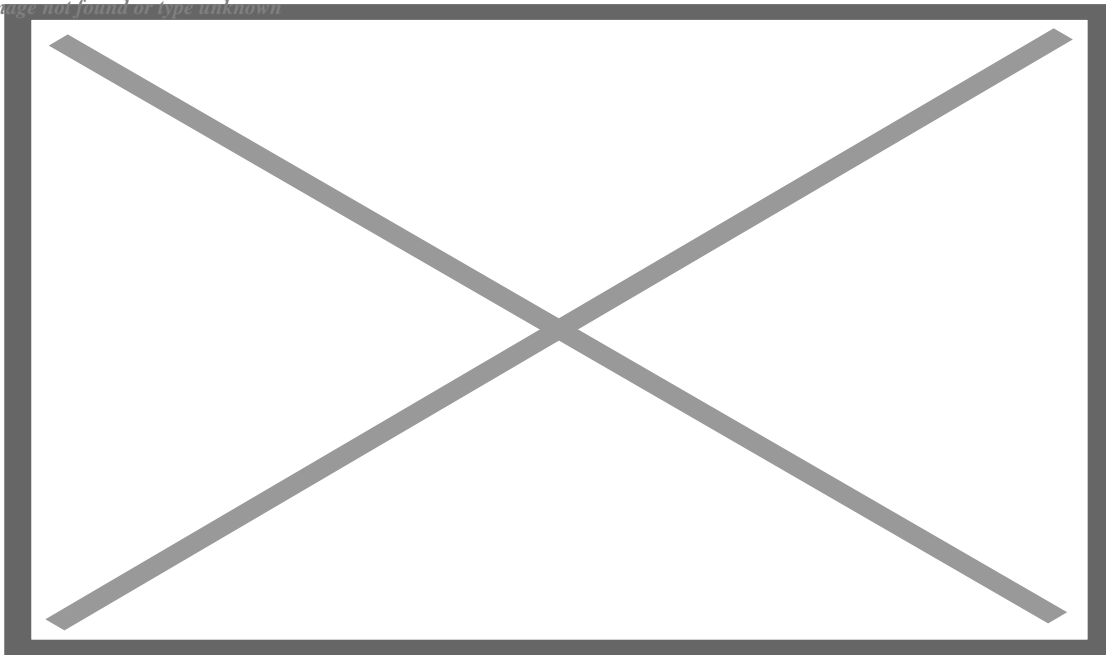


Mexico changes the course of its Olympic candidacy

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Mexico City, January 18 (EFE).- The president of the Mexican Olympic Committee, María José Alcalá, announced that her country is withdrawing its bid to organize the 2036 Olympic Games and will apply for the 2032 Youth Olympic Games.

"The competition is very strong (for the Olympics) and we are going to propose to organize the Youth Olympics, for which we would have a great chance," she said.

In late 2022, then-Mexican Foreign Minister Marcelo Ebrard and Alcalá reported that the country, which hosted the 1968 Olympics, was going to bid for the 2036 or 2040 Games.

The leaders then spoke of Mexico's conditions to organize high-level competitions, which it has confirmed since the last century by hosting two soccer World Cups in 1970 and 1986, as well as an Olympic Games.

Mexico is among the candidates to host the next Pan American Games, after the Colombian city of Barranquilla was stripped of the venue. Guadalajara and Monterrey have shown interest in hosting a competition that the country previously organized in the capital in 1955 and 1975, and in Guadalajara in 2011.

Alcalá hinted at the possibility of the country insisting on requesting the American competition, which remains to be seen due to the differences between the Olympic Committee and the National Commission of Physical Culture and Sports.

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