

# The Virgin Islands Consortium

## World Cup Preparation Games to be Played at Bethlehem Soccer Complex on St. Croix Beginning March

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The USVI Soccer Association Men's National program is preparing for their upcoming Concacaf Group "A", FIFA World Cup 2022 Qatar matches in March 2021, a release issued Thursday has made known. A pre-tournament training camp is scheduled for March 17-23 and includes two friendly matches with Turks and Caicos.

The first match is at home, on St. Croix at the Bethlehem Soccer Complex. The Dashing Eagles take on Antigua and Barbuda Saturday March 27, and on Tuesday March 30. The second game between the two teams will be played in Grenada. The USVI will play the

other members of Group "A" (El Salvador and Montserrat) in June 2021. The final team roster will be announced shortly, the association said.

The association said it is aware that there are many challenges when hosting a major sporting event along with the presence of Covid-19. "The USVISA secretariat is committed to complying with USVISA, local, national, and international guidelines and conditions for development of soccer practices, that have the approval of the USVI Department of Health," the release stated.

The association said USVI Soccer needs community support to carry out safety guidelines and protocols necessary to minimize the risks of Covid-19. Persons available to assist with hosting of the Antigua and Barbuda Football Federation and Concacaf match officials' delegations are asked to email [lbailey@usvisoccerassociation.com](mailto:lbailey@usvisoccerassociation.com), subject line: Volunteer – WCQ or General Secretary Bailey at 340-719-9707.

V.I. Department of Health has made Covid-19 training mandatory for the following positions of: delegation liaisons, Covid officers, and "Bubble" Assistant/Runner. Duration of the bubble is 4 days, said the soccer association.