



OPEN MASTERS GAMES

ABU DHABI 2026

BASKETBALL



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1. General Information

1.1. Governance

The event will be conducted in accordance with the competition rules and provisions of the International Basketball Federation (FIBA), the International Wheelchair Basketball Federation (IWBF) and the UAE Basketball Federation.

1.2. Eligibility

- In line with the sport-specific rules, a team must compete in the age group of the youngest team member, with their age determined as of 31 December 2026.
- For each team to be confirmed, a minimum of 5 athletes need to be registered, with a maximum of 12 athletes per team. A minimum of 1 and maximum of 3 accompanying delegation members (a player can be an accompanying delegation member at the same time) with a team.
- It is mandatory for each team to have a coach, non-playing official or nominated athlete as the team representative.

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.

Health Insurance

- All participants **MUST** have a medical insurance policy while in the U.A.E.
- Residents and citizens must ensure their respective health insurance policy covers sports injuries.

The Ziyarah Plan, provided by Daman, is a health insurance policy specifically created for the Open Masters Games. You can purchase this plan using the link below

<https://www.damanhealth.ae/products/inbound-emergency-medical-travel-insurance-ziyarah-open-masters/>

Ziyarah Plan (Open Masters Games)

Ensuring your peace of mind for the upcoming event

Coverage Period: 15 days



Scope of Coverage:

- Up to AED 250,000, comprehensive coverage for medical emergencies and sports-related injuries incurred during the event period.
- Direct billing at network providers.
- Consultations through Pura App (Maximum up to 3 consultations).



Eligibility Requirements:

- Registered players and their accompanying family members.
- Health insurance plan to be purchased before participants travel to UAE.



Premium details:

- Up to 60 years: AED 86 (VAT extra)
- 61 years & above: AED 215 (VAT extra)



Important Note for Residents and UAE Nationals

UAE residents (Expats) & UAE nationals will need to ensure their respective health insurance plans cover sports injuries, as they will not be eligible for this plan

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Accreditation

All participants must have approved accreditation to access the fields of play and to compete. This accreditation can be collected for the Uniform Distribution and Accreditation Centre (U.D.A.C) located in Zayed Sports City.

Team captains, coaches/managers and assistant managers **cannot** collect accreditation on behalf of teammates. Each participant must personally present themselves and their ID at the point of collection. It is at this point that participants will also receive their welcome kit.

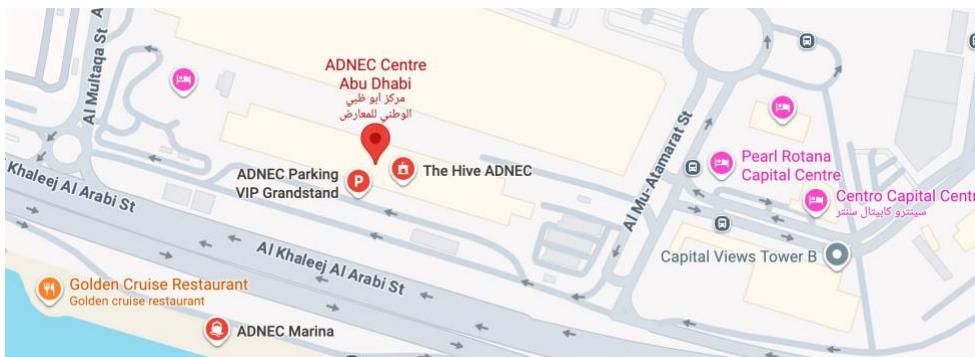
The operating dates and hours of the UDAC will be announced in due course. Please subscribe to the OMGAD newsletter and or download our app for the latest push updates.

1.3. Dates

Date	Feb 7 Saturday	Feb 8 Sunday	Feb 9 Monday	Feb 10 Tuesday	Feb 11 Wednesday	Feb 12 Thursday	Feb 13 Friday	Feb 14 Saturday
Basketball								

1.4. Venue

Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre (ADNEC)



2. Competition Information

2.1. Disciplines, Events & Grading

Grade	Categories	
	Gender	Age
Competitive	Male	35+, 45+, 55+, 65+, 75+
	Female	
Recreational	Male	
	Female	

The following grade definitions have been determined for the OMGAD Basketball competition:

- **Competitive:** This grade is for teams consisting of players with international, national experience or a high standard domestic level. At least two players should have international experience (played for their country). The other team members are expected to be at a state, provincial or elite club player level.
- **Recreational:** This grade is for those players who participate in non-competitive and/or lower grade leagues and for social and casual purposes.

Players can compete in only ONE grade, however, players can compete in more than one age category at that same grade provided they fall in line with the age eligibility. Scheduling clashes due to multiple entries will not be accommodated for.

2.2. Format

The following format for play has been identified for the OMGAD Basketball competition:

- There will be a round robin tournament, with finals and playoff matches to determine final placings. Where sufficient entries are received, teams will be split into two groups of four for preliminary rounds.
- Based on the proposed competition format, each team can expect to play a minimum of two games.
- The final draw format will be determined once the number of teams is confirmed.
- To produce a viable draw some grades and ages will be combined at the discretion of OMGAD Basketball competition manager.
- If there's only two competing teams, these will play twice against each other, and a combined result will determine the winner. If both teams have one win, then total points made in two games will determine the winner.

2.3. The Draw

The draw will be held online on the 30th of January at 2pm (UAE time). The results will be published on the OMGAD website on the 1st of February and will be sent to all team captains by the competition manager.

2.4. Schedule

The schedule will be released on the 1st of February.

2.5. Determining Places

Each team will be ranked in their group and get points based on their wins and losses.

This is as follows:

- Win = 2 points
- Loss = 1 point
- Withdrawal/"no-show": = 0 points

If two teams have the same points, the progression will be as follows:

- Head-to-head result
- Points difference if tied on head-to-head

If more than two teams have the same points and they all have wins and losses against each other, the ranks shall be determined by the following condition in order:

- Points difference *in the games*
- Highest total points score *in the games*
- Highest score difference *in the group*
- Highest total score *in the group*

2.6. Rules - Timing

The following timing rules have been identified for the OMGAD Basketball competition:

Competitive

- Competitive games will be 10-minute quarters played with full stop clock.
- 24 seconds shot clocks will be used.
- There will be two time-outs per team permitted in the first half and three time-outs in the second half.
- In the event of a draw at the end of regulation time, a five-minute overtime period will be played. Overtime periods will continue until the winner is determined. The clock will stop for all whistles in the overtime period. One time out per team is permitted in each overtime period.

Recreational

- Recreational games will play 10-minute quarters with running clock.
- The clock will stop for time outs, substitutions, fouls and all whistles in the last three minutes of the fourth quarter.
- 24 seconds shot clock will not be used. However, where teams are using stalling tactics, the referees may implement a 10 second countdown.
- There will be two timeouts per team per half.
- In the event of a draw at the end of regulation time, a two-minute overtime period will be played. Overtime periods will continue until the winner is determined. The clock will stop for all whistles in the overtime period. One time-out per team is permitted in each overtime period.
- Pre-Game/ Half Time /Quarter time Breaks
- A 5-minute (minimum) warm-up period will be allowed prior to the advertised commencement time of each game.
- A 5-minute half-time break will be permitted and 2-minute breaks between each quarter.



3. Technical Details

3.1. Technical Delegate

- The Technical Delegate, Mahmoud Rashad, will oversee the implementation of all sport specific rules and requirements at the Games.

3.2. Other Technical Details

- Statistics will not be collected as part of OMGAD. Therefore, no live statistics will be available.

3.3. Technical Meeting

- One representative from each team is expected to attend the Basketball Technical Meeting on Friday February 6th at 9am until 10am in the Athletes Lounge at the competition venue.

3.4. Competition Management

The competition management team is as follows:

Name	Position	Email	WhatsApp
Mahmoud Rashad	Technical Delegate	mahmadaey@hotmail.com	+971506921434
Kevin Pragados	Competition Manager	basketball@omgad2026.ae	+971507690807

4. Equipment & Uniform

4.1. Equipment

Wilson game balls will be provided. The men's competition will use a size seven (7) ball and the women's competition will use a size six (6) ball. Teams are advised to bring their own balls for training. Teams are advised to bring their own water bottles and strapping tape.



4.2. Uniform

All teams are required to wear appropriate uniforms, with legal numbers being 0 – 99.

All athletes on the same team must wear team uniforms of the same bold colour.

All teams should have two sets of competition uniforms (dark and light). The first team listed on the schedule will be designated as the home team and will wear the light-coloured uniforms. The second team listed on the schedule will be designated as the visiting team and will wear dark uniforms. However, if the two teams involved agree, they may change the colours of their uniforms

5. Awarding

5.1. Medals

The top 3 teams 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.