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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 km<sup>2</sup>. 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)

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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 Groupierre	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

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





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
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President: Emilio Wong  
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f. International Technical Officials

The Confederación Suramericana de Tenis de Mesa will appoint the international technical officials.

International Technical Delegate (ITD): Santiago Mercade

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#### 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 table tennis competition for the IV South American Youth Games Panama 2026 will be held from **April 13<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> 2026** in the venue Centro de Alto Rendimiento (CAR) – Multideportivo.

c. Competition format

The event will be held under the competition regulations of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) and Confederación Suramericana de Tenis de Mesa.

#### 6. COMPETITION PROGRAM AND MEDALS

Date	Sessions	Time	Place	Event	Gender	Stage
apr-11	---	19:00	Megapolis Hotel	Technical Meeting - Singles and Teams draw		
apr-12	---	10:00	Polideportivo	Umpire's Meeting		
apr-13	S1	10:00	Polideportivo	Singles	Female	Round of 32
		11:30	Polideportivo	Singles	Male	Round of 32
	S2	14:30	Polideportivo	Singles	Female	Round of 16
		16:00	Polideportivo	Singles	Male	Round of 16
		17:30	Polideportivo	Singles	Female	Quarterfinals
		18:15	Polideportivo	Singles	Male	Quarterfinals
apr-14	S3	10:00	Polideportivo	Singles	Female	Semifinal
		11:30	Polideportivo	Singles	Male	Semifinal
	S4	14:30	Polideportivo	Singles	Female	Final
		15:15	Polideportivo	Singles	Male	Final
		16:00	Polideportivo	Medal Ceremony - Singles		
	apr-15	S5	10:00	Polideportivo	Teams	Mix
S6		14:00	Polideportivo	Teams	Mix	Round Robin
apr-16	S7	10:00	Polideportivo	Teams	Mix	Round Robin
		14:00	Polideportivo	Teams	Mix	Quarterfinals
	S8	17:00	Polideportivo	Teams	Mix	Semifinal
apr-17	S9	10:00	Polideportivo	Teams	Mix	Final
		12:30	Polideportivo	Medal Ceremony - Teams		

CATEGORIES SUMMONED				MEDALS TO BE AWARDED								
EVENTS	MALE	FEMALE	MIXED	MALE			FEMALE			MIXED		
				GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
INDIVIDUAL	1	1		1	1	2	1	1	2			
MIXED TEAMS			1							1	1	2
<b>TOTAL</b>				1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2

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

For a category to be held, a minimum of four (4) athletes from four (4) different NOCs must participate.

### Individual Events

The competition will be held in a single stage using a single-elimination format in a bracket of multiples of two (e.g., 16, 32, 64, etc.), depending on the number of participating athletes. All matches will be played as best of seven (7) games, with the winner being the first to reach four (4) games.

Seeding will be determined according to the ITTF ranking as of April 1, 2026.

### Mixed Team Event

The event will consist of two stages.

The first stage will feature qualifying groups of three (3) teams, with one group of four (4). The two best teams from each group will advance to the next round. The draw will be based on the ITTF international ranking as of April 1, 2026, using the serpentine system.

Each team's ranking will be determined by the combined ITTF rankings of the four registered players.

### Final Stage

This stage will follow a single-elimination format. All matches will be played as best of five (5) sets. To participate, each team must consist of four (4) players (two male and two female).

### Match Format (2 singles, 1 double, and 2 singles):

1. A vs X (Male athletes)

2. B vs Y (Female athletes)
3. Mixed doubles
4. C vs Z (Male athletes)
5. D vs W (Female athletes)

Each player may only compete in one singles match. Any team member may play in the doubles match, but the pair must always be composed of one male and one female athlete

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 International Table Tennis Federation, as of the date of the competition, are eligible to participate.

Each NOC may compete with two (2) male athletes and two (2) female athletes per discipline.

The number of team officials in a delegation may not exceed 40% of the total number of athletes.

## 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 Tenis de Mesa. \*

### 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

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All athletes born between **January 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 and December 31<sup>st</sup> 2011** (15 – 18 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### b. 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 30<sup>th</sup> 2025**, at 11:59:59 PM (Panama time).

### c. 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 20<sup>th</sup> 2026**, at 23:59:59 (Panama Time). The long list may be submitted by email in order to meet the deadline.

### d. Final Nominal Registration

The nominal list for table tennis must be submitted no later than **March 12<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026, and March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026, and an in-person DRM starting on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 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.

e. Sending Information

Any information regarding registrations or other matters may be sent to email: [direcciontecnicapanama2026@jsjpanama2026.com](mailto:direcciontecnicapanama2026@jsjpanama2026.com)

## 10. TABLE TENNIS RULES

a. General Rules

The competition will be conducted in accordance with the rules of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF).

It will be held under the current regulations of the ITTF, supervised by the Organización Deportiva de Suramérica (ODESUR) and the Confederación Suramericana de Tenis de Mesa (CONSUTEME), and organized by the Organizing Committee.

Matters not covered by these regulations 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, in accordance with the ITTF rules.

The Organizing Committee will set the schedule for the events, which will be held under the supervision of the Technical Commission.

The Tournament Director will be responsible for organizing the table tennis competitions, overseeing the facilities, assigning training and competition courts, and supervising the support and administrative staff.

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

The Confederación Suramericana de Tenis de Mesa will appoint the officials and referees required for the execution of the competition program.



To ensure compliance with the competition program, the Organizing Committee, in agreement with the South American Confederation, will appoint the necessary personnel (referee delegate, semi-delegate, and equipment control).

No referee may serve as a delegate for their team or stay with their delegation.

Note: All the above will be established in a prior agreement to be signed during a meeting with the Confederación Suramericana de Tenis de Mesa.

### c. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

Protests and appeals will be resolved in accordance with the Statutes and Regulations of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) and the South American Table Tennis Confederation.

The decisions of the Jury shall be final.

Technical claims shall be made in accordance with the rules and procedures established by the respective International Sports Federations and must be submitted to the judges of the respective competitions. These judges, along with the corresponding referee, will resolve the matter in the first instance.

Affected parties may appeal to the Jury of Appeal of their sport within thirty (30) minutes after notification, accompanied by a deposit of one hundred U.S. dollars (USD 100).

After the specified time has elapsed, no further claims will be accepted.

Deposits submitted with protests will be refunded if the protest is upheld; otherwise, the funds will be retained by the Organizing Committee of the IV South American Youth Games Panama 2026.

## 11. EQUIPMENT - UNIFORMS - FACILITIES

### [ODESUR - Manual for the Use of the Manufacturer Trademarks](#)

Athletes must wear only clothing and footwear approved for table tennis competitions, in accordance with the current regulations of the ULTM and/or ITTF.

According to ODESUR regulations, advertising will not be permitted on delegation uniforms for the IV South American Youth Games Panama 2026.

For the Awards Ceremony, athletes must wear their country's representative uniform, in accordance with the rules established by ODESUR.



## 12. TECHNICAL MEETING

The Delegates' Technical Meeting will take place on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 19:00 in the Villa Suramericana.

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 International Table Tennis Federation and ODESUR regulations.

Any complaints regarding situations outside the scope of the competition, such as registration errors, scale malfunctions, etc., must be submitted to the Competition Director or International Technical Delegate before the start of the competition. Once the competition has begun, no appeals will be accepted.

## 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 Regulations, will be carried out by the ODESUR Medical Commission. The analysis of the samples will be conducted by a laboratory accredited by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).

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.

#### 15. SPORTS SCHEDULE APPENDIX

Schedule

EVENT	ABRIL															
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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