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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)

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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

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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 Anamae Orillac
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Technical Director
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e. Federación de Ajedrez de Panamá

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 E-mail: josepitti2112@gmail.com

f. International Technical Officials

The Federación Internacional de Ajedrez de las Americas (FIDE) will appoint the international technical officials.

International Technical Delegate (ITD): Jose Carrillo

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Phone Number: +507 66771592

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 CHESS competition for the IV South American Youth Games Panama 2026 will be held from **April 23rd to the 25th of April 2026.**

a. Competition format

It will be conducted in accordance with the regulations of the International Chess Federation (FIDE), using the Round Robin system (each player competes against all others).

A draw will be held to determine the order of the players in both modalities

6. COMPETITION PROGRAM AND MEDALS

Date	Session	Time	Event	Gender	Stage
23-abr	1	9:00	Rapid	Female and Male	Round 1
		10:00	Rapid	Female and Male	Round 2
		11:00	Rapid	Female and Male	Round 3
		12:00	Rapid	Female and Male	Round 4
	2	12:50	Lunch	Female and Male	-
		14:30	Rapid	Female and Male	Round 5
		15:30	Rapid	Female and Male	Round 6
24-abr	1	9:00	Rapid	Female and Male	Round 7
		10:00	Rapid	Female and Male	Round 8
		11:00	Rapid	Female and Male	Round 9
	2	11:50	Lunch	Female and Male	-
		14:30	Rapid	Female and Male	Tied Brake
25-abr	1	9:30	Blitz	Female and Male	Round 1
		9:50	Blitz	Female and Male	Round 2
		10:10	Blitz	Female and Male	Round 3
		10:30	Blitz	Female and Male	Round 4
		10:50	Blitz	Female and Male	Round 5
		11:10	Blitz	Female and Male	Round 6
		11:30	Blitz	Female and Male	Round 7
		11:50	Blitz	Female and Male	Round 8
		12:10	Blitz	Female and Male	Round 9
	2	11:30	Lunch	Female and Male	-
		13:30	Blitz	Female and Male	Tied Brake
		14:30	Medal Ceremony		

CATEGORIES SUMMONED			MEDALS TO BE AWARDED					
EVENTS	MALE	FEMALE	MALE			FEMALE		
			GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
RAPID	☐	☐	1	1	1	1	1	1
BLITZ	☐	☐	1	1	1	1	1	1
TOTAL			2	2	2	2	2	2



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

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

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 FIDE as of the date of the competition are eligible to participate.

Each country may participate with a delegation of up to two (1) athletes, one (1) in the men's division and one (1) in the women's division.

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

8. ELEGIBILITY

To participate in the IV South American Youth Games 2026, athletes must comply with the provisions of the Games Regulations, the rules of the Chess Confederation of the Americas (CCA), and the rules of the International Chess Federation (FIDE). They must also be registered by their respective National Olympic Committee (NOC)



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

Athletes born between **January 1, 2007, and December 31, 2012** (ages **14 to 19**) shall be eligible to participate.

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.

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 30th 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 20th 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 CHESS must be submitted no later than **March 20th 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.

e. Sending Information

Any information regarding registrations or other matters may be sent to:

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Chess ITD: José Carrillo

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10. CHESS RULES

a. General Rules

The Absolute and Female’s categories will compete according to the International FIDE Regulations using the Round Robin system (each player competes against all others). A draw will be held to determine the order of the players in both modalities.

Time Control – Rapid Games:

15 minutes for the entire game with a 10-second increment per move per player starting from the first move.

Time Control – Blitz Games:

3 minutes for the entire game with a 2-second increment per move per player starting from the first move.

Tolerance Time:

15 minutes after the start of the round for rapid games and 3 minutes after the start of the round for blitz games. After this period, the game will be declared lost by forfeit.

Tiebreaks

The tiebreak systems to be used (in Swiss events) will be as follows, in this order:

1. Greater number of wins
2. Most games played with Black
3. Performance rating
4. Extended Koya system

If the tie persists and medals are at stake:

- I. If two players are tied:
A match of two Blitz games will be played at three (3) minutes with a two- (2-) second increment per move from the first move, per player. Colors for the first game will be determined by draw. If the tie remains, additional Blitz games (3 minutes + 2 seconds increment) will be played until one player wins a game.
- II. If more than two players are tied:
A single round-robin tiebreak tournament will be held. If the tie persists, play will continue until a winner is determined.

- b. Competition Staff: (Judges, Jurors and Technical Officials)

The Chess Confederation of the Americas (CCA) 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 Chess Confederation of the Americas, will appoint the necessary personnel (arbiter delegate, semi-arbiter delegate, material control).

No referee may serve as a delegate for their team or stay in the same accommodation as their delegation.

c. Protests and Appeals

At the Technical Meeting, the Technical Appeals Committee will be formed, consisting of five delegates from the participating countries: three principal members and two alternates.

Appeals against the decisions of the arbiters must be submitted in writing, signed, and presented to the Chief Arbiter by the player (or the official representing their country) within ten (10) minutes after the end of the game.

The appeal must be accompanied by a deposit of USD 100.00. If the appeal is deemed valid, the amount will be refunded. If the appeal is rejected, the deposit will be transferred to the IV Juegos Suramericanos de la Juventud Panamá 2026 Organizing Committee.

The decisions announced by the Appeals Committee shall be final and binding on all parties involved. Any matters not covered in these regulations will be resolved by the Chief Arbiter and the Organizer, taking into account the updated FIDE Laws of Chess in force.

11. EQUIPMENT - UNIFORMS - FACILITIES

Teams must be uniformly dressed in each round with attire that identifies them with their country and distinguishes them from one another, in accordance with the guidelines established by the Comité Olímpico de Panamá (COP) and the Chess Confederation of the Americas (CCA).

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12. TECHNICAL MEETING

The Officials Technical Meeting will be held on April 22nd of 2026, at the Villa Suramericana, Megapolis Hotel at 8:00 p.m. *

Up to two representatives per country will be allowed to attend this Technical Meeting. The corresponding draw will be held to determine the players' orders in both modalities.

During the Final Registration Verification, the final registrations of participants by event will be confirmed, a drawing will determine the order of competing countries to be conducted. Passports and competition uniforms will be inspected in accordance with FIDE 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 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).

Any competitor who refuses to submit to a doping control will commit an Anti-Doping Rule Violation and may be immediately removed from the IV Juegos Suramericanos de la Juventud Panamá 2026, and their accreditation may be 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

EVENTS	APRIL																
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