



# DALLAS CUP

## 2026 Homestay Meeting





# WHAT IS DALLAS CUP?

Since its inception as a non-profit organization in 1980, Dallas Cup has evolved into the oldest and most prestigious international youth soccer tournament in the United States

**Who?**

**Boys & Girls**

Under 10 - Under 19

**When?**

**March 29 - April 5, 2026**

Palm Sunday - Easter Sunday (annually)

**Why?**

To promote the well-being of young people through athletic competition, cultural appreciation, and educational opportunities.



# DALLAS CUP

1980-2026

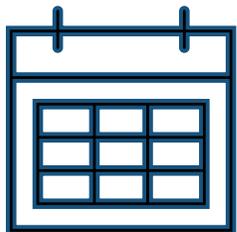
Since 1980, Dallas Cup has hosted teams and officials from six continents, more than 100 countries, and 48 states.

## Core Values

- Elite Competition
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Community Engagement



# Dallas Cup: By the Numbers



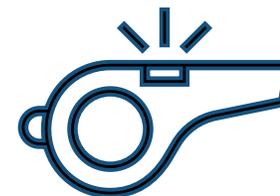
**7**  
**DAYS LONG**



**465+**  
**TEAMS**



**10,500+**  
**PARTICIPANTS**



**350+**  
**REFEREES**



**21**  
**AGE BRACKETS**



**850**  
**GAMES**



**1,000+**  
**VOLUNTEERS**



**30+**  
**COUNTRIES**



# BY THE NUMBERS

## Attendance & Venues

Total tournament attendance annually exceeds **110,000** across the tournament venues

- Cotton Bowl Stadium
- Toyota Stadium
- Classic League Complex at Richland College
- Toyota Soccer Center
- MoneyGram Soccer Park



# THE DALLAS CUP CONNECTION

Global Clubs. Elite Talent. World Cup Pedigree.

Dallas Cup has fostered relationships with top governing bodies and leagues in the sport, enabling the tournament to host the most high-profile clubs from across the globe.



Alumni have gone on to play in 550+ FIFA World Cup matches and the 2026 World Cup in North America will showcase the next wave of global talent, including emerging Dallas Cup graduates.



Alphonso Davies  
DC '15

Bukayo Saka  
DC '18

Matheus Cunha  
DC '17

Viktor Gyökeres  
DC '14

Weston McKennie  
DC '11



# ELITE COMPETITION

## Teams

The Dallas Cup is an invitation-only tournament, assuring a high standard of competition for all participating teams.



USA Teams



Local Teams



International Teams



# ELITE COMPETITION

## Referees

Partnerships with referee academies from across the globe give the Dallas Cup its international reputation of having the best officiating of any youth soccer tournament in the world.

Through the years, over 25 referees with FIFA World Cup experience have officiated in the Dallas Cup, among them 1990 and 2010 World Cup final referees Edgardo Codesal (Mexico) and Howard Webb (England), respectively.



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## The Dallas Cup Experience

The Dallas Cup is about more than just soccer competition at the highest level. Participants learn important life lessons with visits to children's hospitals, advocacy centers, schools, and homeless shelters.



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**Our One-of-a-kind Homestay Program**

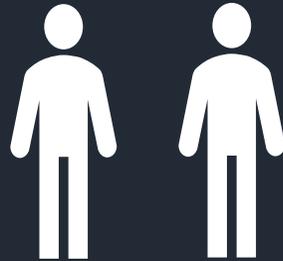


# Homestay Program:

**2 is the magic number**



**UP TO 22  
PLAYERS PER  
ROSTER**



**2  
PLAYERS PER  
FAMILY**



**2  
MEALS PER  
DAY**



**2  
BEDS**

**\*Each player must  
have a bed\***

**Minimum of 9 to 11 families, but the more the better to share the load ...**

# Homestay Program:

## Requirements



**Criminal Background  
Checks for all people  
18 and older**



**If a team is unable  
to make trip and  
withdraws, local  
team will be  
responsible for 40  
volunteer hours**

# **Homestay Program:**

## **Communication with International Team**

- **Homestay coordinator to contact team to establish communication**
- **Make arrangements for meeting team at airport, coordinate with coach**
- **Team arrival and departure dates**
  - **Arrival on Friday, March 27 or Saturday, March 28**
  - **Departure on Monday, April 6**

# Homestay Program:

## Tickets/Passes/Activities

- Homestay teams will receive 110 tickets for opening day at the Cotton Bowl for their families.
- Local players and coaches will receive credentials at Packet Pick up
- Homestay families can entertain, but please check with coaches first

# Homestay Program:

## Discipline

- **Step 1: International Team Coach**
- **Step 2: Frances Sanchez (Dallas Cup - Homestay Coordinator)**
  - **469-671-4208**
- **Step 3: Ray Hirschowitz (Dallas Cup – Tournament Manager)**
  - **469-363-0292**

# **Homestay Program – Packet Contents**

## **Homestay Family Responsibilities**

- **Transportation to and from daily meeting point**
- **After group play, teams may move hotels, be aware**
- **Teams will be responsible for transporting players to and from games and events**
- **You are responsible for assisting with the transportation to and from the team's point of arrival (i.e. assist with picking up teams vans)**

# Homestay Program – Packet Contents

## Necessary Paperwork

- **All necessary paperwork for each Homestay team hosting will be emailed**
  - **Sample Letter**
  - **Homestay Contract – must be distributed to all Homestay families**
  - **Medical/Liability Release**
    - **Available after rosters frozen. Will be emailed to homestay coordinator.**
    - **Please give a copy to each host family**

# **Homestay Program – Packet Contents**

## **Airport Protocol**

- **Confirm flight arrival times, terminal and gate**
- **Arrive at least 30 minutes prior to team's arrival**
- **Determine transportation needs in advance (People and luggage)**
- **Confirm coach's hotel and give directions if needed**

# Homestay Program – Packet Contents

## Homestay Pairings

- Obtain all contact information for coaches, including correct hotel room numbers
- Please complete Homestay Pairings form & send copies to:
  - Primary Contact
  - Coach
  - Frances Sanchez (DC staff)

# **Homestay Program – Packet Contents**

## **Injuries/Ilnesses**

- **Notify primary contact or coach first (if not possible, give notice after treatment is obtained)**
- **If reasonably possible, take player to a Baylor hospital**
- **If Baylor is not an option, closest emergency facility**
- **Parents/Guardians of players have agreed to be financially responsible for all medical expenses incurred, host family shall not be responsible nor liable for any cost of medical treatment**
- **Questions or problems, contact Frances Sanchez**

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## Helpful Hints

- **Arrange daily pickup and drop off times in advance**
- **DO NOT allow players to drive any of your cars**
- **Try to plan a team activity**
- **Do not overthink meals – simplicity**
- **Involve all members of your team, not just those housing players – it will help share the fun and financial responsibility**
- **No Uber or Lyft**
- **No hotel or non team families or other teams**
- **Use Dallas Cup address if anyone asks for local address**

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## Dallas Cup Contact Information

### Dallas Cup Address:

Dallas Cup

Attn: Ray Hirschowitz

900 St. Paul Dr, Ste D

Richardson, TX 75080

### Dallas Cup Contacts:

214-221-3636

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