



INTERNATIONAL
OLYMPIC
COMMITTEE

3rd Summer Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018

Universality Places Allocation procedure

1. OBJECTIVES

The Youth Olympic Games (YOG) were created to reach out to young athletes worldwide. Over 3'500 athletes are foreseen to participate in Buenos Aires 2018 and the criteria for participation as specified in the qualification systems are based on two principles: performance (direct qualification) and universality (Universality Places - UPs).

The objective of the Universality Places is to strengthen the principle of universal representation at the YOG by ensuring the participation of all NOCs. In this respect, a limited number of quota places have been reserved in each individual sport (Beach Volleyball and Basketball are counted as individual sports) so that each NOC will be given the possibility to participate in the YOG.

2. UNIVERSALITY PLACES FOR THE YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES BUENOS AIRES 2018

A number of quota places will be available for allocation to all eligible NOCs before the beginning of the qualification period. No athlete names are required at this stage. All places that cannot be allocated to eligible NOCs will be returned to the relevant IF for redistribution according to the principles defined in their qualification system.

The allocation by sport is conditional and at the end of the qualification period if an NOC is not in a position to enter an athlete having the minimum technical level (see section 5 below), the Universality Place in question will be withdrawn from the NOC and returned to the relevant IF for redistribution according to the principles defined in their qualification system.

The number of Universality Places to be allocated to the eligible NOCs remains at the full discretion of the Youth Olympic Games Tripartite Commission (YOG/TC) and will vary between two (2) and four (4) per NOC depending on the availability of places and the level of the athletes proposed following the entry by name.

The Universality Places by sport as well as the names of the athletes will need to be approved by the YOG Tripartite Commission before the allocation can be confirmed to the NOCs.

See Annex 1 for sports and events with Universality Places



3. YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES TRIPARTITE COMMISSION

The allocation of the Universality Places is the responsibility of the Youth Olympic Games Tripartite Commission (YOG/TC) representing the National Olympic Committees (NOCs), the International Federations (IFs) and the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

The NOCs are represented within the YOG Tripartite Commission by the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC) and the IFs by the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF) and the relevant IFs.

The Commission has full authority to take decisions regarding the allocation of Universality Places. All decisions taken by the Commission in relation to these Regulations or to the allocation of Universality Places are final. Any dispute relating to any application or interpretation of any Commission decision may be resolved solely by the IOC Executive Board, whose decision shall be final.

4. NOC ELIGIBILITY

Universality Places will not be allocated to NOCs which have qualified more than four athletes at the Youth Olympic Games Nanjing 2014.

Universality Places and team sports quotas are excluded for the purpose of the calculation referred to above (for the Nanjing 2014 YOG, team sports = Football, Handball, Hockey and Rugby)

Exceptions to the present section can be made when a complementary allocation is necessary (see section 6 below).

See Annex 2 for list of eligible NOCs

5. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

The athletes proposed for Universality Places must have an international level in an individual sport included in the YOG programme.

It is important to note that there are specified minimum eligibility standards for athletes applying for, or receiving, Universality Places and that the level of each athlete will be assessed by the relevant IFs. These standards are defined, where applicable, in the qualification system of the sport concerned which can be accessed on the IOC NOCnet (<http://extranet.olympic.org>).

Minimum technical level:

The athletes entered by the NOCs for Universality Places must have an adequate technical sport level which will be assessed by the YOG Tripartite Commission in collaboration with the respective IFs. Should an athlete be considered insufficiently prepared to participate in the YOG, the YOG Tripartite Commission may refuse his/her application.

Age group:

All athletes qualified or proposed by their NOC to benefit from a Universality Place to participate in the 2018 YOG must fall within the specified age group corresponding to the relevant sport. Age groups for each sport or discipline have been defined by each IF and are available in the 2018 YOG qualification systems which can also be found in the list of sports and events – Annex 1.



6. COMPLEMENTARY ALLOCATION

After the qualification period, all NOCs (eligible and non-eligible pursuant to section 4 above) that have not entered at least one (1) man and one (1) woman through the qualifications or the Universality Places, will be offered the possibility to enter one (1) athlete from each gender not already entered by the NOC.

A maximum of two (2) Universality Places (one (1) man and one (1) woman) in Athletics and/or Swimming combined will be available per NOC if needed.

This complementary allocation will ensure that all NOCs participate in the Buenos Aires 2018 YOG with a **minimum delegation size** of at least two (2) athletes (one (1) man and one (1) woman).

7. ALLOCATION CRITERIA

The main criteria for the allocation of Universality Places are the following:

- NOC priority : based on NOC preferences, as specified in the applications submitted
- IF priority: based on the assessment of the athletes' technical level and sporting merit during the qualification period
- IOC priority: based on various principles in relation to the objectives of the Commission, including:
 - Universality (by allowing more NOCs to participate in a given sport)
 - Continental balance
 - Gender equity
 - NOC and athlete eligibility
 - Technical level to compete safely and with dignity (based on the IF's assessment)
 - Training/preparation funding for athletes (provided by Olympic Solidarity)

The above-mentioned criteria are taken into consideration by the Commission altogether, without any pre-established order of priority or preference.

The Commission will endeavour to respect the priorities of all its represented stakeholders when possible (IOC / ANOC / ASOIF) and will do its utmost to satisfy as many requests as possible. However, as the number of applications is generally higher than the number of Universality Places available, not all eligible NOCs may be awarded a Universality Place.

8. FINAL PROVISIONS

The YOG Tripartite Commission reserves the right, at its absolute discretion, to make any amendments it deems necessary to these regulations in order to ensure that the YOG Tripartite Commission's objectives are reached.

All matters related to the Universality Places or the YOG Tripartite Commission must be addressed to the Olympic Solidarity Athletes Section.



9. ALLOCATION PROCESS

A. Application:

Eligible NOCs (pursuant to section 4 above) are requested to provide a list of sports and/or disciplines in which they would like to be granted with Universality Places. NOCs may propose up to a maximum of eight (8) events in at least two (2) different sports and with a balanced gender repartition. (Deadline: 15 January 2017)

See Annex 3 for the Universality Place Application form

B. Analysis:

Once the list of applications is consolidated, the NOC requests will be analysed by the YOG Tripartite Commission in collaboration with the respective IFs.

C. Allocation:

The allocation of Universality Places will take into account, whenever possible, the preferences listed by each NOC, the places available in each sport and the sporting relevance in the country. The NOCs will be notified of their conditional allocations in writing. (Deadline: as of 13 March 2017)

D. Confirmation of NOCs:

Once notified of the Universality Places conditional allocation, the NOCs will be requested to confirm their intention to use these Universality Places. (Deadline: 31 March 2017)

E. Qualification and Training:

Despite the allocation of a Universality Place, the athlete to be entered must still train, participate in competitions and try to qualify for the YOG, thus ensuring that he/she meets the eligibility criteria and deserves the Universality Place. The allocations are conditional upon acceptance by the YOG Tripartite Commission and particularly the concerned IFs. NOCs are strongly recommended to make use of the opportunities offered by Olympic Solidarity to prepare their athletes and make sure they deserve their Universality Places.

NOCs will also be invited to enter all their potential athletes for Universality Places within the BAYOGOC Accreditation System in due time. (Timeframe: 1 April 2017 – 23 July 2018)

F. UP entries by name:

At the end of the qualification period and following the confirmation of the list of qualified athletes, NOCs will be requested to reconfirm the use of their Universality Places by registering their athletes by name within the BAYOGOC Accreditation system. (Deadline: 23 August 2018)

The eligibility of all athletes entered by name will be assessed before the final allocation list is submitted to the YOG Tripartite Commission for approval. Universality Places will be withdrawn from athletes judged insufficiently prepared and the NOCs will be notified accordingly.

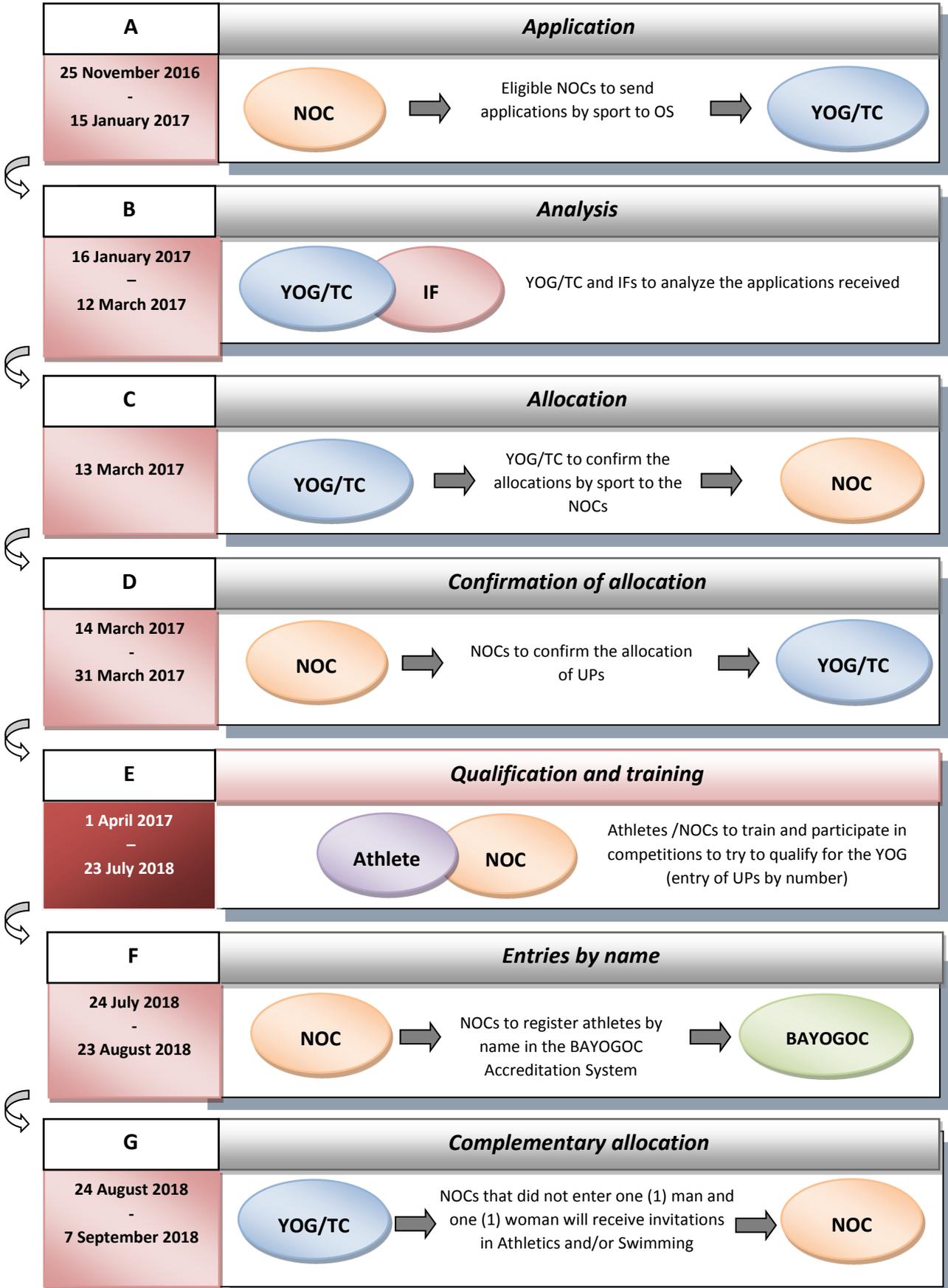
G. Complementary allocation:

Following the entries by name, those NOCs (eligible and non-eligible pursuant to section 4 above) that will not have entered at least one (1) man and one (1) woman through the qualifications or the Universality Places, will be offered Universality Places in Swimming and/or Athletics in compliance with section 6 above. (Deadline: 7 September 2018)



- NOC:** National Olympic Committee
- IF:** International Federation
- YOG/TC:** Youth Olympic Games Tripartite Commission
- BAYOGOC:** Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Games Organising Committee

10. ALLOCATION PROCESS SUMMARY (see page 4 for details)



Important: All places that cannot be allocated to eligible NOCs will be returned to the relevant IFs for redistribution according to the principles defined in their qualification systems.