

■ Asian Games in China Postponed Indefinitely Over Spread of Omicron Variant

The Asian Games 2022 have been postponed indefinitely because of concerns over the spreading Omicron variant in China. The Asian Games was scheduled to be hosted in East China's Hangzhou, a city in Zhejiang, 200 kilometers from COVID-hit Shanghai, in September this year. The Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) has announced that the new dates for the games will be announced at a later date. As China battles a resurgence of COVID-19 cases and large parts of the country are under some form of lockdown, three major sports events - Asian Games, Asian Youth Games and World University Games - to be held in China in second half of 2022, have been postponed casting a shadow on the global sports calendar.

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