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CHOCTAW ANNOUNCED AS OFFICIAL DALLAS WORLD CUP 2026 HOST CITY SUPPORTER

North Texas FWC Organizing Committee continues momentum toward 2026 with new partnership



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DALLAS (December 3, 2025) – The North Texas FWC Organizing Committee announced today that Choctaw Casinos & Resorts has been named an Official Dallas World Cup 2026 Host City Supporter, joining a select group of leading brands helping to bring the world's biggest sporting event to North Texas.

"Unity, culture and togetherness are core values of the Choctaw Nation, and they have guided us for generations," said Chief Gary Batton, Chief of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. "As we welcome the FIFA World Cup to North Texas, we're honored to celebrate an event that reflects those same global ideals. We look forward to sharing this meaningful experience with fans from around the world."

As a Host City Supporter, Choctaw Casinos & Resorts will play a key role in supporting community engagement initiatives aligned with the North Texas FWC Organizing Committee's legacy initiatives. The brand's involvement will also include visibility

throughout the region through special activations and promotions designed to celebrate the world's game and connect with fans leading up to 2026.

"Choctaw Casinos & Resorts has been an incredible partner in elevating sports and entertainment across the region, and we're proud to welcome them as an Official Dallas World Cup 2026 Host City Supporter," said Monica Paul, Executive Director of the Dallas Sports Commission and President of the North Texas FWC Organizing Committee. "Their longstanding commitment to the North Texas community and support for major sporting events make them a perfect fit as we prepare to host fans from around the globe."

Choctaw Casinos & Resorts has built a long-standing legacy of investment in North Texas sports, serving as a proud partner of organizations, including the Texas Rangers, Dallas Mavericks, Dallas Stars, CJ Cup Byron Nelson, Charles Schwab Challenge, Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo, and Dickies Arena.

With 23 casinos across its brand, Choctaw Casinos & Resorts stands as a leader in gaming and entertainment. As a premier entertainment destination for North Texans and for soccer fans from around the world visiting the region for the FIFA World Cup, Choctaw delivers an unmatched experience defined by a world-class gaming experience and an elevated level of entertainment and hospitality.

The flagship property in Durant, Oklahoma, located just a short drive from Dallas-Fort Worth, offers guests an exceptional gaming experience with 7,400 slot machines, more than 100 table games – including blackjack, craps, and roulette – and a dedicated poker room. The resort also features a full-service spa, more than 20 restaurants, 21 bars, along with a wide range of family-friendly amenities including pools, a movie theater and bowling alley.

With the FIFA World Cup 26™ coming to North America for the first time in 32 years, Dallas will serve as one of 16 Host Cities, hosting nine matches, including a semi-final, and events throughout the tournament. The North Texas FWC Organizing Committee continues to build momentum through corporate partnerships, legacy initiatives, and community programs designed to ensure that the impact of the tournament extends far beyond 2026.

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About Choctaw Casinos & Resorts

Owned and operated by the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, the third-largest Indian Nation in the United States with almost 230,000 tribal members and 13,000 employees. Choctaw Casinos & Resorts features a variety of gaming, hotel and resort properties throughout southeastern Oklahoma, including Durant, Grant, Pocola, Idabel, Broken Bow, McAlester, Stigler and Stringtown. Choctaw Nation opened the 100-room luxury resort Choctaw Landing in Hochatown, OK, in April 2024. For more information, visit www.ChoctawCasinos.com.

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