

12<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**To: Asian Mind Sports Association (AMSA)**

**Dear President and Members of AMSA,**

Please accept the best greetings of the OCA and hope the new year has made an excellent start with you.

The Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) is pleased to confirm its support for the continued development of Mind Sports within the OCA sports program.

Further to the decision of the OCA Executive Board meeting held on 22 October 2025 in Bahrain, the Board has approved that AMSA will be responsible for overseeing and managing all qualifying events for the Mind Sports disciplines such as Chess, Go (Weiqi), Xiangqi, Card-Related games and other recognized Mind Sports as approved by OCA, at future OCA-related Games.

In line with this decision, OCA hereby recognizes the Asian Mind Sports Association (AMSA) as the organization entrusted with the coordination and administration of qualification events for Mind Sports across OCA competitions. This includes, but is not limited to:

- The Asian Games
- The Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games (AIMAG)
- Other OCA-sanctioned multi-sport events where Mind Sports may be included

AMSA's leadership is coordinating qualification systems, engaging with national federations, and ensuring fair, transparent, competitive pathways will be essential to the growth and professionalism of Mind Sports across Asia.



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OCA looks forward to continued collaboration with AMSA to elevate Mind Sports, provide more opportunities for athletes, and strengthen participation throughout the continent.

Thank you for your ongoing contribution to the Asian sports community.

With kind regards  
Yours sincerely,

**Husain Al Musallam**  
**Director General, OCA**