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The Namibia National Olympic Committee (NNOC-CS) remains steadfast in its commitment to placing **athletes** at the center of everything we do. The final quarter of 2025 marked a period of significant activity, growth, and impact, strengthening governance, enhancing athlete support, and elevating Namibia's presence on the continental and global sporting stage.

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Commonwealth Games 2026 Pin Design Competition Winner Announced

The NNOC is proud to announce the winner of the Commonwealth Games 2026 Pin Design Competition, recognising local creative talent ahead of Glasgow 2026

Dakar 2026 "Compose a Song" Competition Winner Announced

Congratulations to the winner of the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games "Compose a Song" competition, celebrating Namibian artistic talent on the road to Dakar 2026.

Courtesy Meeting with the High Commissioner of India to Namibia

NNOC leadership met with the High Commissioner of India to Namibia to strengthen ties and explore future sporting cooperation.

Overview

April was a busy month for the NNOC, marked by meetings, programme rollouts, and notable achievements. Key highlights included a meeting with the Namibia Tourism Board, the launch of the YES OlympAfrica Youth Empowerment through Sport Programme, and continued preparations for the Commonwealth Games 2026. Nadine Jaeger was selected as an Artistic Gymnastics Judge for the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games and was honoured at NNOC headquarters for this achievement. The month also saw courtesy visits from the Minister of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sport, Arts and Culture, and the Venezuelan Ambassador to Namibia, alongside the Namibia Athletes Commission Outreach Programme and the launch of the NNOC-CGA Medical Commission.



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Trampoline African Team Namibia

At the 2026 African Trampoline Gymnastics Championships held in Tshwane, South Africa (5–6 May 2026), Namibia won, 5 Gold medals, 1 Silver medal, 0 Bronze medals, totaling 6 medals.



17th African Swimming Championships

Team Namibia made a splash at the 17th African Swimming Championships in Algeria. Team Namibia won 3 bronze medals and produced several national and age-group record performances in the Boys 100m Freestyle, Boys 50m Freestyle, Boys 4×100m Freestyle Relay.



Overview

April was a month of active international competition and preparation for Team Namibia, with representation at the African Swimming Championships and the African Continental Youth Week. The NNOC supported these efforts through engagement with the African Aquatics team ahead of the Algeria Championships, coaching development sessions, and planning meetings with the Chinese National Olympic Committee regarding training support for the Table Tennis team heading to China. A send-off ceremony was held for the Namibian Equestrian Team, and medal-winning performances in Alexandria, Egypt. Namibia won 14 medals across Trampoline Gymnastics (6), Swimming (3), Wrestling (3), and Equestrian (2) in continental competitions.



From April 2026, NNOC consolidated its role as a professional, **athlete-centered institution**, reinforcing its commitment to winning for athletes, on and off the field.

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Strong Showing for Ester Abraham in Alexandria

Ester Abraham delivered a strong performance at the African Continental Championships in Alexandria, Egypt, securing two silver medals in freestyle and beach wrestling. She continues to make Namibia proud on the continental stage.



Namibia at the African Open Water Championships

Five Namibian swimmers represented the country at the African Aquatics Open Water Swimming Championships in Mauritius on 6–7 June 2026. Competing against athletes from 17 African nations, Team Namibia proudly showcased its talent on the continental stage under the guidance of Head Coach Jörn Diekmann. Congratulations to the team on their outstanding representation of Namibia.



World Triathlon WISH Pathway Selection

Congratulations to Adele de la Rey on being selected for Cohort 7 of the WISH (Women in Sport High-Performance) Pathway, a landmark initiative backed by the IOC and funded by Olympic Solidarity. This achievement reflects Adele's commitment to excellence in coaching and leadership and contributes to the advancement of women in high-performance sport.



Women in Sport High Performance Pathway (WISH)

A dedicated mentorship and training program for female coaches, backed by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and funded by Olympic Solidarity

WISH Cohort 7

Adele de la Rey from Namibia will represent TRIATHLON

Overview

May was a packed month for the NNOC, from the CAVB Zone VI Volleyball Qualifiers and LA28 Olympic send-offs, to African Aquatics, Swimming Championships, and the IV Championships. Courtesy visits, country engagement sessions, and tertiary-level outreach kept things busy at home, while internationally, preparation meetings and Olympic qualifier updates continued. A proud highlight: the appointment of Pieter de la Rey as technical official for Triathlon at the Youth Olympic Games in Senegal.

June 2026 | In Focus

Team Namibia Announced for Glasgow 2026

The Namibia National Olympic Committee officially announced Team Namibia for the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games. Congratulations to all the selected athletes, and we wish them every success as they prepare to represent the nation on the international stage.

Namibia Returns to Olympic Qualification

A historic milestone for Namibian volleyball as the Desert Queens and Desert Warriors represented Namibia at the CAVB Zone VI Senior Nations LA28 Olympic Games Qualifier in Harare, Zimbabwe—the country's first senior Olympic qualification event in over 15 years.

With support from Olympic Solidarity through the Namibia National Olympic Committee, both teams proudly flew the Namibian flag on the road to LA28.

Dakar 2026 Technical Official Appointment

We are proud to announce that the IOC has selected Namibia's very own Pieter de la Rey to serve as a Technical Official at the Summer Youth Olympic Games Dakar 2026. Congratulations on this well-deserved achievement, and we wish you every success in Dakar!

Overview

Highlights for this month included Commonwealth Games reflections and updates, strong participation in African and regional championships, and continued progress in LA28 Olympic qualification pathways, particularly in volleyball. The month also featured important stakeholder engagement, courtesy visits, and educational workshops, alongside notable international recognition through IOC appointments and capacity-building initiatives aimed at strengthening Namibia's sporting landscape.



Road to 2026 Commonwealth Games – Glasgow

Team Namibia's preparations are in full swing! Our athletes are training hard and getting ready to represent the nation on the world stage. This quarter, we held an official national kit handover, an athletes' engagement workshop covering the Games, venues, transport, mental health, and anti-doping, and a media briefing to equip athletes on how to engage with the press. Our medical team also briefed the delegation on the support they'll provide to athletes throughout the Games. Namibia is ready to showcase talent, compete with confidence, and represent the nation with pride at the [Commonwealth Games](#) in Glasgow.

Read more about the CWG 2026 [here](#).



Road to 2026 Youth Olympic Games Dakar

The NNOC eagerly anticipates the 2026 Youth Olympic Games (YOG) in Dakar, Senegal, viewing the event as a dynamic stage for rising athletes. With a strong emphasis on youth development and structured training programmes, Namibia is actively preparing its athletes to highlight the nation's emerging talent at this historic first Youth Olympic Games to be hosted on African soil.

Read more about the Dakar 2026 Games [here](#).



Road to Malta 2027

Namibia is looking ahead to the 8th Commonwealth Youth Games, set to take place in Malta and Gozo from 29 October (Opening Ceremony) to 4 November 2027. We were excited to see Malta 2027 unveil its new Games brand and look, and have proudly shared it across our platforms in Namibia. The Games will bring together approximately 1,200 young athletes aged 14 to 18 from 74 nations and territories, competing across eight sports, Athletics and Para Athletics, Swimming and Para Swimming, Netball, Sailing, Squash, Triathlon, Water Polo, and Weightlifting, at seven world-class venues across the islands. As preparations get underway, Namibia's young athletes are training and getting ready to represent the nation with pride on this exciting stage. We eagerly await Malta 2027!

Read More about Malta2027 [here](#).



Overview

Team Namibia: Eyes on Global Stage. Every training session and briefing brings them closer to representing the nation with pride and confidence on the world stage. Preparations for the LA 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games are already well underway. Running from 14 to 30 July 2028, with the Paralympics following from 15 to 27 August, LA28 will be the largest Summer Games in history, featuring 36 sports across more than 40 venues.

Hanganeni Becomes Namibia's Young Olympic Ambassador

The Namibia National Olympic Committee proudly congratulates Hanganeni on successfully completing the 66th International Session for Young Olympic Ambassadors in Ancient Olympia, Greece.

During the programme, Hanganeni joined young leaders from around the world, gaining valuable insights into the Olympic Movement while building lasting friendships and embracing the Olympic values of friendship, respect, and excellence. Through dedicated participation, Hanganeni represented Namibia with distinction and was officially recognised as a Young Olympic Ambassador.

The NNOC celebrates this remarkable achievement and looks forward to Hanganeni's continued contribution to promoting Olympic values and inspiring young people across Namibia.



Team Namibia Prepares for Glasgow Through Athlete Engagement Workshop

As part of its preparations for the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games, Team Namibia participated in an Athlete Engagement Workshop and Team Building Day focused on education, wellbeing, and unity.

Athletes attended informative sessions on mental health, media engagement, physiotherapy and injury prevention, anti-doping, and safeguarding. The programme provided practical knowledge and resources to support athletes both on and off the field of play, while interactive Kahoot! challenges reinforced learning through teamwork and friendly competition.

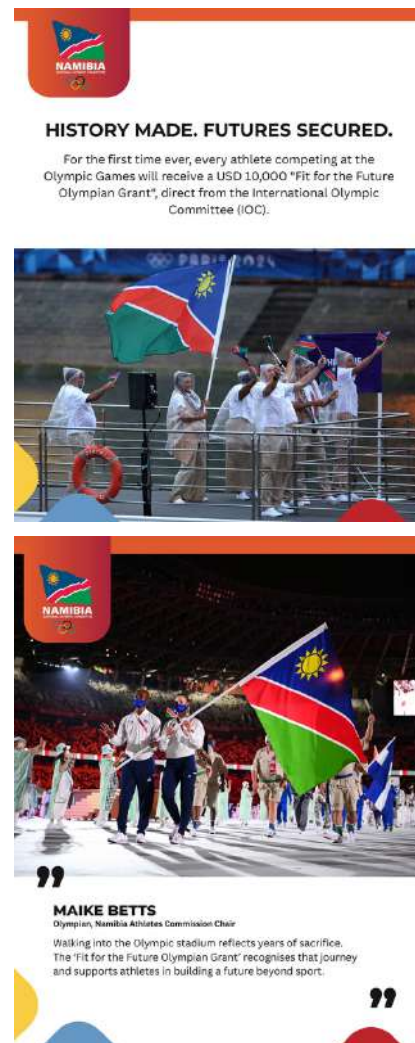
The workshop highlighted the importance of preparing athletes beyond physical training, ensuring Team Namibia travels to Glasgow as a confident, informed, and united team ready to represent the nation with pride.



IOC Introduces Fit for the Future Grant for Olympians

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has launched the Fit for the Future Grant, providing USD 10,000 to every athlete competing at the Olympic Games. The initiative is designed to support athletes beyond competition, helping them prepare for long-term success both during and after their sporting careers.

The Namibia National Olympic Committee welcomes this athlete-centred initiative, which reinforces the IOC's commitment to empowering Olympians on and off the field of play.



Hear From Our CEO



Ms Anri Parker

As Team Namibia prepares for the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games, I am proud of the commitment and determination shown by our athletes, coaches, and support staff throughout this journey. Months of hard work and preparation have brought us closer to this exciting moment, and we look forward to seeing our athletes represent Namibia with pride and excellence.

I extend my sincere gratitude to our sponsors, partners, member federations, and everyone whose support has made this journey possible. Your continued investment in Namibian sport is helping our athletes achieve their dreams on the international stage.

To our athletes, congratulations on earning the honour of representing our nation. We stand firmly behind you and wish you every success as you compete in Glasgow. Go Team Namibia!

Olympic Solidarity in Action

HerGain Forum Inspires the Next Generation of Female Leaders

The Namibia National Olympic Committee's HerGain Forum brought together athletes, sports leaders, financial experts, and mentors for meaningful discussions on empowering women and girls in sport. Centred around the theme, "What are you willing to give for the girl child to gain in the future?", the forum explored gender equality in sport, professional branding, career development, and life beyond competition. Participants shared honest experiences and practical insights, reinforcing the importance of mentorship, leadership, and creating opportunities for the next generation. The forum highlighted a shared commitment to ensuring that every girl has the support, confidence, and inspiration to pursue her dreams in sport and beyond.



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