

FIFA subpoenaed by NY, NJ in World Cup ticket investigation

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FIFA faces a subpoena from the states of New York and New Jersey as part of an investigation into details surrounding pricing and accuracy of seat locations for the 2026 World Cup.

In a joint release, New York Attorney General Letitia James and New Jersey Attorney General Jennifer Davenport said prices for the 2026 World Cup matches “far exceeded the prices for any previous World Cup tournament.”

FIFA has detailed the first-time use of “dynamic pricing” to adjust ticket costs based on demand. Fan complaints, and allegations of paying for tickets in one location of the stadium but receiving a less-desirable seat, caught the attention of state officials.

When pressed to explain why ticket prices

were elevated since the initial on-sale date in October, FIFA president Gianni Infantino defended the governing body on multiple fronts by pointing to the limited ticket supply for an event with worldwide demand.

The attorneys general confirmed they are seeking information regarding general event pricing structure, location pricing structure, seat location and other details related to the eight World Cup matches scheduled to be played at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. The quarterfinals, semifinal and July 19 final all are to be held at MetLife Stadium.

“New Yorkers have been waiting years for the World Cup to come to their backyard, and they deserve a fair shot at affordable tickets,” James said in a release. “No one should be manipulated into paying sky-high prices for seats, and fans



FIFA 2026 World Cup signage is displayed at MetLife Stadium, May 7, 2026, East Rutherford, NJ, USA.

should be able to trust that the tickets they purchased will be the ones they receive.”

The investigation seeks to soothe concerns for fans who’ve purchased -- or hope to have an opportunity to purchase -- tickets but feel misled about

the final product.

“FIFA has turned buying a ticket to the World Cup into a gauntlet of confusion, fake scarcity and impossibly high prices -- all at the expense of consumers and hard-working New Jerseyans,” Davenport said in the

statement.

James said watchdogs called on government officials for guidance resolving disputes from fans who claim to have selected a seat in one “category” of the four available at MetLife Stadium only to be assigned

seats further back from the playing surface.

FIFA contributed to elements of the seating location confusion with the late introduction of a premium ticket option or “Front Category” after initial tickets had already been sold.

US coach Pochettino meets with AC Milan, report says

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It has been a busy time for U.S. men’s national team head coach Mauricio Pochettino, who is not only preparing his side for a World Cup on home soil but also meeting with

Italy’s AC Milan about their vacant coaching position, ESPN reported Thursday.

Pochettino has been front and center this week after the USMNT named its 26-man World Cup roster at a ceremony in New York on Tuesday.

The squad is set to play in friendlies against Senegal at Charlotte on Sunday and against Germany at Chicago on June 6 in advance of its World Cup opener June 12 against Paraguay in the Los Angeles area.

Pochettino, 54, is under

contract with the USMNT through the end of the team’s World Cup run.

Pochettino has been a head coach at some top clubs around the world, including Espanyol in Spain, Tottenham, Southampton and Chelsea in England, and Paris Saint-Germain in France. He became USMNT head coach in September of 2024.

Pochettino has reportedly declined multiple overtures since moving to

the United States, including interest from Brentford and a potential return to Tottenham.

A move to AC Milan potentially would keep Pochettino with USMNT star forward Christian Pulisic, who has been with the club since 2023 and has scored 31 goals in 100 appearances. Pulisic is under contract there through June of 2027, although AC Milan is currently undergoing massive changes after

firing head coach Massimiliano Allegri, sporting director Igli Tare and CEO Giorgio Furlani.

Pochettino, a native of Argentina, played in his home country and Europe from 1989-2006, with Newell’s Old Boys (Argentina), Espanyol (Spain), Paris Saint-Germain and Bordeaux (France). A center-back, he played in 20 games with Argentina’s national team from 1999-2002.

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