

South Korea Sports Update: World Cup Focus, Esports Agreements, and Winter

South Korea Sports · Answer Key · 17 Questions

1. As of late May 2026, where is the South Korean national football team conducting its pre-World Cup training camp to acclimatize to high-altitude conditions?

- A) Guadalajara, Mexico
- B) Seoul, South Korea
- C) Salt Lake City, Utah, USA**
- D) Doha, Qatar

2. Who announced their resignation as president of the South Korea Football Association (KFA) in late May 2026, citing 'lack of virtue' after a controversial 13-year tenure?

- A) Jürgen Klinsmann
- B) Chung Mong-gyu**
- C) Hong Myung-bo
- D) Son Heung-min

3. What major esports tournament will South Korea officially participate in under KeSPA's supervision in 2026, following an agreement reached in May 2026 after a period of tension?

- A) Global Esports Championship
- B) Esports Nations Cup (ENC)**
- C) League of Legends World Championship
- D) The International Dota 2 Championships

4. In the 2026 Milano-Cortina Winter Olympics, how many gold medals did South Korea secure?

- A) 1
- B) 2
- C) 3**
- D) 4

5. Which South Korean short track speed skater was named the Most Valuable Player of the national delegation at the 2026 Winter Olympics?

- A) Choi Min-jeong
- B) Hwang Dae-heon
- C) Kim Gil-li**
- D) Lim Jong-eon

6. In which U.S. city did volleyball legend Kim Yeon-koung become a co-owner of a team in the League One Volleyball (LOVB) in April 2026?

- A) Los Angeles
- B) San Francisco**
- C) Minnesota
- D) New York

7. The 2026 KBO League season features the same ten teams as the previous season. Which team entered the 2026 season as the defending champions?

- A) Kia Tigers
- B) LG Twins**
- C) SSG Landers
- D) KT Wiz

8. In May 2026, high school baseball pitcher Ha Hyun-seung, nicknamed 'Busan High School Ohtani,' announced he would pursue which professional baseball league?

- A) Major League Baseball (MLB)
- B) Nippon Professional Baseball (NPB)
- C) Chinese Professional Baseball League (CPBL)
- D) Korea Baseball Organization (KBO) draft**

9. Which South Korean football player, currently with Los Angeles FC, is preparing for his fourth FIFA World Cup in 2026?

- A) Kim Min-jae
- B) Lee Kang-in
- C) Son Heung-min**
- D) Hwang Hee-chan

10. The Korea e-Sports Association (KeSPA) and the Esports Foundation resolved tensions in May 2026 to participate in which event, confirming South Korea's official entry?

- A) Valorant Champions Tour (VCT) 2026
- B) Esports Nations Cup (ENC) 2026**
- C) League of Legends Global Championship 2026
- D) Overwatch League 2026

11. South Korea's national football team's pre-World Cup training camp in Salt Lake City aims to acclimatize players to the elevation of which co-host city for the 2026 FIFA World Cup?

- A) Los Angeles
- B) Mexico City
- C) Guadalajara**
- D) Toronto

12. What award did volleyball star Kim Yeon-koung receive in March 2026, recognizing her contributions to gender equality, diversity, and inclusion in sport in the Asia region?

- A) IOC's Gender Equality Champion Award**
- B) Laureus World Sports Award for Sportswoman of the Year
- C) Olympic Order
- D) FIFA's Diversity Award

13. In the 2026 KBO League season, a rule change allows teams to add which type of import player alongside the existing three foreigners?

- A) European or African player
- B) North American player
- C) Asian or Australian player**
- D) South American player

14. Which South Korean baseball player, considered a top prospect, announced in May 2026 that he would forgo offers from MLB teams to enter the KBO draft?

- A) Kim Do-yeong
- B) Ha Hyun-seung**
- C) Park Chan-ho
- D) Lee Jung-hoo

15. As of May 2026, the president of the Korea Football Association (KFA) announced he would resign after the FIFA World Cup. He cited which of the following as a reason for his departure?

- A) Poor team performance
- B) Personal 'lack of virtue'**
- C) Disagreement with the coach
- D) Age restrictions

16. What is the main goal of the South Korean national football team at the 2026 FIFA World Cup, according to their preparations and team discussions?

- A) To win the tournament
- B) To reach the semi-finals
- C) To advance beyond the Round of 16**
- D) To achieve their best-ever performance

17. The 2026 Esports Nations Cup (ENC) has a significant operating budget and prize pool, with Saudi Arabia being a prominent backer. This has led to some accusations of what practice related to the event?

- A) Match-fixing
- B) Player doping
- C) Sportswashing**
- D) Artificial inflation of prize pools