

- Association founded 1960
- Affiliated to FIFA in 1970



Flag



Association emblem



World map



Football in Qatar

Football is the number one sport in Qatar by far. The objective of the national association has long been to gain major success at club and international level. In 1992, the national team triumphed in the 11th Gulf Cup in Doha. The Olympic team have twice qualified for the Olympic Football Tournaments – in Los Angeles in 1984 and Barcelona in 1992. The U-20 team won the silver medal at the FIFA World Youth Championship Australia 1981, while the U-17s reached the final competition of the FIFA U-17 World Championship in 1985, 1987, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1997 and 1999. In 1995, the Qatar Football Association organised the FIFA World Youth Championship in record time after the original hosts had been forced to withdraw from staging the tournament at the last minute for logistical reasons. In 1991, Al-Sadd Sports Club won the 8th Gulf Cup for Clubs in Doha. Although Qatari football is not particularly well known in Europe, four Qatari players are currently with European clubs.

The Goal Project

On 1 May 2003, the *Goal* Bureau added Qatar to the list of nations to benefit from the *Goal* Programme. The project is currently in the preparation stage and is due to be presented at the next meeting of the *Goal* Bureau. Funds from the FIFA Financial Assistance Programme have been used to set up a youth development programme for young players of various ages. This scheme comprises organising training courses for coaches, bringing together the most promising players in each age group and providing the necessary equipment. The Qatar FA hopes that it will thus perpetuate its long tradition at youth level and help to build a strong national team for the future.

Financing of Goal project

Project

Type of project still unknown

Project approved

Association selected on 1 May 2003

Status

In planning

Use of FAP funds

