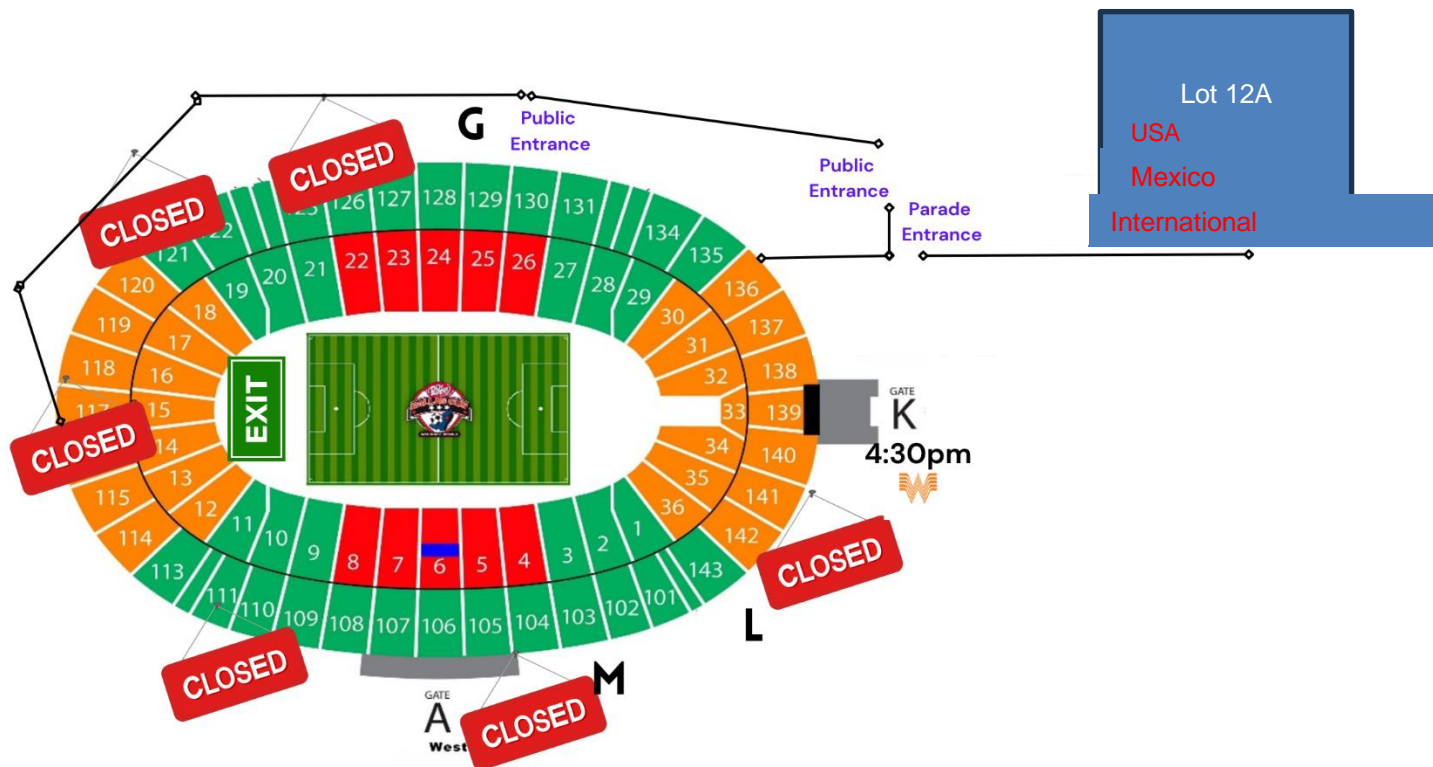


Opening Ceremonies Instructions - Dallas Cup 2025

All participating teams are **"REQUIRED"** to attend and participate in the Opening Ceremonies on **Sunday, April 13th**. Please plan to arrive at the Cotton Bowl in enough time to begin preparations for the Opening Ceremonies parade. Please see the line-up schedule on the graphic below for your time/location. Entrance to the stands at the Cotton Bowl is **Gate "G"**, located on the **"East"** side of the stadium by the plaza, behind the construction fencing. This will be the general public entrance.



For the Opening Ceremonies parade, announcements will be made over the PA system starting around 4:30pm. If you are already in the stands, please exit back out of **Gate "G"** and walk around to your defined preliminary staging area at the appropriate gate assignment:

- International teams should report to the parade entrance at 4:40 and find their country sign/flag.
- Teams from Mexico should report to the area in Lot 12A and find their country sign/flag at 4:45.
- FC Dallas teams should report to the area in Lot 12A and find the US country sign/flag 4:50.
- All other USA teams should report to the area in Lot 12A and lineup behind FC Dallas at 4:55

Please pay close attention to the announcements so that your team heads to the staging area on time and in the correct order. If teams that are coming from the remote complexes arrive **after 4:30 pm**, they should proceed directly to their **assigned staging area**.

There will be Dallas Cup volunteers carrying **"Country Flags" and "Country Signs"** in the parking lot. Teams should follow directions from Dallas Cup volunteers and form a line behind the flag and sign that represents their country. **There will not be any particular order of teams within the specific countries.**

**** Please make sure that your team follows the directions of our volunteers in the staging area outside the stadium and during the parade so that it will be enjoyable for everyone. Remember, we are doing a parade that needs to accommodate almost 10,000 people.**

***** Reminder: All player/team kit bags must remain in team vehicles.**

At the conclusion of the parade of nations, there will be announcements to please exit the field by using the stairs on the other end of the stadium from where the parade entered the field. Do not exit back up the parade entrance tunnel. Do not attempt to crawl over the signboards on the touchline.