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INTRODUCTION

This Accreditation Manual for Media organisations and individuals is presented by the Organising Committee for the 4th Summer Youth Olympic Games Dakar 2026.

This manual provides media rights holding (MRH) and non-media rights holding (non-MRH) broadcasters, written press and photographers, online media, as well as writers and photographers working for publications and/or websites of National Olympic Committees and International Federations, with the information needed to successfully register for Dakar 2026.

The 4th Summer Youth Olympic Games Dakar 2026 will take place from the 31 October to the 13 November 2026.

The accreditation process involves registering for a Youth Olympic Accreditation Card (YOAC) and collecting it. A YOAC is a document which identifies the bearer and his functional role at the Youth Olympic Games. A YOAC only provides the bearer with the access necessary to be able to perform their role in the respective YOG venues.

Anyone with a functional role at the YOG or entering a YOG venue during Games-time must have a YOAC in his possession.

Accreditation applications for media must be submitted online through the Media Portal from 13 April 2026 until 12 June 2026.

The Media Portal is the entry point for media registration for the Youth Olympic Games. Its purpose is to provide applicants with the necessary information and tools to participate in the YOG.

The Media portal is implemented by the Dakar 2026 Organising Committee to:

- Review and determine the eligibility of applicants,
- Serve as an online platform for the media accreditation process,
- Collect Arrival and Departure (AND) data once accreditation has been approved.

The YOAC is personal, not transferable and not an external sign of a privileged status, but a working tool required to manage the large number of people performing functional roles at the YOG. It facilitates the movement of the bearer in a flexible and secure way.

1. GENERAL GUIDELINES

1.1. REGISTRATION PROCESS

The Dakar 2026 Accreditation team is responsible for the accreditation registration process of all individuals performing a functional role during the YOG.

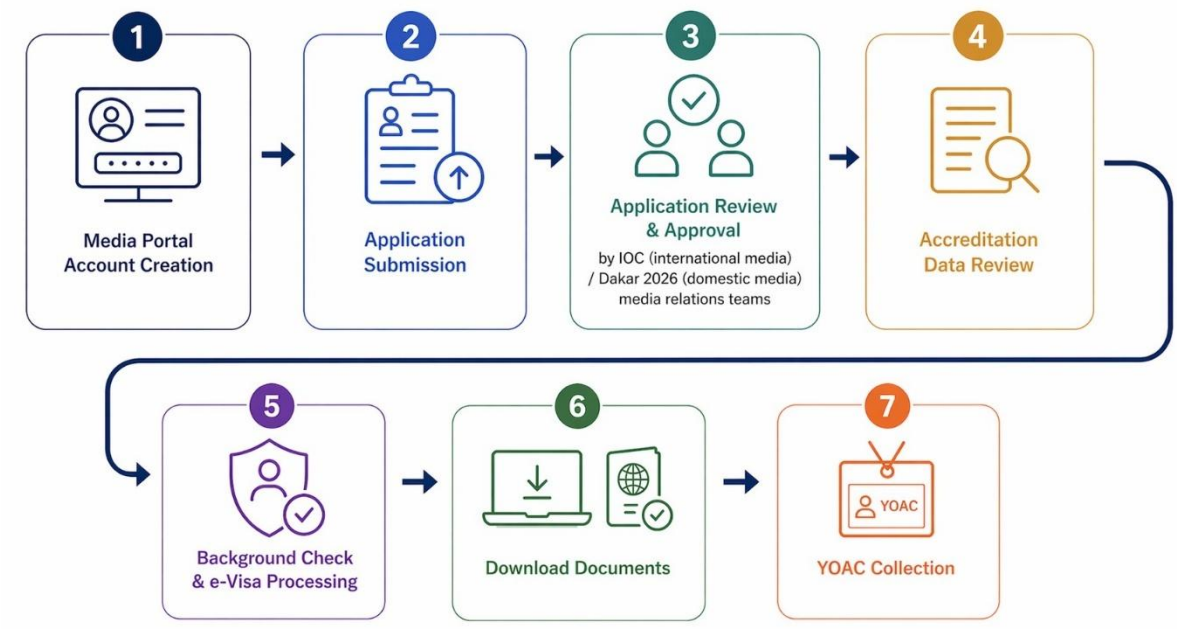
All mandatory steps to register each individual for the Summer Youth Olympic Games Dakar 2026 must be completed between 13 April 2026 and 12 June 2026.

Registrations can only be submitted through the Media Portal individually. More details can be found in the Media Portal Technical Instructions on how to submit the registration data.

Registrations for accreditation are only accepted for individuals, organisations and groups that have been identified by Dakar 2026 YOGOC to have a role or function during Games-time.

All individuals are encouraged to double-check their accreditation data in the Media Portal to ensure that the information provided is accurate and correctly uploaded. Individuals should inform the Dakar 2026 Accreditation team at media_acr@Dakar2026.org in case any discrepancies of information changes need to be made. Those changes are possible after the media profile is turned into the "read-only" mode or after the Media Portal closing, following approval or rejection of an application by the IOC Media Relations team and the Dakar 2026 Press & Public Relations team.

The different steps of the accreditation process are explained in section ***3. Accreditation Process***. A summary diagram is provided below.



Note that this manual only describes the individual registration process for media clients. No bulk applications are possible through the Media Portal.

1.2. COUNTRY ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

International clients who enter Senegal for the Dakar 2026 Games fall into one of three categories (A, B, and C) according to current Senegalese immigration laws and regulations. Each of the three categories is subject to specific entry requirements in the host country.

Table 1: Entry requirements by country category

Category	Entry circumstances
A	No visa required
B	Visa upon arrival
C	Visa prior to arrival

For the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games, all applicants will be subject to a background check that will be conducted by the *Direction de la Surveillance du Territoire* (DST).
The following simplified entry formalities have been agreed with the Senegalese immigration authorities and will be applied for entry to the territory from 13 September to the 13 December of 2026.

Category A

Participants from countries classified as **Category A** will be issued an invitation letter by the Dakar 2026 YOGOC to support identification upon arrival and facilitate early-stage arrival processes. A valid passport (valid until 30 April 2027 at the earliest) is needed to travel and enter the country.

Table 2: Category A countries

Category A		
Austria	Ghana	Netherlands
Belgium	Greece	Niger
Benin	Guinea	Nigeria
Brazil	Guinea-Bissau	Poland
Bulgaria	Hungary	Portugal
Burkina Faso	India	Romania
Canada	Ireland	Sierra Leone
Cape Verde	Italy	Singapore
Central African Republic	Japan	Slovakia
Congo	Latvia	Slovenia
Côte d'Ivoire	Liberia	South Korea
Croatia	Lithuania	Spain
Czech Republic	Luxembourg	Sweden
Denmark	Malaysia	Switzerland
Djibouti	Mali	Togo
Estonia	Malta	Tunisia
Finland	Mauritania	United Arab Emirates
France	Mauritius	United States
Gambia	Morocco	
Germany	United Kingdom	

Category B

Participants from countries classified as **Category B** will be issued an e-visa by the Ministry of the Interior. They will also be issued an invitation letter by the Dakar 2026 YOGOC that will support identification upon arrival and facilitate early-stage arrival processes. A valid passport (valid until 30 April 2027 at the earliest) is needed to travel and enter the country.

Table 3: Category B countries

Category B		
Algeria	Guatemala	Philippines
Andorra	Haiti	Russia
Angola	Honduras	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Argentina	Iceland	Saint Lucia
Armenia	Indonesia	Saint Martin
Australia	Israel	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Bahamas	Jamaica	Samoa
Bahrain	Kenya	Saudi Arabia
Barbados	Kiribati	Seychelles
Botswana	Kuwait	Solomon Islands
Brunei	Lesotho	South Africa
Burundi	Libya	Suriname
Cameroon	Liechtenstein	Tanzania
Chad	Madagascar	Thailand
China	Malawi	Trinidad and Tobago
Comoros	Marshall Islands	Turkey
Costa Rica	Micronesia	Tuvalu
Congo, Democratic Republic	Monaco	Uganda
Dominican Republic	Namibia	Ukraine
Egypt	Nepal	Vatican City
El Salvador	New Zealand	Vanuatu
Equatorial Guinea	Norway	Zambia
Eswatini	Oman	Zimbabwe
Ethiopia	Pakistan	Papua New Guinea
Fiji	Palau	Palestine
Gabon	Grenada	

Category C

Participants from countries classified as **Category C** will be issued an e-visa by the Ministry of the Interior. They will also be issued an invitation letter by the Dakar 2026 YOGOC that will support identification upon arrival and facilitate early-stage arrival processes. A valid passport (valid until 30 April 2027 at the earliest) is needed to travel and enter the country.

Table 4: Category C countries

Category C		
Afghanistan	Great Britain	North Macedonia
Albania	Guyana	Panama
Antigua and Barbuda	Hong Kong	Paraguay
Azerbaijan	Iran	Peru
Bangladesh	Iraq	Qatar
Belarus	Jordan	Sao Tome and Principe
Belize	Kazakhstan	Serbia
Bhutan	Kosovo	Somalia
Bolivia	Kyrgyzstan	South Sudan
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Laos	Sri Lanka
Cambodia	Lebanon	Sudan
Chile	Macao	Syria
Colombia	Maldives	Chinese Taipei
Cook Islands	Mexico	Tajikistan
Cuba	Moldova	Timor-Leste
Cyprus	Mongolia	Tonga
Dominica	Montenegro	Turkmenistan
Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste	Mozambique	Uruguay
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Myanmar	Uzbekistan
Ecuador	Nauru	Venezuela
Eritrea	Nicaragua	Vietnam
Federated States of Micronesia	Niue	Yemen
Georgia		

Note: *The country classification provided above is subject to change pending confirmation from the relevant authorities.*

E-visas and invitation letters will be available to be downloaded from the media portal. Please note that e-visas and invitation letters will only be issued if the accreditation application is confirmed.

The relevant authorities in Senegal and overseas will be made aware of the process to ensure the facilitation of all the participants' travels. The e-visa will be only valid between the 13 September to the 13 December of 2026, and only for entry into Senegal, meaning that it cannot be used as a transit visa. All participants that are planning on travelling outside of that period or transiting in another country are responsible for their travel arrangements and travel documents.

Travelling participants are responsible for ensuring the validity and accuracy of the documentation submitted.

The following table shows a summary of the documents required by country category.

Table 5: Required documents by category

Category	Required travel documents	Documents provided by YOGOC
A	Valid passport	Invitation letter
B	Valid passport + E-visa	Invitation letter
C	Valid passport + E-visa	Invitation letter

1.3. IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS

Individuals must present valid identification documents (National ID card or passport) with a photo throughout the accreditation process, including during the submission of their accreditation application and when collecting their Youth Olympic Accreditation Card (YOAC) upon arrival in the host city. Identification requirements vary depending on the applicant's status.

Senegalese citizens

Applicants may present either a valid passport or a valid national identity card, both valid until at least 16 November 2026.

Non-Senegalese citizens

Applicants must present a valid passport that remains valid for at least six months from the start of the Games, and in any case no earlier than 30 April 2027. Applicants are responsible for ensuring compliance with any additional passport validity requirements imposed by their country of departure or by immigration authorities, as some jurisdictions enforce specific minimum validity periods.

Other recognised identity documents include ECOWAS national ID cards, which must remain valid until 16 November 2026.

The passport must also contain 1 to 2 blank pages for necessary entry and exit stamps.

Table 6: Identification requirements

Nationality	Accepted form identification	Validity of identification document
Senegalese	National ID card OR Passport	16 November 2026
ECOWAS National	National ID card OR Passport	16 November 2026
Non-Senegalese and non-ECOWAS national	Passport	30 April 2027

2. MEDIA ACCREDITATION CATEGORIES AND ENTITLEMENTS MATRIX

2.1. ACCESS CODES

2.1.1. COMPETITION VENUES

The following venues are the official competition venues of Dakar 2026.

Table 7: Competition venues codes

Venue Code	Venue Name
ALL	All Competition Venues
Dakar	
CID	Complexe Iba Mar Diop
CTO	Complexe Tour de l'Oeuf
COR	Corniche West
Diamniadio	
DEX	Dakar Expo Centre
CED	Equestrian Centre
SAW	Abdoulaye Wade Stadium
DAR	Dakar Arena
Saly	
SBW	Saly Beach West

2.1.2. NON-COMPETITION VENUES

The following venues are the official non-competition venues of Dakar 2026.

Table 8: Non-competition venues codes

Venue Code	Venue Name
YOV	Youth Olympic Village
MPC	Main Press Centre
IBC	International Broadcast Centre
OFH	Olympic Family Hotel

2.1.3. ZONE AND SEATING ACCESS

The following zone and seating access entitlements will apply at Dakar 2026.

Table 9: Zone and seating access codes

Code	Description
Zones	
BLUE	FOP, Operational Areas (BOH), General Circulation Areas (FOH, BOH)
RED	Operational Areas (BOH), General Circulation Areas (FOH, BOH)
2	Athlete Preparation Areas
4	Press/Media Areas
6	Olympic Family Areas
R	Residential Zone (RZ) of the Youth Olympic Village
Seating	
O	Official Stand

2.2. ENTITLEMENTS MATRIX

The table presents the venue and zone access entitlements allocated to medias category populations for the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games.

Table 10: Entitlement matrix – Media categories

Category	Function	Venue Access	Zone Access	Stand
E	Press	ALL YOV MPC	4 RED	Official stand
EP	Photographer	ALL YOV MPC	4 RED	Official stand
ENR	Non-Media Rights Holder	ALL YOV MPC	4 RED	Official stand
RTa	Team Leader	ALL YOV MPC IBC	4 RED	Official stand
RTb	Media Rights-Holder	ALL YOV MPC IBC	4 RED	Official stand

3. ACCREDITATION PROCESS

3.1. MEDIA PORTAL ACCOUNT CREATION

A Media Portal Technical Instructions is produced for the better understanding of the applicant. The account creation is explained step by step, with captures of the Media Portal environment, in the said document.

3.2. APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Each individual will be responsible for submitting the following personal information and ensuring that the data provided as part of their accreditation application is accurate. **All mandatory fields (*) must be completed for an application to be accepted.**

Registration data

Please find below the data fields that will be collected via the Media Portal:

Table 11: Data fields requirements

Section	Field name	Mandatory / Optional	Type
Personal information	Family Name	Mandatory	Text
	Middle Name	Optional	Text
	Given Name(s)	Mandatory	Text
	Preferred Family Name(s)	Optional	Text
	Preferred Given Name(s)	Optional	Text
	Passport Gender	Mandatory	Single-choice field
	Date of Birth	Mandatory	Date
	Nationality	Mandatory	Select list
	Country of Birth	Mandatory	Select list
	Country of Residence	Mandatory	Select list
Travel document	Type	Mandatory	Select list
	Number	Mandatory	Text
	Date of Issue	Mandatory	Date
	Expiration Date	Mandatory	Date
	Document Scan	Mandatory / Optional* ***Submission is not allowed without a scanned copy of the passport for categories B and C.***	File
Photo	Photo	Optional	File
Media Information	Media type	Mandatory	Single-choice field
	Organisation Name	Mandatory	Text
	Country of origin of the Organisation	Mandatory	Select list
	Website Address of the Organisation	Mandatory	Text
	Is this organisation a National Olympic Committee or International Federation	Mandatory	Single-choice field
	Media Function	Mandatory	Single-choice field
Only applicable to Press, Photographers and Non-Media Rights holders	Press ID	Optional	File
	Name of Editor	Mandatory	Text
	Please attach a letter from your editor/org in support of your press application for the YOG Dakar26	Optional	File
	Social media account(s)	Mandatory	Text
	Provide information on International sporting events that are regularly covered by your organisation	Mandatory	Text
	Member of AIPS	Mandatory	Single-choice field
	AIPS number	Mandatory ***Displayed only if "Yes" is selected in the previous field.***	Text
	Has your organisation received Youth Olympic or Olympic Games press accreditation in the past?	Mandatory	Single-choice field

	List the editions	Mandatory ***Displayed only if "Yes" is selected in the previous field.***	Text
Event Information	YOAC Collection point	Optional	Single-choice field
Additional	Daily wheelchair user	Optional	Single-choice field
Terms & Conditions of Media Accreditation	I have carefully read the Terms and Conditions for Media Accreditation and agree to these conditions	Mandatory	Single-choice field

Mandatory / Optional*: Submission is not allowed without a scanned copy of the passport for categories B and C.

Photograph requirements

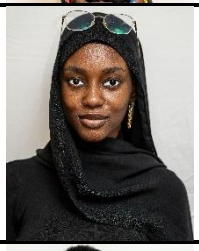
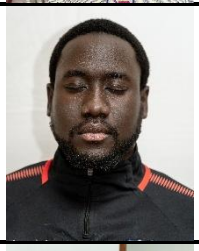
Every applicant applying for accreditation for the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games must submit a digital photograph along with their application. The photographs provided will be printed onto the YOAC. It is mandatory for each applicant to provide a photograph that meets the specified requirements and submits it before the published application deadline.

The digital photograph submitted for the YOAC must meet some quality and technical requirements which are the following:

- Quality requirements
  - ✓ The person must be easily identified in the photograph.
  - ✓ The photo must be taken recently within the last 6 months.
  - ✓ The photo must be in color, with a plain light background, free of shadows or reflections.
  - ✓ The face must occupy 70% to 80% of the image.
  - ✓ Face and shoulders must be centred, full frontal view, square to the camera.
  - ✓ Facial expressions must be neutral, mouth closed, eyes open, and clearly visible.

- Technical requirements
  - ✓ Files must be in jpg, .jpeg or .png format.
  - ✓ Minimum resolution: 300 dpi.
  - ✓ The maximum file size should be 5MB, with a recommended size around 100KB
  - ✓ Aspect ratio: 4:3 (Height: Width).

Table 12: Sample of rejected photographs

Allowed	Rejected	Reason of rejection	Allowed	Rejected	Reason of rejection
		The applicant must not use headphones or any other ear device except for medical reasons.			The applicant must have a neutral facial expression and mouth closed.
		The applicant must not cover eyes with anything, including hair or similar items.			The applicant is not allowed to wear a hat that covers the head, except for medical and/or religious reasons.
		The applicant must not have a tilted face.			The applicant must not wear tinted glasses.
		The photo must not be extremely exposed to light.			The photo must be cropped to show only from the head to the shoulders, with clear boundaries.
		The applicant must be the only person in the photo.			The applicant must wear correctly any accessories used for medical reasons.
		The applicant must open eyes.			The applicant must not be doing hand signs.
		The background must be white or a light and unified color.			The applicant must look straight at the camera.

3.3. APPLICATION REVIEW AND APPROVAL

All applications made through the Media Portal will be subject to approval by the IOC Media Relations team for international applicants and the Dakar 2026 YOGOC Press & Public Relations team for Senegalese applicants. Please note that the individual will receive an email once a decision regarding the eligibility of his/her application has been made.

After the eligibility of an application has been approved or rejected, the Media Profile will be turned to "read-only" mode. Thereafter, individuals must inform the Dakar 2026 YOGOC Accreditation team by email at media_acr@Dakar2026.org in case they wish to modify the submitted registration data.

This step confirms the applicant's eligibility to register for the YOG; however, final approval remains subject to a successful background check.

3.4. ACCREDITATION DATA REVIEW

All applications submitted for accreditation will be reviewed and monitored by Dakar 2026 YOGOC Accreditation team throughout the registration process.

This step is to ensure that all the submitted data are accurate.

3.5. BACKGROUND CHECK AND E-VISA PROCESSING

All applicants will be subject to a background check performed in cooperation with the relevant Senegalese government authorities.

This process will determine whether accreditation is granted to the applicant, as well as the availability of an e-visa and an invitation letter, in addition to prior approval of their eligibility as media.

3.6. DOWNLOAD DOCUMENTS

Once the application is approved and the background check successfully completed, the applicant will be able to download an invitation letter and an e-visa, if applicable, directly from the Media Portal. These documents will state that the applicant is invited to be an accredited participant/contributor at Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games.

3.7. YOAC COLLECTION UPON ARRIVAL

For the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games, no pre-valid cards (PVC) will be sent in advance of the Games and there will be no accreditation facilities at the airport. All individuals must pick up their YOAC in person at one of the three (3) Accreditation centre made available for Medias. Those Accreditation centres are the following:

- Uniform & Accreditation Centre at Diamniadio TER Station (UAC),
- Complexe Iba Mar Diop Accreditation Centre (CAC),
- Saly Beach West Accreditation Centre (SAC).

During their operational phase, the three (3) previously listed Accreditation Centres will provide services such as:

- YOAC Validation, Production and Distribution,
- On site photo capture,
- Issue resolution,
- Replacing lost, damaged or stolen YOAC,
- Cancellation of YOAC on IOC Instruction.

3.7.1. ACR FACILITIES

Uniform & Accreditation Centre at Diamniadio TER Station (UAC)

The Uniform & Accreditation Centre will be located at the first floor of the Diamniadio TER Station. The centre will operate from the 31 August 2026 to the 13 November 2026.

Table 13: Accreditation facility in Diamniadio

Localisation	Address	Opening days	Opening hours*
Diamniadio TER Station	Location	31 Aug – 13 Nov	8:00 – 20:00

*Opening hours are subject to change.

Complexe Iba Mar Diop Accreditation Centre (CAC)

Complexe Iba Mar Diop Accreditation Centre will be located at Complexe Iba Mar Diop and will operate from the 17 October 2026 to the 13 November 2026.

Table 14: Accreditation facility in Dakar

Localisation	Address	Opening days	Opening hours*
Complexe Iba Mar Diop (CID)	Location	17 Oct – 13 Nov	8 :00 – 18 :00

*Opening hours are subject to change.

Saly Beach West Accreditation Centre (SAC)

Saly Beach West Accreditation Centre will be located at the Mövenpick Resort Lamantin Saly. The centre will operate from the 23 October 2026 to the 13 November 2026.

Table 15: Accreditation facility in Saly

Localisation	Address	Opening days	Opening hours*
Saly Beach West (SBW)	Location	23 Oct – 13 Nov	8:00 – 18:00

*Opening hours are subject to change.

3.7.2. LOST, STOLEN AND DAMAGED ACCREDITATION CARDS

In the event of a lost, stolen or damaged YOAC, the bearer must immediately report it to the nearest accreditation centre.

Once a YOAC is reported lost, stolen or damaged, it is immediately deactivated to prevent fraudulent use. The reissuance form must be completed by the bearer, which includes an official declaration describing the incident. A valid ID document must be presented at the Accreditation centre. If no document is available, identity will be verified in the Games Management System before the reissuance. When applicable, the damaged card is returned and a new YOAC is issued; it becomes the only valid YOAC.

4. ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT

For any questions or concerns, applicants are invited to contact IOC Media Relations team, Dakar 2026 YOGOC Press & Public Relations team or Accreditation team at the following generic email addresses:

- **Accreditation matters:** media_acr@Dakar2026.org
- **Local Senegalese media:** media@Dakar2026.org
- **International media:** pressoffice@Dakar2026.org

ANNEX

Table 16: Acronyms

Acronyms	
ACR	Accreditation
AIPS	Association Internationale de la Presse Sportive
AND	Arrival and Departure
CAC	Complexe Iba Mar Diop Accreditation Centre
DST	Direction de la Surveillance et du Territoire
IF	International Federation
IOC	International Olympic Committee
MRH	Media Rights Holders
NOC	National Olympic Committee
SAC	Saly Beach West Accreditation Centre
TER	Train Express Regional
UAC	Uniform and Accreditation Centre
YOAC	Youth Olympic Accreditation Card
YOG	Youth Olympic Games
YOGOC	Youth Olympic Games Organising Committee

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