

YVR Updates FIFA World Cup 2026

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Introduction

- YVR is preparing for increased and traffic demand during the 2026 FIFA World Cup from June 8th – July 12th
- To maintain safe, reliable, and resilient operations, YVR will introduce adjustments to:
 1. Runway capacity management
 2. GA/BA booking procedures
 3. OCS booking flow



Changes to Runway Capacity Parameters



Current Runway Capacity Parameters

S26 Runway Parameters		
YVR	Dual 07:00-21:59	Single 22:00 – 06:59
15 min Arrival	9	6
15 min Departure	11	6
15 min Total	18	10
60 min Arrival	36	24
60 min Departure	44	24
60 min Total	72*	40*

2 Slots per Hour reserved for GA/BA Traffic



What's Changing during FIFA 2026?

Introduction of Runway Capacity Buffers:

Temporary short periods of reduced capacity to preserve shoulder periods

In place from June 8th – July 12th

Why?

- Scheduled traffic at YVR follows a pattern of busy peaks followed by shoulder periods of reduced demand
- Shoulder periods protect operational resiliency when peaks slide due to On-time performance
- Runway Capacity Buffers: Temporary capacity reductions in shoulder periods to protect recovery opportunities



Changes to Runway Capacity Parameters

Adjustment Amount: Reduction of 8 slots an hour

Arrivals	Departures
28 Slots per hour	36 slots per hour

Placement: Capacity buffers will be applied in the following key shoulder periods:

Arrival Capacity Buffers	Average Remaining Capacity	Departure Capacity Buffers	Average Remaining Capacity
08:00 -08:59	15 slots	10:00-10:59	11 slots
13:00 – 13:59	17 slots	14:00-14:59	12 slots
17:00 – 17:59	10 slots	19:00-19:59	9 slots

***2 slots per hour for GA/BA Traffic will be preserved**



Changes to GA/BA Booking Periods



GABA Slot Bookings During FIFA

Usual Slot booking procedures will be in place during the FIFA World Cup during the group stage in Vancouver (JUN 13 – JUN 26)

Knockout Matches

- A blackout period will apply to GA/BA bookings for matches held at BC Place, Vancouver during the knockout stages of the tournament to prevent speculative bookings.

What does this mean?

1. Booking Window Adjustment

- GA/BA operators will not be able to book slots via OCS for operations scheduled during the blackout periods of local time JUL 01 through 03 and JUL 06 through 08
- i.e., no bookings will be allowed for GA/BA operations on the match day and +/- 1 day
- This restriction will remain in place until match results determine which teams will play at BC Place, Vancouver



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2. Slot Restoration

- The ability to book slots for these periods will be restored on JUN 28 and JUL 04, in time for the respective next matches
- GA/BA operators may then book slots as usual via OCS

3. Normal Booking Window:

- JUL 04-05 will remain subject to the standard booking window.

4. Exemptions:

- Locally based operators operating **non-FIFA related flights** will be exempt from the adjusted booking period
- Exempt operators will continue to book their slots through OCS as usual



Introduction of Parking Location to OCS booking flow



OCS Booking Flow

- As of April 21st, Operators will indicate which FBO they have secured parking with when booking a slot through OCS

The screenshot shows the OCS booking interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Availability, Flights, GA/BA Flights, and Information. On the right, there are links for Downloads, Help, and a user profile for YVRAIRLINE. Below the navigation, there are controls for Season (W25) and Time (UTC selected, Local unselected). There are four buttons for adding flight segments: Add Departure, Add Arrival, Add Turnaround, and Add Out and Back. A 'Send All' button is on the right. A 'Show Required Fields Only' toggle is present. The main form is a table with columns: Turnaround, A/P, A/C Reg, Operator, Serv No, Date, Seats, A/C Type, Orig, Time, O, Dest, STC, MGT, ParkLoc, and Search Time Range. The 'ParkLoc' dropdown menu is open, showing options: MILLIONAIR, SIGNATURE, and SKYSERVICE. Below the table, there is a text prompt: 'Add another flight - please use the buttons above'.



Questions?

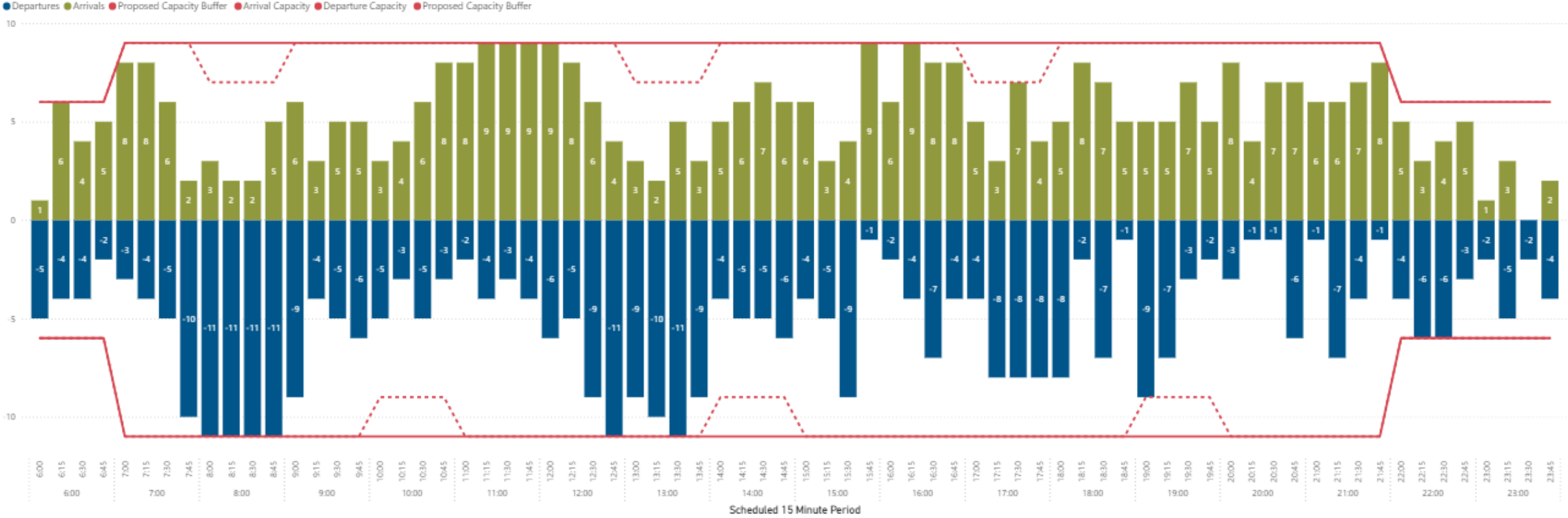


Appendix



Current Planned Capacity Peaks

July 06 2026- Scheduled Runway Demand vs Capacity



Peak Day Summer 25 Actual Capacity Peaks

July 30th 2026 Actual Demand vs Capacity

