



Ronaldo may play in the 2030 World Cup

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Ronaldo

[Portugal's national team](#) coach, Roberto Martínez, affirmed that Cristiano Ronaldo could be present at the 2030 World Cup, stressing that "no one should doubt" the team captain's ability to appear in the next edition of the tournament.

Martínez's remarks came during an interview with the Spanish radio station [Cadena SER](#), where he explained that Ronaldo is currently preparing for the 2026 World Cup. This will be his sixth appearance in the history of the World Cup, a record he shares with Argentina's Lionel Messi.

[No one should doubt that. He deserves this](#) Martínez said in his statement, referring to the possibility of the Portuguese star continuing until the 2030 edition, which will be co-hosted by Morocco, Spain, and Portugal.

On the international stage, the Portuguese captain has scored over 130 goals for his national team, cementing his status as the all-time top scorer in national team history, an unprecedented record.

The Portugal coach added that Ronaldo serves as an inspiring role model for young players, confirming that the technical staff sees him as an example of professional mentality and longevity, not just physical fitness.

Martínez continued, stating that Ronaldo is defined not by the titles he achieves or his daily routine, but by his constant "hunger" for development, noting that despite his great accomplishments, he maintains the same drive and desire to compete.

The legend of Ronaldo

Ronaldo holds a historic position in the World Cup, as he is the player with the most appearances in the tournament's history, and he is the only player to have scored in five different editions of the World Cup, which further strengthens his exceptional international record.

Debate continues regarding the Portuguese star's future with the national team, given that he is turning 41. However, Martínez's statements reopen the door to the possibility of his career extending until the 2030 World Cup, by which time he will be 45 years old.

Cristiano Ronaldo [has played 22 matches](#) in his World Cup history, scoring 8 goals. The Portuguese star is looking to continue his career in the tournament to boost his tally of international appearances and pursue the record held by Argentina's Lionel Messi, who tops the list of most World Cup appearances with 26 matches, in addition to scoring 13 goals across five editions of the tournament.

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