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Opening of the "Future Games 2025" in Abu Dhabi

Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates, inaugurated on Wednesday the "Future Games 2025" which will be held from December 18 to 23 at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre (ADNEC), in the presence of Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan.



AbuFuture Games welcomed the participants in the " Mohammed bin ZayedSheikh Dhabi 2025" and wished them success in their competitions.

's hosting of the tournament Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed affirmed that the UAE , which sport embodies its status as a global center for innovation in the field of future meet the aspirations of future generations through the integration of sports and modern technology. He pointed out that the tournament contributes to enhancing dialogue, acquaintance, and competition among the world's youth on UAE soil, as reported by the Emirates News Agency (WAM).



All systems go as 850 athletes gear up for GOTF in Abu Dhabi

By Brian Mwenje

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The highly anticipated second edition of the Games of the Future (GOTF) 2025 officially kicked off in Abu Dhabi on Wednesday, with an opening ceremony at the ADNEC Centre that set the stage for what promises to be a groundbreaking event in the world of sports.

Over 850 athletes from 65 countries across the world have come together to compete in an innovative mix of physical and digital disciplines, showcasing the future of athleticism and technology.

This year's event, running from December 18th to 23rd, is a celebration of the convergence between the real world and the virtual realm.



Dota, Fortnite, and mobile coexist without merging. What's it like to experience pure gaming at the Games of the Future?

In an event where physical and digital sports constantly intersect, fully virtual games fulfill a unique role. They don't compete with the physical format, nor do they try to adapt to it. They simply do what they do best: maintain competitive tension from the screen.

Games of the Future

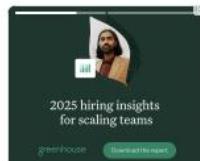
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Dota 2 in action at the GOTF. © Kotaku / Martin Nicolás Parolari.

In the [Games of the Future](#), Dota, Fortnite, and mobile esports don't function as an exception or an addendum. They serve as a reminder. Amidst robots, courts, and hybrid formats, [pure gaming](#) maintains a solid, recognizable, and comfortable presence, both for players and audiences.



No prior explanation is needed. No adaptation is needed. It's at home.

Dota 2: Classic structure, undiminished pressure



Dota 2 in action at the GOTF. © Kotaku / Martin Nicolás Parolari.

Dota 2 at GOTF is experienced just like any other major international tournament: with tense series, matches decided by small mistakes, and teams that know there's no room for improvisation. The difference isn't in the game itself, but in the context.

Playing Dota while human matches or robot battles are taking place just a few meters away feels strange at first. But that feeling doesn't last long. As soon as the game starts, everything falls into place. The map imposes its logic, the pace stabilizes, and concentration returns to absolute.



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The best teams from six countries and regions gather to compete in the HADO division of the next-generation international sports tournament to be held in Abu Dhabi.

HADO to be an official phygital sport at the Games of the Future 2025 (GOTF), one of the world's largest international sports competitions.



Meleap Inc. (headquarters: Minato-ku, Tokyo), developer and provider of the AR sport "HADO," is pleased to announce that six teams have been selected to compete in the HADO division of the Games of the Future 2025 (GOTF), one of the world's largest international sports competitions, to be held in Abu Dhabi on December 23, 2025.

The tournament will feature teams with a track record in official and international competitions from around the world, demonstrating that HADO is a phygital sport with international appeal. Bringing together teams selected from around the world will further highlight the potential for international exchange, human resource development, and competitive systems in future sports.



The idle RPG "Poem of the Nameless" features amazing music by Sakuraba Osamu! So I rented a theater and enjoyed the background music, and before I knew it, I was progressing through the game.

While we were talking about the music of composer Osamu Sakuraba, before we knew it, we were playing the game.



"ARC Raiders" runs smoothly! The latest gaming laptop "GALLERIA RL7C-R56-5N"

The power of DLSS is astounding! ARC Raiders has outstanding visuals, and I was able to enjoy the beautiful images.



I was having fun building a city in "King Shot" and before I knew it, I was playing PvP. A brilliant title with an addictive flow that connects "casual" and "serious"

What kind of game is "King Shot," which has surpassed 60 million downloads globally? When I actually tried it, I reali

Hybrid football, phygital basketball and robots on the sand... That was the first day at the Games of the Future

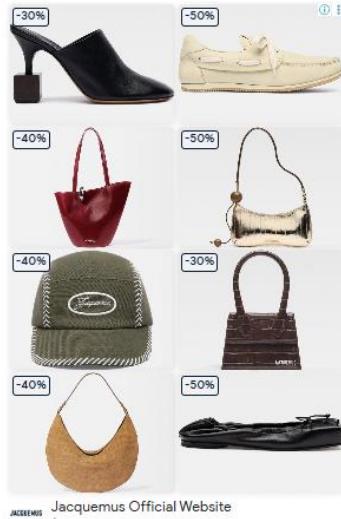
The day featured goals, points, eliminations, and finals. It also saw robots advancing round after round, teams combining joysticks and physical exertion, and video games still in contention. What happened today at the Games of the Future was sport, but with a new set of rules.

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Day one of Battle of Robot. © Gizmodo / Martín Nicolás Parolari.

The day began as major sporting events often do : with screens lit before the audience, overlapping schedules, and a feeling that something was always happening elsewhere. But here, at the Games of the Future, this simultaneity isn't a problem: it's the whole concept. While phygital football matches were being decided in one pavilion, hybrid basketball games were being played just a few meters away, esports brackets were being finalized, and robots were entering the arena with almost unnerving precision.



It's not easy to explain without resorting to enumeration. The key lies elsewhere: it all happened on the same day, with the ease of someone who no longer sees a contradiction between competing with their body and competing with an interface.

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China has suffered a major blow



Global MLBB Titans endorsed for GOTF

By Daniel Soriano Abu Dhabi, UAE | © Wednesday, 17 December 2025



'Leading Mobile Legends: Bang Bang' clubs from across the world gear up for the ultimate showdown at the Games of the Future Abu Dhabi 2025 from Friday to 23 December, setting the stage for one of the most anticipated mobile esports contests of the year.

Scheduled to take place during the next week at Pixoul Gaming and ADNEC Centre in the Emirati capital city, the MOBA Mobile.MLBB competition will unite top-tier organisations from Asia, the Middle East, Europe and South America, as part of the six-day next-gen sports spectacle in Abu Dhabi. Renowned for its fast-paced team fights, contested map control and deep macro strategy, MOBA Mobile.MLBB is poised to be one of the standout disciplines at the Games of the Future Abu Dhabi 2025 powered by ADNOC, as 16 world-class clubs from across the global MLBB ecosystem compete for a share of a USD \$900,000 (€766,400) prize pool.

With clubs from Southeast Asia's championship-calibre rosters to Europe's rising challengers and MENA's expanding esports presence, the event is positioned as a landmark demonstration, integrating high-level strategic competition, skilled execution, and the frontier of digitally-mediated athletic performance.



MOBA Mobile.MLBB will unite top-tier organisations for the GOTF. PHYGITAL INTERNATIONAL

ONIC arrives as one of the most decorated rosters in the MLBB universe. The squad includes Kairi Ygnacio 'Kairi' Rayos Del Sol, a vice Champion at the M5 World Championship. Team Falcons join the MOBA Mobile.MLBB competition at the Games of the Future 2025 as part of one of the fastest growing multi-title esports institutions. The lineup includes Bien 'Boyet' Chumecera, a Jungler with experience competing across international MLBB events.

Team Spirit enters the MOBA Mobile.MLBB competition as one of the most recognisable sides in global esports. The roster features Kemiran 'SunsetLover' Kochkarov, who anchors the Mid Lane and received the Knockout Stage Day 3 Star Award at the M6 World Championship. RRQ Hoshi arrives as one of the most influential organisations in professional MLBB. The squad includes Hajirin 'Rinz' Arafat, an experienced participant of international events.

For its part, Aurora Gaming enter the contest as an established competitor within the MLBB ecosystem. The club features Sidar 'Tienzy' Menteşe, who arrives with recent individual recognition after being named Finals MVP at the MTC Türkiye Championship Season 2.



Japanese AR sport "HADO" officially adopted for Games of the Future 2025, the world's largest phygital tournament, held in Abu Dhabi (PR TIMES)

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HADO, the AR sport, will take to the world stage, appearing at the Games of the Future (GOTF) to be held in Abu Dhabi on December 23rd.

Meleap Inc. (Head office: Minato-ku, Tokyo; CEO: Hiroshi Fukuda), the developer and provider of the AR sport HADO, is pleased to announce that HADO has been adopted as an official event at the Games of the Future (GOTF), the world's largest futuristic sports tournament, to be held in Abu Dhabi in December 2025.





ADNOC is the hosting partner for the Future Games 2025

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The Future Games Abu Dhabi 2025 has partnered with ADNOC, making it the host partner for the 2025 edition in Abu Dhabi. The Games will focus on connecting energy, innovation, and positive social impact with global vegetal sports, an innovative sporting format that blends physical performance with an interactive digital experience.

The event is being organized by Aspire, the local organizer of the Future Games Abu Dhabi 2025, which is supported by ADNOC, in collaboration with Ithraa, the event implementation partner, and Vegetal International, the global rights holder. This partnership reflects a shared commitment to empowering youth, supporting technology-driven sporting events, and solidifying the UAE's position as a hub for talent and community development.

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Official streaming platform for the Games of the Future Abu Dhabi 2025 powered by ADNOC launches ahead of opening competition



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Global fans to experience the Games of the Future like never before as MOBA PC.Dota 2 competition kickoffs in Abu Dhabi

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Ghana Esports Federation Phygital Basketball team set to make history

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Phygital Basketball will travel to the United Arab Emirates to take part in the Games of the Future

Ghana's national phygital basketball team, a project of the Ghana Esports Federation (GESF), will travel to the United Arab Emirates this December to take part in the Games of the Future, an annual international tournament that fuses physical sport with digital gaming.

The four players and three officials will represent Ghana from 17 to 24 December 2025 in Abu Dhabi, joining more than 100 nations and over 2000 spectators at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre.

The phygital basketball discipline, known as "Phygital Basketball. 3on3 FreeStyle," pits two-player clubs against each other in two weighted stages: a digital round played on the latest licensed version of "3on3 FreeStyle: Rebound" and a physical 2-on-2 match on a standard 3x3 court.

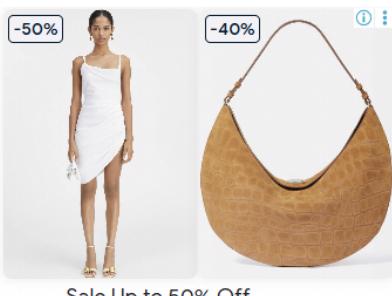
Scores from the digital stage carry over to the physical stage, with the combined total deciding the winner; the overall prize pool for the discipline is \$400 000. The format demands both sharp esports strategy and athletic skill, making it a true test of a new breed of hybrid athletes.

GESF President Igor Boumekpo stressed the historic nature of Ghana's participation, noting that the country is one of only two African nations competing in phygital basketball this year.

Their preparation has been backed by the Ministry of Sports and recreation, National Sports Authority which has provided funding and diplomatic assistance to ensure the contingent arrives well-equipped and ready to compete.

The Ghana Esports federation's partnership with the World Phygital Community further strengthens Ghana's foothold in this emerging sporting arena.

With over Sixteen (16) teams participating, Ghana has been scheduled to take on USA in their opening encounter.



World stars confirmed for Games of the Future Abu Dhabi 2025

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Some of the biggest names in phygital sports and the gaming world from around the globe will gather in Abu Dhabi for the next-generation esports grand final, taking place from December 18-23.

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Held from December 18-23 at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre (ADNEC), GOTF 2025 will bring these global rivals together under one roof as they compete for a multi-million dollar prize and the chance to be crowned GOTF 2025 champions.

International stars who will compete in Abu Dhabi:

A huge moment is coming for esports fans: Dota 2 legends will arrive in Abu Dhabi for the **MOBA PC Dota 2** competition . Teams will face off against titans like Paper Tigers, Legends Rebooted, and the host team E7 in one of the most anticipated matchups of the tournament. Additionally, ONIC and ZETA DIVISION join the lineup in the **MOBA Mobile MLBB discipline** , while FAZER + GORILON, multi-title winners and major esports creators, along with international stars QUEASY + MRSAVAGE and K1NG + OSCU, each with FNCS titles, world podium finishes, and solid competitive records, join the roster competing in Battle Royale Fortnite . With these elite duos confirmed, fans can expect one of the highest-level Fortnite matchups of the season.

EndFastPls is also participating in the Games of the Future 2025 in the **Phygital Shooter.CS2** competition , alongside Interstellars - Apollo and México Quetzales - Marca Registrada, who are ready to compete for first place. Adding to the intensity, the experienced phygital tournament team xGoat returns with the clear ambition of reclaiming their title. With eight clubs capable of delivering decisive performances, **Phygital Shooter.CS2** promises hard-fought matches, high-pressure moments, and one of the most strategic title races of GOTF 2025.

The competition in **Battle of Robots** continues to intensify, with Team Eruption, fielding their robot "Ignition," and China's Fierce Roc, competing with the undefeated 110kg champion "Deep-Sea Shark," adding significant firepower. They will join previously announced teams, including multiple champions Toon, Outlaw, DS Robotics, and the 2025 UK Extreme Robots Championship winners, Team Monsoon.

Phygital Drone Racing also completes its 16-team lineup, with Spain Drone Team, Team BDS, TECH DRONE LEAGUE, Flat-Out, Team Raiden, and Team Cyclone joining the already confirmed favorites. With elite pilots across the grid, high-speed duels are expected, making for one of the most exciting racing groups to date.

Fans will also get to see some of the biggest names in MMA, with professional fighters from across Europe, Asia, and the Americas set to compete at **Phygital Fighting.FATAL FURY: City of the Wolves** . The final roster includes the UAE Warriors, led by world champion Bruno Azeredo and top-ranked lightweight Felipe Douglas, who will defend their territory against rivals such as the Arabian Phantoms, led by African champion Ramadan Noaman, and Mexican Power, featuring crowd favorite heavyweight Hugo "Pandamonium" Lezama. With even more elite teams and decorated MMA athletes already confirmed, explosive fights are guaranteed from the very beginning.

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Games of the Future Dota 2 2025: Schedule, results, teams, streams

Legends reunite here.



Jeremiah Sevilla

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Witness the return of former The International champions and legendary players to the stage at Games of the Future Dota 2 2025, where teams battle for the lion's share of a \$175,000 prize pool.

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Although several ex-TI winners such as [Ceb](#), [N0tail](#), Loda, and others have pulled out of the exhibition event, the exhibition tournament still features a stacked lineup of iconic players.

AdmiralBulldog, ChuaN, Mushi, BurNIng, w33, and more [Dota 2](#) legends are taking part to bring nostalgia and high-level play for longtime fans.

Here's everything you need to know about the [Games of the Future Dota 2](#) tournament this year, including the competing teams and their rosters, schedule, results, and how to watch.

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With the opening of the MOBAPC.Dota2 competition in Abu Dhabi, fans around the world will experience GamesoftheFuture in an unprecedented way.

Dubai, United Arab Emirates, December 15, 2025 -- Phygital International, the promoter of global Phygital sports, today announced the official launch of the GOTFOTT platform, which is **GamesoftheFuture2025AbuDh** The exclusive streaming destination of abi (supported by ADNOC) (referred to as "GOTF2025"). The platform will be launched simultaneously at the opening of this year's competition. The first live broadcast will present the opening game of the **MOBAPC.Dota2** project held in PixoulGaming in Abu Dhabi on December 14.



Mohammed bin Zayed inaugurates the Future Games 2025

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Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates, inaugurated the "Future Games 2025" on Wednesday.

The event will take place from December 18 to 23 at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre (ADNEC).

The President of the UAE inaugurated the "Future Games - Abu Dhabi 2025" in the presence of Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, and welcomed the participants in the Games, wishing them success in their competitions.



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Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan affirmed that the UAE's hosting of the tournament embodies its status as a global center for innovation in the field of future sports, which meets the aspirations of future generations through the integration of sports and modern technology, noting that the tournament contributes to promoting dialogue, acquaintance and competition among the world's youth on UAE soil.

The opening ceremony was attended by Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Vice President, Deputy Prime Minister and Chief of the Presidential Court, and Lieutenant General Sheikh Saif bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior.

Also present at the opening were Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Chief of the Presidential Court for Special Affairs, Sheikh Zayed bin Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, Minister of Tolerance and Coexistence, and Sheikh Mohammed bin Hamad bin Tahnoun Al Nahyan, Advisor to the President of the State.

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The 2nd Future Games opened in Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates.

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The second Future Games opened in Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates, on December 17 local time. The competition will run until December 23, with more than 850 athletes from 65 countries and regions competing in 11 events. The total prize pool is US\$5 million (approximately RMB 35.21 million).

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Credit: Games of the Future Abu Dhabi 2025



Abu Dhabi 2025 Games of the Future starts tomorrow

Sports people and gamers, get ready

By [Lone Summers](#) December 17, 2025

Just when you thought Abu Dhabi couldn't outdo itself when it comes to next-gen entertainment, along comes this: the UAE capital has officially been named host of the Games of the Future 2025.

Taking place from December 18 to 23 at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre (ADNEC), this global event promises to be a blockbuster celebration of all things phygital – that's physical sport meets digital gaming and yes, it's as futuristic as it sounds.

The opening ceremony on Wednesday December 17 will kick things off in style, ushering in one of the most diverse and competitive athlete line-ups ever seen in hybrid sport, blending physical excellence with digital skill under the event's mantra: Next Gen Human. Play the Future.

Saudi Gamer



Today we are witnessing the launch of the Future Games Abu Dhabi 2025 event, sponsored by ADNOC. On this occasion, the organizers of the Future Games Abu Dhabi 2025 event announced the official list of teams and players participating in the Battle Royale Featuring Fortnite competition, which brings together the elite professional Fortnite teams from Europe, the Americas, Asia and the Middle East.

The tournament will take place on December 18 and 19 at the ADNEC Center, as part of the Abu Dhabi Future Games 2025 events, where 20 pairs will compete through a series of decisive matches to determine the champions of the current edition.

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The competition will feature prominent names in the global Fortnite scene, including Martin "MrSavage" Andersen, who has qualified for the FNCS Finals 22 times and reached the 2023 World Championship Finals. MrSavage is one of the most influential figures in the history of the game, maintaining his presence at the highest levels of competition, in addition to being one of the most prominent content creators in the Fortnite community with a wide global audience that goes beyond the boundaries of esports.

Schedule for Games of the Future 2025 Mobile Legends: Onic Vs Team Falcons

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Jakarta - One of Indonesia's representatives in the Games of the Future 2025 Mobile Legends competition, Onic, will play today, Sunday, December 21, 2025, against Team Falcons.

The match between the two teams will be held offline at Pixoul Adnec Hall 9 in Abu Dhabi. The match format will be a best-of-three (Bo3), requiring a 2-0 or 2-1 win to advance to the semifinals.

In this playoff round, the game format is a single-elimination bracket. Therefore, the losing team is immediately eliminated from the competition, not relegated to the lower bracket as is the case in the Mobile Legends: Bang Bang Professional League (MPL) playoffs.

Games of the Future 2025 Concludes After Six Action-Packed Days

Future Abu Dhabi 2025 powered by ADNOC has officially concluded, following six unforgettable days of high-energy, action-packed competition that pushed the boundaries of sport, technology, and entertainment. The event marked a defining moment for the rapidly growing phygital movement, reinforcing its role in shaping the future of sport.



Drone Racing in action at GOTF 2025

Taking place from 18-23 December at ADNEC Centre Abu Dhabi, more than 850 participants from over 60 countries competed in 11 disciplines spanning phygital sports, tech sports, and esports. Champions were crowned in front of thousands of fans across packed arenas, with hundreds of millions more viewing broadcasts, social feeds and streams around the world. Competitors ranging from 13 to 72 years old underlined the inclusivity and cross-generational appeal that defines the Games of the Future.

Ministry of Sports enters strategic partnership with ASPIRE, Phygital International

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- ABU DHABI, 24th December, 2025 (WAM) -- The Ministry of Sports has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with ASPIRE and Phygital International, on the sidelines of the Phygital Sports Summit, hosted by Abu Dhabi in parallel with the Games of the Future 2025 (GOTF).
- The summit brought together global experts, athletes, innovators, and local and international decision-makers to discuss the evolution and future potential of phygital sports.
- This MoU is a non-binding framework agreement that sets out the intent of the three parties to collaborate on phygital sports initiatives in the UAE. It builds on the successful delivery of the Games of the Future 2025 and establishes a structured framework for cooperation in developing, promoting, and institutionalising phygital sports within the national sports ecosystem.
- The MoU was signed by Sheikh Suhail bin Butti Al Maktoum, Assistant Under-Secretary for the Sports Development and Competitiveness Sector at the Ministry of Sports. The agreement aims to unify efforts to position the UAE as a global hub for phygital and future sports, while supporting long-term talent development, innovation, and international visibility, in alignment with national sports policy, youth development, and innovation priorities.
- Sheikh Suhail bin Butti Al Maktoum affirmed that the MoU represents a key milestone in advancing future sports in the UAE, stating, "This MoU builds on the success of the Games of the Future 2025 hosted by Abu Dhabi, supported by our wise leadership. It reflects our vision at the Ministry of Sports to establish an integrated and sustainable framework for phygital sports that combines innovation, technology, and structured athlete development pathways."
- He added, "Through these strategic partnerships, we aim to reinforce the UAE's global standing in future sports by aligning phygital initiatives with the National Sports Strategy 2031, enhancing innovation, empowering youth, and strengthening international cooperation across the phygital sports ecosystem."
- Stephane Timpano, CEO of ASPIRE, commented, "This partnership is about institutionalising the future of sport. By combining technology, performance, and human potential, and building on the momentum of the Games of the Future 2025, the UAE is positioning itself as a global testbed for next-generation sports and talent development - and signing with the Ministry of Sport represents the next level of progress".

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Zero 10 finished fourth in the Phygital Football tournament in Abu Dhabi



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The Serbian team Zero 10 [ended its participation](#) in the Phygital Football tournament in Abu Dhabi in fourth place, after being defeated by the Argentinian team La Crema FC with a score of 2:1 in the bronze medal match.

In another tense and physically demanding duel, Zero 10 gave their best, but the Argentinian team managed to take advantage of the key opportunities and come away with a victory for third place. Our boys had their moments, played bravely and aggressively, but La Crema was more effective in the decisive moments.

Belta



The Belarusian team won the first Phygital Shooter match at the Future Games.



Photo: phygitalsports.by

22 December, Minsk /BelTA/. The Belarusian team MinskHouse made a victorious start to the Phygital Shooter tournament at the Abu Dhabi Future Games, BelTA reports.

In their first match, the Minsk team confidently defeated Team E7 from the UAE with a score of 3:0. In the two-round virtual competition, the Belarusians won 2:0 (13:5 and 13:10), and then prevailed in laser tag, 6:0. Today, in the second match of the group stage, MinskHouse will face Mexico Quetzales from Mexico.

In the phygital basketball tournament, the Belarusian team FlashBasket failed to advance to the semifinals, losing a hard-fought quarterfinal match to Astana from Kazakhstan with a score of 25:27. Prior to this, the Belarusians defeated Vietnam's Warriors 31:25 and Mexico's Quetzales 35:24.

In the phygital football tournament's Round of 16 match, Belarusian WhiteBird competed equally with Brazil's CM Stars, but ultimately lost by a minimal margin of 1:2. In the first match of the group stage, the Belarusians confidently defeated their opponents from the United Arab Emirates with a dry score of 3:0, but then lost to Brazil's CM Jardim with a score of 3:4.

Representatives from 65 countries are participating in the competition in the capital of the UAE, competing for medals in 11 events. The total prize fund is \$5 million. The tournament will conclude on December 23. The first Future Games were held in Kazan in 2024, and the next will be held in the summer of 2026 in Astana.

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EndFastPls in the semi-finals of the Phygital Shooter discipline

The Montenegrin team continues the competition as part of the Games of the Future

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The Montenegrin phygital shooter team EndFastPls (EFP) registered another great victory on the international stage. In a duel against the Russian team Liga Pro Team, EFP won 2:1 and thus won a place in the semi-finals of the phygital shooter discipline at the prestigious Games of the Future competition, which is held in Abu Dhabi.

The first clash was played on the Ancient map, where the rivals had a significant advantage in the opening phase of the match. However, the Montenegrin team showed maturity, patience and tactical superiority. The experience of Mir Marjanović (Miwo), with the great support of Milutin Jovanović (Consume), Dušan Dojčinović (Dojco), Ildar Demirović (Scorpion) and Filip Sokolov (Kimarr), was fully expressed in the continuation of the meeting. After the reversal, EFP celebrated with a narrow but well-deserved score of 13:11.



PBC Astana advances to semifinals of Games of the Future × fidget basketball tournament

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Kazakhstan has advanced in fidget sports.

The Kazakh team PBC Astana has advanced to the semifinals of the Phygital Basketball 3x3 at the Games of the Future Abu Dhabi 2025 international tournament taking place in Abu Dhabi.

In the decisive match for a place in the semifinals, PBC Astana defeated FlashBasket in a tight game with a score of 27:25. The fate of the match was decided in the last seconds. The team started the tournament with a high tempo, defeating the Bad Boys team with a clear advantage in the group stage with a score of 39:24. However, after losing to Moskovsky with a score of 23:40, the Kazakhstanis tactically regrouped and entered the playoffs with renewed vigor.

In the playoffs, PBC Astana defeated Derventa Esports Umbrella 39:26 and advanced to the quarterfinals. A win over FlashBasket advanced the team to the semifinals. Thus, PBC Astana proved to be one of the contenders for the main prize in the Phygital Basketball 3x3 FreeStyle discipline.

Fidget basketball is a hybrid format of the sport. First, teams compete in a video game on a basketball simulator, and then continue the game on a real 3x3 court. The final result is determined by a combination of digital and physical stages. This format requires players to be physically prepared and team-oriented, along with eSports skills.





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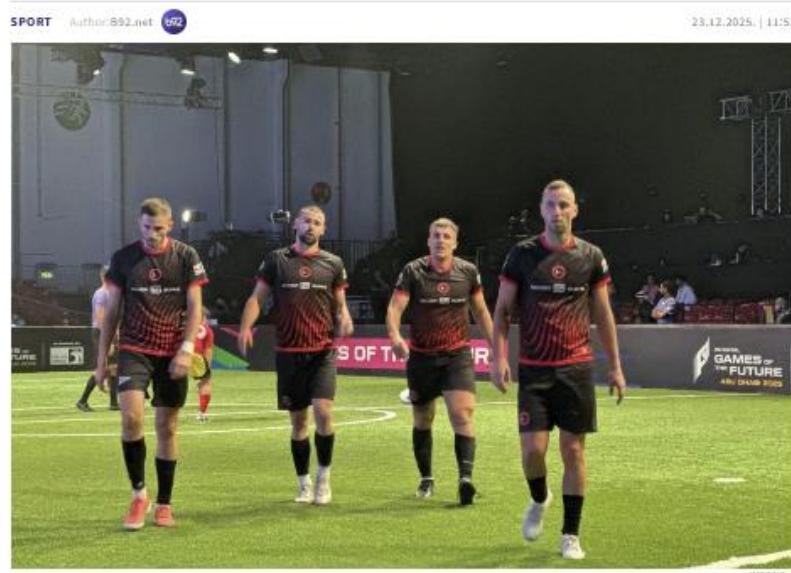
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- Africa announces its arrival on the global phygital stage, with teams from Ghana and Cameroon delivering competitive, high-level performances at Games of the Future Abu Dhabi 2025.
- Hybrid disciplines are redefining competition, blending esports precision with live physical execution in formats like phygital basketball and phygital dancing.
- African athletes and leaders are building for the future, using Abu Dhabi 2025 as a platform to grow talent, communities, and pathways toward global phygital excellence.



Zero 10 stopped in Phygital Football semi-finals, third-place match follows

In the match for third place, the Serbian team will meet the Argentine team La Crema FC today.



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Serbian team Zero 10 failed to qualify for the finals of the Phygital Football tournament, which is being held as part of the Games of the Future event in Abu Dhabi. In the duel against the Spanish team Troncos FC, our boys were defeated with an aggregate score of 6:1.

The digital segment of the match (EA FC) ended goalless – 0:0, which meant that the finalist would once again be decided on the physical field. Zero 10 opened the physical part of the match excellently, as captain Marko "Roksa" Rokšić was the first to score and give the Serbian team the lead.



However, as the match progressed, it became clear that the Spanish were the more physically fit and tactically confident in this encounter. Troncos FC took control of the match and turned the score around with a series of goals, eventually winning convincingly 6:1.

However, this is not the end of the road for Zero 10. In the third place match, the Serbian team will meet the Argentine team La Crema FC today. The match is scheduled for 16:15 our time, after which the grand final will be played.



Intense competition in drone racing at the Future Games – Abu Dhabi 2025

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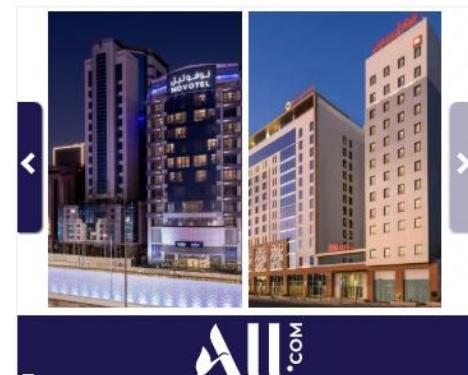


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The digital drone competitions kicked off as part of the Future Games Abu Dhabi 2025, amid a remarkable public turnout at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre (ADNEC), where the races witnessed competitions that combined advanced technology and high athletic skills.

The participating teams competed to complete 50 laps inside a large indoor circuit, carefully designed to include loops, lanes and narrow turns, which posed significant challenges to the pilots and required high concentration and precision in controlling the aircraft.

The teams also had to manage their resources efficiently given the limited number of aircraft and batteries, balancing speed, caution, repair timing, and energy consumption, which gave an advantage to the teams that adopted smart strategies that allowed them to finish the race without being depleted.



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ONIC WIN MLBB CHAMPIONSHIP AT GAMES OF THE FUTURE 2025

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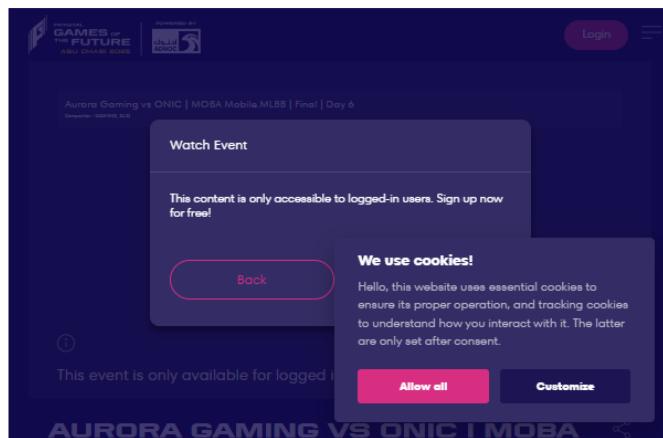
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Indonesia's **ONIC Esports** have capped off a stellar year by claiming the Mobile Legends: Bang Bang title at the **Games of the Future Abu Dhabi 2025**, delivering a commanding performance in the tournament's decisive final.

Grand Final: ONIC Overpower Aurora Gaming

The championship match saw ONIC face **Aurora Gaming**, a side that had impressed throughout the event. Aurora entered the final battle hardened after a tight semi final against **DianFengYaoGuai**, while ONIC arrived full of confidence following a clean semi final sweep.

Once the series began, ONIC never looked back. With crisp drafting, disciplined rotations, and near flawless execution, the Indonesian powerhouse secured a convincing 3-0 victory to lift the trophy in Abu Dhabi.



Reflecting on the win, ONIC support player Nicky Fernando "Kiboy" Pontonuwu said the team's steady improvement throughout the event was key, praising their hero picks, teamwork, and overall performance on the international stage.

Prize Money Breakdown

ONIC Esports did not just lift the MLBB trophy at Games of the Future 2025, but also secured the largest share of the tournament's total USD 900,000 prize pool.

As champions, ONIC walked away with USD 315,000 in prize money, roughly equivalent to NZD 525,000, underlining the scale of the event and the significance of their victory on the international MLBB stage.

Third Place Play-Off: Aurora Gaming PH Finish Strong

Earlier on the final day, **Aurora Gaming PH** locked in third place with a dominant 2-0 win over **DianFengYaoGuai**. Aurora Gaming PH set the tempo early and maintained control across both games, denying their opponents any real chance to recover.

Jan Dominic Iv "DOMENGKITE" Del Mundo impressed throughout the series, while Dylan Aaron "Light" Catipon's consistency earned him MVP honours. Despite narrowly missing the grand final, Aurora Gaming PH ended their campaign on a positive note.

Final Standings at Games of the Future 2025 MLBB

At the close of competition, the final standings were confirmed as follows:

1. ONIC Esports
2. Aurora Gaming
3. Aurora Gaming PH
4. DianFengYaoGuai

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The "Games of the Future" blur the line between physical and virtual sport

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Drone races, robot fights, hybrid football matches... the second edition of the "Games of the Future", an international competition that blurs the line between real and virtual sport, kicks off on Thursday in Abu Dhabi.

Last year, while international sport continued to turn its back on Russia, the first edition of these Games was held in Kazan, with Vladimir Putin present at the opening ceremony.

According to the organization, it brought together 2,000 participants from more than 120 countries, with 3 billion accumulated views according to broadcasters, and with a total prize pool of US\$10,000,000.

Among the disciplines featured in Abu Dhabi, several sports will be played in "phygital": that is, half physical and half digital. For example, in football, the first half is played on a console, and the second half on a 5-a-side artificial turf pitch.

Last year, Uruguayan Peñarol won the first edition, after beating Russian Lokomotiv 6-5 (2-2 virtually, 3-2 physically).

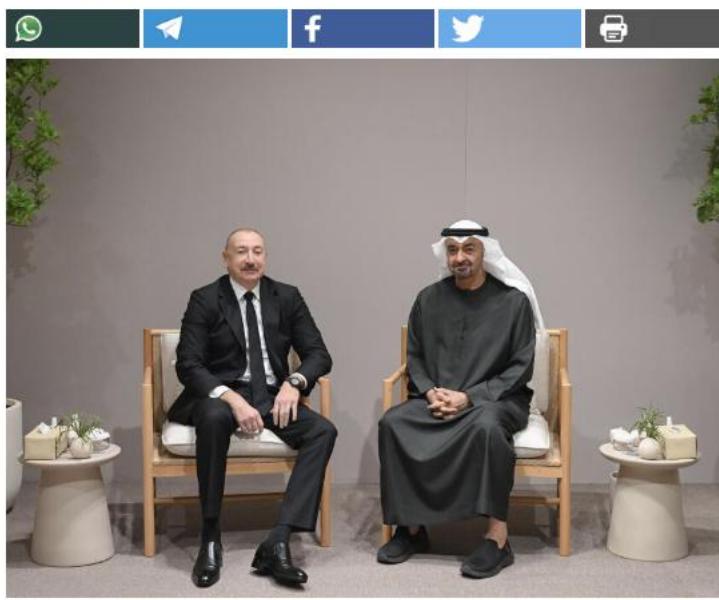
"For me, it's a concept that's going to revolutionize everything," Naoufal Boumina, a footballer for United FC, a French structure linked to the Dubai club of the same name, told AFP.

"There are many new concepts and formats (in football) these days. But this one, I think it's going to be a huge hit. Everyone's going to love it."

Ilham Aliyev met with the President of the United Arab Emirates in Abu Dhabi - VIDEO - PHOTO

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President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev is visiting this country at the invitation of President of the United Arab Emirates Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

Milli.Az reports that on December 17, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev met with President of the United Arab Emirates Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan in Abu Dhabi.

Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan expressed his gratitude to the head of state for participating in the opening ceremony of the annual global sports tournament "Future Games 2025" held in Abu Dhabi.

President Ilham Aliyev, in turn, thanked for the invitation and congratulated the high-level organization of this event in the United Arab Emirates.

During the conversation, it was emphasized that Azerbaijan-UAE bilateral relations, based on strategic partnership, are successfully developing in all areas, including political, economic, energy, including renewable energy, cultural, humanitarian and other areas.

The visits of the Head of State to the UAE and the President of the UAE to Azerbaijan were recalled with satisfaction, and the role of all these and other mutual visits at various levels in the development of our relations was touched upon.

At the meeting, the presidents of Azerbaijan and the UAE exchanged views on the prospects for cooperation.

Then, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev and President of the United Arab Emirates Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan attended the opening ceremony of the annual global sports tournament "Future Games 2025".

ONIC vs Aurora PH Results: Qualified for the 2025 GoF MLBB Grand Finals

Check out the updated results of ONIC vs Aurora PH & DFYG vs Aurora Gaming semifinals of Gof MLBB 2025: who will qualify for the grand final and who will be in the fight for 3rd place?

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[tirto.id](#) - The result of ONIC vs. Aurora PH in the semifinals of the Games of the Future (GoF) MLBB 2025 on Monday (December 22nd) ended with a score of 2-0. Thus, Raja Langit advances to the grand final where they will face Aurora Gaming. Previously, the playoff between DFYG and Aurora Gaming at Pixoul ADNEC Hall 9, Abu Dhabi, ended with a score of 1-2.

Phygital Games: A new and rising sport on the horizon

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Wang Zheng



A new form of sport is on the horizon. The Phygital Games of the Future 2025 concluded its six-day event on Tuesday in Abu Dhabi, UAE. At this year's event, a total of 11 games were included, such as phygital football and basketball, attracting more than 2,000 players from around the world.

Phygital games consist of both physical and digital games. For example, to participate in phygital football, players need to play an e-sport version, but then also must head onto a physical football field for a game.

The momentum of this new trend is robust. A third-party research shows that the world phygital games market is set to reach more than \$2 billion in 2025, and is expected to rise to more than \$5.5 billion by 2029 with double-digit growth rates. Business insiders say they are very optimistic about the future of such sports.

There's little doubt when you look at the e-sport market, it's constantly and rapidly growing, according to Nis Hatt, CEO of Phygital International. He said that the future will hold further advancements and developments for this field of sports.

The momentum for the Chinese market, the world's second-largest economy, with a population of 1.4 billion, is also strong. According to Cui Kai, the world phygital community's representative in China, phygital games have huge potential, despite it still being at an early stage in the country. The annual growth rate is projected to be between 20 and 30 percent, and the market size could reach 30 to 50 billion yuan in the next three to five years.