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Report

The Chess in Multi-Sport Games Committee would like to mention the following events that happened since the last FIDE Congress meeting held in Dec 2023:

1. 13th African Games, Accra, Ghana, 8 – 23 March 2024

The event was held in the capital city of Accra, celebrating the spirit of unity and excellence across the African continent.

"The inclusion of chess in this prestigious multi-sport event is a significant step in the international recognition of the game at big international sports competitions," said FIDE President Arkady Dvorkovich.

Chess made its debut in the African Games in 2003, and it featured in all subsequent editions till 2015. The decision to include chess in the 13th edition was accepted by the Minister of Youth & Sports of the Republic of Ghana, reflecting the status of the game globally.

The 13th African Games witnessed the participation of 24 countries in the chess tournament, with each country was entitled to enter a team consisting of two chess players, comprising one man, one woman, and one captain.

The formats included the Mixed Team Rapid Championship, Men's Rapid Championship, Women's Rapid Championship, Mixed Team Blitz Championship, Men's Blitz Championship, and Women's Blitz Championship.

The inclusion of chess in the African Games follows the success of reintroducing chess to the Asian Games, where competitions were held in individual and team tournaments in both the open and the women's categories.

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2. 2027 Pan American Games, Lima, Peru

The capital of Peru – Lima - will have the honour of hosting the Pan American Games for the second time in eight years, after beating out Asunción (Paraguay) at the Extraordinary General Assembly of Panam Sports held in Miami.

3. 2025 Youth Pan American Games, Asuncion, Paraguay

From July 11 to 20, 2025, Asuncion will become the epicenter of youth sports, with more than 3,800 athletes competing across 31 sports and 50 disciplines at the II Junior Pan American Games of Asuncion 2025.

The Junior Pan American Games is the world's only continental competition that brings together the best U-23 athletes with qualification to the most important multisport event in the Americas on the line, making the Games an unforgettable and and unique experience for young athletes.

The letter regarding inclusion of the chess into the official program signed by the FIDE President was sent on 17 January 2024 to the President of ODESUR Mr Camilo Perez.

4. 1st Gulf Youth Games 2024

he United Arab Emirates will host the inaugural edition of the Gulf Youth Games in April 17-24, 2024 following a decision taken during the 97th Executive Board meeting of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Olympic Committees which was held on Sunday, October 15, in Muscat, Oman.

Chess is included into the official program of the event.

Participation is open to all mentioned categories of male and female players from the Gulf Cooperation Council countries: Oman, Bahrain, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the UAE.

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