

FIFA bans essential fan item for World Cup games in KC

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We've already gotten a taste of the heat that is coming to KC this summer.

Temperatures haven't been awful, but the humidity has made it feel miserable at times as the calendar is about to turn to summer. Even warmer weather is coming, and it could be toasty when the World Cup matches are being held at Kansas City Stadium (née Arrowhead Stadium).

That's why soccer fans were outraged to learn FIFA will no longer allow fans to bring an empty bottle into games.

The Athletic's Adam Crafton and Matt Slater reported that FIFA contacted World Cup ticket-holders and said their fan code of conduct has changed. Now, "reusable water bottles are no longer permitted at the FIFA World Cup 2026 stadiums," the Athletic story said.

In a May 12 story, the Athletic noted water bottles were explicitly allowed, and it quoted the code of conduct: "For the avoidance of doubt, empty, transparent, reusable plastic bottles, up to (1 liter in) capacity, may be brought into the Stadium."

The language now banning bottles is nearly the same.

The code of conduct says: "For the avoidance of doubt, reusable water bottles may not be brought into the Stadium."

FIFA cited safety as the cause for the change.

"FIFA is committed to protecting the health and

safety of all players, referees, fans, volunteers, and staff," a FIFA spokesman told The Star. "The decision to prohibit capped water bottles is based on a number of factors related to safety and security, including mitigating risks to players and spectators, ensuring a safe and efficient ingress experience for all attendees, and the presence of additional heat mitigation and alternative hydration strategies at FIFA World Cup 2026 stadiums. "Bottles from outside the stadium are already prohibited at several of these venues for safety considerations, and FIFA is applying this consideration across its tournament stadiums. FIFA works closely with each Host City Committee and local authorities on heat mitigation factors for fans traveling to the stadium, which can include resources such as misting stations, fans, hydration stations, cooling tents, and more at the last mile as fans enter the stadium. "Inside the stadium footprint, pricing for water bottles for the FIFA World Cup 2026 will remain consistent with other events held at each stadium."

Ronan Evain, the executive director of Football Supporters Europe, told the Guardian that FIFA's argument doesn't, well, hold water. Fans could bring water bottles into last year's Club World Cup in the United States.

"If they allowed it last year and originally for this tournament then I find the security argument a bit hard to believe," Evain told the publication. "It shows water is unfortu-

nately still seen as a commodity, but it's not, it's a matter of health. We don't know how expensive a bottle of water will be inside the stadium because no prices have been published."

While pricing may be a mystery, typical summertime temps in KC are not. According to the website Extreme Weather Watch, here is the average high and low temperature in Kansas City on the dates of the six matches scheduled here. Temperatures are in degrees Fahrenheit:

- June 16: 84.3/64.5
- June 20: 85.2/65.4
- June 25: 86.1/66.4
- June 27: 86.4/66.8
- July 3: 87.3/67.5
- July 11: 88.3/66.5

The good news is each of these matches will be played between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m., and not in the middle of the day — when the heat is at its worst.

The Club World Cup last year was plagued by complaints of heat from the players and FIFA instituted water breaks in each half. That won't help those in the stands, of course.

Evain said FIFA's decision will could literally hurt fans, especially those coming from countries that don't see temperatures as hot as Kansas City's.

"It's a real health risk," Evain told the Guardian. "In Europe we see people collapsing in the stands from heatstroke more and more often. So it's a very simple mathematics issue: the more you complicate the access to water, the more the risk of people getting serious heatstroke and dehydration."

World Cup matches in KC could come with a hidden disadvantage: Heat.

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With the World Cup kickoff just over a week away, climate scientists are warning that heat could be an invisible opponent, slowing play at open-air venues like Kansas City Stadium (Arrowhead Stadium), sapping players' legs and testing fans in sweltering conditions.

In a report released Wednesday, Climate Central found climate change has boosted the likelihood of "performance-impairing heat" for 97 of the tournament's 104 scheduled matches, conditions that can slow players and raise risks for fans and workers in and around stadiums.

"Extreme heat really impacts our health, especially players, but also people who attend the matches, people who are working the matches," said Kaitlyn Trudeau, an applied climate scientist at Climate Central, a non-profit climate research group.

Hot, humid heat can overwhelm the body and make it harder to cool down, she said, which can lead to health impacts.

"This kind of heat doesn't just affect health, it also changes match strategy and the style of play," Trudeau said. She added that as carbon pollution continues, "it's going to get harder to safely hold events like this when they're outdoors" during times of extreme heat.

The heat may become a bigger issue for fans. FIFA changed its fan code of conduct banning reusable water bottles from the

FIFA World Cup 2026 stadiums, according to a story in the Athletic.

KANSAS CITY'S RISK SNAPSHOT

Climate Central said research suggests that temperatures above 82.4 degrees can measurably affect soccer players' performance, especially how fast, how far, and how frequently they run, according to its "Off Your Game: How Climate Change Could Slow Down the 2026 World Cup" analysis.

They published the results in an interactive World Cup hub that lets readers look up heat risk by team, match date, and stadium, including Kansas City's.

For Kansas City Stadium, all six matches have a likelihood of performance-impairing heat.

For the June 16 match between Argentina and Algeria and the June 20 match between Ecuador and Curaçao, there is a 68% chance of performance-impairing heat. Climate change increased those odds by 13 percentage points.

The remaining four matches have an 83% chance of performance-impairing heat. Climate change increased those odds by 8 percentage points for three of the matches and by 4 percentage points for the fourth.

Asked how the heat-risk data matters for matches in climate-controlled stadiums like in Dallas, Climate Central's media director and meteorologist Tom Di Liberto said the concern goes well beyond the pitch.

"We have the player performance . . . but

there's also the fan experience," Di Liberto said.

Many fans will spend hours outside in pregame lines and nearby events, so heat exposure isn't limited to time inside the stadium.

FATIGUE, HEAT AFFECTS COMPOUND GAME TO GAME

During the webinar unveiling Climate Central's World Cup heat hub, two professional soccer players, Jasmyne Spencer, a 12-year National Women's Soccer League veteran, and Alex Jacobs, who recently played in Jamaica's Premier League, described how extreme heat can change the way they play.

Jacobs described playing in New York around noon, during what he called "probably the hottest part of the day," when he said he could "barely think" and "barely run."

"I just remember feeling like every time I thought, 'I need to make this run, I need to sprint, I need to track this player,' I really didn't want to," Jacobs said. "And even if I pushed myself to, I knew I was not running as quickly as I could. I felt like I was running through thick air, so it just made it very onerous and difficult physically and mentally."

The heat's impact isn't limited to one match, Spencer said; it can build over the tournament.

"The deeper they go into the tournament, the more that fatigue and the compounding effects of the heat are going to affect them," Spencer said.

Spencer said expectations only rise as teams advance, but she urged fans to remember what it feels like to step into oppressive heat and then do it again a few days later before judging mistakes on the field.

"Have that moment of grace for your favorite player when they miss a pass or a shot on goal or a tackle," Spencer said. "It compounds game after game after game."



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Three cyclists from Argentina pedaled more than 10,000 miles to Kansas City in order to be with their national soccer team in advance of the 2026 FIFA World Cup. The cyclists arrived in KC, where Argentina is training and will play June 16, on Tuesday.

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Case No.: 2616-CV02302

You are hereby notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court of Jackson County, Missouri the object and general nature of which:
A declaratory judgment action seeking to declare the rights, obligations, and duties of the parties relative to an vehicle collision that reportedly occurred on May 6, 2025 and involving a U-Haul Rental Truck:
The names of all parties to said action are stated above in the captioned and the names(s) and address(es) of the attorney(s) for petitioner(s)/plaintiff(s) are HeplerBroom, LLC-701 Market Street, Suite 1400, St. Louis, Missouri.
IPL0346803
Jun 8 2026

Legals & Public Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE FIFTEENTH AMENDMENT TO THE NORTH OAK TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN

This notice is being provided, pursuant to Section 99.825, RSMo, and in accordance with Section 99.830, RSMo, to inform you that there will be a public hearing held by the Tax Increment Financing Commission of Kansas City, Missouri (the "Commission"), as follows:
WHEN: 9:40 a.m., Wednesday, July 8, 2026
WHERE: 300 Wyandotte, Fourth Floor, Kansas City, Missouri or virtually at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89120225749?pwd=cHc3OTIwMmFNK2pqZGZlER0aZlVzO9>
Meeting ID: 891 2022 5749
Passcode: 199445
WHY: regarding changes to the North Oak Tax Increment Financing Plan.

The proposed Fifteenth Amended and Restated Amendment consolidates all previous Plan Amendments, provides for certain modifications to the Budget of Redevelopment Project Costs, and the inclusion of all conforming changes within the text and Exhibits to the Plan that are in furtherance of the foregoing modifications. The proposed Fifteenth Amendment does not alter the exterior boundaries of the Redevelopment Area (as hereafter described) or enlarge the exterior boundary of any Redevelopment Project Area described by the Plan, affect the general land uses described by the Plan or change the nature of any Redevelopment Project described by the Plan.

The Redevelopment Area includes five (5) noncontiguous areas, which include the following: (1) an area generally bounded by NE 43rd Street on the north, property line of the old Farmland Building (3301 North Oak Trafficway) on the south, the western property line of commercial properties facing North Oak Trafficway on the west and the eastern property line of commercial properties facing North Oak Trafficway on the east; (2) an area generally bounded by southern boundary of the existing Baptist Seminary buildings on the north, Vivion Road on the south, western boundary of a tract commonly known as the President's house on the east and North Oak Trafficway on the west; (3) an area generally bounded by Interstate 29 on the north, the City limits of Kansas City, Missouri on the south, Interstate 35 on the east, and Main Street on the west; (4) an area generally bounded by two properties on the south side of Vivion Road, bounded by NE 47th Street on the west, I-29 on the on the south and north and the property line of the YMCA property line facility located at 1101 NE 47th Street on the west; and (5) an area that begins on Vivion Rd, approximately 100 feet west of the intersection of N Highland Ave, and continues east on Vivion Rd until terminating at the intersection of Vivion Rd, NE Gaddy Rd, and N Garfield Ave, all approximately 80 feet wide, all within Kansas City, Clay County, Missouri.

The Plan, as modified, may be reviewed on or after July 3, 2026, by any interested party between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the Commission Offices located at 300 Wyandotte, Suite 400, Kansas City, Missouri, 64105.

In accordance with Section 99.830.2(3), RSMo, all interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing.

In accordance with Section 99.830.3, RSMo, each taxing district located wholly or partially within the Redevelopment Area may submit comments or objections to the Commission concerning the subject matter of the public hearing prior to the date of the public hearing by submitting such comments to Heather Brown at the following address:
Heather Brown, Executive Director
Tax Increment Financing Commission of Kansas City, Missouri
300 Wyandotte, Suite 400
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hbrown@edckc.com
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Jun 8,29 2026

Legals & Public Notices

Notice of Bond Sale

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Maximum Principal Amount
The Planned Industrial Expansion Authority of Kansas City, Missouri Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds (Trails at Bannister Apartment Homes Project), Series 2026

Sealed proposals for the purchase of the above-referenced bonds (the "Bonds") of The Planned Industrial Expansion Authority of Kansas City, Missouri (the "Authority") will be received by the Executive Director, on behalf of the Authority, at the office of the Executive Director, 300 Wyandotte Street, Suite 400, Kansas City, Missouri 64105, until 8:00 A.M., Central Time on June 18, 2026.

The Authority has prepared an Official Bid Form, copies of which may be obtained from the Executive Director. Purchasers of the Bonds shall be limited to "Accredited Investors" as defined in Rule 501 of Regulation D promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, or "Qualified Institutional Buyers" as defined in Rule 144A. Additional information regarding the Bonds and the sale may be obtained from the Authority's Executive Director at (816) 691-2145.

The Planned Industrial Expansion Authority of Kansas City, Missouri
By David Macoubrie,
Executive Director
IPL0347199
Jun 8 2026

Legals & Public Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE TERMINATION OF THE PROSPECT NORTH TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN

This notice is being provided, pursuant to Section 99.825, RSMo, and in accordance with Section 99.830, RSMo, to inform you that there will be a public hearing held by the Tax Increment Financing Commission of Kansas City, Missouri (the "Commission"), as follows:
WHEN: 9:35 a.m., Wednesday, July 8th, 2026
WHERE: 300 Wyandotte, Fourth Floor, Kansas City, Missouri, which also can be accessed virtually at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89120225749?pwd=cHc3OTIwMmFNK2pqZGZlER0aZlVzO9>
Meeting ID: 891 2022 5749
Passcode: 199445
WHY: regarding the termination of the Prospect North Tax Increment Financing Plan (the "Plan") and the termination of the designation of Redevelopment Project Areas 1, 2, and 3.

The purpose of this hearing is for the Commission to consider recommending that the City Council of Kansas City, Missouri (1) terminate the Prospect North Tax Increment Financing Plan (B) terminate the designation of the Redevelopment Area and the Redevelopment Project Areas 1, 2, and 3 (C) declare as surplus all Payments in Lieu of Taxes and Economic Activity Taxes, if any, on deposit in the Special Allocation Fund established in connection with the Redevelopment Plan, if any, and remit the same to the affected taxing districts in accordance with Section 99.850 RSMo.

The Redevelopment Plan Area is generally bounded by NE 82nd Street on the north, Agnes on the west, the northern city limit of Gladstone, MO on the south, and Missouri State Highway 1 on the east in Kansas City, Clay County, MO.

The Plan, together with all amendments thereto, in connection with this public hearing may be reviewed by any interested party on or after July 3, 2026, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the Commission offices located at 300 Wyandotte, Suite 400, Kansas City, Missouri, 64105.

In accordance with Section 99.830.2(3), RSMo, all interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing. According to Section 99.830.3, RSMo, each taxing district located wholly or partially within the Redevelopment Area may submit comments or objections to the Commission concerning the subject matter of the public hearing prior to the date of the public hearing.

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Jun 8,29 2026

Notice of Intent to Acquire Property

The records of The Metropolitan Museum of Art indicate that the following person is the owner of record of the following property in its possession. The Museum has attempted, unsuccessfully, to contact the owner. In accordance with the NY State law, the Museum hereby asserts its intent to acquire title to the property as described:
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IPL0346113
Jun 8,15,22 2026

Public Notice

Pursuant to MO Self-Service Storage Facilities Act & to satisfy Owner's lien Storage Sense-Kansas City will hold an online public auction of the personal property stored in units located at 3429 Troost Ave KCMO 64109 (816)753-3304. Everything sold June 18th @ 10am. Auctions subject to cancellation at any time for any reason until winning bidder takes possession of property. TERMS listed on auction website.
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Jun 1-5,7-12,14-15 2026

Notice of petition Filed

Johnson County (KS) District Court Brian Walters/Plaintiff vs. Travis Walters, Gary Grosen/Defendants
Case No. JOI-2026-CV-000389
Notice of Suit (KSA 60-307)
Petition has been filed to assign quiet title of a 2007 Pontiac Grand Prix. If you have interest/rights to this car, you are required to plead on or before July 6th, 2026.
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