

Al Rayyan Stadium: Frequently Asked Questions

Part 1: Questions about the Project

What is the stadium's full name and location?

The stadium will be named Al Rayyan Stadium. It will be built on the site of Al Rayyan Sports Club's recently deconstructed stadium (Ahmed Bin Ali Stadium).

What is the stadium capacity?

During the 2022 FIFA World Cup™ the stadium capacity will be 40,000. In legacy mode, the top tier of seats will be removed and the capacity reduced to 21,000. The upper tier of seats will be granted to developing football nations in need of sporting infrastructure.

Why is the stadium being reconstructed?

To meet FIFA's technical requirements for a proposed FIFA World Cup™ host venue, the SC needed to reconstruct the existing Al Rayyan Stadium. During the process of reconstruction, the SC is building a number of additional facilities that will benefit the community of Al Rayyan beyond Qatar's hosting of the 2022 FIFA World Cup™.

What other facilities will be part of the precinct?

The surrounding precinct will contain a number of facilities available to the Al Rayyan community. These include a mosque, members club, athletics track, cricket pitch, tennis courts, hockey pitch, football training pitches, aquatics centre, skate park and cycling track. The precinct will also house a new branch of Aspetar – the leading sports medicine hospital.

When will the stadium be completed?

The projected completion date for Al Rayyan Stadium is the first quarter of 2019.

Who are the contractors appointed on the stadium?

Early works and deconstruction was completed by Manco International General Contracting W.L.L. (a joint venture between Manco W.L.L. and Buckingham Group Contracting Limited). The project management consultant is AECOM and the design is being undertaken by Ramboll and Pattern.

What is the inspiration for the stadium design?

Al Rayyan's sporting heritage and Qatar's traditions are reflected in the design of the stadium. The stadium's façade will feature a multitude of local patterns and designs which draw on Qatari culture.

The design also aims to create a sense of place unique to Al Rayyan in particular and more generally to the culture of Qatar and the Middle East. Most of the hospitality and service areas will be located outside the stadium in dune-like structures which resemble the sand dunes that surround traditional desert tents.

What measures are being implemented to ensure the stadium is sustainable?

Sustainability is at the heart of the design, beginning with the deconstruction of the stadium. 90% of the materials from the old Ahmed Bin Ali Stadium will be recycled, and partially utilised to create works of public art produced by local and international artists.

The design will actively reduce the carbon footprint of the stadium and precinct through renewable energy generation, lightweight building design, careful selection of materials and energy and water efficiency measures. The stadium is designed with the goal of certification under both the Global Sustainability Assessment System (GSAS) and Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) ratings.

What progress is being made by the SC regarding other stadium developments?

Al Rayyan Stadium is the fifth stadium design that the SC has unveiled. Work is now underway across the following five stadiums: Al Wakrah Stadium, Al Bayt Stadium – Al Khor City, Khalifa International Stadium, Qatar Foundation Stadium and Al Rayyan Stadium.

Is the contractor compliant with the SC Workers' Welfare Standards (WWS)?

Yes, all contractors on this project and other SC projects are required to adhere to the SC's WWS. The SC Compliance Team conducts regular workers' welfare audits to ensure compliance and to follow-up on rectification measures. All necessary improvements requested by the SC have been successfully carried out by the contractor, creating a healthy and safe environment for the workers.

How will compliance on Al Rayyan Stadium project be monitored?

As part of the tender process, the SC embeds the WW Standards into tender documents issued to companies wishing to do business with the us. During the technical evaluation, tenderers are assessed on a number of key elements critical to project delivery, including workers' welfare.

Once a contractor has been selected, the SC Compliance Team will perform periodic audits. During the tendering stage, a rectification plan is developed to address non-compliances. This rectification plan is a

living document, to which additional non-compliances identified through the periodic audits will be added. The SC Compliance Team works in partnership with the Contractor to assist in the implementation of the rectification plans and in addressing all non-compliances in a timely manner.

Have there been any safety-related incidents on the Al Rayyan stadium construction site?

The workers on site are outfitted with proper protective equipment and every necessary precaution is taken to minimize safety risks on site. There have been no serious incidents on site.

Part 2: Questions about the SC's Local Engagement Programme Jeeran:

What is Jeeran?

Jeeran is the Supreme Committee for Delivery & Legacy's (SC's) local engagement programme. Through our educational, sports, volunteering, and arts and culture initiatives, Jeeran interacts with a diverse array of communities and individuals. Jeeran provides a platform for the SC to hear the community's thoughts and ideas on its projects on the way to organising an amazing 2022 FIFA World Cup™ which leaves a lasting legacy for Qatar and the region.

What is Jeeran's mission?

Jeeran's mission is to communicate directly with the community to hear the people's thoughts and aspirations about projects related to the 2022 FIFA World Cup™ and apply them to both the hosting and legacy plans. Jeeran's social media accounts provide the programme with an opportunity to engage with people, answer their questions and provide them with regular updates about all the local engagement projects being delivered in the lead-up to the tournament.

How do I get in touch with Jeeran?

You can contact Jeeran through the programme's page on the SC's website www.sc.qa or by following the programme's accounts on Twitter and Instagram @JeeranQA.

Part 3: General Questions about the 2022 FIFA World Cup Qatar™

What is your stance regarding FIFA's decision to move the 2022 FIFA World Cup Qatar™ to November and December?

We welcome the decision of FIFA's Executive Committee in relation to the timing of the 2022 FIFA World Cup™. We are satisfied the consultation process with all of the stakeholders involved has reached its conclusion. Regardless of the change in dates, we will continue to develop the innovative, environmentally-friendly cooling technology for our stadiums. Even though cooling may not be required to the same extent in November and December, the installation of this cooling technology will allow football to be played year-round in Qatar following the tournament. The promise made towards developing this cooling technology for the 2022 FIFA World Cup™ was made to benefit Qatar and the region as a tangible legacy.

After holding the first board meeting for the Qatar 2022 Local Organizing Committee (LOC) in March, will the work of the SC be different, and what is the difference between the two committees?

The work of the Supreme Committee for Delivery & Legacy (SC) will not change, as it is tasked with delivering the infrastructure and legacy for the 2022 FIFA World Cup Qatar™, while ensuring that hosting preparations align with the country's other development imperatives, as described in the Qatar National Vision 2030.

Meanwhile, the Qatar 2022 Local Organizing Committee (LOC) is responsible for delivering the 2022 FIFA World Cup™ competition including event planning, promotion and marketing. The LOC is also responsible for managing the relationship with FIFA, the governing body of football.