



**AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BETWEEN THE SOUTH AFRICAN SPORTS
CONFEDERATION AND OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (SASCOC)**

AND

**SOUTH AFRICAN GYMNASTICS FEDERATION (SAGF)
ON THE SELECTION OF ATHLETES FOR THE**

BUENOS AIRES YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES

6 – 18 OCTOBER 2018

1. PRINCIPLES

Preamble

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).

1.1 Performance and qualification events

The principle of performance will be ensured through the Qualification Systems developed by each IF, which will allow for the participation of the best athletes through a fair and transparent process. Existing events and/or rankings already approved by the respective IF should be used for qualification:

- 1.1.1. **Individual sports:** A reasonable percentage of the quota shall be distributed on the basis of performance within continents and shall reflect the specificities of each sport at junior level in terms of quota distribution between continents.
- 1.1.2. **Team sports:** Participation shall be limited to one women's and one men's team per NOC across the following team sports: Football, Handball, Hockey, and Rugby. The reallocation process for these sports should be defined accordingly, in the event that an NOC qualifies more than two teams across these sports. All NOCs will be asked to indicate which of the two sports they would prefer to enter, should they manage to qualify more than two teams.

1.2. Universality

The participation of all 206 NOCs is the key factor in ensuring the universality of the YOG. The principle of universality shall be reflected in qualification systems through continental representation as well as Universality Places.

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.

- 1.2.1. **Individual sports:** In each sport a specific number of Universality Places for NOCs will be reserved so that a minimum of one (1) woman and one (1) man per NOC will be given the possibility to participate in the YOG. The number of Universality Places to be allocated to eligible NOCs remains at the full discretion of the Youth Olympic Games Tripartite Commission 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. **Universality Places will not be allocated to NOCs which have qualified more than four athletes at the Youth Olympic Games Nanjing 2014.**
- 1.2.2. **Team sports:** The following team sports - Football, Handball, Hockey and Rugby - will consist of tournaments for men and women which will feature at least one national team from each of the five continents. Should it be considered that there is no sporting relevance in a Continent, possibility will be offered to propose a second team from another Continent. This proposal will be submitted to IOC for approval.

1.3. NOC Delegation

1.3.1. **Minimum NOC delegation size:** At least two (2) athletes per NOC - one (1) man and one (1) woman - are guaranteed to participate in the YOG.

1.3.2. **Maximum NOC delegation size:** A maximum number of athletes per NOC will be set within each sport, discipline or event to maximise universality and avoid overly significant delegation sizes. In addition, and irrespective of the number of athletes qualified, an NOC delegation may comprise a **maximum of seventy five (75) athletes in individual sports**.

Given that the SASCOC may only take a maximum of 75 Individual athletes but have the possibility of qualifying in excess of 75 athletes to participate at the Buenos Aires 2018 YOG, **no athlete, irrespective of the international federation qualification, is guaranteed selection even if qualified.** The qualification period for most sport ends on **31 July 2018** and we will only be able to finalise selection after this process is completed.

2. PARTICIPATION IN THE YOG

2.1 Rule 40- Eligibility Code

To be eligible for participation in the YOG, a competitor, coach, trainer or other team official must comply with the Olympic Charter, World Anti-Doping Code, as well as with the rules of the IF concerned as approved by the IOC. The competitors, coach, trainer or other team officials must be entered by his/ her NOC

The above-mentioned persons must notably:

- Respect the spirit of fair play and non violence, and behave accordingly; and
- Respect and comply in all aspects with the World Anti- Doping Code.

Bye –Law to Rule 40

1. Each IF establishes its own sport's eligibility criteria in accordance with the Olympic Charter. Such Criteria must be submitted to the IOC Executive Board for approval.
2. The application of the eligibility criteria lies with the IFs, their affiliated national federations and the NOCs in the fields of their respective responsibilities.
3. Except as permitted by the IOC Executive Board, no competitor, coach, trainer or official who participates in the YOG may allow his/her person, name, picture or sports performances to be used for advertising purposes during the YOG.
4. The entry or participation of a competitor in the YOG shall not be conditional on any financial consideration.

2.2 Conditions of entry

1. Only NOCs recognised by the IOC may enter competitions in the YOG. Any entry is subject to acceptance by the IOC, which may at its discretion, at any time, refuse any entry, without indication of grounds. Nobody is entitled to any right of any kind to participate in the YOG.
2. An NOC shall only enter competitors upon recommendations for entries given by National Federations. If the NOC approves thereof, it shall transmit such entries to the OCOG. The OCOG must acknowledge their receipt. NOCs must investigate the validity of the entries proposed by the National Federations and ensure that no one has been excluded for racial, religious or political reasons or by reasons for other forms of discrimination.

3. ELIGIBILITY OF ATHLETES

For athletes to be eligible for selection for 2018 Buenos Aires YOG delivered by SASCOC, the athletes shall satisfy the following Eligibility Criteria:

- 3.1 The athlete shall be a South African Citizen; with a valid ID and Passport; and
- 3.2 The athlete shall be a member in good standing with the NF affiliated to SASCOC; and
- 3.3 The athlete shall not be under suspension for any offence (including but not limited to doping) during the selection period (**1 April 2017 - 31 July 2018**); and
- 3.4 The athlete shall not have competed for another country within a three year period prior to being considered for selection for 2018 Buenos Aires YOG; and
- 3.5 The athlete shall comply with and uphold the Olympic Charter; and
- 3.6 The athlete shall comply with and uphold SASCOC's Constitution, Rules and Regulations of their NF and those of the IF;
- 3.7 The athlete shall have competed at the NF's National Junior Championships unless otherwise exempted in writing by the NF; and
- 3.8 All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force and only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Youth Olympic Games.

4. ELIGIBILITY OF OFFICIALS

For officials to be eligible as coaches or team leaders/ code managers, for the 2018 Buenos Aires YOG, they shall satisfy the following criteria:

- 4.1 The official shall be a member in good standing with the relevant NF; and
- 4.2 The official shall not be under suspension for any offence during the selection period;
- 4.3 Coaching and management staff below the age of 40 years is a strong recommendation;
- 4.4 The official shall have a proven track record in the position they are recommended for, and shall have demonstrated a level of competence acceptable to SASCOC.

- Where there is no track record, the NF shall motivate to SASCOC for such official to be considered; and
- 4.5 SASCOC shall consider officials recommended by NFs taking into consideration the country's transformation agenda in terms of previously disadvantaged individuals (racial and gender representivity); and
 - 4.6 The official shall comply and uphold the SASCOC Constitution, IOC Charter currently in force, Rules and Code of Conduct of the NF and IF; and
 - 4.7 In case of coaches, SASCOC may consider foreign coaches based on the value add to the NF and the proven track record the coach has in delivering results at international events. The NF however, shall have to show a skills transfer and succession plan for the development of South African Coaches; and
 - 4.8 Foreign and local personal coaches shall be registered with and affiliated to the respective NF.

5. SELECTION CRITERIA

Entry via Preliminary Qualification:

1. National Federations must satisfy their respective International Federations (IFs) qualification guidelines for the 2018 Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Games;
2. The qualifying team, individuals or combination of athletes shall be made up of fifty percent (50%) of athletes from the previously disadvantaged sectors of the South African society;
3. World Qualification will take precedence over Continental Qualification, where South Africa exceeds the 75 qualification slots, **unless the only qualification route for the respective sport is only through Continental Qualification**. Where continental slots are to be considered, these will be informed by international rankings of the respective athletes or teams being nominated for selection.

Replacement in case of Withdrawals:

On certain occasions, South Africa might be called upon to replace individuals, combination of athletes or teams, which have withdrawn after obtaining qualification positions in some competitions. Acceptance of this replacement shall be in line with the prescripts of this selection policy.

Over and above the General Eligibility Criteria, SASCOC and SAGF agree on the following Sport Specific Selection Criteria:

5.1 Artistic Gymnastics

**Maximum Number of Athletes – 2 (1 man; 1 woman)
Slot is allocated to the NOC, not athlete.**

- 5.1.1 To be eligible to participate in the Youth Olympic Games, the male athletes must be born between 1 January 2001 and 31 December 2002. For female athletes they must be born between 1 January 2003 and 31 December 2003; and
- 5.1.2 Athletes must have participated in the Junior Continental Championship (or any other continental event approved by FIG); and

- 5.1.3 Athletes must have reached the minimum standards as defined in the FIG 2018 YOG Rules; and
- 5.1.4 Athletes must hold a valid FIG Licence until the end of the YOG 2018 Artistic Gymnastics competition; and
- 5.1.5 Qualification places obtained for the YOG will be allocated at the NOCs discretion; and
- 5.1.6 Athletes shall be best ranked at the qualification event based on quotas allocated by the FIG; and
- 5.1.7 Athletes who have participated at FIG senior competitions or multisport games (Continental and World cup) may not participate in the YOG;
- 5.1.8 World Qualification will take precedence over Continental Qualification. Where continental slots are to be considered, these will be informed by international rankings of the respective athletes being nominated for selection; and
- 5.1.9 Deadline for qualification shall be 31 July 2018

5.2 Rhythmic Gymnastics

**Maximum Number of Athletes – 1 woman
Slot is allocated to the NOC, not athlete.**

- 5.2.1 To be eligible to participate in the Youth Olympic Games, athletes must be born between 1 January 2003 and 31 December 2003; and
- 5.2.2 Athletes must have participated in the Junior Continental Championship (or any other continental event approved by FIG) between September 2017 and June 2018; and
- 5.2.3 Athletes must have reached the minimum standards as defined in the FIG 2018 YOG Rules; and
- 5.2.4 Athletes must hold a valid FIG Licence until the end of the YOG 2018 Rhythmic Gymnastics competition; and
- 5.2.5 Qualification places obtained for the YOG will be allocated at the NOCs discretion for individuals and groups; and
- 5.2.6 Athletes and/ or group shall be the best ranked at the qualification event based on quotas allocated by FIG; and
- 5.2.7 Athletes who have participated at FIG senior competitions or multisport games (Continental and World cup) may not participate in the YOG; and
- 5.2.8 All qualified athletes for the YOG must compete in the multi-discipline event;
- 5.2.9 World Qualification will take precedence over Continental Qualification. Where continental slots are to be considered, these will be informed by international rankings of the respective athletes being nominated for selection; and
- 5.2.10 Deadline for qualification shall be 31 July 2018.

5.3 Trampoline

**Maximum Number of Athletes – 2 (1 man; 1 woman)
Slot is allocated to the NOC, not athlete.**

- 5.3.1 To be eligible to participate in the Youth Olympic Games, all athletes must be born between 1 January 2001 and 31 December 2002; and

- 5.3.2 Athletes must have participated in the Junior Continental Championship (or any other continental event approved by FIG) between September 2017 and June 2018; and
- 5.3.3 Athletes must have reached the minimum standards as defined in the FIG 2018 YOG Rules; and
- 5.3.4 Athletes must hold a valid FIG Licence until the end of the YOG 2018 Trampoline Gymnastics competition; and
- 5.3.5 Qualification places obtained for the YOG will be allocated at the NOCs discretion; and
- 5.3.6 Athletes shall be the best ranked at the qualification event based on quotas allocated by FIG; and
- 5.3.7 Athletes who have participated at FIG senior competitions or multisport games (continental and world cup) may not participate in the YOG; and
- 5.3.8 World Qualification will take precedence over Continental Qualification. Where continental slots are to be considered, these will be informed by international rankings of the respective athletes being nominated for selection, and
- 5.3.9 Deadline for qualification shall be 31 July 2018.

5.4 Acrobatic Gymnastics

**Maximum Number of Athletes – 2 (1 pair) (1 man; 1 woman)
Slot is allocated to the NOC, not athlete.**

- 5.4.1 To be eligible to participate in the Youth Olympic Games, all athletes must be born between 1 January 2000 and 31 December 2003; and
 - 5.4.2 Athletes must have participated in the 2018 Acrobatic Gymnastics World Championships (World Age Group competition) in Antwerp (BEL) from 5th to 8th April 2018; and
 - 5.4.3 Athletes must have reached the minimum standards as defined in the FIG 2018 YOG Rules; and
 - 5.4.4 Athletes must hold a valid FIG Licence until the end of the YOG 2018 Acrobatic Gymnastics competition; and
 - 5.4.5 Qualification places obtained for the YOG will be allocated at the NOCs discretion; and
 - 5.4.6 Athletes shall be the best ranked at the qualification event based on quotas allocated by FIG; and
 - 5.4.7 Athletes who have participated at FIG senior competitions or multisport games (continental and world cup) may not participate in the YOG; and
 - 5.4.8 World Qualification will take precedence over Continental Qualification. Where continental slots are to be considered, these will be informed by international rankings of the respective athletes being nominated for selection.
 - 5.4.9 Deadline for qualification shall be 31 July 2018.
- 5.5 It is specifically recorded that irrespective of the provisions referred to in Clauses 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4 and all sub clauses above, **no athlete, irrespective of the international federation qualification, is guaranteed selection even if qualified.** Final selection and confirmation of participation for Team South Africa for the 2018 Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Games shall vest with SASCOC.

ALL NOCs ARE CAPPED TO ONLY TAKE A MAXIMUM OF 75 INDIVIDUAL ATHLETES. QUALIFYING FOR THE YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES DOES NOT AUTOMATICALLY IMPLY THAT ATHLETES WILL GO TO THE GAMES. SASCOC WILL MAKE THE FINAL SELECTION OF THE TEAM ONCE EVERYONE HAS COMPLETED THEIR QUALIFICATION PERIOD.

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