

SFA welcome news that World Cup will expand to a 48-team tournament from 2026



Scottish FA chief executive Stewart Regan has welcomed the news that the FIFA World Cup will expand to a 48-team tournament from 2026.

Stewart Regan: “We are pleased with the news that the FIFA World Cup will expand to 48 teams from 2026.

“We believe this is a positive step, particularly for the smaller nations, and will allow more fans across the globe to revel in their country’s participation at a FIFA World Cup Finals. This will also allow these nations to invest further in their footballing infrastructure and youth development, which in turn can yield significant social benefits.

“The exploits of Wales, Iceland, and Northern Ireland at EURO 2016 showed what an impact the smaller teams can have, and how beneficial to a tournament their participation can be. A greater eclectic mix of footballing cultures at the FIFA World Cup will create a bigger and better atmosphere than ever before.”