

OPEN MASTERS GAMES

ABU DHABI 2026

CRICKET



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1. General Information

1.1. Governance

The cricket competition will be conducted in accordance with international cricket regulations and adapted to the specific needs of the Open Masters Games Abu Dhabi 2026 (OMGAD2026), ensuring fairness, safety, and competitiveness across all age categories.

1.2. Eligibility

- In line with the sport-specific rules, an athlete must compete in their designated age group, with their age determined as of 31 December 2026. For example, if you are 39 years old during the Games time but turn 40 by 31 December 2026, you would compete in the 40-44 age category.
- The age of the youngest registered team member determines which age category the team will compete in. For example, a team with the youngest member at 54 years old should register for the 50+ age category.
- Teams must consist of a minimum of 11 starting players. There is no maximum number of players per squad, however, medals will be limited.

Health Declaration

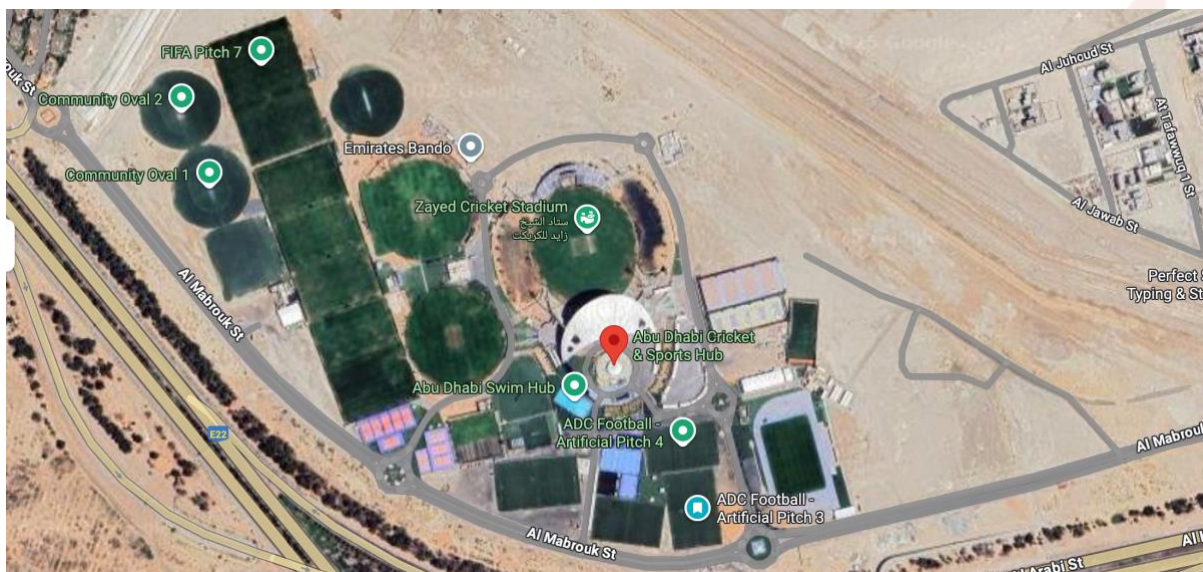
Athletes should carefully evaluate whether their physical condition is suitable for participating in the competition. If they suffer from cardiovascular or other diseases that make them not suitable to engage strenuous exercise, seeking doctor's advice is recommended to evaluate whether they can safely participate in OMGAD events.

1.3. Dates

February 7 Saturday	February 8 Sunday	February 9 Monday	February 10 Tuesday	February 11 Wednesday	February 12 Thursday	February 13 Friday	February 14 Saturday

1.4. Venue

[Abu Dhabi Cricket & Sports Hub, Khalifa City](#)



2. Competition Information

2.1. Disciplines, Events & Grading

Discipline	Grade	Category		
		Classification	Gender	Age
	Competitive	N/A	Male	30+, 40+, 50+
			Female	
	Recreational		Male	
			Female	

- **Competitive:** Teams who have three or more players at international level will be considered as competitive standard and should enter that competition.
- **Recreational:** Teams who play in local recreational or social leagues will be considered recreational level.

2.2. Format

The Cricket competition at OMGAD2026 will follow the **T10 format – 10 overs per side**, in accordance with international limited-overs rules.

2.3. Schedule

A detailed schedule of events will be developed throughout 2025.

2.4. Scoring

- Scores will be determined by the total runs accumulated by each team in their allotted overs. The team with the highest score at the end of the match wins.
- In the event of a tie at the end of a match, tiebreaker rules may be implemented, such as a super over or other pre-agreed method to determine the winner.
- Throughout the tournament, players' individual performances, including runs scored, wickets taken, and overall team performance, will be tracked for ranking purposes.
- Rankings will be updated after each round, with teams placed according to their win-loss record and total runs.
- If teams are tied in their rankings, net run rate (NRR) may be used as a deciding factor to determine which team advances to the finals or next round.

The final standings in the competition will be determined by the outcomes of the final rounds, with the highest-ranked teams earning the opportunity to compete for medals.

3. Technical Details

3.1. Technical Delegate

The Technical Delegate, endorsed by Emirates Cricket Board, will oversee the implementation of all sport specific rules and requirements at the Games.

3.2. Other Technical Details

One representative from each team is expected to attend the Cricket Technical Meeting prior to the commencement of the event. Further information will be confirmed closer to the start of the competition.

4. Equipment & Uniform

3.1. Equipment

Athletes participating in the cricket competition at the OMGAD2026 are expected to bring and use their own personal cricket equipment. This includes, but is not limited to pads, gloves, helmets, abdominal guards, and appropriate footwear. All gear should be in good condition and suitable for competitive play. While the organisers will provide match balls, bats and team bibs, if necessary, personal equipment is the responsibility of each athlete. Participants are also encouraged to ensure their equipment meets safety standards, and to avoid any items that could pose a risk to themselves or others during play.

3.2. Uniform

5. Awarding

5.1. Medals

The top 3 athletes will be awarded the gold medal, silver medal and bronze medal respectively.

5.2. Ceremonies

- In OMGAD2026, athletes are individuals and represent themselves. National flags and anthems will not be included in medal ceremonies.
- The medal ceremony will be held after each final.
- The medal ceremony will be conducted in Arabic and English.

6. Protests and Appeals

6.1. Protests

- Competition-related disputes and protests shall be handled according to rules and related regulations of the international association of the sport. If there are no rules regarding such disputes and protests in place, the competitor may first make verbal protest and submit written protest to OMGAD within 30 minutes after the end of a contest.
- No protest can be lodged by any team members or staff against a judging (scoring) decision during the competition period.

6.2. Appeals

- Based on the principle of trust, the Organizer will not take the initiative to review the grade of athletes upon registration. Matters regarding athlete qualifications and grades should be submitted to the Organizer with relevant supporting materials before the Games or when the fact occurs. The complaint will be handled in accordance with the rules and relevant regulations of international sports federations and relevant regulations.
- Applications that are not submitted within the stipulated time or with incomplete materials will not be accepted.

7. Doping Control

7.1. Regulations

- Doping Control should be conducted in accordance with WADA World Anti-Doping Code (<https://www.wada-ama.org/en>) and International Masters Games Association (IMGA) Anti-Doping Rules (<https://imga.ch/masterssports/anti-doping>).
- Participants are deemed to have agreed to be subject to doping control procedures in accordance with the International Masters Games Association Anti-Doping Rules upon entry to the competition. Participants must obey antidoping rules and conduct themselves in a considerate manner.

8. Updates

The final version of the competition guide will be released by December 15th. Important additional information, including the sports schedule, will be available at that time. In the meantime, please address all inquiries to: sports@omgad2026.ae