



Technical Regulations 2010 Youth Olympic Games Athletics Competition

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TECHNICAL REGULATIONS FOR 2010 YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has decided to organise in Singapore, from 14-26 August 2010, the 1st Youth Olympic Games (YOG) for which a specific Organising Committee has been created (SYOGOC).

The Athletics Competition of the Youth Olympic Games shall be held on six days comprising two stages of three competition days each with a day for cultural activities between the two stages. All athletes shall compete in both stages, except in the Race Walk and Medley Relay events where athletes will only compete once. During the whole Youth Olympic Games an extensive Culture and Education Programme will be organised for the athletes in which the IAAF encourages athletes to participate.

- 1.2 The programme will be as follows:

Stage 1 - Qualification

Athletics	Day 1
Athletics	Day 2
Athletics	Day 3

“Other activities” Day 4

Stage 2 - Finals

Athletics	Day 5
Athletics	Day 6
Athletics	Day 7

IAAF, SYOGOC and IOC will decide on the final schedule based on this principle and in the best interest of the YOG

- 1.3 Athletics events of the YOG shall comprise the following 36 events:
18 for Boys and 18 for Girls:

Boys

100 metres	110m Hurdles	Triple Jump
200 metres	400m Hurdles	Shot Put 5kg
400 metres	Medley Relay 100- 200-300-400m	Discus Throw 1.5kg
1000 metres	High Jump	Hammer Throw 5kg
3000 metres	Pole Vault	Javelin Throw 700g
2000m Steeplechase	Long Jump	10,000m Race Walk

Girls

100 metres	100m Hurdles	Triple Jump
200 metres	400m Hurdles	Shot Put 4kg
400 metres	Medley Relay 100- 200-300-400m	Discus Throw 1kg
1000 metres	High Jump	Hammer Throw 4kg
3000 metres	Pole Vault	Javelin Throw 600g
2000m Steeple chase	Long Jump	5000m Race Walk

2. PARTICIPATION

2.1 Invitation to Participate

All National Olympic Committees, hereafter called "NOC" shall be invited to participate in the Youth Olympic Games.

2.2 Total Number of Athletes

The quota of athletes for the Youth Olympic Games Athletics Competition has been set by the IOC at 680.

2.3 Entries

2.3.1 A maximum of one athlete per NOC can compete in each individual event (for Relays see 2.5).

2.3.2 An athlete may only compete in one individual event plus the Medley Relay.

2.4 Selection of Athletes

2.4.1 The selection of athletes shall be made during the five Area/Continental Youth Championships (or selection competitions) which have taken place in the same year as the Youth Olympic Games (see 4).

2.4.2 544 athletes will be selected on the basis of their performances achieved at the Area/Continental Championships (see 2.4.4). In total 16 athletes by event will be selected for each of the 34 individual events (for Relays, see 2.5).

2.4.3 The host NOC will have the opportunity to enter a maximum of 10 athletes in the YOG.

2.4.4 The remaining 126 athletes may participate, regardless of performance, in the event of their choice (with the exception of the field events, unless specifically agreed by the Event Delegate). Their places will be allocated via the "universality places". The process for the allocation of these places has been defined by the IOC to ensure that all NOCs have a minimum delegation of four athletes in the YOG. The places will be allocated by the IOC in consultation with the NOCs and IAAF.

2.4.5 After the 2009 World Youth Championships (Südtirol, July), the IAAF published the number of positions available for each event by Area. This number takes into account the results achieved by athletes of these Areas during the three last World Youth Championships (2005 Marrakech, Morocco - 2007 Ostrava, Czech Republic and 2009 Südtirol, Italy), with a minimum of one athlete per Area.

2.5 Relays

The five continental teams comprised of athletes who have already been selected in individual events, shall compete in the relay events.

- 2.6 Age Categories**
Only athletes aged 16 or 17 on 31 December in the year of the competition (that is, for the 2010 Games, born in 1993 or 1994) may compete.
- 2.7 Date of Birth Verification**
The verification of the athletes' dates of birth will be the responsibility of the NOCs which will determine the most appropriate way to verify each participant's age.
- 2.8 Entries by Name**
Entry deadline by name for the athletes listed under 2.4.2 and 2.4.4 is 15th of July 2010.
- 2.9 Confirmation of Entries**
Unless otherwise specified in the Team Manual, confirmation of the entries must be made by the time of the Technical Meeting.

3. AUTHORITY AND DUTIES OF THE IOC AND THE IAAF

- 3.1 The IOC shall:**
- 3.1.1 decide the venue and date of the Youth Olympic Games;
 - 3.1.2 establish the composition of the Local Organising Committee (LOC);
 - 3.1.3 decide the financial aspects: quota – number of IF representatives – payment of accommodation expenses and travel expenses;
 - 3.1.4 approve the qualification system based on IAAF proposal.
- 3.2 The IAAF Council shall:**
- 3.2.1 approve, jointly with the IOC, the Regulations of the Athletics Competition of the Youth Olympic Games;
 - 3.2.2 decide the technical aspects jointly with the IOC: namely, the timetable of events and the list of throwing implements to be used,
 - 3.2.3 appoint the IF Representatives:
 - 3.2.3.1 one Event Delegate;
 - 3.2.3.2 eight ITOs (International Technical Officials) selected from the IAAF Panel;
 - 3.2.3.3 three members of the Jury of Appeal and its Secretary;
 - 3.2.3.4 one English speaking Announcer and one French speaking Announcer;
 - 3.2.3.5 one International Photo Finish Judge selected from the IAAF Panel;
 - 3.2.3.6 five International Race Walking judges selected from the IAAF and/or Area Panels;

3.2.3.7 one International Starter selected from the IAAF Panel;

3.2.3.8 one Statistician.

4. AREA / CONTINENTAL PHASE

4.1 Principles

4.1.1 Area/Continental Youth Championships (or selection competitions) shall be organised in each of the five Areas/Continents.

4.1.2 These competitions shall be organised at the latest by 31 May 2010 - preferably during 3-5 April or 22-24 May 2010.

4.1.3 The host cities of the Area/Continental Youth Championships (or selection competitions) are chosen by the Area Associations.

4.1.4 All the IAAF Member Federations will be invited to participate, even those which do not have a NOC: Anguilla (AIA), Gibraltar (GIB), Macao (MAC), Montserrat (MNT), Norfolk Island (NFI), Northern Marianas (NMI), French Polynesia (PYF) and Turks and Caicos (TKS). It is important to note however that athletes from those Member Federations will not be eligible to participate in the YOG.

4.2 Organisation

4.2.1 The Area Associations shall be responsible for the organisation of their respective Championships/Competitions.

4.2.2 The financial aspects of the Area/Continental phase shall be notified under separate cover. It shall include the conditions of financial support to the host countries for the organisation and to the competing teams for the travel and accommodation costs for a set number of athletes (see 4.2.3), as well as one accompanying person per country.

4.2.3 The principal criterion to determine the set number of athletes whose costs are to be covered shall be based on the countries which have participated in the three previous World Youth Championships.

5. DELEGATES AND OFFICIALS

5.1 General

5.1.1 IOC will cover IAAF representatives' costs, as shown below. Travel and accommodation expenses shall be paid in accordance with IOC procedures described in the YOG Event Manual.

5.1.2 No IAAF Delegate listed under 3.2.3 may be a member of his NOC's delegation.

5.1.3 All IAAF Representatives shall act in conformity with current IAAF Rules, Regulations and Guidelines and the IOC Charter.

5.2 International Delegates and Officials appointed by the IAAF

5.2.1 One Event Delegate (ED)

Shall be appointed at least 18 months before the Competition. Shall act in conformity with IAAF Rules as well as IOC and IAAF Guidelines. In particular, shall:

- prepare the timetable, which shall have been drawn up together with LOC and been given to the relevant television authorities for comment;
- specify the make and type of implements to be used (which must have IAAF certification).
- ensure that all technical equipment is checked and conforms to IAAF requirements;
- chair the Technical Meeting.

IOC shall bear the expenses of the Event Delegate for not more than five days before the Competition until two days after the Competition and for one preliminary visit as per YOG Event Manual.

SYOGOC shall bear the expenses of the Event Delegate for additional preliminary visits whenever deemed necessary jointly by SYOGOC and IAAF for the successful staging of the Competition.

5.2.2 Three Members of the Jury of Appeal

They shall be appointed one year before the Competition. A Chairman of the Jury and a permanent Secretary to the Jury shall also be appointed. They will act according to their duties defined in IAAF Competition Rules 119 and 146.

SYOGOC shall bear the expenses of the members of the Jury of Appeal for a period of not more than two days before the Competition until one day after the Competition.

5.2.3 One English and one French speaking Announcer

They shall be appointed one year before the Competition. They will act according to their duties defined in IAAF Competition Rule 134.

SYOGOC shall bear the expenses of the Announcer(s) for a period of not more than two days before the Competition until one day after the Competition.

5.2.4 Eight International Technical Officials (ITOs)

They shall be appointed one year before the Competition and shall be selected from the IAAF Panel. They will act according to their duties defined in IAAF Competition Rule 115.

SYOGOC shall bear the expenses of the ITOs for a period of not more than two days before the Competition until one day after the Competition.

5.2.5 One International Photo Finish Judge (IPFJ)

The International Photo Finish Judge shall be appointed one year before the Competition and shall be selected from the IAAF Panel. He shall supervise all photo finish functions and act in conformity with

IAAF Rules 118 and 165. The photo finish image should be read by a team of three persons:

- the International Photo Finish Judge
- one official proposed by SYOGOC;
- one person proposed by the appointed timing company.

SYOGOC shall bear the expenses of the IPFJ for a period of two days before the Competition until one day after the Competition.

5.2.6 **Five Race Walking Judges (IRWJs or ARWJs)**

They shall be appointed one year before the Competition and shall be selected from the IAAF/Area Panels. They will act according to their duties defined in IAAF Competition Rule 116 and 230.

SYOGOC shall bear the expenses of the IRWJs/ARWJs for a period of not more than two days before the Competition until one day after the Competition.

5.2.7 **One International Starter**

The International Starter shall be appointed one year before the Competition and shall be selected from the IAAF Panel. He will act according to the duties defined in IAAF Competition Rules 118, 129 and 162.

SYOGOC shall bear the expenses of the International Starter for a period of two days before the Competition until one day after the Competition.

5.3 **National Competition Officials**

SYOGOC through the relevant National Member Federation is responsible for the appointment of all National Technical Officials, whose competence must be guaranteed and confirmed by the Event Delegate. The Referees must be approved by the IAAF Event Delegate.

The National Member Federation and the IAAF shall educate the National Technical Officials, who should not be more than 25 years old (30 for Referees) during the year of the YOG.

6. TECHNICAL MATTERS AND REQUIREMENTS

6.1 **Facilities**

6.1.1 **Main Stadium**

The Youth Olympic Games Athletics Competition shall be held in a stadium conforming in all respects with the requirements of IAAF Rules.

The main stadium must be fully equipped with facilities and implements for which a current IAAF Certificate of Approval exists.

The track must hold a Class 1 IAAF Athletics Facility Certificate.

6.1.2 **Warm-Up Facility**

It is mandatory that there be a Warm-Up facility, including a separate

area for Long Throws within close distance of the stadium.

6.1.3 **Training Areas**

Adequate training facilities must be provided to ensure training possibilities for all events at appropriate times. The ED shall inspect and decide upon the most suitable facilities during the Site Visit(s).

6.1.4 **Technical Offices and Rooms**

A number of technical and functional offices and rooms must be provided by SYOGOC. These include:

- **Call Rooms** at the warm-up facility and in the main stadium;
- a **Post Event Area** including a Mixed Zone for flash interviews and a clothes collection area;
- an assembly area for the **Medal Ceremonies**;
- a **Doping Control Station**, the location and layout of which needs to be agreed with the Anti-Doping Delegate;
- a **Technical Information Centre (TIC)** located at the Stadium;
- **Event Information Desks (EIDs)** located at the athletes' accommodation venue(s);
- **Coaches Seating** close to the field event sites reserved by SYOGOC for the Field Events coaches (such seats cannot be sold and access can be granted by form of a pass or tickets);
- **Seating** for the Teams.

The Event Delegate shall inspect and decide upon the most suitable solutions during the Site Visit(s).

6.2 **Technical Services**

6.2.1 **Timing**

A Fully Automatic Timing and Photo Finish system must be used. Starting blocks must be fitted with approved false start detection apparatus, which must have an automatic recall system. (IAAF Rules 161 and 165).

6.2.2 **Measurement**

Scientific distance measuring equipment must be provided and shall be used as appropriate.

6.2.3 **Video Recording**

It is mandatory that a dedicated video system of good quality be provided to record all events in order that the Jury of Appeal may check the video if there is an appeal (IAAF Rule 150).

6.2.4 **Video Board**

It is recommended that the OM/LOC obtain and pay for a video board in the stadium for the public showing of the television signal. The recommended size is at least 48m². There should also be an electronic scoreboard to display results.

6.2.5 **Public Address System**

The main stadium must be provided with a suitable sound system for public address and event presentation purposes.

6.3 Technical conduct of the competition

6.3.1 100m - 200m - 400m – 1000m – 3000m - 100/110mH - 400mH – 2000m SC

There will be two rounds for each event; Round 1/Qualification to be held in stage 1 and Finals to be held in stage 2.

In all events, one, two or three heats (or more, if necessary) will be arranged in Round 1 depending on the final number of entries. From results achieved in Round 1, athletes will be placed in A, B or C (or additional) Finals, in accordance with procedures to be determined by the Event Delegate.

Final placings in each discipline will be determined by the placings in the Final with the top placings determined from the A Final and subsequent placings determined from the B Final, C Final, etc.

6.3.2 Race Walking – Medley Relay

The Race Walk and Medley Relay events will be straight Finals.

6.3.3 High Jump, Pole Vault, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Shot, Discus, Hammer, Javelin

There will be two rounds for each event; a Qualification Round to be held in stage 1 and a Final to be held in stage 2. From the results achieved in the Qualification Round, athletes will be placed in an A or B Final.

Final placings in each discipline will be determined by the placings in the Final with the top placings determined from the A Final and subsequent placings determined from the B Final.

In both the Qualification Round and Finals of all field events, except for Pole Vault and High Jump, all athletes will receive four (4) trials.

In Pole Vault and High Jump, normal IAAF Rules will apply.

6.4 Implements

6.4.1 Official Implements List

The ED, in conjunction with SYOGOC, and based on the implements most commonly used, shall determine a list of Official Implements which SYOGOC shall provide to the athletes free of charge. In principle a minimum of four items shall be required for each implement.

The technical specifications of the implements for the Boys and Girls are as in IAAF Rules 188 (Shot), 189 (Discus), 191 (Hammer) and 193 (Javelin).

6.4.2 Additional Implements

Further Implements may be added to the approved list if requested by Member Federations directly or by Manufacturers with the endorsement of a Member Federation (by a deadline set by the Event Delegate) and if supplied to SYOGOC free of charge (by a deadline set by the Event Delegate). However, all such implements must have IAAF certification and be approved by the Event Delegate.

6.4.3 **Personal Implements**

Personal implements may be allowed, providing they have IAAF certification, they are not on the official list and have been checked in accordance with the Event Delegate's instructions. These implements must be available for use by all participants, until the end of the Final of that event.

6.5 **Equipment**

6.5.1 **Competition Equipment**

All Competition Equipment must be in accordance with current IAAF Rules.

6.5.2 **Equipment for warm-up and training areas**

SYOGOC must provide adequate and sufficient equipment for all warm-up and training venues.

6.5.3 **Height of hurdles**

The height of the hurdles shall be according to IAAF Rule 168.

6.6 **Medley Relay**

The order will be as follows:

1st leg: 100m;

2nd leg: 200m;

3rd leg: 300m;

4th leg: 400m.

The first two legs will be run in lanes and the third leg shall keep within the lanes until the break line at the beginning of the back straight. From this point, runners may leave their respective lanes.

6.7 **Team Manual**

SYOGOC is responsible for the production of a Team Manual, in close co-operation with the IAAF and IOC. The Team Manual should be posted on SYOGOC website (and be available for download) prior to the competition and NOCs informed.

6.8 **Technical Meeting**

Prior to the first day of the Competition, a Technical Meeting will be held which not more than two representatives (and, if necessary, an interpreter) from each delegation may attend. Delegations shall be given due notice of the place and time of the meeting. SYOGOC shall provide translation in English and French.

6.9 **Athletes' Bibs**

The athletes' bibs (including those for the medal ceremonies), will be provided by SYOGOC.