

Mexico captures CWU20 title with thrilling 2-1 win over the USA

Mexico emerged victorious in the last Concacaf Women's Under-20 Championship final, defeating the United States 2-1 on June 4, 2023, at the Estadio Olímpico Félix Sánchez in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Captain Fátima Servin delivered the championship-winning goal in the 88th minute, sealing a dramatic triumph.

Mailin Orozco put Mexico ahead in the 71st minute, but the USA equalized in the 80th through a strike from Onyeka Gamero, setting up a nail-biting finish.

Earlier, with the match still scoreless, Mexico's goalkeeper Itzel Velasco came up clutch, denying a penalty kick from Tessa Delarose to keep her team in contention.

This victory marked Mexico's second CWU20 title, their first since 2018 in Trinidad and Tobago.

	Year	Venue	Champion	Runner-ups
*U-19	2002	Trinidad/Tobago	USA	México
*U-19	2004	Canada	Canadá	USA
U-20	2006	Mexico	USA	Canadá
U-20	2008	Mexico	Canadá	USA
U-20	2010	Guatemala	USA	México
U-20	2012	Panama	USA	Canadá
U-20	2014	Cayman Islands	USA	México
U-20	2015	Honduras	USA	Canadá
U-20	2018	Trinidad/Tobago	México	USA
U-20	2020	Dominican Republic	USA	México
U-20	2022	Dominican Republic	USA	México
U-20	2023	Dominican Republic	México	USA
U-20	2025			

<sup>\*</sup>The 2002 edition in Trinidad and Tobago served as the qualifier for the first FIFA Under-19 Women's World Cup in Canada. Panama replaced Canada in the qualifiers.

<sup>\*</sup>The 2004 edition, played in Montreal and Ottawa, Canada, served as the qualifier for the second FIFA Under-19 Women's World Cup in Thailand.

## Finals (including U-19 category)

**USA**: 7 titles - 2006, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2020, 2022

**MEX**: 2 titles - 2018, 2023 **CAN**: 2 titles - 2004, 2008

	Year	Venue	Champion	Score	Runner- Up
*U-19	2002	Trinidad/Tobago	Was no final		
*U-19	2004	Canada	Canada	2-1 ET	USA
U-20	2006	Mexico	USA	3-2	Canada
U-20	2008	Mexico	Canada	1-0	USA
U-20	2010	Guatemala	USA	1-0	Mexico
U-20	2012	Panama	USA	2-1	Canadá
U-20	2014	Cayman Islands	USA	4-0	Mexico
U-20	2015	Honduras	USA	1-0	Canadá
U-20	2018	Trinidad/Tobago	México	1-1 (4-2)	USA
				(penalty Shoot-	
				outs)	
U-20	2020	Dominican Rep.	USA	4-1	Mexico
U-20	2022	Dominican Rep.	USA	2-0	Mexico
U-20	2023	Dominican Rep.	México	2-1	USA
U-20	2025				

**2002 Edition:** In Trinidad and Tobago, there was no final. The two group winners qualified for the FIFA Under-19 Women's World Cup in Canada. Group A was won by Mexico, who faced Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica, and Panama. Group B was won by the United States, who finished ahead of Costa Rica, Haiti, and Suriname.

**2004 Edition:** On June 6, 2004, Canada defeated the United States 2-1 in extra time with goals from Aysha Jamani (3') and Josee Belanger (118'), while Kerri Hanks (42') scored for the USA.

**2006 Edition:** The final was played on January 27, 2006, at Estadio Luis Pirata Fuentes in Veracruz, Mexico. The USA won 3-2 against Canada, with goals from Amy Rodriguez, Jessica Rodstedt, and Lauren Cheney, while Canada responded through Aysha Jamani and Jodi-Ann Robinson.

**2008 Edition:** On June 28, at Estadio Cuauhtémoc in Puebla, Mexico, Canada edged the United States 1-0 with a goal from Karla Schacher (45+'). Among the USA stars were goalkeeper Alyssa Naeher, Kelly O'Hara, one of the tournament's top scorers with six goals, and Sydney Leroux. For Canada, Sophie Schmidt was beginning to make a name for herself. This was Canada's second title.

**2010 Edition:** On January 30, 2010, at Estadio Cementos Progreso in Guatemala City, the United States defeated Mexico 1-0 with a late goal from Sydney Leroux just four minutes before the final whistle. That USA squad also featured Crystal Dunn, while Cecilia Santiago, Stephany Mayor, and Charlyn Corral stood out for Mexico. This was the first edition of the tournament with awards, where Sydney Leroux (USA) won the Golden Ball.

**2012 Edition:** On March 11, 2012, at Estadio Rommel Fernández in Panama City, the United States mounted a comeback to defeat Canada 2-1. Maya Hayes (79') and Chioma Ubogagu (88') scored for the USA, while Jenna Richardson (5') had given Canada the early lead. The USA secured its third title, and Mexico's Natalia Gómez Junco finished as the tournament's top scorer with six goals.

**2014 Edition:** On January 19, 2014, at Truman Bodden Sports Complex in George Town, Cayman Islands, the United States dominated Mexico 4-0 to claim its fourth title. Goals came from Andi Sullivan (9'), Savannah Jordan (59'), Margaret Purce (68'), and an own goal by Estefanía Fuentes (90+3'). Future USWNT star Rose Lavelle won the Golden Ball, while Katelyn Rowland (USA) earned the Golden Glove. Mexico's Tanya Samarzich shared the Golden Boot with McKenzie Meehan (USA), both scoring six goals.

**2015 Edition:** On December 13, at Estadio Olímpico in San Pedro Sula, the United States clinched its fifth title with a narrow 1-0 victory over Canada. Ashley Sánchez (72') scored the decisive goal. Mallory Pugh finished as the tournament's top scorer with seven goals and also won the Golden Ball.

**2018 Edition:** On January 28, 2018, at Ato Boldon Stadium in Couva, Trinidad and Tobago, Mexico captured its first title in a dramatic final, defeating the United States 4-2 in a penalty shootout after a 1-1 draw in regulation and extra time. Dayana Cázares (33') scored for Mexico, and Tierna Davidson (49') equalized for the USA. Jordyn Huitema (Canada) finished as the tournament's top scorer with five goals, followed by Haiti's Nérilia Mondésir (four goals).

This tournament saw the rise of Mexico's Emily Alvarado (Golden Glove winner), Jordyn Huitema (Canada), and Haiti's Melchie Dumornay (15 years old) and Nérilia Mondésir, along with Mexico's Jacqueline Ovalle.

**2020 Edition:** On March 8, 2020, at Estadio Olímpico Félix Sánchez, the United States avenged its previous final loss by defeating Mexico 4-1. Two future global stars, Trinity Rodman (12', 88') and Mia Fishel (49', 57'), scored for the USA, while Silvana Flores (6') netted Mexico's lone goal. The standout player of CWU20 2020 was Haiti's Melchie Dumornay, who scored 14 goals, becoming the only player in tournament history to score in every stage, including group play, knockout rounds, and semifinals. Mia Fishel (13 goals) won the Golden Ball, while Melchie Dumornay (14 goals) claimed the Golden Boot.

**2022 Edition:** For the second consecutive time, on March 12, 2022, Estadio Olímpico Félix Sánchez in the Dominican Republic hosted the USA-Mexico final, which ended in a 2-0 victory for the United States. Michelle Cooper (3') and Talia DellaPeruta (42', penalty) secured the title. Michelle Cooper was the tournament's top scorer with eight goals, while Canada's Olivia Smith scored seven and later shone with the senior national team.

**2023 Edition:** Soccer is full of redemption stories, and Mexico claimed revenge by defeating the USA 2-1 in the third consecutive final between these two teams, played on June 4, 2023, at Estadio Olímpico Félix Sánchez in the Dominican Republic. Captain Fátima Servin sealed the victory in the 88th minute. Mailin Orozco (71') had put Mexico ahead, but Onyeka Gamero (80') equalized for the USA before Servin's late winner.

For the first time in CWU20 history, Costa Rican Sheika Scott finished as the tournament's top scorer with six goals, while Mexico's Alice Soto won the Golden Ball.

## **Top Scorers**

	Year	Venue	Player	Goals	Country
*U-19	2002	Trinidad/Tobago	Kelly Wilson	9	USA
*U-19	2004	Canada	Kerri Hanks	10	USA
U-20	2006	Mexico	Charlyn Corral	8	MEX
U-20	2008	Mexico	Shakira Duncan	6	JAM
			Michelle Enyeart		USA
			Kelly O´Hara		USA
U-20	2010	Guatemala	Sydney Leroux	6	USA
U-20	2012	Panama	Natalia Gómez	6	MEX
U-20	2014	Cayman Islands	Tanya Samarzich	6	MEX
			McKenzie		USA
			Meehan		
U-20	2015	Honduras	Mallory Pugh	7	USA
U-20	2018	Trinidad/Tobago	Jordyn Huitema	5	CAN
U-20	2020	Dominican Rep.	Melchie	14	HAI
			Dumornay		
U-20	2022	Dominican Rep.	Michelle Cooper	8	USA
U-20	2023	Dominican Rep.	Sheika Scott	6	CRC
U-20	2025				