

Sudan and Olympism

SUDAN

2,506,000 sq. km.

Approx. 18,500,000 inhabitants.



SUDAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (SOC)

Founded on 16th August 1956.

Recognised by the IOC in 1959.

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Role of the SOC

The purpose of the SOC is to guide and supervise the Olympic activities of all sports organisations concerned and to disseminate Olympism throughout the national territory.

Creation

While the creation of the SOC dates back to 1956, it was not until 22nd April 1959 that a letter from Mama el Singawi, secretary of the first "Sudanese Olympic Committee" was sent to the IOC asking for official recognition. The statutes having been amended according to the wishes of the IOC, the SOC was recognised at the IOC Session held in Munich in May 1959.

IOC member in Sudan



1. Dr. Abdel Mohamed Halim * , since 1968.

Successive Presidents of the SOC

1956-1962 : Dr. Abdel Mohamed Halim * .
1962-1967 : General Mohamed Idris Abdalla.
1967-1969 : Dr. Abdel Mohamed Halim * .
1969-1972 : Major Sayed Abu El Gasim Hasim.
1972-1973 : Lt. Salah Abdel Aal.
1973-1975 : Brig. Naser Eldin Mustafa.
1975-1976 : General Mohamed Talaat Fareed.
1976-1978 : Dr. Abdel Mohamed Halim * .
Since 1978 : Major Zein El Abdeen M. Abd El Gadir * .



*Major Zein
El Abdeen
M. Amdel Gadir
President*



*Major Général
Siddig Hamad
Hassan,
Secretary General*

SUDAN AND THE OLYMPIC GAMES



Mexico 1968 : The Sudanese delegation

- **Date of first participation :** 1960.

Since then, a Sudanese delegation has taken part in every celebration of an Olympiad except for Tokyo (1964) and for Montreal (1976), from which it withdrew before the Games opened. No Sudanese athletes have taken part in the Winter Games.

- **Olympic medallists :** None.



El Kashief, finest Sudanese athlete.

Representation of Sudan at the Olympic Games from 1896 to 1980 ¹

	Athletics	Rowing	Basketball	Boxing	Canoeing	Cycling	Equestrian Events	Fencing	Football	Gymnastics	Weightlifting
1960	2			3							2
1964											
1968	2			3							
1972	6			7					19		1
1976											
1980											

	Handball	Hockey	Judo	Wrestling	Swimming	Modern Pentathlon	Shooting	Archery	Volleyball	Yachting	Total
1960	●		●				3	●	●		10
1964	●							●			0
1968	●		●					●			5
1972											33
1976											0
1980											0

¹ The figures in brackets represent the number Of women included in the first figure.

² A delegation of 15 members was entered. None of them took part in the Games owing to technical problems.

● Not included on the programme

x Sport included in the programme but in which no event was contested

² Demonstration sport.

PRESENT ORGANISATION OF THE SOC

- **The present statutes** were adopted on 12th July 1974.

- **The Annual general meeting** comprises representatives of the member-federations, two for each of those whose sport is included on the Olympic programme and one for each of those whose sport is not included, the IOC member in Sudan and the officials elected by the committee.

- **The Board of Directors** consists of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, all of whom are elected at the annual general meeting, a member of the IOC, a delegate from each federation governing a sport included on the Olympic programme, and two delegates from each federation representing a sport not included on the Olympic programme. The Board meets once a month and implements the policy adopted at the Annual General Meeting.

- **The Executive Board** (PT, VPT, S, T, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer) executes the decisions of the Board of Directors.

- **Present members of the Executive Board**

PT : Major Zein El Abdeen M. Ahamed Abd El Gadir * ; *VPT* : Dr. Abdel Mohamed Halim * , IOC member ; *S* : Major General Siddig Hamad Hassan * ; *Asst. S.* : Colonel Farouk Manni ; *Acting T* : Sayed Daoud ; *T* : Colonel Prison Abu El Gasim Hag Ali.

- **Financing of the SOC**

The SOC receives direct state aid together with donations and contributions from member-associations.

- **Federations affiliated to the SOC**

Federations	Creation	Affiliation IF
Athletics	1959	1961
Basketball	1947	1953
Boxing	1956	1960
Cycling	1974	1975
Equestrian events	1976	1979
Football	–	1948
Gymnastics	1958	–
Handball	1974	–
Hockey	1960	1964
Judo	1972	1975
Swimming	1956	1961
Volleyball	1971	1974
Weightlifting	1956	1960

Also affiliated are the federations representing tennis, table tennis, karate and squash.

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- **Protection of the Olympic emblems**

In order to secure this protection, the matter has been referred to the appropriate legal authorities.

There are plans for the publication of an official magazine.

- **Sudanese Olympic Bibliography**

A paper entitled "Olympism", by Kamal Hamid Shadad, was published by the daily newspaper "Shafa" in August 1979.

- **The International Olympic Academy**

To date, a total of eight representatives have taken part in sessions of the IOA (1972, 1976 and 1977). In 1979, Kamal Hamid Shadad was a lecturer at the Academy's 19th Session.

SPORT IN SUDAN

- **Other sports governing bodies**

The Supreme Council for Popular Sports determines and implements general policy with regard to the development of national sport. It assists sports associations, both technically and financially. It sanctions the participation of Sudanese teams in international competitions and co-operates with clubs in order to further the training of their members.

- **State aid to the sports movement**

Financial aid is given for the purposes of promoting sport and providing suitable conditions for the development of sporting talent.

- **Training of sports leaders**

The shortage of qualified sports leaders constitutes a major problem. In an attempt to remedy the situation, local sports courses are being organised and full advantage is taken of help offered from abroad.

- **Sport at school**

On the various school programmes, three hours per week are set aside for sports and physical education.

- **Sports installations in Sudan**

The country maintains approximately :

- 35 football grounds.
- 25 sports centres.
- 10 swimming pools.
- 15 basketball courts
- 10 volleyball courts.
- 75 tennis courts.

- **Sports which draw the biggest crowds**

Football, horse racing, basketball, boxing, volleyball.

- **Sports experiencing the greatest development**

Volleyball.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Dr. Abdel Mohamed Halim

IOC member in the Sudan since 1968, and a long-serving president of the SOC.

Born on 10th April 1910 at Omdurman. A doctor of repute, hospital governor, one time member of the Supreme Council for the Republic of Sudan (1956-1960), former President of the Council of the University of Khartoum (1956-1960) and Mayor of Khartoum from 1956-1960. he is one of the country's most respected sports leaders. In 1956, he was a founding member of the African Football Confederation and, in 1967, he organised the first African nations football cup. He is an influential member of FIFA, sitting on their various working committees as well as on IOC commissions.

Major Zein El Abdeen M. Ahamed Abd El Gadir

President of the SOC since 1978.

Born on 7th May 1940, he trained as a parachutist in Great Britain. His chief sporting interests are football, swimming and polo. He has served several times in the past as government minister and in 1977, was President of the General Association for Popular Sports before, in 1978, acceding to the presidency of the SOC.

General Siddig Hamad Hassan

Secretary General of the SOC since 15th January 1978.

Born in 1931, he obtained his accountancy diploma in Great Britain and served as financial director of the Sudanese army from 1967 to 1978. A keen footballer, he was President of the Sudanese Football Association from 1976-1977.

