

# AFRICA KABADDI UNION



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**To:**

**Presidents**

**All Affiliated units of Africa Kabaddi Union**

**SUBJECT: INVITATION TO THE AFRICA KABADDI CHAMPIONSHIP  
HOST BIDDING, CHAMPIONSHIP DRAWS, AND GENERAL MEETING  
– ZANZIBAR, 14TH AUGUST 2026.**

**Dear Presidents,**

The Africa Kabaddi Union (AKU) extends its warm greetings and sincere appreciation to all affiliated national federations for your continued commitment and invaluable contribution to the growth and development of kabaddi across the African continent.

We are pleased to officially announce that the **Host Bidding Session, Championship Draws, and AKU General Meeting** for the upcoming continental championships will be held on **Friday, 14th August 2026**, at **The JAZ Elite Aurora Hotels, Zanzibar, Tanzania**.

The bidding process will determine the hosts for the following championships:

- 1. 2027 Africa Women Kabaddi Championship**
- 2. 2027 Africa Junior Boys & Girls Kabaddi Championship**
- 3. 2028 Africa Men Kabaddi Championship**

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4. **2028 Africa Men and Women Beach Kabaddi Championship**
5. **2029 Africa Junior Boys & Girls Kabaddi Championship**
6. **2029 Africa Women Kabaddi Championship**

Each affiliated member federation is requested to nominate and present **at least two (2) official representatives** to participate in this important event. Federations that will be accompanied by officials from their respective Ministries of Sports, National Sports Councils, or other government agencies are kindly requested to indicate this clearly in the attached registration/application form.

The programme for the day will include:

- Presentation of bids by interested member federations wishing to host any of the above championships.
- A voting session involving AKU Member Federations, Africa Kabaddi Union (AKU) officials, and representatives of the International Kabaddi Federation (IKF) to determine and officially award the hosting rights.
- Official championship draws for all qualified teams participating in the respective championships.
- Confirmation of the official championship dates and competition schedules.
- Discussions on matters relating to the continued development and promotion of kabaddi across Africa.

These continental championships will serve as the official qualification events for the respective Kabaddi World Cups. As such, the selection of capable host nations

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and the successful organization of these championships are of great importance to the future growth and competitiveness of African kabaddi.

Member federations wishing to bid for the hosting rights are requested to submit their **Expression of Interest** in writing to the Africa Kabaddi Union no later than **10th August 2026** via email at [hosting@afrikakabaddiunion.org](mailto:hosting@afrikakabaddiunion.org).

To be considered, each bid must be accompanied by a letter of support or endorsement from the respective **Ministry responsible for Sports, National Sports Council, National Sports Commission, or any other relevant government authority** responsible for sports in the bidding country.

Successful host federations shall be responsible for providing, at a minimum:

- Competition venue(s) meeting international standards;
- Accommodation and meals for all participating teams and officials;
- Local transportation for all accredited delegations from arrival to departure;
- Medical services, first aid, and emergency response arrangements;
- Security throughout the championship period;
- Technical and competition facilities as required by AKU and IKF;
- Any other organizational requirements as outlined in the official hosting guidelines.

Kindly note that **only national federations that are fully affiliated and in good standing with the Africa Kabaddi Union (AKU)** shall be eligible to participate in the bidding process, championship draws, and the respective continental championships.

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Additional information regarding the meeting agenda, accommodation options, and logistical arrangements will be communicated to all member federations in due course.

We look forward to your active participation and cooperation as we continue to strengthen the sport of kabaddi across Africa and work together with the International Kabaddi Federation (IKF) to deliver successful continental championships.

With sporting regards,

**JOSAB CHANGA**  
**SECRETARY GENERAL**

**AFRICA KABADDI UNION**

cc- All Africa Kabaddi Union affiliated national federations, President,  
International Kabaddi Federation

attachments- application form, hosting requirements and bid guidelines, event  
programme

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## APPLICATION FORM

Expression of Interest to Host Africa Kabaddi Championships

Name of Federation: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Championship of Interest (Please tick one or more):

☐ 2027 Africa Women Kabaddi Championship

☐ 2027 Africa Junior Boys & Girls Kabaddi Championship

☐ 2028 Africa Men Kabaddi Championship

☐ 2028 Africa Men & Women Beach Kabaddi Championship

☐ 2029 Africa Women Kabaddi Championship

☐ 2029 Africa Junior Boys & Girls Kabaddi Championship

Proposed Hosting City: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Venue(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Supporting Facilities & Infrastructure: \_\_\_\_\_

Government / Sports Ministry Endorsement: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## HOSTING REQUIREMENTS & BID GUIDELINES

### For the Hosting of Africa Kabaddi Championships

#### 1. Introduction

The Africa Kabaddi Union (AKU) invites affiliated member federations to submit bids to host official AKU Continental Championships. These guidelines establish the minimum standards and obligations that every prospective host federation must meet to ensure the successful organization of a championship that reflects the values and technical standards of the Africa Kabaddi Union (AKU) and the International Kabaddi Federation (IKF).

#### 2. Championships Open for Bidding

Member federations may bid to host any of the following championships:

- Africa Women's Kabaddi Championship
- Africa Men's Kabaddi Championship
- Africa Junior Boys & Girls Kabaddi Championship
- Africa Men and Women Beach Kabaddi Championship
- Any other AKU championship as announced.

#### 3. Eligibility

Only national federations that:

- are officially affiliated with the Africa Kabaddi Union (AKU);
- are in good standing financially and administratively;

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- have the support of their respective Government through the Ministry responsible for Sports, National Sports Council, National Sports Commission, or equivalent authority;

shall be eligible to submit a bid.

## 4. Bid Submission Requirements

A complete bid shall include:

1. Official Expression of Interest letter.
2. Completed AKU Bid Application Form.
3. Government Letter of Support.
4. Letter confirming the availability of the proposed venue.
5. Proposed championship budget.
6. Accommodation proposal.
7. Transportation plan.
8. Medical and emergency response plan.
9. Security plan.
10. Visa facilitation commitment.
11. Brief presentation (PowerPoint or PDF) for presentation during the bidding session.

Incomplete applications may not be considered.

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## 5. Host Federation Responsibilities

The successful host federation shall establish a Local Organizing Committee (LOC) responsible for planning and delivering the championship.

The LOC shall work directly with AKU throughout the preparation period.

## 6. Competition Venue Requirements

The host shall provide:

- An indoor sports hall complying with IKF competition standards (or an approved beach venue for Beach Kabaddi Championships).
- Competition court(s) marked according to IKF Rules.
- Warm-up area.
- Changing rooms for teams.
- Officials' changing rooms.
- Medical room.
- Doping control room (where applicable).
- Spectator seating.
- Public address system.
- Electronic scoreboard and timer.
- Reliable lighting.
- Stable electricity supply with backup power.
- Internet access for technical operations.

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## 7. Training Facilities

The host shall provide:

- At least one official training venue.
- Access schedules for all participating teams.
- Necessary equipment for training sessions.

## 8. Accommodation

The host shall provide accommodation for:

- Participating teams.
- AKU Executive Committee.
- IKF Delegation.
- Technical Officials.
- Referees.

Accommodation should:

- be safe and secure;
- provide twin-sharing rooms for athletes unless otherwise approved;
- include breakfast, lunch and dinner;
- provide adequate drinking water throughout the championship.

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## 9. Transportation

The host shall provide:

- Airport transfers.
- Local transportation between hotels and venues.
- Transportation for official meetings.
- Transportation for technical officials.
- Transportation for emergency medical situations.

## 10. Meals

Three meals per day shall be provided for all accredited participants.

Meals should cater for:

- vegetarian diets;
- halal requirements where possible;
- medical dietary requirements when notified in advance.

## 11. Medical Services

The host shall provide:

- Qualified medical personnel throughout competition.
- Ambulance on standby during all matches.
- First aid stations.
- Access to a designated hospital.

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## 12. Security

The host shall provide adequate security at:

- competition venue;
- training venue;
- hotels;
- transportation routes;
- official functions.

## 13. Visa Assistance

The host federation shall:

- issue invitation letters promptly;
- coordinate visa support;
- liaise with immigration authorities where necessary.

## 14. Technical Requirements

The host shall provide:

- competition equipment approved by AKU;
- match tables;
- scoreboards;

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- timing equipment;
- microphones;
- printers;
- photocopying facilities;
- internet connectivity;
- meeting rooms for technical meetings.

## 15. Media & Publicity

The host shall ensure:

- media accreditation;
- photography services;
- social media promotion;
- press conferences;
- livestreaming or television coverage where possible;
- branding according to AKU requirements.

## 16. Ceremonies

The host shall organize:

- Opening Ceremony.
- Medal Ceremonies.
- Closing Ceremony.

National flags and national anthems shall be available for medal ceremonies.

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## 17. Financial Responsibilities

The host federation shall be responsible for:

- venue hire;
- accommodation;
- meals;
- local transportation;
- security;
- medical services;
- competition equipment;
- venue branding;
- volunteers;
- opening and closing ceremonies;
- local organizational expenses.

Each participating federation shall normally be responsible for:

- international airfare;
- passport costs;
- visa fees (unless waived);
- travel insurance;
- any personal expenses.

Any alternative financial arrangements shall be communicated by AKU in advance.

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## 18. Environmental & Sustainability Measures

Hosts are encouraged to:

- minimize plastic waste;
- promote recycling;
- conserve energy;
- support environmentally responsible event management.

## 19. Evaluation Criteria

Bids shall be evaluated based on:

| Criteria                            | Weight |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Government support                  | 20%    |
| Competition venue                   | 20%    |
| Accommodation & Catering            | 15%    |
| Transportation & Logistics          | 15%    |
| Financial & Organizational Capacity | 15%    |
| Previous Event Hosting Experience   | 10%    |
| Promotion & Development Plan        | 5%     |

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## 20. Bid Presentation

Each bidding federation shall be allocated up to **15 minutes** to present its proposal followed by a question-and-answer session.

## 21. Award of Hosting Rights

Hosting rights shall be awarded through voting in accordance with the AKU Constitution and the approved bidding procedures.

The decision of the Africa Kabaddi Union shall be final.

## 22. Compliance

The successful host federation shall sign a Hosting Agreement with the Africa Kabaddi Union (AKU) and shall comply with all AKU and International Kabaddi Federation (IKF) regulations.

Failure to meet the agreed obligations may result in withdrawal of the hosting rights.

## Contacts

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### HOST BIDDING, CHAMPIONSHIP DRAWS & GENERAL MEETING

#### Event Programme / Agenda

**Date:** Friday, 14th August 2026 **Venue:** JAZ Elite Aurora Hotels, Zanzibar, Tanzania

| Time          | Activity                                                                               |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 08:00 – 09:00 | Registration of Delegates                                                              |
| 09:00 – 09:15 | Arrival of Invited Guests, AKU Executive Committee and IKF Officials                   |
| 09:15 – 09:30 | Opening Ceremony and National Anthem of the Host Country                               |
| 09:30 – 09:45 | Welcome Remarks by the Host Federation                                                 |
| 09:45 – 10:00 | Opening Address by the President, Africa Kabaddi Union (AKU)                           |
| 10:00 – 10:15 | Remarks by the International Kabaddi Federation (IKF) Representative                   |
| 10:15 – 10:30 | Tea/Coffee Break                                                                       |
| 10:30 – 11:45 | AKU General Meeting and Federation Updates                                             |
| 11:45 – 12:00 | Presentation of the Championship Bidding Procedures and Evaluation Criteria            |
| 12:00 – 13:30 | Bid Presentations by Interested Member Federations (Maximum 15 Minutes per Federation) |
| 13:30 – 14:30 | Lunch Break                                                                            |
| 14:30 – 15:00 | Questions and Clarifications on Bid Presentations                                      |
| 15:00 – 15:30 | Voting for the Award of Hosting Rights                                                 |
| 15:30 – 15:45 | Announcement of Successful Host Nations                                                |
| 15:45 – 16:30 | Official Championship Draws for All Qualified Teams                                    |
| 16:30 – 16:45 | Confirmation of Championship Calendar and Key Dates                                    |
| 16:45 – 17:00 | Any Other Business (A.O.B.)                                                            |
| 17:00 – 17:15 | Closing Remarks by AKU President                                                       |
| 17:15 onwards | Networking Session / Departure of Delegates                                            |

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## CHAMPIONSHIPS COVERED

The programme will include the bidding and official championship draws for:

- 2027 Africa Women Kabaddi Championship
- 2027 Africa Junior Boys & Girls Kabaddi Championship
- 2028 Africa Men Kabaddi Championship
- 2028 Africa Men and Women Beach Kabaddi Championship
- 2029 Africa Junior Boys & Girls Kabaddi Championship

## IMPORTANT NOTES

- Registration opens at **08:00 a.m.** and all delegates are requested to be seated by **8:50 a.m.**
- Each member federation shall be represented by **at least two (2) accredited delegates.**
- Federations bidding to host a championship shall present their proposal within the allocated **15-minute presentation period**, followed by a brief question-and-answer session.
- Only federations affiliated and in good standing with the Africa Kabaddi Union (AKU) shall be eligible to participate in the bidding process and voting.
- The official championship draws shall be conducted immediately after the announcement of the successful host nations.
- AKU reserves the right to adjust the programme where necessary.

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