

The 7th Asian Games

These Games will be held from 1st to 16th September 1974 in Tehran. At its recent meeting the Executive Board of the International Olympic Committee studied the problems which arose last year following decisions taken by the Asian Games Federation. We publish below the statement on this subject issued on 10th February 1974.

1. The Executive Committee of the IOC heard the President, Prince Gholam Reza Pahlavi and the Secretary General, Dr. Rassouli, of the Asian Games Federation and Mr. Henry Hsu, member of the IOC for the Republic of China (Taiwan). It also studied the full documentation on the history and development of the Asian Games.
2. The IOC deplores the fact that the Asian Games Federation has decided not to invite one of the recognised NOCs, which was a member of the Asian Games Federation.
3. There have been precedents in the history of the Asian Games, where countries without NOCs have been invited and certain countries with NOCs have never applied for membership of this Federation.
4. It was noted that at least 11 International Federations on the Olympic programme have given licences or permits of various types to these Games.
5. In view of these facts, it has been decided unanimously that in the interests of the development of sport

in Asia, the IOC should continue to give its recognition and patronage to the Asian Games Federation, which automatically goes to the Games.

6. This patronage is continued on the understanding that there will be no breaches of the rules and regulations of the Olympic International Federations in Tehran.
7. Further there is a conflict between the present IOC regulations for regional games, dating from 1952, which were already in the course of revision and those of the Asian Games Federation, which had been formerly approved by the IOC. It was agreed with the representatives of the Asian Games Federation that for the future, these rules will be brought into line with each other.

It must be pointed out that only competitors recognised by the International Federations can compete in these Games.

1975: 7th Pan-American Games in Sao Paulo

The Pan-American Sports Organisation has selected the Brazilian city of Sao Paulo to stage the 7th Pan-American Games to be held during the last fortnight of August 1975. Sao Paulo, organiser of these Games in 1963, replaces Santiago which was unable to fulfil its obligations within the given time and proposed to postpone the games for two years.

The 8th Bolivarian Games

The 8th Bolivarian Games, planned for 1977, will be held in La Paz and will unite nearly 1800 athletes from six countries.