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## 1. Purpose

This policy outlines temporary changes to runway capacity management, slot availability, and GA/BA booking procedures at Vancouver International Airport (YVR) during the FIFA World Cup 2026. These measures support safe, predictable, and resilient airport operations during a period of elevated and less predictable demand.

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## 2. Operating Context

YVR anticipates increased overall traffic volumes during the FIFA World Cup period.

Scheduled traffic at YVR typically follows a pattern of high-demand peak periods followed by shoulder periods of reduced demand. These shoulder periods are operationally critical, as they allow the airport to absorb schedule variations caused by on-time performance impacts and other disruptions. Preserving these periods is essential to maintaining overall system resiliency.

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## 3. Runway Capacity Management During FIFA

### 3.1 Current Runway Capacity Parameters (Baseline)

Under normal operations, YVR runway capacity is managed using the following parameters:

S26 Runway Parameters	Dual	Single
15 min Arrival	9	6
15 min Departure	11	6
<b>15 min Total</b>	18	10
60 min Arrival	36	24
60 min Departure	44	24
<b>60 min Total</b>	72*	40*

\*Two (2) slots per hour are reserved for GA/BA traffic under Summer 2026 runway parameters.

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### 3.2 Introduction of Runway Capacity Buffers

During the FIFA World Cup period, YVR will introduce **Runway Capacity Buffers**, defined as **temporary, short-duration reductions in available runway capacity** applied during selected shoulder periods.

#### Purpose of capacity buffers:

- To protect critical recovery windows adjacent to peak periods
- To reduce the risk of sustained congestion when schedules slide
- To preserve operational stability while still accommodating higher demand

These buffers represent a measured reduction and are **not intended to eliminate traffic**, but rather to prevent shoulder periods from becoming fully saturated.

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### 3.3 Capacity Adjustment Details

- **Adjustment amount:** Reduction of **8 total slots per hour** during buffer periods
- **Adjustment period:** June 8 – July 12, 2026

#### Arrival Capacity Buffers

Arrival Capacity Buffers	Average Remaining Capacity After Buffer Is Applied
08:00-08:59	15 slots
13:00-13:59	17 slots
17:00-17:59	10 slots

#### Departure Capacity Buffers

Departure Capacity Buffers	Average Remaining Capacity After Buffer Is Applied
10:00-10:59	11 slots
14:00-14:59	12 slots
19:00-19:59	9 slots

Two (2) GA/BA slots per hour will continue to be preserved during these periods.

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## 4. Runway Slot Requirements

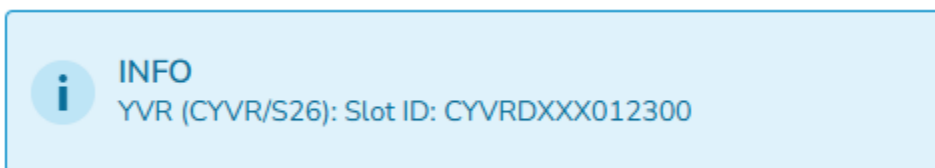
All aircraft operators must obtain an approved runway slot prior to utilizing the airport's runways and infrastructure. GA/BA operators must file a departure and arrival reservation through the Online Coordination System (OCS): <https://www.online-coordination.com/>

### 4.1 Prior Permission Required Process

As per Aeronautical Information Circular 008/2026, published April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026, all GA/BA operators will be required to provide confirmation that they have obtained a runway slot when filing a flight plan with NAV CANADA. This information will be provided in field 18 of the flight plan using the following format:

PPR: CYVRDXXX012300

This ID is generated and displayed at the end of the booking process in OCS:



It can also be found in the confirmation email (GCR) generated once a booking is confirmed:

PDC message

GCR

[//LT/REG/Slot\\_Coordination@yvr.ca](mailto://LT/REG/Slot_Coordination@yvr.ca)

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GCR

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GA/BA operators filing a flight plan without providing a slot id in field 18 can anticipate being diverted to CYYX or CYYJ or their alternate airport by NAV CANADA. Inflight rerouting requests will not be accepted during this period, except in an emergency.

## 4.2 Exemptions

This does not apply to slot exempt traffic:

- 1) Floatplanes using the Water Runway
- 2) Active (live) Priority 1 MEDEVAC Flights
- 3) Aircraft performing NAVAID flight checks
- 4) Flights engaged in military, customs, or police services operations
- 5) Flights with Head of State status
- 6) Flights involved in active firefighting operations
- 7) Helicopters (RW) flying VFR
- 8) Aircraft diversions due to mechanical or medical emergencies

## 5. GA/BA Slot Booking Procedures During FIFA

### 5.1 Group Stage Operations (Vancouver Matches)

Standard GA/BA slot booking procedures will remain in effect during the group stage matches hosted in Vancouver, from **June 13 to June 26**.

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### 5.2 Knockout Stage – Temporary Blackout Periods

To prevent speculative slot reservations during highly uncertain demand periods, **temporary blackout periods** will apply to GA/BA slot bookings for matches hosted at BC Place during the knockout stages.

**Blackout periods (local time):**

- July 1–3
- July 6–8

During these windows:

- GA/BA operators will not be able to book slots via OCS for match day operations and  $\pm 1$  day
  - Restrictions will remain in place until match outcomes confirm team participation in Vancouver
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### 5.3 Slot Restoration

Slot booking access for affected periods will be restored:

- **June 28** (for July 2 match)
- **July 4** (for July 7 match)

Once restored, bookings may be made through OCS using standard procedures.

Dates **July 4–5** will remain subject to the normal GA/BA booking window.

### 5.4. Exemptions for Locally Based Operators

Locally based GA/BA operators conducting **non-FIFA-related flights** will be exempt from adjusted booking blackout periods. These operators will continue booking slots through OCS as usual.

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## 6. Parking Location Requirement in OCS

Effective **April 21**, all GA/BA operators will be required to indicate their secured parking location (FBO) when booking a slot through OCS.

This requirement applies to all applicable operations and is intended for greater visibility and informational purposes only. This new requirement will stay in place after the FIFA effective period.

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## 7. Compliance and Monitoring

YVR Airport Authority will actively monitor demand, operational performance, and compliance throughout the FIFA World Cup period. Capacity parameters and procedures may be adjusted as required to maintain safety and operational resilience.

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## 8. Enquiries

Questions regarding this policy may be directed to the **YVR Airport Reservation Office** ([aro@yvr.ca](mailto:aro@yvr.ca)) or **YVR Coordination** ([slot\\_coordination@yvr.ca](mailto:slot_coordination@yvr.ca)). Please note that these mailboxes are monitored during business hours Monday – Friday, 08:00 – 17:00 PDT.

For urgent matters outside of these hours, such as immediate assistance with slot reservations, please contact Airport Flow on 604-303-3193 or [airport\\_flow@yvr.ca](mailto:airport_flow@yvr.ca)