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PARTICIPANTS' HANDBOOK



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A YSM School Games Abuja 2021 participant is any person directly associated with a secondary school registered for the competition.

This includes student athletes, managing staff, and school faculty.

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INTRODUCTION

We are pleased to present you this Participants' Handbook for the YSM school Games Abuja 2021.

In addition to the registration form, this document contains what you need to know for your school's participation in this sporting event.

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YSM SCHOOL GAMES ABUJA 2021

The YSM Inter-School Sports Competition will provide athletes aged 10-18 and their coaches the opportunity to participate in a friendly multi-sport festival. The competition will feature track and field events, tennis, basketball, five-a-side football, volleyball, badminton, table-tennis, handball, swimming, scrabble, chess, and a variety of other exciting activities.

In addition to encouraging students to stay in school, the Games promote peace and unity, and uphold the true Spirit of Nigeria. For the youths, it encourages perseverance and healthy lifestyle habits through physical activity and good nutrition.

We expect high level preparation and the display of good sportsmanship among students, coaches, and school faculty.



RULES AND REGULATIONS

General

The principal of each registered school is recognized as the school representative and, as such, is accountable to the Youth Sports Movement and ACYSD for the conduct of the school.

Principal or an authorized adult official of the school shall accompany school to the Games.

Principal has the authority to designate a faculty member employed in that school to act as activities director of the teams representing the school.

Eligibility, health, and well-being of all participating students shall be certified by school authority.

Principal must provide adequate team and crowd control in all contests the school participates; ensure that participants and fans from their camp conduct themselves in a proper and sportsmanlike manner. Failure to provide adequate control measures leading to misconduct of school's participants and/or fans shall be deemed sufficient reason for disciplinary action or disqualification.

Any school may narrow the scope of its activities and select only the events where they have athletes ready to compete.

Eligibility Criteria

- The YSM School Games 2021 is only for students not younger than 10 and no more than 18 as of October 1 2021, enrolled in a participating secondary school in Nigeria.
- Participation is open to students from JSS 1 to SS3 or Grade 7 - 12, including immediate outgoing seniors if they are not above age 18.
- Alumni enrolled in tertiary institutions, whether they are 16, 17 or 18 years of age, are not eligible.

Note:

Any team that contravenes this regulation will be disqualified and every game in which the athlete concerned, undertook, will be voided.



REGISTRATION

All registration for the YSM School Games Abuja 2021 is done

ONLINE at:

www.acysd.org/ysmschoolgames

Participation Fee

A registration fee of N250,000 applies. Participating schools are to begin registering their athletes as the portal is opened. This year's edition will not be an open event and as such schools are advised to register on time to be able to participate.

An early bird registration discount of N50,000 is available for all schools that register before July 31st, 2021.



SPORTSMANSHIP

All participants are expected to uphold a universal level of sportsmanship while participating in all YSM events. Those who fail to behave in sportsmanlike manners may face penalties at the discretion of competition administrators.

Rule Violations

Violating any of the listed rules in this document is considered unsportsmanlike.

Insults

All insults occurring in connection with all YSM events will not be tolerated. This includes but is not limited to:

- Profane insults
- Racial/Ethnic/Cultural slurs
- Toxic statements
- Personal attacks

"Youth Sports Movement aims to provide a respectable environment for all young people while facilitating competition. Therefore, friendly 'trash-talk' and banter are allowed."

Inappropriate Language

All participants in YSM events are prohibited from using inappropriate language in all communication channels, regardless of context. Inappropriate language includes but is not limited to:

- Excessive Profanity
- Pseudo-Profanity (i.e., replacing letters in profane words or phrases)
- Racial/Ethnic/Cultural Slurs
- Politically incorrect terms
- Sexual innuendos
- Drug/alcohol references



Intentional Delay

All participating athletes and teams are expected to arrive early, well ahead of their competition start time. Intentionally delaying a game/event amounts to a penalty against the offender.

Witch Hunting

Witch hunts or accusing someone publicly without basis will not be tolerated. If you suspect another school of any violation, notify the games director privately. An investigation will be opened with effect.

Deception

Any attempt to mislead or deceive schools, administrators, or any other person in relation to YSM School Games Abuja 2021, will be penalized.

PARTICIPATING REGIONS

The YSM School Games Abuja 2021 is open to secondary schools in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, and States across the country.



ABOUT US

YOUTH SPORTS MOVEMENT

The Youth Sports Movement (YSM) is the sports development unit of the African Centre for Youth Sports and Development (ACYSD). YSM aims to organize sporting events and programmes that bring together young people and sports stakeholders in Africa. Youth sport is a sport category in which competitors are 18 years old or younger and enrolled in secondary schools.

Vision: Our vision is to help create a new Africa where every young person has equal opportunities to sports development without discrimination.

Mission: Our mission is to inspire the birth of new leaders through sports. We hope to achieve this through building a new sports culture that combines fun and training and by establishing a workable relationship with our partners and stakeholders.

Values: At the centre of our core values are the sanctity of human life and the right of every young person in Africa to have the best of life. This is in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals of No poverty, Quality Education, Gender Equality, Good health & Well-being and Decent Work & Economic Growth.

We hold in high esteem, the principle of fair play and equal opportunities for all young people; the development of young women is at the centre of all ACYSD programmes.

We build our work on transparency to young people, partners, and stakeholders. We are constantly evolving with a new leadership built on values of teamwork, mutual trust and purpose.



TERMS OF SERVICES

BY ENTERING THE PROGRAMME, EACH SCHOOL AND STUDENT HEREBY AGREES TO FOLLOW ALL COMPETITION REGULATIONS. IF REGULATION IS BROKEN, THE YSM SCHOOL GAMES RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DISCIPLINE THE PARTY(IES) IN QUESTION. DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS INCLUDE AND NOT LIMITED TO SUSPENSION FROM THE EVENT OR DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE GAMES. THE YSM SCHOOL GAMES ORGANISING COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO IMPOSE SANCTIONS AS IT DEEMS FIT & NECESSARY.

REFUND POLICY: NO REFUNDS. ALL SERVICES ARE SOLD AS IS. YSM OR ACYSD ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR A SCHOOL'S PURCHASE. HOWEVER, A GRACE PERIOD OF 48 HOURS IS ALLOWED FOR DISPUTED CIRCUMSTANCES. THE YOUTH SPORTS MOVEMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE OR DENY REGISTRATION WITH EXPLANATION OF REASONS TO THE AFFECTED PARTY. YOUTH SPORTS MOVEMENT ALSO RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL A REGISTRATION UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

THE YOUTH SPORTS MOVEMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO HOLD BACK ANY PRIZE(S) IF THE SCHOOL, TEAM, OR STUDENT HAS BROKEN ANY RULE IN THE REGISTRATION AGREEMENTS.

THE YOUTH SPORTS MOVEMENT HAS THE RIGHT TO ADD, AMEND, DELETE, CANCEL, OR EDIT THE COMPETITION RULES, AND USER AGREEMENTS AT THEIR DISCRETION. ANY CHANGES WILL BE MADE PUBLIC TO ALL PARTICIPANTS.

THE TERMS OF SERVICE IS BINDING ON ALL SCHOOLS, IN WHOLE AND IN PART, DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY, FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPETITION, ATTENDING OR PARTICIPATING IN ANY PROGRAM-RELATED EVENT OR ACTIVITY AND/OR THE USE OR MISUSE OF ANY PRIZE.