REPORT AFRICA:



YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES DAKAR 2026

We see the rise in sports events being hosted in Africa and next up is the Youth Olympic Games (YOG).

This is the first Olympic-branded event to be hosted in Africa and marks a historic moment for the continent. The games will be held from the 31st of October to the 13th of November 2026

The first Summer YOG was held in Singapore in August of 2010.The event hosts roughly 2700 athletes between the ages of 15 and 18 from more than 200 nations. This year we see a first time appearance for the Youth Refugee Olympic Team.

The Host nation for this historic moment is Senegal and will have three main hubs in Dakar, Diamniadio and Saly. 25 competition codes and 10 engagement sports are on the agenda for these games. Venues hosting these codes have been revamped over the past few years to ensure the best can compete on the best surfaces including: Tour de l'Œuf complex, Complexe Iba Mar Diop, Dakar Exhibition Center, Saly Beach West, and the Dakar Arena.







Dakar 2026 aims to be a sustainable Games by using already existing venues, and improvements to modern public transport as well as the regional express trains and rapid bus services

Dakar 2026 poses to be a ‘declaration of love: for sport, for young people, for Africa. An invitation to believe, to share, to celebrate, to welcome the world. As part of the Dakar 2026 identity Ayo was officially unveiled as the mascot for the Games alongside an official song and dance a true nod to Africa

A first of its kind Dakar 2026 introduces 24 Hours of Women’s Sports. An initiative dedicated to promoting women's sports with events and activities planned. It will include women's federations, students as well as the Senegal National Olympic Academy. In spirit of bringing together nations Dakar 2026 also have events adjacent to the main Games including Kids Olympic Skills, Dakar en Jeux (held biannually) and Impact 52 Fitness as well as YEESAL an art competition for Senegal to showcase their culture during the games.





ATHLETES TO LOOK OUT FOR (ACROSS THE GLOBE):

AFRICAN TABLE TENNIS:
AYLAN GOUDJIL (ALGERIA) FAVOUR OJO (NIGERIA)

BOXING:
LILY BASSETT (GREAT BRITTIAN) AND ELLA DEMESI (KENYA)

ROWING:
DIADOU CISSÉ AND EL HADJI MALICK LO (SENEGAL)

TAEKWONDO:
GUILLERMO CORTÉS (MEXICO)

TRIATHLON:
AMBRE UGOLINI (FRANCE)

FENCING:
ABDOURAHAMANE MARIEME SY (SENEGAL)

BADMINTON:
RAJVI PARAB (GREAT BRITAIN)

JUDO:
CLARISSE VALLIM (BRAZIL)





