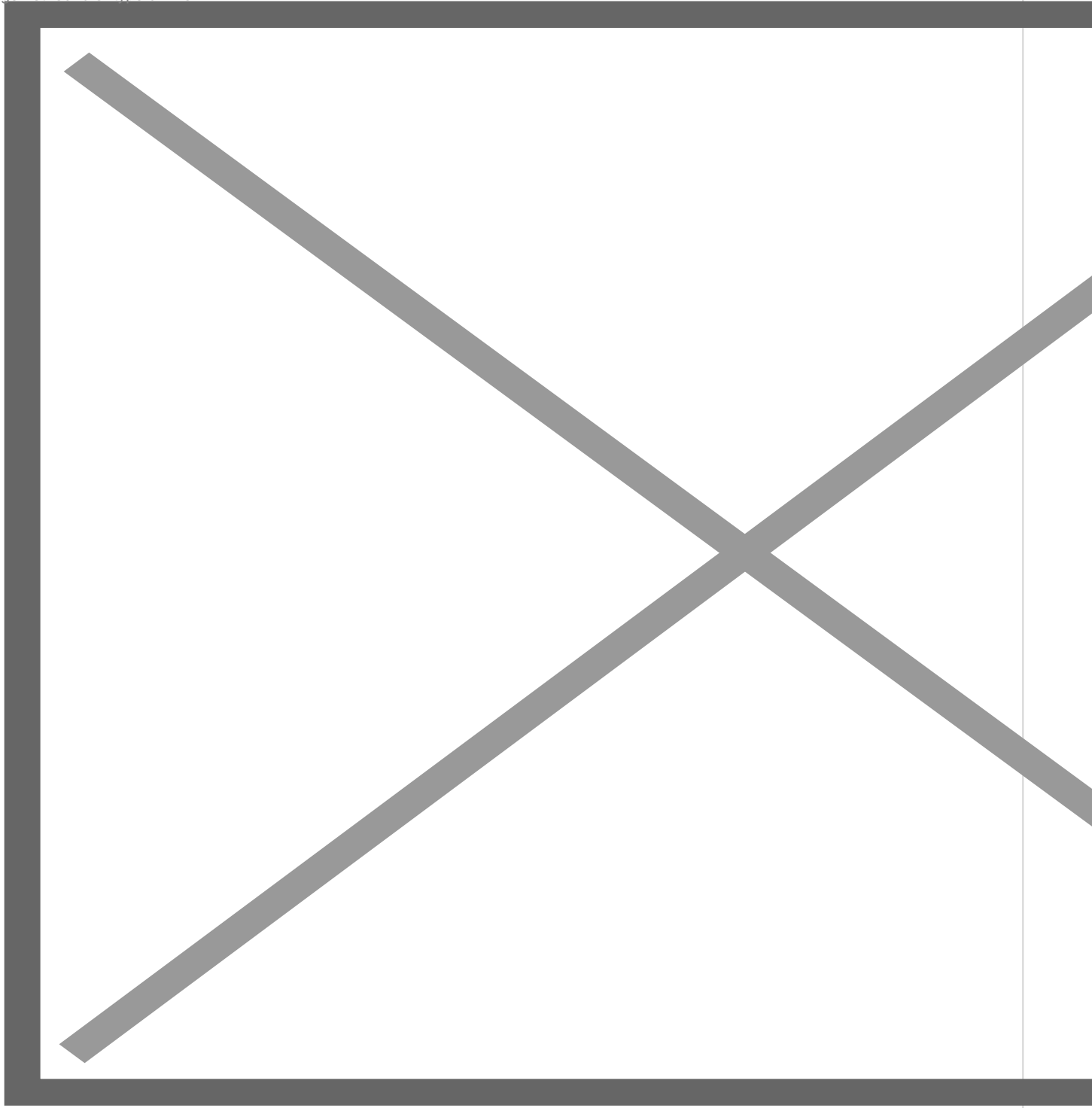


*Guatemala advances in the
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Central American Games

Guatemala, Feb 9 (PL) Guatemala took another step in the possible successful celebration of the XIII Central American Games, scheduled for October 18 to 30, by defining the 38 sports and the venues.

Through its profile on the social network X, the local Olympic Committee underlined that such a decision took place during the Assembly held at the Palacio de los Deportes.

The authorities involved highlighted that the preparations for the competition are progressing according to schedule and that the country is ready to receive the best exponents of each discipline in the region.

The National Chess Federation will host the chess events, and the aquatic events will take place in the swimming pool of the capital's zone 4, the one of Mazatenango, head of the department of Suchitepéquez, and the Petén Itzá lake (also for canoeing and rowing).

Athletics will be held at the Quetzaltenango complex; San Jerónimo, Baja Verapaz, Cobán, and Alta Verapaz, while badminton will be held at the Sports Coliseum.

Basketball will take place in the courts of 12 Avenue and the Teodoro Palacios Flores gymnasium, while handball will be in the Dome of Zone 13, also in this city.

The Diamante Enrique "Trapo" Torrebiarte will be the venue for baseball, the Digef gymnasium for billiards, Metroboel in zone 15 for bowling, and the municipal gymnasium of Chiquimula for boxing.

The circuit in Quetzaltenango will host cycling, the El Pulté club in metropolitan zone 16 for equestrian sports, the Micude Park in zone 21 for sport climbing, and the Erick Barrondo for fencing.

Other sports that will also play a leading role are bodybuilding, soccer, gymnastics, golf, weightlifting, field hockey, judo, karate, kickboxing, sailing, skating, rugby, softball, surfing, taekwondo, and tennis.

Also, table tennis, archery, hunting weapons (only venue to be defined), sport shooting, triathlon, and volleyball.

Guatemala has the experience of being the nation that has hosted this event on most occasions (in the inauguration of 1973, 1986, 2001, and 2006, along with Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Panama), according to historical documents.

The blue and white led the table of the previous edition (Managua, Nicaragua 2017) with 264 medals (98 gold, 82 silver, and 84 bronze), followed by Costa Rica (60, 62, and 48), and Nicaragua (41, 55 and 63).

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