

The Arab Union of Sports Games

by HRH Prince
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President of the Saudi Arabian Olympic Committee, HRH Prince Faisal Fahd Abdulaziz has recently acceded to the presidency of the Arab Union of Sports Games, which authority he presents below.

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Over the last few years, the National Olympic Committees of Arab countries have often expressed the idea of establishing cooperation among themselves in order to combine their efforts and further unify their opinions on the promotion of the sports movement. Following a constituent congress which was held at Riyadh from 27th to 29th May 1977, the Arab Union of Sports Games (AUSG) became reality.

The following basic principles were adopted :

- to enable all NOCs of Arab countries to uphold a joint opinion in international congresses ;
- to develop the Olympic spirit ;
- to contribute to improved sports standards ;
- to organise study congresses and seminars, and distribute publications ;
- to incite the organisation of Pan-Arab sports competitions ;
- to encourage the foundation of sports establishments ;
- to ensure the training and improvement of officials, referees, coaches, sports doctors, etc.

The AUSG General Assembly comprises the IOC members in Arab countries, 13 delegates of the NOCs and 7 observers representing Arab countries where NOCs do not yet exist. The Executive Committee includes 7 of these members.

Finally, five sub-committees are devoted to : international relations, technical questions, finance, information and competitions.

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