

Oceanic-Asian Games 2019

The National Governing Bodies (NGBs) in the Asian and Oceanic region have decided not to submit a bid for the 2019 continental games. This decision was made so that the focus could be on the Asian Quidditch Cup, a tournament for club teams in Asia, as it is not feasible for teams to travel to both tournaments. This gives those teams an opportunity to field more players in their region.

NGBs that do not have the opportunity to play at a continental games in their own region will be invited to participate at one of the other 2019 IQA tournaments. This means NGBs in the Oceanic and Asian region, as well as those on the African continent, will be invited to participate at either the European Games or the Pan-American Games should they wish to do so.

“It is financially not feasible for teams to travel for two quidditch tournaments (Asian Quidditch Cup [AQC] and Oceanic-Asian Games) in a year, so we had to choose one to be organised,” said Chris Lau, secretary of the Hong Kong Quidditch Association. “After some discussions, we agreed that the club-based AQC, with a mercenary system and without the limitation of country eligibility rules, is more suitable for the development of quidditch in Asian nations. We love the idea of continental games but unfortunately do not have the capacity to do that in 2019.”

The International Quidditch Association understands that, given the current state of development of quidditch in Asia, Asian NGBs cannot afford to send their athletes to many international events. As the international organization overseeing the development of quidditch worldwide, the IQA is offering support and guidance to the Asian Quidditch Cup 2019 and is already working with the organizers. This help would be in addition to other actions undertaken by the IQA to support quidditch development in Asia and around the world. These initiatives include the NGB Partnership Program – a mentoring program that assists NGBs in helping one another and sharing common resources, the [referees hub](#) – a platform dedicated to referee development, and communications support – through articles and social media posts.



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