

# ① 2026 Asian Games



The **2026 Asian Games** (2026 年アジア競技大会), also known as **20th Asian Games** (第 20 回アジア競技大会) and **Aichi-Nagoya 2026** (愛知/名古屋 2026), will be a multi-sport event celebrated around the Aichi Prefecture in Japan from 19 September to 4 October 2026. The prefecture capital Nagoya will be the epicenter of the events. Nagoya will be the third Japanese city to host the Asian Games, after Tokyo in 1958 and Hiroshima in 1994. The event is set to return to its traditional 4-year cycle, after the 2022 edition were postponed to 2023 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Bidding process

The Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) welcomed the joint proposal from Aichi prefecture and its capital Nagoya to host the Games at their annual general assembly session in Danang, Vietnam, on September 25, 2016. The joint bid proposal almost did not happen due to financial differences between the two interested parties who were which were resolved between 2015 and 2016, allowing the joint bid accepted. The OCA originally planned to choose the 2026 host city in 2018, but brought the planning date forward due to the intensity of the region's sporting calendar, including the next two Winter Olympic Games between 2018 and 2022 (held in Pyeongchang and Beijing) and the next Summer Olympic Games (scheduled for Tokyo in 2020).

### 2026 Asian Games bidding results

City	NOC	Round 1
Aichi and Nagoya	● Japan	Unanimous

## Development and preparations

### Costs

The city of Nagoya received an estimate of roughly ¥85 billion in costs from the Aichi Prefecture government for the event, 30% of which is expected to be covered by sponsorships and other revenue, while the remainder is planned to be split on a 70–30 basis between Nagoya and Aichi Prefecture.

### Venues

Nagoya Civic General Gymnasium Okazaki Chuo Sogo Park Toyota Stadium

In addition to Nagoya, 16 other cities across Aichi Prefecture and some venues at Greater Tokyo Area that their venues also hosted events during the 2020 Summer Olympic Games. The current plans is that Paloma Mizuho Stadium will host both the opening and closing ceremonies and athletics events, Nippon Gaishi Hall is scheduled to be the venue for both gymnastics and aquatics, the Vantelin Dome Nagoya is to be used for baseball, and the Toyota Stadium is to be used as football main venue.



Venue	Sports	Capacity
Paloma Mizuho Rugby Stadium	Football, Rugby Sevens	10,600
Paloma Mizuho Arena	Sepak Takraw	1,200
Obata Ryokuchi Urban Forest	Cycling (mountain bike)	
Nippon Gaishi Hall (Rainbow Pool)	Aquatics (water polo)	3,500
Nippon Gaishi Hall (Rainbow Hall)	Gymnastics	5,000
Nagoya Velodrome	Cycling (BMX racing)	
Nagoya Kinjo Pier Arena	Squash	2,600
Nagoya International Exhibition Hall	Sport Climbing	5,900
Nagoya City Trade and Industry Centre	Weightlifting	
Nagoya City Higashiyama Park Tennis Center	Tennis, Soft tennis	4,000

## Marketing

### ④ Emblem

The emblem of the Games was unveiled during a ceremony on 1 April 2020; Each colour has its own meaning with purple representing the *iris laevigata*, gold is for Shachihoko, the golden tiger-fish roof ornaments which are the symbol of Nagoya Castle, while the green represents environmental consciousness.

### Mascot

Mascot of the 20th Asian Games, Honohon, at an event in Nagoya in September 2024

The mascot of the Games, Honohon (Japanese: ホノホン) was unveiled on 14 July 2024.



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### Motto

The official motto of the 2026 Asian Games, "Imagine One Asia" was announced on 1 April 2020 to mark six years before the opening ceremony.

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### Core Sports

33 sports from the 2024 Summer Olympics (including surfing as a new sport) + 9 other sports.

Five regional sports that was nominated by each region of the Olympic Council of Asia:

1. Wushu (sport) (East Asia)
2. Sepak takraw (Southeast Asia)
3. Kabaddi (South Asia)
4. Kurash (Central Asia)
5. Jujitsu (West Asia)

Two sports that will be part of the 2020, 2024, and 2028 Summer Olympics and are not part of the core Asian Games program:

1. Dancesport (Breakdancing)
2. Roller sports (Skateboarding)

Sport that entered due an agreement between AINAGOC (Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games Organizing Committee) and the OCA:

1. Esports

A final decision on inclusion of cricket is scheduled in 2025, with Asian Cricket

Council having pushed for the bid and OCA President Randhir Singh "hopeful" for it.

Cricket was reintroduced to 2022 Asian Games at Hangzhou as well as the 2028 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles.

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## Participation

All 48 National Olympic Committees who are members of the Olympic Council of Asia are expected to send oceanian delegations. Australia, Guam and New Zealand Invited to the Asian Games.

	Afghanistan		Cambodia		Iran		Kuwait		Malaysia
	Bahrain		China		Iraq		Kyrgyzstan		Maldives
	Bangladesh		Hong Kong		Japan ( <b>host</b> )		Laos		Mongolia
	Bhutan		India		ordan		Lebanon		Myanmar
	Brunei		Indonesia		Kazakhstan		Macau		Nepal

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