

Security and Safety of the World Cup in Football 2026

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Abstract:

The World Cup in football requires one of the most complex mass event-related security operations in the world. Security and safety became one of the most important (and the most expensive) parts within the project management of the event. Using both theoretical and empirical knowledge, this research on governance, work scope and budget for security and safety within the project management of the World Cup in football 2026 provides the analysis and future perspectives in terms of security and safety. Alongside risk matrix evolution, each of the following World Cups are more complex. Although it is suppressed by large investments in security, terrorism remains the greatest threat due to the scale of direct (human fatalities and property damage) and indirect effects (public fear and anxiety). Cyber-attacks, in which damage can be done without the physical presence of the perpetrator, are becoming an extremely threat to the World Cup. In terms of governance, multi-agency cooperation will be described. Although the security budget occupies a significant share of the total organizational budget, those investments can be justified by long-term legacy in terms of urban development, personnel, technology, governmental policies, etc. Further research should address the methods to optimize security measures against restrictions of human rights and liberties.

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