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1. WELCOME

On behalf of the National Government of the Republic of Panama, the Panamanian Sports Institute, and the Panamanian Olympic Committee, we extend a warm welcome to the IV South American Youth Games Panama 2026.

It is an honor for our country to host this sporting event, which celebrates the talent, discipline, and passion of the new generation of athletes in our region. These Games are an opportunity to reaffirm the values that unite us: excellence, friendship, unity, and the Olympic spirit that inspires every participant.

The organizing committee reaffirms its commitment to providing an event that promotes youth sports development, cultural exchange, and integration among the ODESUR member countries. We are working with enthusiasm and dedication to ensure that every detail reflects the pride and hospitality of the Panamanian people.

To all participating delegations, we wish you great success. May this experience in Panama be an opportunity to compete with dedication, learn with humility, and share with joy, in an atmosphere of respect and camaraderie.

Welcome to Panama 2026, where South American youth unite, inspire, and leave their mark in sports history!

Anamae Orillac
General Director
IV South American Youth Games Panama 2026



2. GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT PANAMA

Panama City is the capital of Panama, an amazing country located in Central America, known for its rich cultural diversity, geography, and strategic role in international trade. Panama City is the only capital city in the world that has a protected rainforest within its city limits. It is a city of contrasts, where the modern blends with the traditional, offering a unique experience for visitors and residents alike. It has impressive skyscrapers, reflecting the economic growth and urban development of recent decades

a. Number of inhabitants

Panama City is the largest and most populous city in the country with 1,439,575 inhabitants in 2023, according to the National Institute of Statistics and Census. It is home to a population rich in ethnicities and traditions. It is a place where you can find a large number of immigrants of different nationalities from all over the world.

b. Location

The Republic of Panama is located in the central part of the American continent, bordered by the Caribbean Sea to the north, The Pacific Ocean to the south, Colombia to the east, and Costa Rica to the west.

c. Altitude

The altitude of Panama City rises to an average of 30 meters above sea level, covering an average area of 100 km². Its highest point is Cerro Ancon, where the Panamanian flag flies at the summit, which can be seen from the city

d. Climate

Panama has a tropical climate, characterized by warm and humid temperatures:

No.	CLIMATE	PANAMA RANGE
1	Temperature:	30/25°C
2	Relative Humidity:	82.40%
3	Precipitation:	223 mm
4	Altitude above sea level:	15 m
5	Sunrise:	6:15
6	Sunset:	18:28
7	Solar noon:	11 a.m.

Source: Instituto de Meteorología e Hidrología de Panamá *





e. Currency of Panama

The official currency is the Balboa, which has the same value as the US Dollar and, according to Panamanian law, circulates freely and is used without restrictions in commercial and financial transactions.

3. SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS AND LEADERS

a. National Olympic Committees

The fifteen (15) Olympic Committees that are part of ODESUR come from the following countries:

ARGENTINA	ARG		COLOMBIA	COL		PARAGUAY	PAR	
ARUBA	ARU		CURAZAO	CUR		PERU	PER	
BOLIVIA	BOL		ECUADOR	ECU		SURINAM	SUR	
BRASIL	BRA		GUYANA	GUY		URUGUAY	URU	
CHILE	CHI		PANAMA	PAN		VENEZUELA	VEN	

b. Organización Deportiva Suramericana (ODESUR)

Phone number: 595 (21) 649 650 - Email: info@odesur.org

Executive Committee 2022 – 2026

NAME	ROLE	COUNTRY
Camilo Pérez López Moreira	President	Paraguay
Mario Moccia	1st Vice President	Argentina
Paulo Wanderley	2nd Vice president	Brasil
Miguel Angel Mujica	Secretary General	Chile
Marco Arze Mendoza	Treasurer	Bolivia
Damaris Young	Vocal	Panamá
Wanda Broeksema	Vocal	Aruba
Jose Luis Echeverry	Vocal	Colombia
Inés Remersaro	Chair of the Athlete's Commission	Uruguay





Technical Commission

NAME	ROLE	COUNTRY
Mario Moccia	President	Argentina
Jorge Delgado	Member	Ecuador
María Delgado	Member	Venezuela
Juan Carlos Orihuela	Member	Paraguay
Rodrigo Moreno	Member	Chile
Francisco Barreto	Member	Brasil
Victor Grouppierre	ACODESU Member	Argentina
Fabio Ramírez García	Technical and Development Director	Colombia

Medical Commission

NAME	ROLE	COUNTRY
Dr. José Veloso	President	Uruguay
Dr. Hugo Rodríguez Papini	Member	Argentina
Juan Diego Parraga	Member	Colombia
Victor Carpio	Member	Perú
Luciano Rezende	Member	Brasil
Gerardo Acosta	Legal Adviser	Paraguay

Follow-up Committee for the IV South American Youth Games 2026

NAME	ROLE	COUNTRY
Marco Arce Mendoza	President	Bolivia
Wanda Broeksema	Member	Aruba
María Soto	Member	Venezuela
Benjamín Hockin	Member	Paraguay
Mario Cilenti	ODESUR Executive Director	Argentina
Fabio Ramírez	ODESUR Technical and Development Director	Colombia





c. INTERINSTITUTIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

ENTITY	ROLE	NAME
Director of Pandeportes	President	Mr. Miguel Angel Ordoñez
President of Panamenian Olympic Committee	Executive Secretary	Mrs. Damaris Young
Minister of Presidency	Member	Juan Carlos Orillac
Panama City Municipal Government	Member	Mayer Mizrachi
Minister of Culture	Member	Maruja Herrera
Minister de Economy and Finance	Member	Felipe Chapman
Panama Tourism Authority	Member	Gloria María de León
Promptur	Member	Salomón Shamah
Athlete's Representative	Member	Mrs. Daniela Rodríguez

Organizing Committee of the IV South American Youth Games Panamá 2026

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Technical Director
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d. Confederación Suramericana de Futbol CONMEBOL

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e. Federación Panameña de Futbol

President: Manuel Arias
 Phone Number: +50762068080
 E-mail: info@fepafut.com





f. International Technical Officials

The Confederación Sudamericana de Fútbol CONMEBOL will appoint the international technical officials.

International Technical Delegate (ITD): José Acuña Daniels

E-mail: jacuna@conmebol.com

Phone Number: +595215172000 / +595981759646

4. IV SOUTH AMERICAN YOUTH GAMES PANAMÁ 2026, IN NUMBERS

- 15 countries
- 22 sports – one guest sport (Chess)
- + 1.500 participating athletes
- 13 days of competition
- 20 sporting venues

5. INFORMATION ABOUT COMPETITION

The football competition for the IV South American Youth Games Panama 2026 will be held from **April 13th to the 19th 2026** for the Male Category and **April 12^h to 18th** for Female Category.

a. Competition format

The competition schedule will be presented to the countries in due time, according to the number of participating teams and in accordance with the regulations of the South American Football Confederation (CONMEBOL).

The competition system and the training schedule will be established by the Organizing Committee after receiving all nominal registrations and will be confirmed upon the arrival of the delegations.

6. COMPETITION PROGRAM AND MEDALS

Date	Sesion	Time	Event	Gender	Venue
12-apr	1	08:00:00	Team A vs Team B	Female	CAR
	1	13:00:00	Team C vs Team D	Female	CAR
14-apr	2	14:00:00	Team A vs Team D	Female	CAR
	2	19:00:00	Team C vs Team B	Female	CAR
16-apr	3	14:00:00	Team B vs Team D	Female	CAR
	3	19:00:00	Team C vs Team A	Female	CAR
18-apr	Final	14:00:00	3rd vs 4th	Female	CAR
	Final	19:00:00	1st vs 2nd	Female	CAR





Date	Sesion	Time	Event	Gender	Venue
13-apr	1	14:00:00	Team A vs Team B	Male	CAR
	1	19:00:00	Team C vs Team D	Male	CAR
15-apr	2	14:00:00	Team A vs Team D	Male	Rommel Fernandez
	2	19:00:00	Team C vs Team B	Male	Rommel Fernandez
17-apr	3	14:00:00	Team B vs Team D	Male	Rommel Fernandez
	3	19:00:00	Team C vs Team A	Male	Rommel Fernandez
19-apr	Final	14:00:00	3rd vs 4th	Male	Rommel Fernandez
	Final	19:00:00	1st vs 2nd	Male	Rommel Fernandez

CATEGORIES SUMMONED			MEDALS TO BE AWARDED					
EVENT	MALE	FEMALE	MALE			FEMALE		
			GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
FOOTBALL	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
TOTAL			1	1	1	1	1	1

For the competition to take place, whether in the men’s or women’s category, a minimum of four (4) different countries must participate.

It will be conducted in accordance with the regulations of the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) and the Confederación Suramericana de Futbol (CONMEBOL).

In accordance with ODESUR regulations, the prizes will be awarded as follows:

- First place: gold medal.
- Second place: silver medal.
- Third place: bronze medal

All competitors will receive a certificate of participation.

The prizes will be awarded once the competition is over, following the protocol rules of ODESUR, and the official uniform representing their country must be worn.

7. PARTICIPANTS

All athletes from countries whose Olympic Committees are affiliated with ODESUR and whose National Federations are affiliated with the FIFA as of the date of the competition are eligible to participate.





Each country may register a maximum of twenty-four (24) people per category, of which eighteen (18) shall be athletes and six (6) shall be officials (delegate, coach, assistants, or technical staff). These quotas will be part of the overall 40% allocation of each delegation.

8. ELEGIBILITY

To be eligible and participate in the IV South American Youth Games Panama 2026, the athlete must comply with the ODESUR statutes and the rules of Confederación Suramericana de Fútbol.

a. Competitors' Nationality

Any competitor participating in the IV South American Youth Games Panama 2026 must have the nationality of the country of the NOC that registered them, which will be responsible for that registration. The nationality and eligibility of the competitor is determined in accordance with ODESUR regulations.

b. Age of Competitors

All athletes born between **January 1st 2009 and December 31st 2011** (15 – 17 y/o) will be allowed to participate in.

9. REGISTRATION

a. Intention to Participate

All National Olympic Committees' must submit their intention to participate by **October 1st 2025**, at 11:59:59 p.m. (Panama Time), using the official forms that the Organizing Committee will send out in due course. They must indicate the sports in which they will participate for the IV South American Youth Games Panama 2026. Forms will be published on the official website.

c. Numerical Registration

Numerical Registration Forms (individual and team) will indicate, without specifying names, the number of officials, technical staff, competitors, and support personnel that will make up the delegation. These forms must be submitted through the respective National Olympic Committee (NOC) and received by the Organizing Committee of the IV South American Youth Games Panama 2026 no later than **November 30th 2025**, at 11:59:59 PM (Panama time).



d. Long List Registration

the long list of athletes, team officials, technical staff, administrative, and auxiliary personnel must be sent to the Organizing Committee of the IV South American Youth Games Panama 2026 no later than **January 20th 2026**, at 23:59:59 (Panama Time). The long list may be submitted by email in order to meet the deadline.

c. Final Nominal Registration

The nominal list for football must be submitted no later than **February 26th 2026**, at 23:59:59 (Panama time).

The final list of athletes, team officials, technical staff, administrative and support personnel will be reviewed by the Head of Mission or a representative authorized by the NOC and representative of the Organizing Committee (Registrations – Accreditations – Technical, etc.) during the “Delegation Registration (PRE DRM DRM)” meetings, which will be held virtually on the following dates: February 20th, 2026, and March 20th, 2026, and an in-person DRM starting on April 6th, 2026 which will take place at the organizing Committee’s office.

At the time of Final Registration, no new registrations may be included; registration will be limited to the names listed in the Nominal List – Long List and may not exceed the number of athletes indicated in the Technical Instructions (Technical Manual) for each sport.

The number of team officials in delegations may not exceed 40% of the total number of athletes confirmed in the DRM. Once the DRM is complete, the registration and accreditation process for the delegation will be finished, and it will not be possible to accredit any other participants, except in exceptional circumstances duly authorized by ODESUR.

d. Sending Information

Any information regarding registrations or other matters may be sent to:
Email: direcciontecnicapanama2026@jsjpanama2026.com

10. FOOTBALL RULES

a. General Rules

The championship will be held in accordance with the official FIFA rules currently in force.





Cases not covered in this manual will be resolved as follows:

- If of a general nature: by the Organizing Committee of the IV South American Youth Games Panama 2026, in accordance with ODESUR regulations.
- If of a technical nature: according to FIFA rules and under the direct supervision of CONMEBOL, with the support of the Panamanian Football Federation and the ODESUR Technical Commission.

Number of Teams

I. With eight (8) teams:

There will be a maximum of eight (8) teams, divided into two groups. In each category, Panama, as the host country of the IV South American Youth Games 2026, will be the head of Group A. The remaining countries will be assigned to the groups by draw.

The top two (2) teams from each group will advance to the semifinals and finals, with cross matches as follows: first (1st) place in Group A vs. second (2nd) place in Group B, and first (1st) place in Group B vs. second (2nd) place in Group A.

The losers of the semifinals will play for the bronze medal (3rd place), and the winners will compete for the gold (1st place) and silver (2nd place) medals.

II. With seven (7), six (6), or five (5) teams

CONMEBOL will establish the competition system once the number of participating teams has been confirmed.

III. With four (4) teams

Competition format would be group stage where all teams play each other, whoever finishes first in this stage, will play against who finished second for the gold medal. The team that finishes in third place will play a match versus fourth place team for the bronze medal.

During the competition, the points awarded to teams according to the results will be as follows:

- Win: 3 points for the winning team
- Draw: 1 point for each team
- Loss: 0 points for the losing team



In the event of a tie in points during the Preliminary Phase (or Group Stage), the following tiebreaking criteria will be applied, in this order:

1. Head-to-head results, considering only matches played in the Preliminary Phase between the teams tied in position, in favor of the team with:
 - I. The highest number of points obtained in the matches between the tied teams;
 - II. The greatest goal difference in the matches between the tied teams (goal difference is calculated by subtracting goals conceded from goals scored);
 - III. The highest number of goals scored in the matches between the tied teams.
2. The greatest goal difference in all group matches involving the tied teams.
3. The highest number of goals scored in all group matches involving the tied teams.
4. The fewest red cards received.
5. The fewest yellow cards received.
6. Drawing of lots.

Tiebreaker Criteria – Third and Fourth Game

In the event of a tie in goals at the end of the BRONZE MEDAL match, the Winner shall be determined by kicks from the penalty mark, in accordance with the regulations stipulated by IFAB/FIFA.

Tiebreaker Criteria – First and Second Game

In the event of a tie in goals at the end of the GOLD MEDAL match, an extra time of 30 minutes shall be played, divided into two periods of 15 minutes each. If at the end of this 30-minute extra time the tie persists, the Winner shall be determined by kicks from the penalty mark, in accordance with the regulations stipulated by IFAB/FIFA.

b. COMPETITION STAFF: (JUDGES, JURORS AND TECHNICAL OFFICIALS)

The Technical Commission shall be composed of three (3) members: the representative of CONMEBOL, the APF, and one (1) delegate appointed by the participating countries during the technical meeting. Three (3) alternate members shall also be appointed.

The Technical Commission is responsible for decisions regarding incidents and disciplinary matters that arise during the Games competition.



The decisions taken by the Technical Commission shall be based on FIFA disciplinary measures and on the written reports submitted by the referee and other authorities. Decisions may also be based on television and video recordings.

Recordings may be used as evidence only in matters relating to the disciplinary issues of the specific case and shall not affect the referee's on-field decisions regarding match-related facts.

The Technical Commission may call individual hearings to determine the appropriate course of action.

The decisions of the Technical Commission are final and shall not be subject to appeal when they concern warnings, reprimands, fines, or suspensions of athletes or officials related to match incidents or other disciplinary matters.

Members of the Technical Commission whose teams are involved in a claim may not participate and must be replaced by the alternate members.

Referees

Referees shall be appointed by the CONMEBOL Referees Committee.

All referees and assistant referees participating in the Games must hold valid international credentials approved by FIFA.

The Refereeing Commission shall be composed of the representative of CONMEBOL and a representative of the APF.

The Refereeing Commission, designated by CONMEBOL, shall nominate the referees and assistant referees for each match.

No referee or assistant referee may officiate a match in which the team of their own country is participating.

c. PROTESTS AND APPEALS *

Protests and appeals will be resolved in accordance with the Statutes and Regulations of the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) and the Confederación Suramericana de Futbol (CONMEBOL). The decisions of the Jury will be final and not subject to appeal.

Technical claims will be made in accordance with the rules of the respective International Sports Federations and their established procedures and must be submitted to the judges of the corresponding competitions. These judges,





together with the relevant referee, will be responsible for resolving them in the first instance.

Affected parties may appeal to the Appeals Jury of their sport within thirty (30) minutes following notification, accompanied by a deposit of USD 100 (one hundred) from the United States. Once this period has expired, no further claims will be accepted.

The monetary guarantees required will be returned to the claimant if the protest is upheld. Otherwise, these funds will be retained by the Organizing Committee of the IV South American Youth Games Panama 2026.

APPEALS COMMITTEE

The Appeals Commission shall hear appeals submitted against decisions of the Technical Commission that are not final and that fall within the terms of this regulation.

The Appeals Commission shall be composed of three (3) members: the representative of CONMEBOL and two (2) delegates appointed by the participating countries during the technical meeting. Two (2) alternate members shall also be appointed.

The procedure to be applied by the Appeals Commission shall follow the rules governing the functions and procedures of the FIFA Appeals Committee.

The Appeals Commission shall reach its decisions based on the documents and other forms of evidence contained in the Technical Commission's records.

However, the Appeals Commission may, when necessary, resort to additional evidence (including television and video recordings) that it considers relevant.

The decisions issued by the Appeals Commission shall be final and binding on all parties involved.

11. EQUIPMENT - UNIFORMS - FACILITIES

Teams must submit an official roster of up to eighteen (18) players per category, numbered from 1 to 18. This numbering must match the mandatory numbering on the players' jerseys and shorts, as well as the names or nicknames displayed on the jerseys.

This official roster must also include up to six (6) officials and/or members of the technical staff (who shall form part of the integral 40% quota of each delegation).



NOCs must register the following in the Final Entry List (Lista de Buena Fe):

- I. Between fifteen (15) and sixteen (16) field players;
- II. Between two (2) and three (3) goalkeepers, in addition to the field players;
- III. One (1) head coach;
- IV. One (1) assistant coach;
- V. One (1) team physician;
- VI. One (1) press officer;
- VII. One (1) team manager (delegation manager/team delegate).

Teams must provide uniforms in accordance with the FIFA Equipment Regulations. For this purpose, they must present at the technical meeting two complete sets of outfield player uniforms (1st official or primary uniform, and 2nd or alternate uniform, with clearly distinguishable colors) and three goalkeeper uniforms (1st official, 2nd, and 3rd), each in three clearly distinguishable and contrasting colors, and different from the colors of the outfield players' uniforms.

The use of shin guards shall be mandatory in all matches.

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For the Medal Ceremony, athletes must wear the representative uniforms of their country, in accordance with the regulations established by ODESUR.

12. TECHNICAL MEETING

The Delegates' Technical Meeting will be held on a date to be confirmed at the Games Organizing Committee headquarters.

Up to two (2) representatives from each NOC may attend the Final Registration Verification, one with voting rights, along with an interpreter or assistant, if necessary.

The Final Registration Verification will include confirmation of the final participant registrations by category, confirmation of totals, the draw to determine the order of competing countries, as well as the verification of passports and competition uniforms in accordance with CONMEBOL and ODESUR regulations.

13. MEDICAL INFORMATION

a. Doping Control

Doping control tests Will be carried out by the Medical Commission of the Organizing Committee of the IV South American Youth Games Panama 2026 under the regulations of the ODESUR Medical Commission and in accordance with its Anti-Doping Rules approved by World Anti-doping Agency (WADA).

ODESUR reaffirms its policy of rejecting, sanctioning, and discouraging the use of doping substances and prohibited methods to ensure the healthiest, safest, fairest, and most ethical environment in sports competitions during the IV South American Youth Games Panama 2026.

The selection of athletes for sample collection in accordance with the ODESUR Anti-Doping Rule Violation and may be immediately removed from the IV South American Youth Games Panama 2026 and have their credential withdrawn.

b. Medical services at competition and training sites

A medical station will be available to provide first aid to athletes and officials at each competition and training site, equipped with all necessary safety equipment for Sporting activities. Ambulances will always be available in cases where a member of the IV South American Youth Games Panama 2026 needs to be transferred to a hospital.

14. POST- COMPETITION PROCEDURES

a. Mixed Zone

At the end of each event, athletes will be instructed to leave the Competition Area by passing through the Mixed Zone, which is an area where accredited media may conduct brief interviews after the competition.

Athletes must pass through the Mixed Zone where they will be asked to cooperate and talk with media representatives.



16. SPORTS SCHEDULE APPENDIX

Schedule

EVENTS	APRIL															
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
FOOTBALL MALE				■		■		■		■						
FOOTBALL FEMALE			■		■		■		■							



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