



# PARTICIPANT GUIDE



# 1. INTRODUCTION

## 1.1. THE UAE AND OPEN MASTERS GAMES ABU DHABI 2026

A Deep-Rooted Heritage. A Vibrant Society.

The United Arab Emirates places human well-being and quality of life at the heart of its national priorities, firmly embedding sport and physical activity as a daily way of life and a shared social culture; one that extends far beyond the boundaries of competition.

Physical activity has long been an integral part of our ancestors' means of survival and adaptation. From pearl diving to camel racing and falconry, these practices stood as powerful symbols of strength, resilience, and perseverance. These practices were not merely skills, but a living school that instilled the belief that movement is both determination and a necessity for continuity and survival.

Today, this legacy is brought to life through comprehensive national strategies led by the UAE's visionary leadership to enhance our community's quality of life. This is seen in programs and facilities that make staying active easier for everyone: community sports initiatives, yearly fitness challenges, and world-class infrastructure such as cycling tracks, waterfronts, and public parks with modern outdoor fitness equipment.

The Open Masters Games Abu Dhabi 2026 aims to spark a movement that supports lifelong physical activity, active lifestyle, and inclusive participation across all ages and abilities, in line with the UAE's national priorities for health, wellbeing, and community development. Whether you are just starting your fitness journey, maintaining an active lifestyle, or looking to challenge yourself in sports, the Games provide opportunities for everyone to engage. By encouraging people to stay active, connect with others, and participate in sport throughout their lives, OMGAD 2026 promotes intergenerational engagement, and contributes to healthier communities.

## 1.2. IMGGA

The International Masters Games Association (IMGGA), founded in 1985, is the global representative body for Masters sport and a non-profit organisation recognised by the International Olympic Committee. It supports the Olympic movement and the philosophy of 'sport for all'.

IMGGA promotes lifelong competition, friendship, and understanding between mature sportspeople, regardless of age, gender, race, religion, or sport status. Sport offers the chance to stay active, achieve personal goals, and share a passion for healthy living with like-minded adults.

Events are designed to be accessible and take place in cities that are also attractive destinations. The flagship event, the World Masters Games, is the world's largest participatory multi-sport event, held every four years. Since 1985, hundreds of thousands of athletes have competed at the World Masters Games, Winter World Masters Games, and regional Open Masters Games.

## Upcoming Masters Games Events

The International Masters Games Association (IMGA) organizes multi-sport events for Masters athletes, providing competitive opportunities, cultural experiences, and community engagement across international destinations.

### **World Masters Games – Kansai 2027**

The 2027 World Masters Games will be held in the Kansai region of Japan from 14 to 30 May 2027. The event features a comprehensive sports programme alongside cultural activities, welcoming athletes from many countries to compete and celebrate Masters sport.

### **Open Masters Games – Como Lake 2027**

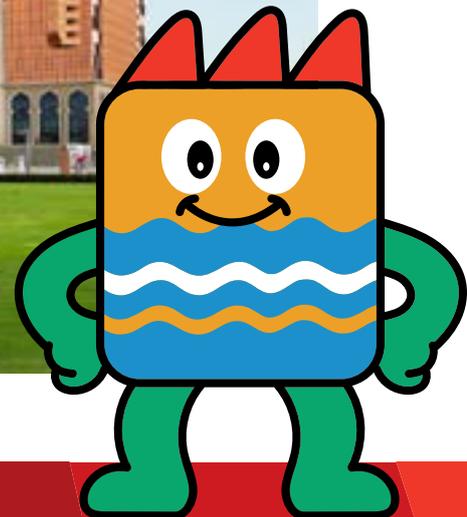
From 17 to 26 September 2027, the Open Masters Games will take place in the Como Lake region, Italy. Competitions will be held across multiple sports, combining athletic challenges with the scenic beauty and cultural offerings of the region.

### **Winter World Masters Games – Lahti 2028**

The 2028 Winter World Masters Games will take place in Lahti, Finland, between January and March 2028. The programme will include a variety of winter sports, providing Masters athletes with opportunities to compete in a winter sports environment.

### **World Masters Games – Perth 2029**

The 2029 World Masters Games will be held in Perth, Australia. Dates and the full sports programme will be confirmed closer to the event.



## 2. SPORTS, VENUES AND SCHEDULE

Ceremony: C
  Activity: A
  Alternative Venue: Alt
  Reserve Day

Event	Discipline	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Venue
		FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	
Welcome Ceremony		C										<a href="#">Zayed Sports City Stadium</a>
Farewell Ceremony											C	<a href="#">Hudayriyat Island</a>
Al Tabaa [Traditional]			A	A								Al Ain
Archery	Target (P)			A	A	A	A	A	A	A		<a href="#">Abu Dhabi Cricket &amp; Sports Hub</a>
Athletics	Track & Field (P)		A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		<a href="#">Zayed Sports City</a>
	Road Race (P)										A	<a href="#">Hudayriyat Island</a>
Badminton (P)			A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		<a href="#">ADNEC, Abu Dhabi</a>
Basketball	5x5		A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		<a href="#">ADNEC, Abu Dhabi</a>
	3x3 (P)						A	A	A	A		<a href="#">ADNEC, Abu Dhabi</a>
Bowling (P)					A	A	A	A	A	A		<a href="#">Khalifa International Bowling Centre, Zayed Sports City, Abu Dhabi</a>
Camel Racing [Traditional]										A		<a href="#">Al Wathba Race Track</a>
Canoeing/ Kayaking	Canoeing / Kayaking (200m) (P)						A	A				<a href="#">Abu Dhabi Marine Sports Club</a>
	Canoeing / Kayaking (500m)				A	A						<a href="#">Abu Dhabi Marine Sports Club</a>
	Canoeing / Kayaking (1000m)		A	A								<a href="#">Abu Dhabi Marine Sports Club</a>
	Dragon Boat Racing (2000m, 500m, 200m)								A	A		<a href="#">Abu Dhabi Marine Sports Club</a>
Chess			A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		<a href="#">ADNEC, Abu Dhabi</a>
Cricket			A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		<a href="#">Abu Dhabi Cricket &amp; Sports Hub</a>
Cycling (P)	Road (Road Race)										A	<a href="#">Hudayriyat Island</a>
	Road (Time Trial)									A		<a href="#">Hudayriyat Island</a>
Dhow [Traditional]		A	A	R					R	R	R	Al Mirfa
Diving [Traditional]				A					R	R		Al Mirfa
Endurance Horse Racing [Traditional]											A	<a href="#">Al Wathba Race Track</a>
Falconry [Traditional]											A	<a href="#">Hamdan Bin Mohammed Heritage Centre, Dubai</a>
Football	11 V 11							A	A	A		<a href="#">Zayed Sports City</a>
	7 V 7		A	A	A							<a href="#">Abu Dhabi Cricket &amp; Sports Hub</a>
Golf (P)					A	A	A					<a href="#">Abu Dhabi Golf Club</a>
					A	A	A					<a href="#">Yas Acres Golf Club</a>
					A	A	A					Al Ain Equestrian and Shooting Club
								A				<a href="#">Yas Links Golf Club</a>

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Horse Jumping												<a href="#">Abu Dhabi Equestrian Club</a>
Ice Hockey												<a href="#">Zayed Sports City, Ice Rink</a>
Judo												<a href="#">Mubadala Arena</a>
Jiu Jitsu												<a href="#">Mubadala Arena</a>
Karate												<a href="#">Space 42</a>
Muay Thai												<a href="#">Space 42</a>
Netball												<a href="#">Abu Dhabi Cricket &amp; Sports Hub</a>
Obstacle Course Racing	2km											<a href="#">Al Ain Adventure</a>
	5km											<a href="#">Al Ain Adventure</a>
	10km											<a href="#">Al Ain Adventure</a>
Orienteering	Sprint (2 - 3.5km)											<a href="#">Abu Dhabi City</a>
	Middle Distance (4 - 7km)											<a href="#">Abu Dhabi City</a>
Padel	Padel Kingdom											<a href="#">Abu Dhabi Padel Kingdom</a>
Rugby	7s And 10s											<a href="#">Abu Dhabi Cricket &amp; Sports Hub</a>
	Touch											<a href="#">Abu Dhabi Cricket &amp; Sports Hub</a>
Sailing	Ilca M/F											<a href="#">Abu Dhabi Marine Sports Club</a>
	Sb20 M/F											<a href="#">Abu Dhabi Marine Sports Club</a>
	Kitesurfing											<a href="#">Abu Dhabi Marine Sports Club</a>
Shooting (P)												<a href="#">Al Ain Equestrian, Shooting &amp; Golf Club</a>
Squash												<a href="#">The Club</a>
Swimming (P)	Open Water											<a href="#">Hudayriyat Island</a>
	Pool											<a href="#">Abu Dhabi Aquatics Club, MBZ</a>
Tennis (P)												<a href="#">Zayed Sports City</a>
Table Tennis (P)												<a href="#">ADNEC, Abu Dhabi</a>
Triathlon (P)	Sprint, Standard											<a href="#">Hudayriyat Island</a>
	Duathlon											<a href="#">Hudayriyat Island</a>
	Aquathlon											<a href="#">Hudayriyat Island</a>
Volleyball	Beach											<a href="#">Hudayriyat Island</a>
	Indoor											<a href="#">ADNEC, Abu Dhabi</a>
Weightlifting												<a href="#">ADNEC, Abu Dhabi</a>
Beach Wrestling												<a href="#">Hudayriyat Island</a>

## Ladies Only Sports Events

Athletics	Track & Field											<a href="#">Fatima Bint Mubarak Ladies Academy</a>
Basketball												
Football	7 v 7											
Padel												
Volleyball	Indoor											

## 3. GETTING AROUND

### 3.1. ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

From 04 to 16 February, shuttle buses will operate 24/7 between Abu Dhabi International Airport (AUH) and ADNEC with an additional stop at the Participant Welcome Center. The additional stop at the Welcome Centre (UDAC) allows to collect the Games accreditation and Welcome Kit directly upon arrival at the Participant Welcome Centre – its operating hours are daily from 09:00 to 20:00 PM; on 6 February from 06:00 to 13:00 due to the Welcome Ceremony taking place that day.

The shuttle will operate with the following frequency:

#### **Arrivals:** Abu Dhabi International Airport to ADNEC

##### **04 – 08 February**

09:00–21:00: every 30 minutes

21:00–09:00: every 60 minutes

##### **09 – 13 February**

24-hour service: every 60 minutes

#### **Departures:** ADNEC to Abu Dhabi International Airport

##### **14 – 16 February**

09:00–21:00: every 30 minutes

21:00–09:00: every 60 minutes

##### **15 February**

24-hour service: every 60 minutes

A Welcome Desk will be available at Abu Dhabi International Airport, staffed by coordinators to provide assistance upon arrival. The desk will guide participants to the designated shuttle bus stop, ensuring smooth and timely transfers to ADNEC and the Participant Welcome Centre.

#### Airport Taxi Services

Official airport taxis are available for direct travel to hotels. Fares are calculated based on distance, and coordinators at the airport will assist with locating the taxi area if needed.

#### Public Transportation

Public buses are also available as an alternative option. Coordinators can provide information on the appropriate bus number and the correct bus stop based on the hotel location. This option provides an affordable and convenient means of reaching hotel accommodations.

## 3.2. SPORT VENUE SHUTTLES

During the Games period, shuttle services will operate from ADNEC to all sports venues from 6 to 15 February. The bus stop location is [here](#).

Shuttle buses will begin operating two hours before the start of competitions and will continue to run for two hours after competitions conclude, with frequencies of every 15, 30, or 60 minutes depending on peak periods.

Detailed routes and shuttle schedules will be available in the OMGAD 2026 mobile application.

## 3.3. PUBLIC TRANSPORT

**Public transportation will be free of charge for all accredited participants upon presentation of their accreditation. – kindly refer to the OMGAD app for more details.**

## 3.4. PARKING AT VENUES

Each venue will have dedicated athlete parking facilities. Vehicle movement will be managed by trained traffic marshals and supported by appropriate signage to ensure clients are directed efficiently to their designated parking areas.

In addition, internal shuttle services will operate at three venues – Fatima Bint Mubarak Academy, Hudayriyat Island, and Zayed Sports City – to transport participants from parking areas to the designated athlete zones.



## 4. VENUE SERVICES AND FACILITIES

This section provides an overview of the facilities and services available to spectators across all OMGAD 2026 venues. These services are designed to ensure a safe, comfortable, and enjoyable experience for all attendees.

### 4.1. WELCOME & INFORMATION DESKS

Welcome & Information Desks are located at prominent spectator entry points and key congregation areas across all venues. These desks serve as the primary support hub for spectators throughout the event.

#### Child Safety Support

Child identification wristbands are available for parents and guardians. Wristbands can be completed on-site with the parent's or guardian's contact details. These wristbands assist venue staff in quickly identifying and safely reuniting children with their families should they become separated. Parents and guardians are strongly encouraged to use this service upon arrival.

#### Accessibility Support

Dedicated assistance is available for spectators with accessibility requirements. Venue staff are trained to support Persons of Determination (POD) and spectators with additional needs. Support may include guidance to accessible seating, toilets, parking areas, and step-free routes.

#### Mobility Services

Mobility assistance services are coordinated through the Welcome & Information Desk. Services may include wheelchair assistance and POD buggy services within the venue precinct, subject to availability. Special emphasis is placed on ensuring comfortable, safe, and dignified movement for Persons of Determination across all spectator areas.

#### General Assistance

Venue navigation and wayfinding support, information on seating areas, fan zones, concessions, and event schedules, and coordination of Lost & Found services.

### 4.2. MOBILITY ASSISTANCE SERVICES

Mobility assistance services are available at all official venues to ensure a safe, dignified, and comfortable experience for spectators who require additional support.

#### Persons of Determination (POD) Priority

Mobility services are designed with a strong focus on supporting Persons of Determination. Assistance is provided in a respectful and inclusive manner, ensuring ease of movement across all spectator areas.

## Available Support Services

Wheelchair assistance along designated spectator routes. POD buggy services to facilitate movement between dedicated POD parking areas, venue entrances, seating areas, and key facilities including toilets, prayer rooms, and fan zones.

### Service Access

Requests for mobility assistance can be made at the Welcome & Information Desk. On-ground staff and volunteers may also assist in coordinating support where required.

### Operational Considerations

All mobility services operate along approved routes to ensure safety and smooth crowd flow. Spectators are encouraged to request assistance early, particularly during peak hours and during opening and closing ceremonies.

## **4.3. BABY STROLLER STORAGE**

To maintain clear walkways and ensure the safety and comfort of all spectators, dedicated baby stroller storage facilities are provided at all venues.

### Designated Storage Areas

Stroller storage zones are located near venue entrances, seating areas, and family-friendly zones. These areas are clearly identified through signage and supported by venue staff where required.

### Purpose and Use

Stroller storage helps prevent congestion in seating aisles, emergency access routes, and high-traffic spectator areas. Parents and guardians are encouraged to park strollers before entering spectator seating and fan engagement areas.

### Assistance

Venue staff and volunteers are available to guide families to the nearest stroller storage location. Storage areas are managed to ensure ease of access during entry and exit periods.

## **4.4. TOILETS AND PRAYER ROOMS**

All venues are equipped with well-maintained toilet and prayer facilities designed to meet the needs of a diverse spectator base.

### Toilet Facilities

Toilet locations are clearly signposted throughout each venue for ease of access. Separate facilities are provided for male and female spectators and Persons of Determination (POD), including accessible toilets. Toilets are strategically located near seating areas, fan zones, and other high-traffic spectator areas.

## Prayer Rooms

Dedicated male and female prayer rooms are available within each venue precinct. Prayer room locations are clearly marked with signage and are easily accessible. These spaces are maintained throughout event hours to support religious observance in a respectful and comfortable environment.

## **4.5. ATHLETE LOUNGE**

Athlete Lounges will be available at all competition venues to provide a comfortable space for athletes to relax and recharge between events. Refreshments and healthy snacks will be provided to support energy and recovery. Lounges offer seating areas and a calm environment away from the main spectator zones. Access is reserved for registered athletes and accredited team staff.

## **4.6. CONCESSION FACILITIES**

Concession facilities are designed to enhance the overall spectator experience and are conveniently distributed across all competition venues and fan zones.

### Availability

Concession stores are available at all Games venues as well as within designated fan zones. Multiple concession points ensure easy access to food, beverages, and retail services across the venue footprint.

### Food & Beverage (F&B)

A wide variety of food and beverage options are available, including Halal-certified offerings, vegetarian, and other dietary options. Seating and standing areas may be provided near concession zones where space permits.

### Merchandise & Activations

Official merchandise and souvenirs are available for purchase at designated outlets. Sponsor activation zones may be integrated within concession areas, offering interactive experiences and promotional activities for spectators.



# 5. PARTICIPANT WELCOME CENTRE

## 5.1. DESCRIPTION, LOCATION, OPENING HOURS

The Participant Welcome Centre is the first step in the on-site experience for all participants and serves as the main hub for registration, accreditation, welcome kit collection, briefing sessions. The Centre also provides dedicated support desks for enquiries and guidance, wayfinding and venue information, interactive displays with event details, and comfortable areas with refreshments and seating to ensure a smooth and welcoming start to the Games.

**The Centre is located here and is operational from 09:00 to 20:00.**

## 5.2. ACCREDITATION

It is essential participants have valid Games accreditation which grants access to venues, events, and official services - all participants are required to visit the Welcome Centre before proceeding to their respective competition venues.

A registration confirmation email and valid identification used during the registration process (Passport or Emirates ID) must be presented upon arrival at the Accreditation Centre.

## 5.3. WELCOME KITS MONEY CARD

All registered participants are eligible to receive their Welcome Kits which can be collected at the Participant Welcome Centre. They include practical items to support athletes, non-playing officials, and family members throughout the Games - T-shirt, backpack, cap, participant medal, water pouch.

## 5.4. PARTICIPANT SUPPORT AT THE CENTRE

Participant will be able to receive support on the following at the Centre: event, schedule and sport-related enquiries, information on medical services and as well medical insurance, transport-related information.

In addition to the above, participants will be able shuttle information for optional tours such as Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque shuttle (4-14 Feb, hourly, 10:00-19:00).

## 6. COMMUNITY HUBS

Community Hubs are interactive fan and engagement zones established as part of OMGAD2026, designed to provide a vibrant and inclusive experience for all participants and visitors. These hubs feature a variety of activations spanning movement, culture, wellness, and longevity, alongside food and beverage offerings, entertainment, and interactive experiences. Strategically located across multiple venues, Community Hubs serve as open, free, and accessible spaces where the public can gather, engage, and celebrate the spirit of the Games. They are designed to foster connection, encourage active participation, and create memorable experiences, offering something for visitors of all ages and interests, from live demonstrations and cultural showcases to wellness workshops and recreational activities.

The Community Hubs will feature three themed districts: Movement, focusing on physical activity and sports engagement; Longevity, highlighting wellness and healthy living; and Cultural, showcasing arts, heritage, and interactive experiences

### 6.1. COMMUNITY HUB – ABU DHABI NATIONAL EXHIBITION CENTRE (ANDEC)

**Location: ADNEC Atrium**

Operational Time: 07 – 14 February, 09:00 – 21:00

#### **Movement District**

- Walking activation by Emirates Council for Balanced Development - Activation to focus on walking as a physical exercise.
- Chess Club - open for all age groups and levels. Unique opportunity to play chess against the robot.
- VR Experience by Al Alfiya Space - Fully interactive VR activation That lets visitors explore the International Space Station, complete short cooperative missions, and culminate with a simulated spacewalk.
- FAB SQUAD MOBILITY -
- Kayak Pro Race by ACTIVE ABU DABI - Virtual kayaking race

#### **Longevity Lab**

- Rite Hydration Station
- Abu Dhabi Public Health Centre -Interactive games on the screen aiming to raise awareness of healthy eating habits and Immersive relaxation zone designed to highlight the importance of quality rest for overall health.

### **Cultural District with heritage-based activities:**

- Al Tair - Inspired by the art of falconry, this game challenges players to identify and catch a falcon through precision and timing. The game emphasizes awareness, technique, and respect, echoing how falconry in the UAE is rooted in care, training, and deep knowledge of the bird.
- Active Medals - A participatory medal-making experience that transforms culture, movement, and presence into a personal keepsake of the Games.
- Al Qans - A traditional skill-based game inspired by Emirati hunting practices, testing focus, accuracy, and controlled movement while reflecting patience, discipline, and respect for the hunt.
- Al Nahala - This coordination game highlights the role of bees in the UAE ecosystem, where you have to complete the task within one minute.
- Spice Display by FDF – A Healthy Tasting station, featuring heritage-based tasting experiences (e.g. luban, gum arabic, saffron, herbs, traditional herbal drinks) presented through cultural storytelling.
- Al Photo Booth
- Myth or Fact? - A collective voting game rooted in UAE knowledge and lived traditions, inviting visitors to test common beliefs around health, food, environment, and daily practices – learning, unlearning, and rediscovering truth through shared cultural wisdom.
- Collective Making - A participatory art station inspired by Emirati heritage, where visitors weave threads through a metal canvas to create traditional patterns

### **F&B**

- Dedicated F&B zones will feature curated local and global vendors, cafés, hydration stations, and healthy food concepts.
- Costa Coffee
- Starbucks
- Scoop and Roll Creamery
- House of Pops

Official merchandise will be available in ADNEC Community Hub

## 6.2. COMMUNITY HUB – HUDAYRIYAT

### Location: Hudayriyat Island

Operational Time: 07 – 14 February, 09:00 – 21:00

Zones & Activations

#### **Movement District**

- Climbing Wall - Climbing experience guided by professional instructors
- Laser Shooting - Engaging laser shooting experience.
- Reaction Challenge – Challenge your reaction against the top athlete’s reaction time.
- Swim - The activation centres around a professional swimming starting block setup, where participants can test their reaction speed and challenge themselves to achieve the fastest launch
- Robo Keeper – play football against the robot
- National Multiple Sclerosis Society – raising awareness about Multiple Sclerosis (MS) and promoting the inclusion of people living with MS. Activities include a stationary bike connected to a blender and a treadmill with weighted settings, designed to simulate the physical challenges experienced by individuals living with MS.
- Find Your Sport – Activation for figuring out what’s the best sport for you
- Chess Club - open for all age groups and levels. Unique opportunity to play chess against the robot.

#### **Longevity Lab**

- Rite Hydration Stations
- Pure Health

#### **Cultural District with Heritage-based activations**

- Collective Making - A participatory art station inspired by Emirati heritage, where visitors weave threads through a metal canvas to create traditional patterns
- Al Lulu - A fast, skill-based game where players use precision finger flicks to return pearls to their shells within a set time, inspired by the care and accuracy of pearl handling.
- FNYAN - The game reflects the values of hospitality, generosity, and attentiveness in UAE culture, where serving coffee is a gesture of
- respect, welcome, and social connection.
- Al Tabba - A traditional Tabba game activation that teaches coordination, focus, and calm movement through play.
- Al Qalesa - This heritage-based game challenges participants to secure a leather rope around a camel figure.

## F&B

- Dedicated F&B zones will feature curated local and global vendors, cafés, hydration stations, and healthy food concepts.
- Shalwa
- Backyard
- Soil Cafe
- Alkalime

Official merchandise will be available in Hudayriyat Community Hub

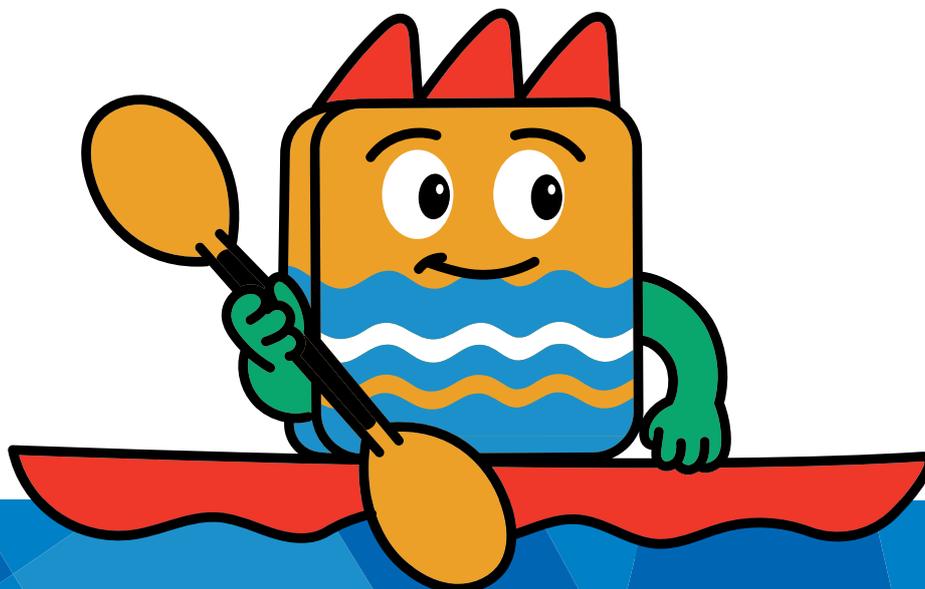
## 6.3. COMMUNITY HUB – ZAYED SPORTS CITY

### Location: Zayed Sport City

At Zayed Sports City, the Community Hub delivers a particularly fun and engaging program centered on longevity, movement, and culture. In addition to interactive activities, guests can enjoy a wide variety of food and beverage options, creating a vibrant social destination.

## F&B

- Dedicated F&B zones will feature curated local and global vendors, cafés, hydration stations, and healthy food concepts.
- House of Pops
- Goodies Streetfood
- Goodies Mumma
- Costa
- Goldfish
- The Pasta Burger
- Wokboyz
- Hattem Mattar
- Seven Fortune
- Fruitful Day
- Amerigos
- Salt
- The Exile Cafe
- Pizza Express



# 7. NON-SPORTING EVENTS

## 7.1. WELCOME CEREMONY

The Open Masters Games Abu Dhabi 2026 Welcome Ceremony will mark the ceremonial opening of the Games, celebrating the values that unite athletes and communities across the world: excellence, international cooperation, and a lifelong passion for sport. The ceremony will feature a large-scale, visually stunning performance that brings to life the story of human endurance, legacy, and community. Headlining the ceremony are internationally acclaimed artists, alongside special guest performers from the UAE, & the Arab world.

When: 06 February 2026

Gates open at 17:30

Doors close at 19:15

Pre-show 18:30

Show 20:00

Where: [Zayed Sports City Stadium](#)

How to attend: open to all registered participants

## 7.2. CLOSING CEREMONY

The Closing Ceremony of OMGAD2026 is a grand celebration marking the conclusion of an inspiring and unforgettable Games. It honours the dedication, passion, and achievements of all participants, volunteers, and organizers who contributed to the success of the event. The ceremony is designed to bring together athletes, officials, and spectators in a vibrant, festive atmosphere, celebrating not only sporting excellence but also the spirit of unity, camaraderie, and cultural exchange that defines the Games.

When: 15 February 2026 – monitor updates on the timings on our social media

Where: [Surf Abu Dhabi](#)

How to attend: open to all registered participants



## 8. MEDICAL SERVICES

### 8.1. MEDICAL SERVICES AT VENUES

Medical support will be available at all competition venues to ensure the health and safety of participants, officials, and spectators. The level of medical services varies depending on the venue and the scale of activities taking place. At key venues, including Zayed Sports City, ADNEC, Abu Dhabi Cricket Stadium, Mubadala Arena, Space 42, and Hudayriyat Island, participants will have access to full medical facilities, including urgent care clinics, field medics, and ambulances on standby. Medical coverage at other venues will be provided through field medics and on-site ambulances, ensuring immediate response to any incidents. In addition, Pura App Booths will be located at the Participant Welcome Centre and ADNEC to support participants with health information.

Participants are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the location of medical facilities at their respective venues and to seek assistance from on-site medical staff in the event of illness, injury, or any health-related concern.

### 8.2. MEDICAL INSURANCE

All participants must have valid medical insurance to take part in OMGAD 2026. International participants are strongly encouraged to arrange medical insurance in advance, separate from any travel insurance, to ensure coverage in case of injury and to avoid potentially costly medical expenses. For participants who have not obtained medical insurance, OMGAD 2026 has partnered with Daman to provide a dedicated health plan specifically for international participants.

#### Policy Details

Coverage period: 15 days  
Premium (VAT extra):  
Up to 60 years: AED 86  
Above 60 years: AED 215

Further information and enrolment details are available at the link and at the Pura App Booth in the Participant Welcome Centre. UAE residents do not require additional insurance, as coverage linked to the Emirates ID is sufficient for participation in the Games.

# 9. FAMILY MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS

## Accreditation

Accreditation for family members and supporters will be available for collection at the Participant Welcome Centre. All registered family members and supporters will receive their accreditation along with a Welcome Kit. Accreditation is required to access designated services, venues, and activities during the Games.

## Access to Venues

Access to competition venues will be granted to both accredited and non-accredited family members and supporters. Family and supporters are welcome to attend competitions and cheer for participants, creating a supportive and celebratory environment. Venue staff and volunteers will be available to assist visitors and provide information on seating, facilities, and event schedules.

## Access to Games transportation

Accredited family members and supporters will have access to all Games transportation services, including dedicated shuttle buses and other official transport options. This ensures safe, convenient, and reliable travel between venues, the Participant Welcome Centre, and other key locations across the city during the Games period.

## Designated seating areas

Registered family members will receive access to the Welcome Ceremony and other official events. Designated seating areas will be allocated to ensure families and supporters have a clear view of ceremonies and competitions, allowing them to fully enjoy and participate in the Games experience. Details of seating arrangements and access procedures will be provided at the venues.



# 10. DIGITAL SERVICES AND SUPPORT

## 10.1. MOBILE APP

The Open Masters Games Abu Dhabi 2026 mobile application is the official digital platform for accessing event information and services throughout the Games. The app allows participants to view schedules, explore venues, plan transport, receive official updates, and access sport-specific information.

The application is available on iOS (iOS 15.0 or later) and Android (Android 11.0 or later).

Key features include:

- **Venues:** View venue details, locations, wayfinding, weather updates, event schedules, and nearby hospitals.
- **Transport:** Access venue shuttle, airport shuttle, and public bus routes with schedules and route maps.
- **Sports:** Explore all sports, competition schedules, sport guidelines, venues, and results.
- **Schedule:** View all Games activities in list or calendar format and register for applicable events.
- **News & Updates:** Receive official announcements and Games-related news.
- **Travel & Accommodation:** Access flight, hotel, transport, and meet-and-assist services via external booking platforms.
- **Connected Devices:** Sync supported fitness and health tracking platforms to track activity and challenges.
- **Support & Accessibility:** Change language settings, manage notifications, adjust accessibility options, and contact the support team directly.
- **AI Tools:** Use the AI Translator for voice translation and the AI Assistant for quick access to transport, venue, and sport information.

## 10.2. WEBSITE

The Open Masters Games Abu Dhabi 2026 (OMGAD 2026) official website is the primary source of verified information for all Games-related matters. It provides participants, family members, and visitors with essential guidance before arrival and during the Games.

The website contains confirmed competition details, schedules, venues, participation requirements, and official announcements, ensuring consistent and accurate information. It also provides practical resources for travel and attendance planning, access to official merchandise, and recognition of partners supporting the Games.

## 10.3. PARTICIPANT CALL CENTRE

To ensure a smooth and well-supported experience throughout the Games, a dedicated participant call centre will be in operation. Participants may contact the toll-free hotline for support, guidance, and up-to-date information on general event information; sports and competition details; training and competition schedules; sport desk locations; Games transportation services, including dedicated shuttle bus operations; taxi and public transportation options; city tours and organised excursions; parking arrangements; community hubs; services and facilities available at competition and non-competition venues.

While calls to the line are free of charge for UAE phone numbers, standard call charges may apply for calls made using international phone numbers.

For general enquiries and to avoid any call charges, athletes are encouraged to contact the official WhatsApp support number; the support team will respond directly via message or arrange a return call where required.

**The Participant Call Centre will operate from 07:00 to 21:00**

**The hotline number is +971 4 5607251**

**Whatsapp +971567704404**



# 11. CONDUCT AND SAFETY

## 11.1. WHEN IN ABU DHABI

A guide to useful information has been put together to support participants throughout their visit to Abu Dhabi.

**Currency.** The local currency is the UAE Dirham (AED) - one dirham is 27 cents, or around one third of a US dollar.

**Payments:** Credit and debit cards, as well as mobile payment services, are accepted in hotels, restaurants, malls, and service providers. ATMs are available throughout the city for free cash withdrawals.

**Plug Adapter.** Abu Dhabi uses Type G plugs (British three-pin). Participants are advised to bring an adapter if needed for electronic devices and chargers.

**Weather.** Abu Dhabi has a desert climate, with mild and pleasant temperatures in February, generally ranging from 18°C to 26°C (64°F to 79°F). Days are usually sunny, and evenings can be cooler, so a light jacket is recommended. Rain is rare but may occur occasionally. Lightweight, breathable clothing is suitable for most outdoor activities.

**Attire.** Modest dress is recommended when visiting religious or cultural sites. Specific dress codes apply at landmarks such as the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque. Swimwear is acceptable in public areas such as beaches, swimming pools, and hotel resorts. Comfortable footwear is recommended for walking and sporting activities.

**Language.** Arabic is the official language, but English is widely spoken in hotels, restaurants, shopping centres, and sports venues.

**Time Zone.** Abu Dhabi operates on Gulf Standard Time (GST, UTC+4).

**Staying Connected.** Free WiFi is widely available in hotels, restaurants, and shopping malls. Prepaid SIM cards from Etisalat and du offer affordable data plans. Social media can be used for messaging and regular browsing; however, social media calling is blocked in the UAE. International calls require purchased minutes or the BOTIM app for free international calling.

**Entertainment.** Abu Dhabi offers a wide range of activities to enjoy during free time, catering to all interests. Participants can explore the city's rich cultural heritage, museums and art galleries, particularly within Saadiyat Cultural District. For those seeking adventure, options include desert safaris, water sports, and thrilling outdoor experiences. Nature enthusiasts can discover beautiful parks, mangroves, and coastal areas, while those looking to relax can unwind at pristine beaches, luxury resorts, or peaceful cafés.

**For more information, please visit <https://visitabudhabi.ae/en>.**

### Useful Apps

#### Navigation & Exploration

- **Google Maps:** Essential for directions, traffic updates, and locating points of interest
- **Waze:** Popular navigation app for driving routes and real-time traffic alerts
- **Experience Abu Dhabi:** Official tourism app providing information on attractions, events, and activities

## Communication & Utilities

- **Google Translate:** Helpful for translating Arabic phrases, signs, and menus
- **XE Currency:** Provides real-time currency conversions
- **BOTIM:** Enables free international video calls within the UAE

## Transportation

- **Careem:** Popular ride-hailing app, similar to Uber, often with better local knowledge and fixed fares
- **Yango:** This app allows you to book official metred Abu Dhabi taxis directly
- **Darbi:** Abu Dhabi's public transport app, providing real-time bus and other public transport information

## 11.2. HEALTH AND SAFETY AT COMPETITION VENUES

The following health and safety guidelines must be observed at the Games:

- Participants should refrain from taking part if unwell, injured, or experiencing symptoms such as dizziness, chest pain, or shortness of breath.
- Proper management of hydration, rest, and heat exposure should be maintained in line with organiser instructions.
- Only approved and well-maintained equipment should be used, and all required protective gear must be worn.
- Activities must cease immediately if directed by event or medical staff.
- Participation under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or misused medication is strictly prohibited.
- All injuries, near misses, or unsafe conditions must be reported immediately to event staff, and all emergency and evacuation instructions should be followed without delay.
- Failure to comply with these guidelines may result in removal from the activity, disqualification, or removal from the venue. By participating in the Open Masters Games Abu Dhabi 2026, participants acknowledge and accept the Health and Safety procedures in place for the event.

## Emergency Services in the UAE

In the event of emergency, such as fire, medical situation, or an incident requiring police intervention, initial response procedures are managed by venue security and the OMGAD Venue Operations Control teams.

The following contacts must be used in critical situations to where rapid emergency support is required.

**Police – 999**

**Ambulance – 998**

**Fire – 997**

## 12. DISCOUNTS AND BENEFITS

### 20% off Abu Dhabi attractions

Accredited OMGAD 2026 participants can enjoy 20% off entry to a range of top Abu Dhabi attractions, valid for the participant plus up to four accompanying immediate family members or companions. Present valid Open Masters Games accreditation, athlete ID, or registration confirmation.

### Participating Attractions

- Ferrari World Abu Dhabi
- Warner Bros. World Abu Dhabi
- Yas Waterworld Abu Dhabi
- SeaWorld Abu Dhabi
- Qasr Al Watan
- teamLab Phenomena Abu Dhabi
- CLYMB Yas Island Abu Dhabi (First Time Flyer & Climbing experiences only)

### How to Redeem

- Purchase tickets in person at the venue front gate on the day of your visit
- Discount is applied at point of sale only and is subject to availability

### Dining offers

All offers below are exclusive to OMGAD 2026 participants. A valid accreditation badge must be presented at the venue. Offers are subject to availability, for dine-in only, and cannot be combined with other promotions unless stated. Reservations recommended.

#### **Validity for all offers: 06 – 15 February 2026**

- Buddha-Bar Venues – Special set menu & 2-hour free flow of house-selected beverages (starts with first beverage order) at AED 250 per person (inclusive of VAT)  
Participating Venues: Siddharta Lounge by Buddha-Bar (Guests must be 21+), Zeera by Buddha-Bar, Bushra by Buddha-Bar
- Café del Mar – curated set menu & 2-hour free flow at AED 250 per person (inclusive of VAT), curated set menu, 2-hour free flow of house-selected beverages. Daily 12:00 – 00:00.
- EL&N – 15% Off Total Bill
- BARBOSSA – 20% off main à la carte menu. Excludes brunch; cannot be combined with other offers.
- Bayside Burger Co. – 20% off main menu. Cannot be combined with other offers or promotions

### Tours and excursions

Masarra Tourism is an official partner of the Open Masters Games Abu Dhabi 2026, offering curated touristic and adventure experiences in Abu Dhabi at a special rate that allow participants to experience the true spirit of the Middle East.

Tourism desks will be available at ADNEC (near the Sports Information Desk) and at the Participant Welcome Centre.



**THANK YOU**

