

Kick-Off at NHM

Soccer Connections

Use the clues provided to find connections to soccer around the Museum.



1 CANADIAN MIGHT (North American Mammal Hall, Level 1)

The moose is an icon of the Canadian wilderness. This mighty animal serves as the resilient **mascot** for Canada's 2026 host cities. How do you measure up to the towering size of a moose?

2 ARGENTINIAN POWERHOUSE (Dinosaur Hall, Level 1)

This giant dinosaur vertebrae, or backbone, belongs to one of the largest creatures ever to roam the Earth: the *Argentinosaurus*. Much like this dinosaur's gargantuan size, Argentina's devotion to **fútbol** is colossal. What's your favorite sport?

3 ROLY-POLY GOALIE (Bugtopia, Level 2)

Roly-polies, or pill bugs, are protected by overlapping plates on their back. They can roll into a **ball** to protect themselves against predators. How would you like to be able to curl into a ball and roll away?

4 MEXICAN STRIKER (North American Mammal Hall, Level 2)

The jaguar is a powerful symbol in many Latin American cultures. Both the Maya and Aztecs associate jaguars with strength. This sleek predator serves as the mascot for Mexico's host cities, reflecting the nation's fierce agility and passion for the **game**. Which animal would you choose as your mascot?

5 MEXICO'S ORIGINAL "GOOOOAL!" (Visible Vault, Level 2)

Mesoamericans were playing a **ball game** over 3,000 years before soccer. Teams try to bounce a heavy rubber ball using only their arms, hips, or buttocks. This stone carving represents the big leather belts, called yokes, that players wear. What games do you like to play?

6 AMERICAN WINGER (Bird Hall, Level 2)

Bald eagles live in every state except Hawaii and are a symbol of our nation's soaring ambition and competitive spirit. This majestic bird is the official **emblem** for U.S. host cities, like Los Angeles. Who's the most competitive person you know?

We hope you had a **ball** with NHM's **Soccer Connections** scavenger hunt! Learn even more about NHM's *Collection Connections* to soccer by scanning the QR code.

