



Bahrain Asian Youth Games (BAYG 2025)

22-30 October 2025

Exhibition World Bahrain
مركز البحرين العالمي للمعارض

- 5,000 athletes
- 45 countries
- 300 continental press members
- 13 Olympic Youth Games
- 7 Halls spanning over 66,500 sqm
- +4,000 sqm space in the Grand Hall
- 6,000 meals served in the Opening Ceremony

Overview

In October 2025, Bahrain welcomed the Asian Youth Games (AYG) for the very first time, marking a historic milestone for the Kingdom and the region. At the centre of this achievement stood Exhibition World Bahrain (EWB) – the host venue of the games' opening ceremony and the majority of its competitions. Over the course of 12 days, the venue brought together over 5,000 young athletes from 45 nations to celebrate sporting excellence, cultural exchange, and unity.

A Venue Transformed

What made the Bahrain edition of the games unique was not only that it was the first to be held in the Kingdom but also that it was the first time the opening ceremony took place indoors, hosted in Hall 8.

Exhibition World Bahrain transformed its Grand Hall and expansive exhibition spaces into purpose-built arenas, each tailored to the requirements of international-level sports. From combat sports like Judo, Taekwondo, and Wrestling to the fast-rising world of E-sports, the venue became a dynamic hub for 13 different disciplines.

World-Class Dining Experience

From the grand Opening Ceremony to daily event catering, the EWB culinary team managed every aspect of food and beverage service with precision, creativity, and efficiency. The Opening Ceremony alone saw the team serve approximately 6,000 meals for marching athletes and visitors, along with VIP canapes for 500 distinguished guests, reflecting their ability to cater simultaneously to diverse audiences – from dignitaries to athletes.

The culinary team maintained a high level of service throughout the 12-day event, providing daily breakfast, lunch, and dinner for organisers' staff, coffee breaks for the BAYG Executive Committee's weekly meetings, and refreshments for volunteers. With more than 3,000 meals served daily – totalling over 39,000 meals over 12 consecutive days – EWB's F&B operations demonstrated both scale and consistency in quality.

Seamless & Stress-Free Logistics

More than just space contributed to the event's success. EWB's operational expertise ensured seamless logistics, from crowd management and transportation to hospitality and catering. With thousands of visitors moving in and out of the venue daily, coordinated shuttle services, abundant parking, and intuitive wayfinding kept the games accessible and stress-free for athletes and spectators alike.

Legacy and Impact

The Bahrain Asian Youth Games 2025 left behind more than memories of competition. It established Bahrain as a credible host for future international sporting and cultural events and highlighted the flexibility of EWB as a venue that could rise to the challenge of hosting a multi-sport competition of this scale.



"This fruitful collaboration with EWB reflects our commitment to providing the best facilities and equipment for athletes and participating delegations, as well as ensuring the organisation of a sporting event that meets the highest international standards. At the Executive Committee, we attach immense importance to partnerships with leading national institutions like EWB, working together as one team to further strengthen the Kingdom's position on the continental and international sports map."

Mr. Yousef Duaij, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the third Asian Youth Games