

Interpretation Bulletin: FIFA World Cup 2026™ Toronto



Purpose

This bulletin provides guidance on how the [Code of Conduct for Members of Council](#) applies to Members of Toronto City Council's participation in FIFA World Cup 2026™ Toronto ("World Cup") events in Toronto. **When in doubt, Members should contact the Integrity Commissioner for advice.**

Gifts & Benefits¹

What constitutes a gift or benefit in the World Cup context?

- Members cannot accept gifts and benefits related to the World Cup, regardless of who offers them.
- World Cup gifts and benefits may include:
 - Tickets to matches or official events
 - Access credentials, VIP access or hospitality packages
 - Branded apparel and other merchandise
 - Special access to receptions or events

When can a Member of Council accept a World Cup gift or benefit?

- This is only allowed in a limited situation where a Member is formally delegated to attend an event as part of their official duties.
- The authorization must be documented and confirmed in advance with the City Manager.
- Members cannot self-delegate.

¹ Article 4 [Code of Conduct for Members of Council](#)

The 2026 Municipal Election Campaign Period Context

No campaigning at City or World Cup events²

- Members must not engage in campaign activities at City facilities or City Events, including World Cup events.
- Prohibited activities include, but are not limited to:
 - Displaying campaign branding or materials
 - Soliciting support, donations, or volunteers
 - Using events to promote a candidacy
- Members should review the rules about how, when and where they may campaign and distribute campaign materials.³

Hosting World Cup viewing parties and events during the election period

- Members hosting events such as viewing parties must comply with City policies.
- Members cannot accept donations for events they host after they have filed their nomination papers or host an event that they have not hosted in the previous two years.⁴
- Members may use their office budgets for community events until August 1, 2026.⁵

When in doubt, seek the advice of the Integrity Commissioner. We are here to help.

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² See Articles 6 (Use of City Property, Services & Other Resources) and 7 (Election Campaign Work) of the [Code of Conduct for Members of Council](#)

³ [Use of City Resources during an Election Period Policy](#)

⁴ [Council-Member Organized Community Events Policy](#)

⁵ [Members of Council Operations Policy](#)