



ITV and the BBC have agreed plans for shared coverage of the World Cup finals in Korea and Japan.

Live coverage of England and Ireland's Group matches will be split as follows:

2 June	ITV	England v Sweden
7 June	BBC	England v Argentina
12 June	BBC	England v Nigeria
1 June	BBC	Republic of Ireland v Cameroon
5 June	ITV	Republic of Ireland v Germany
11 June	ITV	Republic of Ireland v Saudi Arabia

Each broadcaster will have first repeat transmission of the other's live England or Ireland games in the Group phase.

Date	06.30	07.30	10.00	12.30
Friday 31 May				
Saturday 1 June		Ireland v Cameroon		Germany v Saudi A
Sunday 2 June	Argentina v Nigeria	Paraguay v S Africa (08.30)	England v Sweden (10.30)	Spain v Slovenia
Monday 3 June		Croatia v Mexico	Brazil v Turkey	
Tuesday 4 June		China v Costa Rica		S Korea v Poland
Wednesday 5 June			USA v Portugal	
Thursday 6 June		Denmark v Senegal		France v Uruguay
Friday 7 June		Sweden v Nigeria		Argentina v England
Saturday 8 June		S Africa v Slovenia	Italy v Croatia	Brazil v China
Sunday 9 June		Mexico v Ecuador		Japan v Russia
Monday 10 June			Tunisia v Belgium	Portugal v Poland
Tuesday 11 June		Denmark v France/ Senegal v Uruguay		Saudi A v Ireland/ Cameroon v Germany
Wednesday 12 June		Nigeria v England/ Sweden v Argentina		S Africa v Spain/ Slovenia v Paraguay
Thursday 13 June		Costa Rica v Brazil/ Turkey v China		Mexico v Italy/ Ecuador v Croatia
Friday 14 June		Tunisia v Japan/ Belgium v Russia		Portugal v S Korea/ Poland v USA

Date	07.30	12.30
Saturday 15 June	1st E v 2nd B (49)	1st A v 2nd F (50)
Sunday 16 June	1st F v 2nd A (51)	1st B v 2nd E (52)
Monday 17 June	1st G v 2nd D (53)	1st C v 2nd H (54)
Tuesday 18 June	1st H v 2nd C (55)	1st D v 2nd G (56)
Friday 21 June	Winner 50 v Winner 54 (57)	Winner 49 v Winner 53 (58)
Saturday 22 June	Winner 52 v Winner 56 (59)	Winner 51 v Winner 55 (60)
Tuesday 25 June		Winner 58 v Winner 59
Wednesday 26 June		Winner 57 v Winner 60
Saturday 29 June		3rd place play-off (12.00)
Sunday 30 June		FINAL (12.00)

Knockout stages:-

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If England or the Republic of Ireland progress to the Round of 16 knockout stage of the tournament, both broadcasters will screen each of their matches live, with the BBC having first choice of the remaining games. If they do not, live coverage of the eight matches in this stage will be split, with the BBC retaining first choice of game.

In the quarter finals of the tournament, with eight teams remaining, the pattern of live coverage is reversed with ITV having first choice of match outside of shared live coverage if England or the Republic of Ireland qualify.

If England and/or the Republic of Ireland qualify for the semi-finals, both broadcasters

would screen both matches live. If neither team qualifies, a toss of a coin would decide which broadcaster has first choice of semi finals, which would be broadcast live.

At Round of 16, quarter-final and semi-final stages, in addition to screening live coverage of any England and/or the Republic of Ireland games, ITV would have first-repeat, same-day transmission of those matches. Both broadcasters may show extensive highlights of World Cup fixtures on a daily basis.

ITV and the BBC will screen the World Cup Final live on Sunday 30 June.



Head-to-head with ITV, football audiences turn to the BBC for the big games

Euro 2002 Final: France v Italy

	Average	Peak
BBC ONE	10.5m	12.1m
ITV	4.6m	5.7m

World Cup 98 Final: France v Brazil

BBC ONE	15.6m	16.3m
ITV	6.6m	7.0m

Euro 96 Semi Final: England v Germany

BBC ONE	17.5m	19.8m
ITV	6.3m	6.7m

Euro 96 Final: Germany v Czech Republic

BBC ONE	12.6m	14.4m
ITV	4.2m	5.5m

World Cup 94 Final: Italy v Brazil

BBC ONE	13.4m	15.0m
ITV	4.1m	6.0m