

Teso Zone opens bidding for 2026 USSSA Championships

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The Uganda Secondary Schools Sports Association (USSSA) Teso zone, has finally opened the bidding process for the 2026 National Secondary School Championships.

Teso zone secondary schools' sports association that is mandated to organize the USSSA games at the regional level officially opened January 1, 2026 and will run until January 31, 2026.

Peter Okwii, the general secretary Teso Zone Secondary Schools Sports Association (TEZSSSA) said the annual event is one of the biggest on the schools' calendar that brings together thousands of young athletes from across the region.

According to Okwii, the regional championship covers a wide range of competitions, including the National Ball Games I, boys' football championship, swimming gala, Ball Games II, athletics, and the elite games.

He said schools interested in hosting or co-hosting the



Officials from Teso Zone inspecting facilities last year at Kaberemaido SS and St Thomas Girls SS

championships have until January 31, 2026, to submit their bids.

According to TEZSSSA, applications must be delivered to the association's general secretary or sent via email, and each submission must be endorsed by the local Resident district Commissioner, Chief Administrative Officer, district Education Officer, and District Sports Officer.

TEZSSSA chairperson John Robert Osuu described the

championships as an important platform for spotting and nurturing future talent. "We encourage schools with the facilities, organizational capacity, and local support to step forward and be part of this legacy," he said.

According to Osuu, the bidding schools are expected to demonstrate readiness to provide proper venues, accommodation, feeding arrangements, medical support, and security. USSSA has

shared a detailed checklist to guide applicants.

The regional Secondary School Championships continue to grow in stature, serving as a launchpad for many athletes who later progress to national and international levels of competition. The 2025 zonal competitions for boys and girls football and ball games two and athletics were hosted in Bishop Maraka college and Kaberemaido district respectively.