THE CROATIAN NATIONAL TEAM

AT THE 2018 WORLD CUP

### Team schedule and media activities

(Last update: 12 July 2018)

## Key Dates

14.5.2018 FIFA Release List announcement

21.5.2018 Preliminary World Cup squad list announcement (training camp)

26.5.2018 Team gathering and start of preparations in Rovinj

4.6.2018 Deadline for final World Cup squad list

11.6.2018 Departure for team base camp in Russia

## Friendly Matches

3.6.2018 15:00 (GMT) Brazil – Croatia (Liverpool)

8.6.2018 TBC Croatia– Senegal (Osijek)

## Locations

Rovinj Team accommodation: Lone Hotel

Training site: NK Rovinj Stadium

Opatija/Rijeka Team accommodation: Milenij Hotel

Training site: HNK Rijeka Stadium

Liverpool Team accommodation: Radisson Blu

Training site: Anfield Stadium

Vukovar/Osijek Team accommodation: Lav Hotel

Training site: Bogdanovci

Team base camp Team accommodation: Woodland Rhapsody Resort

Training site: Roshchino Arena

Media centre: Roshchino Arena

## Accreditation Procedures

#### Roshchino

Accreditation deadline: **May 25, 12:00 CET**

Media activities of the Croatian national team during their stay at the team base hotel in Roshchino will take place exclusively at Roshchino Arena, where the Croatian team’s media centre will be situated. Access to the media centre and training site of the Croatian football team in the team base camp (Roshchino) at the FIFA World Cup in Russia will be granted only to holders of either of the following two types of accreditation:

1. FIFA Accreditation for the World Cup

or

2. Accreditation issued by the Croatian Football Federation (HNS)

For the World Cup in Russia, HNS Accreditation must also be confirmed by FIFA and the Local Organizing Committee (LOC). All personal data obtained from media representatives will therefore be entered into the official FIFA accreditation system and will be inspected by the Russian Federal Security Service.

Deadline for applying for HNS accreditation was May 25, 12:00 CET (noon). **Late requests will not be accepted**.

FIFA and HNS accreditation do NOT grant you access to:

1) Team training sessions (or parts of team training sessions) which are closed to the media

2) The team’s base hotel (Woodland Rhapsody)

3) Any of the team’s venue-specific hotels

HNS accreditation also does NOT grant you access to stadiums at which official FIFA World Cup matches will be played.

HNS retains the right to deny or revoke accreditation if media representatives fail to abide by set guidelines.

Media representatives are obliged to wear their FIFA or HNS accreditation in a visible place during the entirety of their stay at the media centre and training site, and are also obliged to present their passport or ID if requested by security officers, FIFA staff, or HNS staff.

Journalists whose accreditation requests are granted may pick up their accreditation from June 11 onwards at the media centre in Roshchino.

## Media Activities

#### Roshchino

Participation in media activities in Roshchino will only be possible for media representatives with accreditation issued by FIFA and/or HNS.

The Croatian national team will organize daily press conferences at which two players or the Head Coach and/or technical staff members will be present. The two players will be available for the media during the press conference, with one of these players also available for 10 minutes to written press representatives at a round-table. The players and the Head Coach will answer all questions exclusively in Croatian. International media representatives may pose their questions in English, and a translation of the players’ and Head Coach's answers in English will also be provided.

In principle, training sessions of the national team will be open to media representatives for the first 15 minutes (unless otherwise stated in the schedule or via the HNS mailing list). All official press conferences on the day before and the day of official matches will be organized by FIFA.

The players will not be available for one-on-one interviews for TV or radio outlets other than FIFA, the Croatian broadcasting rights-holder HRT, and HNS's official TV partner HNTV. All requests for individual interviews with players from other media outlets (print, online) must be sent to [tomislav.pacak@hns-cff.hr](mailto:tomislav.pacak@hns-cff.hr), and the interviews themselves must be submitted to the same e-mail address for final approval.

**We kindly ask you to note that the schedule of media activities provided further in this document is subject to changes, of which you will be notified via HNS's mailing list.** All times are stated in the local time zone. It is forbidden to publish the schedule provided in this document.

## Media Centre

The HNS media centre in Roshchino will open 45 minutes before the beginning of each media activity and will remain open for up to two hours after the media activity has ended. During days when no media activities are planned, the HNS media centre will not be open.

We suggest that all media representatives follow the official HNS Twitter account in order to receive the latest news on the Croatian national team (https://twitter.com/HNS\_CFF).

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## Media activities Schedule – 2018 FIFA World Cup (June 22 onwards)

