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Headteacher/Director,
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INVITATION TO THE 7TH EDITION OF THE ELITE SECONDARY SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP, 13TH – 16TH FEBRUARY 2026, JANAN SECONDARY SCHOOL-BOMBO CAMPUS.

Reference is made to the above subject matter.

The Ministry of Education and Sports (MoES) on behalf of the Association of Secondary School Headteachers of Uganda (ASSHU) and Uganda Secondary Schools Sports Association (USSSA) congratulates all schools and students that have participated in all Secondary School National Championships during calendar year 2025.

Appreciation and invitation are extended to your school for excellent performance in 2025 National Championships and automatic qualification to compete at the Elite School Championships. The Ministry has the pleasure to invite your school to participate in the 7th Edition of Elite Secondary School Sports Championship scheduled for 13th – 16th February 2026 due to place at Janan Secondary School, Bombo Campus.

a) Sports disciplines

The championship will bring together Top Eight (8) Teams per Sports discipline competed in at the 2025 National Champions:

No	Sports Disciplines (Top 8 Schools)	Category
1	Football	Boys and Girls
2	Netball	Girls
3	Volleyball	Boys and Girls
4	Handball	Boys and Girls

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5	Basketball (5x5)	Boys and Girls
6	Rugby 7s	Boys and Girls
7	Basketball 3x3	Boys and Girls

This Championship is invitational to qualified schools and only bona-fide students as per the **2025/2026 General Rules & Regulation**. Your school is therefore invited to participate in the Sports Discipline of: _____ for which they qualified.

b) Timelines

The school should observe the timeline below for effective preparation and participation in forthcoming Games:

No	Activity	Deadlines	
		Opens	Closes
1	Online Registration	Open	Open
2	Payments		9 th February 2026
3	Replacements of teams		10 th January 2026
4	Championship	13 th February 2026	16 th February 2026

Note: A team will be considered registered upon of full payment of registration fees. Any team not registered by 9th February 2026 will be replaced without further notification.

c) Financial Requirements

Payment will be made according to number of participants and teams filled in the Tournament. The team composition matrix provides the number of participants per team based on which payment shall be made.

Note:

1. Participation fee of UGX 300,000 per team.
2. Online Registration fee of UGX 3,000 per participant for the year 2026.
3. Accreditation of UGX 5,000 per participant.
4. Feeding and Accommodation of UGX 15,000 per participant (athletes and officials) per day for 3 days.

Team Composition

You are required to fill in teams for the various sports disciplines in which your school qualified and ranked at national level 2025 as per the team composition detailed below:



No	Discipline	Maximum Number of Athletes	Minimum Number of Officials
1	Football (Boys and Girls)	30	02
2	Netball (Girls)	20	02
3	Volleyball (Boys and Girls)	20	02
4	Basketball (Boys and Girls)	20	02
5	Handball (Boys and Girls)	20	02
6	Basketball 3x3 (Boys and Girls)	12	02
7	Rugby 7s (Boys and Girls)	20	02

d) Confirmation of Participation

The school's participation will be confirmed through payment of the full amount required of the team for a particular sports discipline being registered for through the bank details provided below as **No Cash Payment will be allowed.**

Bank Name: **Stanbic Bank (Kyambogo Branch)**
 Payee: **Uganda Secondary Schools Sports Association (USSSA)**
 Account No: **9030024316415**
 References E.g.: **Name of School & Sports Discipline.**

Take note of the **payment deadline** which is January 20, 2025 and only fully paid-up teams will be **accredited online.** USSSA Secretariat will provide the procedure of registration to schools and after the deadline the system will be closed.

e) Accommodation and General Welfare

Accommodation for Boys will be at the Boys' Wing and Girls will be accommodated at the Girls Wing of Janan Secondary School Bombo Campus

f) Team Requirements

1. Only female officials will be allowed to be accommodated in the Girls' Village and only male officials in the Boys' Village;
2. If a team is carrying officials of a different gender from the team's gender arrangements have to be made to accommodate them in the alternative host school;
3. Each team shall carry personal effects including Jerry-Cans, Basins, Buckets, Plates, Cups, Mattresses and Beddings;
4. Each school shall be responsible for all the transportation of its team(s);
5. For cases where Girls Team(s) are presented, there should be a female representative to take care of the girls and this should be a registered teacher by profession and likewise for boys;



6. All Teachers/Team Officials must be registered with the Ministry of Education and Sports, and;
7. No sleeping in cars/buses parked in game village(s) or in any other ungazetted accommodation places.

g) Feeding

1. As per the norm of the tournament, all participants registered will be centrally fed by the organizers;
2. No individual cooking is allowed by schools;
3. Food ration will not cover excess participants and officials on the team;
4. Participants will be feed for the entire 3 days period **paid up front**.
5. The organizers will provide: Breakfast, Lunch and Supper
6. The organizers will pay attention to the required diet.
7. Time for meals will be communicated to the team managers during **technical** meeting,
8. Drinking water will also be available.

h) Championship Programme

Date	Activity schedule
February 13 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrival, Registration and Accreditation • Screening and Verification • Technical meeting -7:00pm at Main Hall.
14 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Meetings - 8:00am – 9:00am • Competitions – 10:00am – 5:00pm
15 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competitions- 08:00am – 05:00pm
15 th February 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competitions – 8:00 am – 12:00pm • Closing Ceremony- 12:00 -1:00pm • Lunch and Departure.

i) Obligations of the Schools

Each school shall ensure:

1. All participants are present throughout the whole duration of the championship from the day of arrival to departure;
2. Each athlete undertakes to compete against all other participating athletes;
3. Each team undertakes to compete against all other participating teams.

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4. All members of participating team(s) are present for the entire sports program. Which include the Technical Committee meetings, opening ceremony, prize giving and closing ceremony.
5. Absence of teams or its members from the tournament programme may lead to disciplinary measures;
6. All players carry **individual Medical Clearance Forms** from a reorganized health facility approving their health fitness for the championship;
7. All precautions are taken to observe safety and security during transit and the entire period of the tournament.
8. Environmental and personal hygiene considerations must also be observed.
9. Teams play all matches they are scheduled to play including classification matches, and;
10. Dress decently at all times but with special attention to ceremonies where we receive Guests. **use of Sandals and Shorts** during ceremonies is particularly discouraged.

All teams are required to ensure that strict adherence to Ministry of Education and Sports Guidelines for safe organization and participation in Educational Institutions of Sports Activities.

The List of invited schools is attached for ease of reference and your attention.

Wishing you a Safe Journey and Success in the Championship 2026.

Rev. Can. Dr. Duncans Mugumya (PhD)

For: PERMANENT SECRETARY

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Hon. Minister of State for Education and Sports (Sports)
Hon. Minister of State for Education and Sports (Primary Education)
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President, Association of Secondary School Headteachers of Uganda (ASSHU)
President, Uganda Secondary Schools Sports Association (USSSA)



LIST OF QUALIFIED AND INVITED SCHOOLS

The top 8 Schools that qualified and invited have been invited for 7th Edition of the Elite Secondary School Championship, 13th – 16th February, 2026 at Janan Secondary School, Bombo.

1. List of Schools for Football - Boys

Rank	Name of Invited Schools
1	Buddo Secondary School
2	St. Mary's Boarding S. S. Kitende
3	Bukedea Comprehensive School
4	Mentor Secondary School
5	Kyadondo Secondary School
6	Uganda Martyrs High School, Lubaga
7	Kibuli Secondary School
8	Masaka Secondary School

2. List of Schools for Football - Girls

Rank	Name of Invited Schools
1	St. Noa Girls Secondary School
2	Amus College School
3	Boni Concil Girls Vocational Sch
4	Kawempe Muslim Secondary School
5	Uganda Martyrs High School Lubaga
6	Nkoma Secondary School
7	Standard High School Zana
8	Nyabubare Secondary School

3. List of Schools for Volleyball - Boys

Rank	Name of Invited Schools
1	Namugango Secondary & Vocational School
2	Bukedea Comprehensive School
3	Standard High School Zzana
4	St. Jerome Ndama Secondary School
5	St. Kagwa Bushenyi High Sch
6	Mbarara High School.
7	St. Benedict Secondary School
8	Amus College School



4. List of Schools for Volleyball - Girls

Rank	Name of Invited Schools
1	Bukedea Comprehensive School
2	St. Elizabeth Girls School
3	Amus College School
4	Katikamu SDA Secondary School
5	Mariam High School
6	Tororo Girls School
7	Nabisunsa Girls School
8	Kinaawa High School

5. List of Schools for Netball – Girls

Rank	Name of Invited Schools
1	Buddo Secondary School
2	St. Marys' Boarding S. S. Kitende
3	Hamdan Islamic Sec School
4	St. Noa Girls Secondary School
5	St. Josephine Bakhita
6	Madiina Islamic Secondary Sch
7	Namagabi Secondary School
8	Blessed Sacrament Kimanya

6. List of Schools for Basketball 3x3 – Boys

Rank	Name of Invited Schools
1	Amus College School
2	Buddo Secondary School
3	St. Cyprian Kyabakade Secondary School
4	Nyakasura School
5	Seroma Christian High School
6	Holly Cross Lakeview Secondary School
7	Mengo Secondary School
8	Teso College Aloet

7. List of Schools for Basketball 3x3 – Girls

Rank	Name of Invited Schools
1	St. Noa Girls School
2	St. Mary's Secondary School, Kitende
3	Buddo Secondary School



4	Seroma Christian High School
5	Mvara Secondary School
6	Nabisunsa Girls School
7	Ndejje Secondary School
8	Amus College School

List of Schools for Handball – Boys

Rank	Name of Invited Schools
1	Wampeewo Ntake Secondary School
2	Bombo Army Secondary School
3	Mbogo Mixed Secondary School
4	Gombe Secondary School
5	Lubiri Secondary School
6	Kakungulu Memorial School
7	Kawanda Secondary School
8	Ntare School

List of Schools for Handball - Girls

Rank	Name of Invited Schools
1	Kibuli Secondary School
2	Gombe Secondary School
3	Mbogo High School
4	Kawanda Secondary School
5	Bombo Army Secondary School
6	Wampeewo Ntake Secondary Sch
7	Iganga Secondary School
8	Maryhill High School

List of Schools for Rugby 7s - Boys

Rank	Name of Invited Schools
1	St. Mary's College, Kisubi
2	Mbarara High School
3	Makerere College School
4	London College Maya
5	Kijjabwemi Secondary School
6	Kiira College Butiki
7	Kitgum Comprehensive School
8	Masaka Secondary School



12. List of schools for Rugby 7s - Girls

Rank	Name of Invited Schools
1.	Nkoma Secondary School
2.	Kitgum Comprehensive School
3.	Kijjabwemi Secondary School
4.	Jinja Secondary School
5.	PMM Girls Secondary School
6.	St. John's Secondary School Wakitaka
7.	Rubongi Army Secondary School
8.	St. Katherine Girls School

13. List of schools for Basketball - Boys

Rank	Name of Invited Schools
1.	Amus College School
2.	St. Cyprian Kyabakadde
3.	Kibuli Secondary School
4.	Seeta High School "A" Level
5.	Hope Secondary School
6.	Seeta High School Mukono
7.	Buddo Secondary School
8.	Seroma Christian High School

14. List of schools for Basketball - Girls

Ranks	Name of Invited Schools.
1.	St. Noa Girls Secondary School
2.	St. Mary's Secondary School, Kitende
3.	Nabisunsa Girls School
4.	Kibuli Secondary School
5.	Seroma Christian High School
6.	Ndejje Secondary School
7.	Seeta High School Mbalala
8.	Elite High School

