

OYDC Zambia

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FOREWORD

As we conclude the year 2025, our sincere appreciation is extended to all our stakeholders, including the Government of the Republic of Zambia through the Ministry of Youth, the National Olympic Committee of Zambia (NOCZ), the various National Sports Federations, and the media, among others, for their continued support throughout the year.



Your invaluable contribution has been instrumental to our work, and we look forward to even stronger collaboration in 2026.

I am particularly grateful to our cooperating partners, sponsors, government institutions, sports federations, and the private sector, whose contributions have enabled us to strengthen our programmes and steadily improve our facilities. Through these partnerships, we continue to create an environment that nurtures talent and provides young athletes with opportunities to excel at national, regional, and international levels.

As a Board, we remain committed to strengthening existing partnerships and building new ones that will further enhance our infrastructure and position the Centre as a leading world-class sports facility in the region.

Chance Kabaghe
Board Chairperson

It is with great appreciation that we acknowledge all those who contributed to the success of our programmes and activities in 2025. We extend our sincere thanks to the more than 1,200 athletes who participated across our sports and development initiatives, demonstrating discipline, commitment, and a strong pursuit of excellence. Your efforts continue to highlight the power of sport in shaping character, empowering young people, and driving social change.



We also recognise and congratulate the over 200 coaches, athletes, and officials who were honoured for their outstanding contributions and achievements. Your professionalism and dedication have been instrumental in nurturing talent and strengthening Zambia's sporting landscape.

To our coaches and administrators, your leadership and guidance remain central to the delivery of our programmes. To the athletes, your resilience and determination reflect the true spirit of Olympism and inspire confidence in the future of Zambian sport.

OYDC Zambia remains committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and empowering environment where young people can develop through sport and education. We are grateful for the trust and support of all our stakeholders as we continue working together to build a stronger and more sustainable sporting future for our nation.

Benjamin Tembo
Acting Chief Executive Officer
OYDC Zambia

2025 Teulings Youth Sports Challenge Official Launch

The 2025 Teulings Youth Sports Challenge was officially launched at OYDC Zambia Sports Development Centre marking the beginning of another exciting season of youth sports development in the country.

OYDC Zambia's Acting CEO, Benjamin Tembo, expressed deep gratitude to the dedicated partner and sponsor, Mr. Coen Teulings, for his unwavering commitment and generous support towards youth sports development.

"I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to our dedicated partner and sponsor, Coen Teulings, whose unwavering commitment and generous support have made this initiative possible. Through his vision and investment in youth sports, thousands of young Zambian athletes have been empowered with opportunities to excel. Sir, we truly appreciate your invaluable contribution to sports development in Zambia," Tembo said.

The official launch of the 2025 Games was graced by the Guest of Honor, the Chairperson of the Sports Development Committee Dan Chiteule who was represented by Carol Moono.

In her speech, she underscored the significance of fostering young talent and strengthening sports development in Zambia.

"As we embark on this exciting new season, let us remain committed to working together, fostering young talent, and strengthening sports development in Zambia. To all the young athletes here today train hard, stay disciplined, and keep believing in your dreams. This platform is for you, and your journey to greatness starts here," she said.



The Teulings Youth Sports Challenge, sponsored by Coen Teulings, has been instrumental in providing young athletes with a platform to showcase their talent, gain exposure, and develop their sporting careers. The competition continues to be a significant contributor to Zambia's sports development landscape.

The launch set the stage for yet another thrilling season of competition, teamwork, and talent development. OYDC Zambia looked forward to an exciting year ahead as young athletes compete across various sporting disciplines in the 2025 Teulings Youth Sports Challenge.





OYDC Zambia and Surgicorps International host free basketball and pickleball skills training camp.

OYDC Zambia, in collaboration with Surgicorps International from the United States, successfully conducted Basketball and Pickleball training programs at the OYDC Zambia Sports Development Centre on different dates. The programs attracted hundreds of young athletes aged 7 to 20 years, providing them with valuable exposure to quality coaching and diverse sporting disciplines.



The Basketball Training Program was conducted from April 7 to April 10, 2025, and focused on developing fundamental skills, teamwork, and discipline among young athletes. Participants benefited from hands-on sessions led by experienced visiting coaches, aimed at nurturing talent and promoting a strong sporting culture.



The Pickleball Training Program took place from September 15 to 19, 2025, introducing participants to the fast-growing international sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and table tennis. Pickleball is played using paddles and a perforated hollow plastic ball, either in singles or doubles, over a 34-inch-high net. The sessions emphasized basic techniques, rules, and gameplay, encouraging inclusivity and active participation.



The visiting coaches were warmly welcomed to OYDC Zambia by Programs Manager Mwange Kampamba, who highlighted the importance of international partnerships in advancing youth sports development. Both programs reaffirm OYDC Zambia's commitment to using sport as a powerful tool for youth development and skills enhancement.



OYDC Zambia Staff Participates in the 2025 Advanced Sports Management Course (ASMC) Cohort III

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OYDC Zambia –Sports Development Centre staff are part of the 2025 Advanced Sports Management Course (ASMC) Cohort III, organised by the National Olympic Committee of Zambia (NOCZ) under the Olympic Solidarity framework.



Representing OYDC Zambia at the course are Acting Chief Executive Officer Benjamin Tembo, Programs Manager Mwange Kampamba and Communications Officer Newton Tuseko.



Teulings Youth Sports Challenge Welcomes Table Tennis

The 2025 Teulings Youth Sports Challenge kicked off with great excitement, marking the highly anticipated addition of table tennis to the Teulings Youth Sports Challenge.

Coach Humphrey Kapula of Garden Table Tennis Academy expressed his delight at table tennis making an exciting debut to the Teulings league.

He extended his gratitude to the sponsors and OYDC for securing the sport's place in the league, emphasizing the importance of such competitions in nurturing young athletes.

National table tennis referee Daniel Chungu echoed this enthusiasm, highlighting the league's role in expanding the talent pool and preparing players for international competitions.

“Being part of the Teulings Youth Sports Challenge is exciting. This platform will help develop players’ skills and strengthen their participation in international tournaments,” he said.

Teulings Youth Sports Challenge remains the only platform in Zambia that nurtures young talents in more than 13 sports codes.





Christopher Kajjila represents Zambia at the 2025 World Taekwondo Championships in Wuxi, China.

Kajjila, competed in the -54 kg category, facing Aldaoud Ja'afar of Jordan, one of the sport's top athletes.

Kajjila is a proud product of the Teulings Youth Sports Challenge and is also a young leader at OYDC Zambia. The program has continued producing success stories beyond the country.



OYDC Zambia Hosts Sports Days and Educational Tours for Various Schools



OYDC Zambia Sports Development Centre hosts schools from Lusaka and other parts of the country, educational tours.



The Centre is open to community members, schools, and organisations for sporting activities, activations, seminars, educational tours, and large gatherings. Our world-class facility is also available for booking for sporting events, accommodation, and conferences.

Join us in advancing sports and community development across Zambia.



French Ambassador Graces the 2025 Olympiad Day at OYDC Zambia

The French Ambassador to Zambia, His Excellency Thomas Rossignol, graced the 2025 Olympiad Day held at the OYDC Zambia – Sports Development Centre in Lusaka held on October 31, 2025.

The event, organized by the French Embassy in Zambia, attracted young athletes from selected schools across Lusaka who competed in football, handball, and athletics.

The Olympiad Day formed part of the French Embassy's broader initiative to promote youth participation, sports development, and cultural

The event's vibrant atmosphere brought together hundreds of pupils, teachers, and sports enthusiasts, showcasing not only athletic talent but also the spirit of friendship and cooperation between France and Zambia.





OYDC Zambia plays host to the British High Commissioner, Her Excellency Rebecca Terzeon, Ahead of 2025 Commonwealth Day Celebration

OYDC Zambia played host to the British High Commissioner to Zambia, Her Excellency Rebecca Terzeon, ahead of the Commonwealth Day celebrations.

During the visit, Her Excellency Rebecca Terzeon toured the facility, interacted with athletes. She applauded the Centre's commitment and reaffirmed the British government's continued support for sports development in Zambia.

She commended the initiatives undertaken by the NOC/CGA and emphasized the importance of sports in fostering unity and development, aligning with the Commonwealth's values.

To conclude her visit, she planted a tree at the sports facility, and interacted with athletes and officials, leading the way in protecting the environment through sport.

A speech was delivered on behalf of the National Olympic Committee of Zambia (NOCZ) President, Alfred Foloko, by the NOCZ Secretary General Boniface Kambikambi recognizing OYDC Zambia's contributions to sports excellence and development.

The message reaffirmed the commitment to strengthening international collaborations that enhance sports infrastructure and provide greater opportunities for young people.

OYDC Zambia acting CEO Benjamin Tembo expressed appreciation for the visit and acknowledged the British High Commission's commitment in advancing grassroots sports initiatives.

Discussions also centered on future partnerships to enhance sports education, mentorship programs, and capacity-building efforts at the Centre.





OYDC Zambia Joined the 2025 International Women's Day Celebrations

OYDC Zambia joined thousands of others in celebrating the International Women's Day with a vibrant march past into the Lusaka's Showgrounds.

Representing the sports facility, OYDC Zambia proudly took part in the procession, showcasing its commitment to empowering women.

The event was graced by Her Honour, the Vice President of Zambia, Mutale Nalumango, who led the national celebrations.

OYDC Zambia's participation highlights its dedication to gender equity and the development of women through increased opportunities, mentorship, and leadership.

As an institution that nurtures talent and promotes inclusivity, OYDC Zambia remains steadfast in supporting women's participation in various leadership and sporting disciplines.



2025 BASEBALL5 AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIP HOSTED AT OYDC ZAMBIA.



OYDC Zambia hosted the 2025 baseball5 championships.

Tunisia were crowned Champions as Zambia finished 5th at the Baseball5 African Championship.

Tunisia emerged victorious defeating South Africa 2-0 to claim the continental title.



Both Tunisia and South Africa qualified for the Baseball5 World Cup after a well-deserved final qualification.

Team Zambia finished in 5th place, narrowly missing out on qualification for the World Cup. Despite this, the nation takes pride in having successfully hosting such a prestigious event.

NOCZ Secretary General, Boniface Kambikambi, expressed gratitude to the World Baseball Softball Confederation African for choosing Zambia as the host nation, highlighting the country's growing reputation as a hub for international sporting events.

Meanwhile, Zambia Baseball Softball Association President, Kenny Matishi, extended heartfelt thanks to all stakeholders, including sponsors and volunteers, whose support made the tournament a success.



OYDC Zambia Showcases Youth Talent Through Sport, Academics, and Olympic Values

OYDC Zambia Youth Development Centre continues to play a vital role in nurturing young talent by providing a platform where sport, education, and Olympic values come together to shape well-rounded young people.

One such platform was the 2025 Interschools Football Tournament and Olympic Values Educational Quiz, held on 12th March, 2025 brought together pupils from Secondary Schools to compete in both sporting and academic disciplines, reinforcing the importance of balanced youth development through sport and learning.

The football finals delivered exciting moments and demonstrated the competitive spirit among participating schools. In the boys' football final, Arakan Boys and Highland Secondary School were locked in a tightly contested encounter that ended 0-0 after regulation time. The match was ultimately decided by a penalty shootout, with Arakan Boys winning 4-3 to claim the gold medal. In the girls' football final, Lusaka Girls produced a strong and disciplined performance to secure a 1-0 victory over Matero Girls, earning first place and underlining their dominance on the field.

Beyond the pitch, learners also showcased academic excellence during the quiz competition, which was fiercely contested. St. Francis Secondary School emerged as the overall winners, while Moomba Secondary School finished in a close and well-deserved second place, reflecting the high level of preparation and intellectual engagement among participants.

In recognition of values that go beyond competition and winning, St. Francis Secondary School was also awarded the Olympic Values Shield.

Through such initiatives, OYDC Zambia Youth Development Centre continues to strengthen its commitment to community partnerships and Olympic education, working closely with schools and stakeholders to ensure young people are empowered with skills, values, and opportunities that prepare them for future success.



OYDC Zambia Congratulates Chance Kabaghe and President Hakainde Hichilema on Their Prestigious Recognitions at the Man of the Year Awards.

OYDC Zambia extended its heartfelt congratulations to its Board Chairperson Chance Kabaghe, who was honoured with the Man of the Decade Award in recognition of his outstanding leadership, integrity, and lifelong contribution to Zambia's socio-economic development.

A distinguished leader, Mr. Kabaghe has had a remarkable career in both public and private sectors. He previously served as Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives, where he played a pivotal role in advancing agricultural policy and food security initiatives.

OYDC Zambia also extended congratulations to His Excellency, President Hakainde Hichilema,

who was honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award and served as the Guest of Honour at this prestigious event.

OYDC Zambia further commends President Hichilema for his support in creating an enabling environment for sports to thrive in Zambia through the Ministry of Youth, Sport and Arts.

His continued call for equitable support to all sports codes, talent identification, development, and creative sports industry growth continues to enhance opportunities for Zambian athletes to excel both locally and internationally.



Alfred Foloko Elected ANOCA Third Vice President



National Olympic Committee of Zambia (NOCZ) President, Alfred Foloko was elected as the third vice president of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA).

Foloko secured the position after garnering 28 votes, defeating Ezankuli Khaled of Libya, who received 10 votes, and Minavoia Julien of Benin, who got 16 votes.

The Elective General Assembly took place in Algiers, Algeria, where African Olympic leaders gathered to determine the new leadership of ANOCA.

Following his victory, Foloko expressed his gratitude to everyone who supported and voted for him, emphasizing his commitment to promoting Olympic values and sports development across the continent.

His role at ANOCA will strengthen collaboration between African National Olympic Committees and further propel the growth of sports across the continent.



OYDC Zambia Recognised



OYDC Zambia was proud to be recognised for its contribution to the growth of Baseball5 and the continued development of the sport in Zambia.

Through strong partnerships, OYDC Zambia remains committed to creating opportunities, inspiring young athletes, and strengthening communities through sport.

OYDC Zambia was honoured to receive a Certificate of Appreciation from the Zambia Baseball Softball Association (ZBSA) in recognition of our support and partnership in successfully hosting the WBSC Africa Baseball5 Championship 2025. This recognition reinforced our dedication to advancing sport development at all levels in Zambia.





Lycée Français Joins Teulings Youth Sports Challenge

Lycée Français officially joined the Teulings Youth Sports Challenge League in handball, marking an important milestone for both the school and the continued growth of youth handball in Zambia.

This development was made possible through OYDC Zambia and the Teulings Initiative, which has continued to provide a platform that promotes holistic education, youth development, teamwork, and discipline through sport. Together, these partnerships are strengthening the foundation of youth handball and creating meaningful opportunities for young athletes across the country.





OYDC Zambia Introduces New Board Members

OYDC Zambia successfully held its introductory Board Meeting for its new board members at the OYDC Zambia Sports Development Centre, marking the beginning of a new governance team for the organisation.

The new Board was constituted following the completion of the term of the previous Board, which was chaired by Simangolwa Shakalima.

The meeting was chaired by the newly appointed Board Chairperson, Chance Kabaghe, who reaffirmed the Board’s commitment to effective leadership, good governance, and the strategic

growth of the Centre. He emphasised the importance of teamwork and shared responsibility in advancing OYDC Zambia’s mandate.

During the session, Mr. Kabaghe assured the President of the National Olympic Committee of Zambia (NOCZ), Alfred Foloko, of the Board’s collective readiness, capacity, and dedication to drive meaningful and sustainable development at OYDC Zambia throughout their term of service.

Board Members

1. Chance Kabaghe – Board Chairperson
2. Alfred Foloko
3. Boniface Kambikambi
4. Mabvuto Ngu’ni
5. Comfort Mulenga
6. Kingsley Mulenga
7. Muyaule Gibson



OYDC Zambia Board Chairperson
Chance Kabaghe



OYDC Zambia Celebrates Zambia Under 17 and 20 Girls Handball National Teams' Qualification for the IHF Continental Championships and Handball Africa Cup

OYDC Zambia celebrated the success of the Zambia Under-17 and Under-20 girls' handball national teams, which secured gold at the Zone 6 games held in Zimbabwe.

Many of the players are products of the Teulings Youth Sports Challenge League, a key development platform supported by OYDC Zambia.

OYDC Zambia acting CEO Benjamin Tembo, expressed immense pride in the teams' achievements.

"We are proud of this accomplishment," said Tembo.

"On behalf of OYDC Zambia and the Board, I extend our heartfelt thanks.

This is exactly the kind of progress we aim for, please continue working hard."

Teulings Handball Coordinator, Wilfred Numbwa, also praised the girls' performance and the developmental support they have received.

"As a coordinator, I am very happy. I pray and hope that this support continues. These girls were selected from the Teulings Youth Sports League, which has played a vital role in refining their skills," he stated.





OYDC Zambia Supports Zambia Judo at the South African Judo Open Tournament

OYDC Zambia supported several Teulings Youth Sports Challenge (TYSC) athletes and programme products who competed at the prestigious South African Judo Open Tournament in Pretoria.

The TYSC athletes formed part of the national team and won medals for Zambia, marking a proud moment for the Teulings initiative and the country at large.

Notably, Sasha Kapumpa claimed gold at the tournament, delivering an outstanding performance on the international stage.



Sasha Kapumpa poses for a photo with OYDC Zambia CEO Benjamin Tembo after winning gold



Zambia Judo Team Showcasing the Triple Bronze at the African Open Judo Championship in Pretoria.

Young Leaders' Workshop Hosted

OYDC Zambia successfully hosted a two-day Young Leaders' Workshop in Olympic Values and Leadership from 27–28 June 2025 OYDC Zambia.

The workshop brought together young participants who were dedicated to personal growth and community leadership, focusing on the core Olympic values of excellence, respect, and friendship.

The training was facilitated by Richard Mulenga, OYDC Zambia's Non-Sports Officer, Likimore Mahunje and Mwange Kampamba, Programs Manager. The sessions combined interactive activities, group exercises, and leadership training to demonstrate how these values could guide youth-led initiatives.

Participants left inspired and empowered to make a positive impact in their communities, reflecting OYDC Zambia's commitment to nurturing value-driven youth leaders who will shape the future of sport and society in Zambia and beyond.



OYDC Zambia OVEP Sessions



OYDC Zambia is committed to nurturing young leaders through sport by integrating the Olympic Values Education Program (OVEP) into its educational and sports initiatives.

OVEP promotes the core Olympic values of excellence, respect, and friendship, helping young people develop not only their sporting skills but also life skills and leadership qualities.



Through OVEP sessions, OYDC Zambia provides interactive training,

workshops, and community-based activities that encourage participants to reflect on ethical decision-making, teamwork, fair play, and personal growth. These sessions are designed for schools, sports clubs, and youth groups, creating an inclusive environment where young people can learn, practice, and embody the values of Olympism.



Sylvia Nawila wins Gold Medal at the 2025 AUSC R5 Youth Games

The Teulings Youth Sports Challenge continues to prove its impact on youth talent development as Sylvia Nawila, one of its standout athletes, delivered a golden performance for Zambia in judo at the Region 5 Youth Games.

Competing in the -57kg female category, Nawila showcased grit and determination as she edged out Angola's Sebasiano Manuella Bento in a closely contested final to clinch Zambia's first gold medal in the judo competition.



Sylvia Nawila wins Gold Medal at the 2025 AUSC R5 Youth Games

Chance Kabaghe Introduced as New Board Chairperson of OYDC Zambia

OYDC Zambia, the country's leading youth sports development centre, officially introduced Chance Kabaghe as the new Board Chairperson.

The introduction was led by the President of the National Olympic Committee of Zambia (NOCZ), Alfred Foloko, who was accompanied by NOCZ Vice President Nakaonga Kakoma, Secretary General Boniface Kambikambi, and Sports Adviser Elias Mpondela.

Acting Chief Executive Officer Benjamin Tembo and the OYDC Zambia management team welcomed Kabaghe and reaffirmed their commitment to working closely with the new Board leadership to enhance the Centre's impact on youth development through sport, education, and community engagement.



Sasha Kapumpa Wins Zambia's Only Medal at ANOCA School Games, As Teulings Youth Sports Challenge Continues to Shine



Sasha Kapumpa Wins Zambia's Only Medal at ANOCA School Games. Sasha Kapumpa, a rising judoka is a product of the Teulings Youth Sports Challenge.

Mwange Kampamba, OYDC Zambia's Programs Manager, praised Sasha's achievement, emphasizing the significance of the medal not just for the athlete, but for the broader mission of youth sport development in the country.

"Producing a medal is very exciting for OYDC and the Teulings. On behalf of OYDC Zambia and the Teulings Foundation, we are very proud of Sasha, and we will continue to support our athletes to win even more medals. We hope to see more athletes participating in more competitions," Kampamba said.

Zambia at the AUSA Region 5 Youth Games 2025



OYDC Zambia Acting CEO Benjamin Tembo joined NOCZ President Alfred Foloko in presenting medals to outstanding athletes at the Region 5 Youth Games in Windhoek, Namibia.



Alfred Foloko honoured with the President's Award at the Zambia Annual Sports Awards



In receiving the award, Foloko paid homage to Republican President Hakainde Hichilema who is an ardent patron of sport and through his government has embraced all sports in the country.

“Your Excellency, allow me to also take this opportunity to commend the continued support that your Government has extended to the sports sector since assuming office in 2021. It is undeniable that great strides have been made. This award is an example of what becomes possible when leadership, vision, and commitment converge in service of the people. From enhanced infrastructure and athlete support systems to enabling policies and international cooperation, the foundation that your Government continues to lay is already yielding results” Foloko said.

Foloko dedicated the award to all athletes in Zambia who continue to strive for excellence by making sure that they put in their level best to excel on the international stage and record positive results.



OYDC Zambia Hosts World Karate Championship.

OYDC Zambia Sports Development Centre is proud to host the 1st Kyokushin Kenbukaikan World Karate Championship, which took place from 24th to 25th October 2025.

The championship brought together athletes, coaches, and officials from across the world to compete and share in the spirit of discipline, unity, and sportsmanship that defined karate.

Hosting this prestigious event marked another milestone for OYDC Zambia Sports Development Centre, reinforcing its status as a leading venue for international sporting events and youth development.





OYDC Zambia Welcomes the 2025 Zambia Badminton International Tournament

The 2025 Zambia Badminton International was hosted at OYDC Zambia – Sports Development Centre in Lusaka.

The tournament brought together elite athletes from 18 countries for a showcase of world-class badminton.

The international tournament was hosted by Badminton Zambia, with OYDC Zambia serving as the venue that provided a high-standard environment suitable for an event of this magnitude.

As the proud host venue, OYDC Zambia reaffirmed its commitment to supporting both local and international sporting events, contributing to the growth and visibility of badminton in the country.

The tournament concluded with the following champions:

Men's Singles: Shashaank Sai Munnangi

Women's Singles: Yasmine Hamza

Men's Doubles: Anuj Kale & Ian Lopes

Women's Doubles: Amy Ackerman & Johanita Scholtz

Mixed Doubles: Hussain Zayan & Fathimath Nabaaha Abdul Razzaq

Notably, the Indian duo Anuj Kale and Ian Lopes celebrated their maiden BWF title in men's doubles, while Zayan and Nabaaha triumphed in mixed doubles.



OYDC ZAMBIA TURNS 15



On 11th May 2010, a historic partnership between the Government of Zambia, the International Olympic Committee (IOC), and the National Olympic Committee of Zambia (NOCZ) gave birth to something truly special

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Hans Bertels Confirms Continuation of Sponsorship of the TYSC in 2026

During the Teulings Youth Sports Challenge Grand Finale, Hans Bertels announced the continuation of the Teulings Youth Sports Challenge for the coming year.

“I am happy to announce that the Teulings Youth Sports Challenge will be continued in 2026,” he said.

The announcement brought great excitement to athletes, coaches, and partners gathered for the event.

Hans expressed sincere appreciation to everyone who attended, congratulating all participants for their consistency, commitment, and passion throughout the year. He noted that the athletes’ dedication is what keeps the program growing stronger each season.

Mr. Teulings unwavering commitment has created a lasting impact of athletes, ensuring structured leagues, consistent competitions, and a pathway for young talent to flourish.

The partnership between OYDC Zambia, the Teulings Foundation and the Government of Zambia remains a shining example of effective collaboration in youth empowerment.

With the program officially confirmed for 2026, stakeholders expressed optimism for an even more impactful season ahead, as the Teulings Youth Sports Challenge continues to nurture the next generation of sporting champions.

OYDC Zambia Sports Development Centre and the Government of the Republic of Zambia, extended profound thanks to the Teulings Foundation and its founder, Mr. Coen Teulings.





Handball Association of Zambia Celebrates Youth Champions with Hans Bertels

In a moment that highlighted the growing impact of youth sports development in Zambia, Hans Bertels received medals and trophies from the Handball Under-17 and Under-20 teams, who clinched top positions at the Regional Competition earlier this year.

The moment celebrated not only their victories but also the success of the Teulings Youth Sports Challenge, a programme that continues to produce exceptional young athletes. A significant number of players in both teams are current athletes and products of this initiative.



As He accepted the medals and trophies, Hans Bertels shared his excitement about the progress being made by the young athletes.

He commended their dedication, discipline, and rapid development, noting that the talent emerging from the programme is a strong indicator of a brighter future for Zambian sport.

The moment served as a reminder of the importance of investing in young talent and the transformative impact such initiatives can have on national sports performance.





OYDC Zambia Exhibits at the 5th Diplomatic Fun Fair, Showcasing Youth Sports and Cultural Exchange



OYDC Zambia – Sports Development Centre took part in the 5th edition of the Diplomatic Fun Fair hosted by the Ministry of Tourism under the theme "Celebrating Diplomacy and International Relations through Cultural Exchange."

The colorful event, held at the Lusaka Showgrounds Main Arena held on hosted on 1st November, 2025, brought together Embassies, High Commissions, regional and international organisations, and local communities to celebrate and promote cultural diversity through music, art, cuisine, traditional attire, and performances.



As part of this vibrant platform for cultural diplomacy, OYDC Zambia showcased its commitment to youth development through sports and cultural exchange, highlighting the role of athletic engagement in fostering cross-cultural understanding and unity.

Through interactive exhibits and community engagement, OYDC Zambia reinforced its mission to support youth empowerment, cultural appreciation, and international collaboration.



St. Francis Secondary School Presented with Olympic Values Shield of Honor After Quiz Victory

Lusaka's St. Francis Secondary School was awarded the prestigious Olympic Values Shield of Honor after winning the Olympic Values Quiz Competition organized by OYDC Zambia.

The quiz competition brought together students from various schools and tested participants on their knowledge and understanding of the core Olympic values: excellence, friendship, and respect.

St. Francis Secondary School emerged as the top-performing school, demonstrating an outstanding grasp of Olympic ideals.

The Shield of Honor was officially presented to the



School by OYDC Zambia Non-Sports Officer, Mr. Richard Mulenga, and Programs Officer, Mr. Likemore Mahunje, in recognition of the school's achievement.

This initiative formed part of OYDC Zambia's ongoing commitment to promoting Olympic education and values among young people across the country.

OYDC Zambia Hosts Trinity Raptors U-14 Rugby Club from Zimbabwe for Exchange Program

OYDC Zambia Sports Development Centre hosted Trinity Raptors Rugby Club U-14 from Zimbabwe, who visited Zambia as part of a sports exchange program aimed at fostering regional development, friendship, and skills sharing among young athletes.

As part of the program, the OYDC U-14 Rugby Team played a spirited friendly match against the visiting Trinity Raptors, showcasing youthful energy, sportsmanship, and the growing talent of rugby in the region.

The exchange serves not only as a platform for competition but also



as an opportunity for cultural interaction and personal development for the young players.

It reflects OYDC Zambia's ongoing commitment to youth sports development and international collaboration.



OYDC Zambia Hosts Farewell Dinner as Foloko Commends Outgoing OYDC Zambia Board and Committee Members



OYDC Zambia hosted a special farewell dinner to honor members of its Board and Committees who successfully completed their term of service.

The dinner served not only as a farewell but also as a tribute to their unwavering support in advancing the mission of OYDC Zambia.

The event, was held at the Pamodzi Hotel in Lusaka, brought together stakeholders, partners, and staff to celebrate years of commitment, leadership, and contribution to Zambia's sports development.



The outgoing Board members, led by Chairperson Simangolwa Shakalima, whose terms began in 2018 or 2021, were each presented with Shields of Honour in recognition of their outstanding service to the Centre and the nation.

OYDC Zambia Concludes 2025 Teulings Youth Sports Challenge

The OYDC Zambia Sports Development Centre successfully wrapped up the 2025 Teulings Youth Sports Challenge, celebrating another impactful season of youth sports development. The event brought together hundreds of young athletes, coaches, sports administrators, and guests to honor outstanding performances across thirteen sports disciplines.

Hon. Elvis Nkandu, Minister of Youth, Sport and Arts, was represented by Sports Director Muyaule Gibson, who commended participating athletes and applauded the Teulings Foundation for its dedication to nurturing young talent in Zambia.

The 2025 edition saw athletes and coaches recognized for their exceptional commitment and achievements.



Since its launch in 2011, the Teulings Youth Sports Challenge has grown to accommodate over 1,500 participants annually and now spans 13 sports codes.

OYDC Zambia Board Chairperson Chance Kabhage and Acting CEO Benjamin Tembo expressed gratitude to the Teulings Foundation, partners, coaches, and staff for ensuring a successful season.

The program continues to serve as a cornerstone of grassroots sports development in Zambia, producing national team athletes, promoting discipline, and fostering healthy competition among youth.



2025 National Youth Games Hosted at OYDC Zambia

OYDC Zambia successfully hosted the National Youth Games 2025, attracting thousands of young athletes from all 10 provinces of Zambia. The games were organized by the Ministry of Youth, Sport and Arts through the National Sports Council of Zambia

The games, launched by Hon. Elvis Nkandu, Minister of Youth, Sport and Arts, concluded with a colourful closing ceremony at OYDC Zambia. The Guest of Honour, Hon. Nkandu, was represented by Permanent Secretary Kangwa Chileshe, who encouraged athletes to embrace the opportunities provided by the games and highlighted the event as a key pathway for talent identification and development.

The successful hosting of the National Youth Games 2025 reaffirmed OYDC Zambia's commitment to youth development, high-performance sport, and nurturing Zambia's future national athletes.

The National Youth Games run from 16th -18th December, 2025 with young people competing in different sports codes including Chess, Judo, Karate, Netball, Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball, Special Olympics, Athletics among others.



National Games closing ceremony



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