



PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Uganda Secondary Schools Sports Association (USSSA)

Sporting year 2026

Theme: ***Strengthening Systems, Expanding Opportunities, and Upholding Integrity in School Sports***

1. Online Registration and Digital Systems

- a. Started in **2022** and this has gone through various upgrades
- b. Opened **31st October, 2025**
- c. Will close on **27th March, 2026**
- d. Automation (**generated from the system**)
 - i. Transfers, Verification, Screening
 - ii. Form A System-Based Access (Netball, Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Basketball)
 - iii. Match forms and reports
 - iv. Appointments for Verification via the System
- e. Already registered and eligible students have already been promoted
- f. Students not enrolled by the time of closure will be free agents
- g. Introduced Transfer charge of 10,000 per transfer
- h. Introduced Competition Management System for (Netball, Football, Basketball, Volleyball, and Basketball) to start with.

2. Introduction of New Disciplines – for demonstration

- a. Cricket (Boys & Girls) – Demonstration.
- b. Baseball, Softball & Baseball 5 (Boys & Girls)
- c. Golf (Boys & Girls) – Demonstration
- d. Kabaddi (Boys & Girls) – Demonstration
- e. Kho kho (Boys & Girls) – Demonstration
- f. Pickle ball (Boys & Girls) – Demonstration



3. 2026 Championships and Hosts

- a. This will continue to be rotational in school around the districts, zone with ready to use school sports facilities

NO	CHAMPIONSHIP	SPORTS DISCIPLINES
1	<p>Elite Secondary School Games <i>(top 8 Teams – Previous Championship)</i></p> <p>26th February – 1st March, 2026</p> <p>Janan Secondary School – Bombo</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Football (Boys & Girls) 2. Basketball (Boys & Girls) 3. Volleyball (Boys & Girls) 4. Handball (Boys & Girls) 5. Basketball 3x3 (B & G) 6. Netball (Girls) 7. Rugby 7s (Boys & Girls)
2	<p>Secondary School National Ball Games I</p> <p>29th April – 9th May, 2026</p> <p>Seroma Christian High School - Mukono</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Football (Girls) 2. Basketball (Boys & Girls) 3. Hockey (Boys & Girls) 4. Rugby 15's (Boys & Girls) 5. Tennis (Boys & Girls) 6. Table Tennis (Boys & Girls) 7. Badminton (Boys & Girls) 8. U16 – Netball (Girls) 9. U16 - Volleyball (B & G) 10. U16 – Handball (B & G) 11. U16–Basketball 3x3 (B&G)
3	<p>National Football Boys Finals</p> <p>10th – 20th May, 2026, Lira Town College - Lira</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. U20 Football Boys
4	<p>National Swimming Gala</p> <p>28th – 30th June, 2026,</p> <p>Seroma Christian High School</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. (Boys & Girls) – U17, U18, U20
5	<p>Secondary School National Ball Games II/Athletics/Mind Games Championship</p> <p>8th – 18th July, 2026</p> <p>Sacred Heart Secondary School - Gulu</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CAF U15 (Boys & Girls) 2. Basketball 3x3 (Boys & Girls) 3. Volleyball (Boys & Girls) 4. Rugby 7's (Boys & Girls) 5. Handball (Boys & Girls) 6. Netball (Girls) 7. Athletics (Boys & Girls) 8. Woodball (Boys & Girls) 9. DanceSport (Boys & Girls) 10. Beach Soccer (Boys & Girls) 11. Beach Volley (Boys & Girls) 12. Ludo (Boys & Girls) 13. Chess (Boys & Girls) 14. Scrabble (Boys & Girls) 15. Lacrosse (Boys & Girls) 16. U16 – Basketball (B & Girls) 17. U16 – Football (Boys & Girls) 18. Futsal (Boys & Girls) 19. Cricket (B & G). 20. Baseball, Softball & Baseball 5 21. Golf (B&G), Kabaddi (B & G) 22. Kho kho (B &G), 23. Pickleball (B &G),



4. International School Sport Federation (ISF) 2026

No	Event	Date	Host	Age Category
Activities - 2026				
1	ISF World School Handball Championship	April 20 - 29	North Macedonia	U18
2	ISF World School Basketball Championship	June 20 - 29	Serbia	U18
3	ISF World School Volleyball Championship	July 1 - 10	P. R China	U18
4	ISF Football World Cup	October 17 - 26	P. R China	U18
5	ISF World School Golf Championship	TBD	Morocco	U15 & U18
6	ISF World School Gymnasiade	TBD	TBD	U18

5. Federation of East Africa Schools Sports Associations (FEASSA)

- a. Inspection of Tanzania (TZ) **28th – 31st January, 2026**
- b. Competition in – **August, 2026**

6. District and Zonal Calendars, programs and meets

- a. Zones to hold meeting between **16th – 20nd February, 2026**
- b. District to hold meeting between **17th – 22nd February, 2026**
- c. Submission of schedules and Programs by **23rd February, 2026**
- d. District Qualifiers - **February – March, 2026**
- e. Zonal Qualifiers – **March – April, 2026**
- f. National Championship – **May, 2026**

7. Athletics Reforms and Developments

- a. Zonal Meets
 - i. 1st Meet - **February - March 2026**
 - ii. 2nd Meet - **March - April 2026**
 - iii. Zonal Training Camp – **May 2026**
- b. District Qualifiers for Zonal Championship – **May, 2026**
- c. Zonal Qualifiers for Zonal Championship – **June, 2026**
- d. National Championship – **July, 2026**
- e. National Training Camp for FEASSA Games - **July, 2026**
- f. FEASSA Games – **August, 2026**
- g. ISF Competitions and Gymnasiade 2026

8. Inspection of Host Schools and Countries

No	Championship	Host School	Inspection Dates
1	Elite Sec Sch Games	Janan Sec Sch – Bombo	4th February, 2026
2	National Ball Games I	Seroma C.H.S - Mukono	18th – 21st Feb, 2026
3	Football Boys Finals	Lira Town College	
4	National Swimming Gala	Seroma C.H.S - Mukono	
5	Ball Games II /Athletics	Sacred Heart S S- Gulu	
6	FEASSA Games	Tanzania	28th – 30th Jan, 2026
7	International Games	TBC	TBC



9. By-Elections

To replace vacant positions in various Districts and Zones due to retirement, transfers, dead to mention but a few

No	Championship	Inspection Dates
1	Submission from the Districts, Zones & National	5 th Feb, 2026
2	Release of vacant positions	10 th February, 2026
3	Nomination of candidates – District	10 th – 12 th Feb, 2026
4	District Election	14 th Feb, 2026
5	Nomination of candidates – Zone	16 th – 17 th Feb, 2026
6	District Election	19 th Feb, 2026
7	Release of elected candidates and report	19 th Feb, 2026

10. Stakeholder engagements

This will involve meeting of all association stakeholders for planning administration and management of 2026 national championship and events these will include district and zonal leadership, national sports federations and associations, technical commission, sponsors and other stakeholders

No	Championship	Inspection Dates
1	Meeting National Federations ➤ Athletics, Basketball, Netball, Golf, Cricket, Futsal, Hockey, Baseball, Softball & Baseball 5, Kabaddi, Kho Kho, Pickleball	1 st - 10 th Feb, 2026
2	USSSA Zonal Meetings	9 th - 13 th Feb, 2026
	Technical Commissions – Online (Elite Games)	10 th Feb, 2026
3	USSSA District Meetings	16 th – 20 th Feb, 2026
4	Zonal Chairperson and Secretaries - Online	21 st Feb, 2026

11. Reforms and Institutional Changes

- a. Rules and regulation – undergoing update and will be shared before start of competitions
- b. Age category games
 - i. **Under 20 (16, 17, 18, 19, 20)** years of Age
 - ii. **Under 17 (15, 16, 17)** years of Age
 - iii. **Under 15 (13, 14, 15,)** years of Age
- c. Hosting of competitions
 - i. Still rotational across the country
 - ii. Major emphasis on availability of world class sports facilities
- d. Registration, Screening, Verification, Transfer, Petition Guidelines
- e. Embracing of technology in competitions and financial management
- f. Governance and structure development
- g. Establish a home for USSSA with offices, playing venues and hostels



12. Capacity Building Training (CBT)

- a. **Started in 2022** for teachers, students and community
- b. Progressed on tremendously with **12,499 students, 4,057 teachers** and **392 community** totaling to **(16,948)** trained in areas of coaching, refereeing, umpiring, first aid, injury management, media and **700 trained** in sports administration and management across all regions
- c. **Conducted ITTF-PTT Level I coaching and Umpiring** in Table Tennis in collaboration with ISF, ITTF, ITTF-Africa and MoES in December at Elite High School Entebbe that attracted 31 participants from **(6)** Primary School, **(1)** Special Needs (SNE) and **(24)** Secondary Schools from 10th – 17th December, 2025
- d. **Conducted Level II Training** at Kibuli secondary school in football, volleyball, netball – coaching and refereeing, and media from 7th – 12th December, 2025 and it attracted **227** Teachers and students who studied in 2022, 2023 and 2024 cohorts
- e. **Conducted Level I Training** in Volleyball coaching and umpiring from 4th – 10th January 2025 at Kumi Municipal grounds it attracted **60** Teachers and students

13. Slots – these have been allocated Zones according to:

- a. Previous Performance of Schools at the National Championship and the Slot goes to the Zone
- b. Slots Utilization by the Zone at the previous National Championship
- c. Each Zone/Region has been allocated Mandatory Slots in Specific Sports Disciplines
- d. Zones that don't fulfill their schools for national competitions without

14. Elections 2026

- a. USSSA to follow the Constitution and will have elections 2026
- b. Election guidelines passed by the General Assembly 2025
- c. Returning officers already appointed by the General assembly
- d. Election roadmap will be released by the Electoral Commission in line to the Constitution
- e. Elections will be conducted from the district, zone and National level

