

# The 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup A1+



**The U.S.A. won its third World Cup in Canada in 2015.**

The eighth edition of the FIFA Women's World Cup will be held in France from 7 June to 7 July. It will be the **biggest women's tournament** ever. There are 24 teams competing, double the number for the first tournament.

The teams first play a group round before possibly progressing to the round of 16, quarter-finals, semi-finals and final.

## Firsts

There are four teams competing for the first time in a World Cup: Chile, Jamaica, Scotland and South Africa. The Jamaican team developed with financial help from the Bob Marley Foundation. The musician was an enormous football fan, so his daughter Cedella is happy she can help the national team.

## Meet the Teams

Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D	Group E	Group F
 France	 Germany	 Australia	 England	 Canada	 the U.S.A.
 South Korea	 China	 Italy	 Scotland	 Cameroon	 Thailand
 Norway	 Spain	 Brazil	 Argentina	 New Zealand	 Chile
 Nigeria	 South Africa	 Jamaica	 Japan	 the Netherlands	 Sweden



*The players will receive support from the France 2019 mascot, Ettie and and football legends like Lotta Schelin (Sweden), Alex Scott (England) and Laura Georges (France).*

It will also be the first time the women's teams will wear specially designed kits. In the past, the women's kits were just adapted from the men's.

The U.S.A. has dominated women's football since the first World Cup in 1991 – Team U.S.A. won its third title

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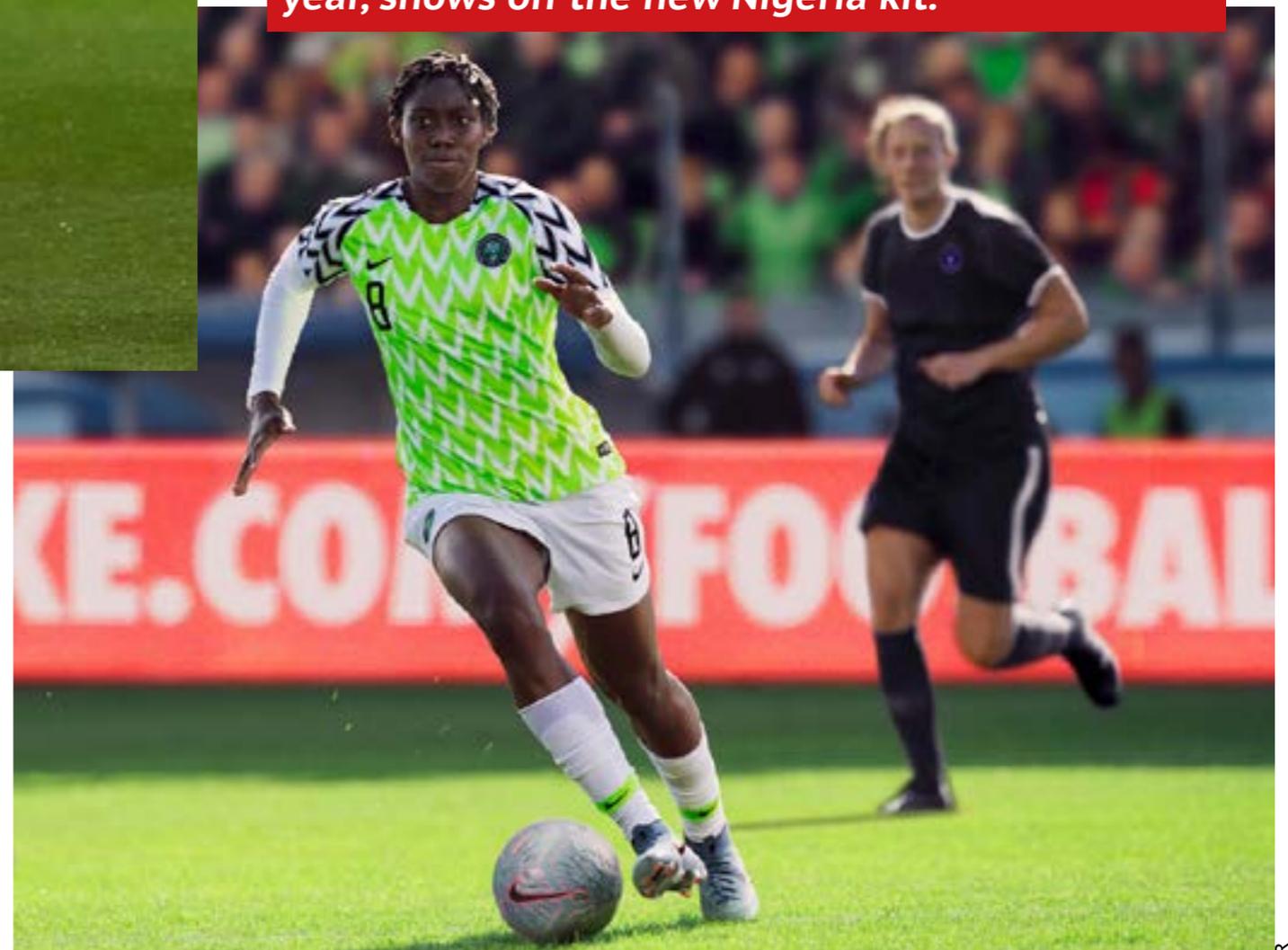
**tournament** (n) competition in which teams play a series of games to decide the winner

**kit** (n) sports uniform



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in 2015. Germany has won twice. Japan won in 2011 and came second in 2015.

Football (or “soccer”, as it is called there) is the most popular team participation sport for women in the U.S.A., whereas for men it comes far behind American football, baseball and basketball.

Of course Team U.S.A. would love to win again, but the French team is playing well. Maybe the French players will emulate their men's team and win the World Cup at home in France! ■