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Singapore's decision to decline hosting the 2026 Commonwealth Games, following Malaysia's lead, adds to uncertainty surrounding the future of the multi-sport event.



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About Commonwealth Games:

- The Commonwealth Games is a **quadrennial international multi-sport event among athletes from the Commonwealth of Nations**, which mostly **consists of territories of the former British Empire**.
- The event was **first held in 1930** in Canada and, with the exception of 1942 and 1946 (due to World War II), has **successively run every four years since**.
- The event was called the **British Empire Games** from 1930 to 1950, the **British Empire and Commonwealth Games** from 1954 to 1966, and **British Commonwealth Games** from 1970 to 1974.
- Athletes with a **disability are included as full members of their national teams** since 2002, making the Commonwealth Games the **first fully inclusive international multi-sport event**.
- The event is overseen by the **Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF)**, which controls the sporting programme and selects host cities.

Commonwealth of Nations:

- The Commonwealth of Nations (**Commonwealth**) is an **international voluntary association of 56 independent and equal countries**, the vast majority of which are **former territories of the British Empire from which it developed**.
- Member states have **no legal obligations** to one another but are connected through their use of the English language and historical-cultural ties.
- Any country can apply to **join the Commonwealth**.
- India became a member of the Commonwealth of Nations in **1945**.
- The Commonwealth's member states work together to promote common values and goals, such as: **Democracy, Human rights, Good governance, and The rule of law**.