a.m. Arrive Edmonton International Airport
11:15 a.m. Depart by Charter Bus for Hotel
12:00 p.m. Arrive Chateau Lacombe, store bags in Lacombe Room and Lunch (Café Lacombe)
1:00 p.m. Depart for Practise via LRT (ensure Host escorts you)
2:00 - 4:30 p.m. Field Access for Practise at Clarke Stadium
5:00 p.m. Edmonton Elks Fan Park & Toes on the Turf at Commonwealth Stadium
6:00 p.m. Dinner in EndZone Party Area (at Elks Game)
TBA Return to Hotel via LRT at sometime after halftime

June 15

7:00 a.m. Breakfast (at hotel)
8:15 a.m. Depart for Practice via LRT
9:00 a.m. Practice (Clarke Stadium)
11:30 p.m. Lunch (Room MP-5 in Rec Centre)
1:30 p.m. Practice (Clarke Stadium)
6:00 p.m. Dinner (at hotel Cafe Lacombe)

June 16

7:00 a.m. Breakfast (at hotel)
8:15 a.m. Depart for Practice via LRT
9:00 a.m. Practice (Clarke Stadium)
12:00 p.m. Lunch (Alumni Lounge)
2:00 p.m. Practice (Clarke Stadium)
6:00 p.m. Dinner (at hotel)

June 17

7:00 a.m. Breakfast (at hotel)
10:30 a.m. Depart for Practice via LRT
11:15 a.m. Practice (Clarke Stadium)
2:00 p.m. Lunch (Alumni Lounge)
3:45 p.m. Practice (Clarke Stadium)
7:00 p.m. Dinner (at hotel)

June 18

7:00 a.m. Breakfast (at hotel)
10:30 a.m. Depart for Practice via LRT
11:00 a.m. Lunch (Room MP-5 in Rec Centre)
12:00 p.m. Practice (Clarke Stadium)
6:00 p.m. Dinner (at hotel)

June 19

7:00 a.m. Breakfast (at hotel)
12:00 p.m. Lunch (at hotel)

2:15 p.m. Depart for Practice via LRT
3:00 p.m. Practice (Commonwealth Stadium – access via ramp)
6:00 p.m. Dinner (at hotel)

June 20

7:00 a.m. Breakfast (at hotel)
8:15 a.m. Depart for Practice via LRT
9:00 a.m. Practice (Clarke Stadium)
12:00 p.m. Lunch (at hotel)
6:00 p.m. Dinner (at hotel)

June 21

7:00 a.m. Breakfast (at hotel)
2:00 p.m. Lunch (at hotel)
3:00 p.m. Depart for Practise via LRT
3:45 p.m. Practice (Clarke Stadium)
7:00 p.m. Dinner (at hotel)

June 22

8:00 a.m. Breakfast (at hotel)
1:00 p.m. Lunch (at hotel)
1:30 p.m. Depart for Game via LRT
3:00 p.m. Warm-Up on Clarke Stadium
4:00 p.m. Game vs. Japan on Clarke Stadium
6:30 p.m. Box Dinners delivered to locker room

June 23

7:00 a.m. Breakfast (at hotel)
1:30 p.m. Lunch (at hotel)
3:00 p.m. Depart for Practise via LRT
3:45 p.m. Practise (Clarke Stadium)
6:30 p.m. Dinner (at hotel)

June 24

7:00 a.m. Breakfast (at hotel)
8:15 a.m. Depart for Practise via LRT
9:00 a.m. Practice (Clarke Stadium)
12:00 p.m. Lunch (at hotel)
5:00 p.m. Dinner (at hotel)

June 25

7:00 a.m. Breakfast (at hotel)
8:15 a.m. Depart for Practise via LRT
9:00 a.m. Practice (Clarke Stadium)
12:00 p.m. Lunch (at hotel)
6:00 p.m. Dinner (at hotel)

June 26 TBA - Based on results from June 22

June 27

7:00 a.m. Breakfast (at hotel)
12:00 p.m. Lunch (at hotel)
12:45 a.m. Depart for Practise via LRT
1:30 a.m. Practice (Clarke Stadium)
6:00 p.m. Dinner (at hotel)

June 28

7:00 a.m. Breakfast (at hotel)
8:15 a.m. Depart for Practise via LRT
9:00 a.m. Practice (Clarke Stadium)
12:00 p.m. Lunch (at hotel)
6:00 p.m. Dinner (at hotel)

June 29

8:00 a.m. Breakfast (at hotel)
12:00 p.m. Lunch (at hotel)
3:00 p.m. Depart for Practise via LRT
3:45 p.m. Practise (Clarke Stadium)
6:30 p.m. Dinner (at hotel)

June 30 TBA – Based on results from June 26

Host Committee Behavior, Security and Police Policy

Just so you are aware, the following has been sent out to every participant:

Dear Player, Coach, and Parent:

We will strive to give all participants in this event one of the best experiences of their lives. Volunteers have been working for months on this project and we hope it will meet everyone's needs and then some. If there are any concerns from your end as we go, we will try to address it succinctly and quickly. All we ask in return is that everyone follow the guidelines of proper behavior both within the tournament and within society as well. To that end we need you to understand completely that:

- Standards of behavior in the tournament are the responsibility of IFAF. The host committee will not have any involvement in discipline for incidents during games or practices but will cooperate fully with IFAF should any requests be made.
- Any incident that involves drawing the attention of the police will be immediately referred to the offending party and it will be between them, their coaches, their national federation, and the parents of said individual. The host committee will not be involved other than to cooperate fully with any request from the police. Our main concern will be for justice to be served and not the reputation of the sport or the event.

- Any willful damage to any of the facilities used at the event that can be directly attributed to an individual, will result in the host committee denying services to said individual until his/her status in the event is resolved by IFAF. It will also be the expectation of our committee for the individual, his family, or his federation to pay for any damage and we will follow up on that vigorously post-event via legal means if necessary.
- Security will be provided at the hotel, on the LRT, and as the Stadium venues, but all areas of the city that teams may choose to explore will be on their own. It is suggested that no one goes anywhere alone due to the simple reason that should anyone get in trouble they can have a better chance of getting help quicker.

This event can be wonderful, but because of the passion raised in high level football it can also cause some significant problems to occur. Please strive to be the best you can be in all aspects of your time with us and we promise you a great event. All the best.

**Sincerely yours,
2024 Local Organizing Committee**

