

Russian Fans Tidy Stadium After World Cup Loss

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Russian fans organized a flashmob to clean up Sochi's Fisht Stadium after the country's quarterfinal game against Croatia.

Russia's national team lost in a penalty shootout against Croatia on Saturday, going further in the tournament than many expected. During other World Cup games, fans from Senegal and Japan [made headlines](#) for sticking around after games to help stadium workers pick up litter.

Russia's Sports.ru website [launched](#) a campaign calling on supporters to bring trash bags to Sochi's stadium under the hashtag #ChistiyChM, meaning: a clean World Cup.

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"Let's admit to ourselves that cleanliness is not our distinctive feature. But the World Cup is

an ideal time to make a difference and prove that we too can not leave behind a mountain of garbage,” Sports.ru suggested.

Photos posted by the publication [showed some](#) Russia fans holding full trash bags in the stands. One social media user who took part in the campaign [said](#) it only took “two minutes” to collect two bags full of trash.

A post on the popular online forum Pikabu.ru [noted](#) that fans in Novosibirsk also cleaned up after themselves at a public fan zone. Some commenters, in response, posted [photographs](#) of a [littered](#) fan zone in Moscow.

In Kirov, a user [posted](#) a photograph of the word “Spasibo!” (“Thank You!”) spelled out on the ground with trash.

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