



**Technical Regulations  
2018 Youth Olympic Games  
Athletics Competition  
Buenos Aires, ARG**

**As at 17 June 2017**

# TECHNICAL REGULATIONS for the 2018 YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES (YOG)

## 1. GENERAL

- 1.1 The 3rd Youth Olympic Games (YOG) will be staged in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 6-18 October 2018, for which a specific organising committee has been established – the Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Games Organising Committee (BAYOGOC).

The Athletics Competition of the YOG shall be held on six days (11-17 October) comprising two stages of three competition days each. All athletes shall compete in both stages. During the YOG, an extensive Culture and Education Programme will be organised for the athletes in which the IAAF encourages athletes to participate.

- 1.2 The programme of Athletics will be as follows:

### Stage 1

Athletics	Day 1
Athletics	Day 2
Athletics	Day 3

### Stage 2

Athletics	Day 4
Athletics	Day 5
Athletics	Day 6

### Relay Competition (Exhibition)

Qualification and Final	Day 7
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IAAF, BAYOGOC and IOC will decide on the final schedule based on this principle and in the best interests of the YOG.

- 1.3 Athletics events of the YOG shall comprise the following 38 events (19 for Boys, 19 for Girls):

#### **Boys**

100m	110m Hurdles	Shot Put 5kg
200m	400m Hurdles	Discus Throw 1.5kg
400m	High Jump	Hammer Throw 5kg
800m	Pole Vault	Javelin Throw 700g
1500m	Long Jump	5000m Race Walk
3000m, 2000mSC	Triple Jump	Cross Country

#### **Girls**

100m	100m Hurdles	Shot Put 3kg
200m	400m Hurdles	Discus Throw 1kg
400m	High Jump	Hammer Throw 3kg
800m	Pole Vault	Javelin Throw 500g
1500m	Long Jump	5000m Race Walk
3000m 2000mSC	Triple Jump	Cross Country

#### **Mixed**

*8 x 100m Relay (Exhibition event)*

## 2. PARTICIPATION

### 2.1 Invitation to Participate

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

### 2.2 Total Number of Athletes

The quota of athletes for the YOG Athletics Competition has been set by the IOC at 680. Based on results of the past two IAAF World U18 Championships, the IAAF shall determine the number of athletes to compete in each event from each of the five Area Associations.

### 2.3 Entries

2.3.1 A maximum of one athlete per NOC can compete in each individual event.

2.3.2 An athlete may only compete in one individual event except for athletes in 1500m, 3000m and 2000mSC where all athletes shall compete in a Cross-Country race in addition to their track race.

### 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 or approved selection criteria) which have taken place in the same year as the YOG (see 4).

2.4.2 680 athletes will be selected on the basis of their performances achieved at the Area/Continental Championships (or selection competitions or approved selection criteria - see 2.4.1).

2.4.3 The host NOC will have the opportunity to enter a minimum of 4 athletes (2 boys and 2 girls) in the YOG within the overall quota.

2.4.4 After the 2017 World U18 Championships in Nairobi (KEN), the IAAF will publish the number of positions available for each event by Area/Continent. This number will take into account the best two results achieved by athletes of these Areas during the last three World Youth/U18 Championships with a minimum of one athlete per Area.

2.4.5 The number of participating athletes per event shall be as follows:

DISCIPLINE	Total Number of Athletes per Event (Boys)	Total Number of Athletes per Event (Girls)
100m	32	32
200m	24	24
400m	24	24
800m	24	24
1500m / Cross Country	18	18
3000m / Cross Country	18	18
110mH	22	22
400mH	16	16
2000mSC / Cross Country	18	18
High Jump	16	16
Pole Vault	16	16
Long Jump	16	16
Triple Jump	16	16
Shot Put	16	16
Discus Throw	16	16
Hammer Throw	16	16
Javelin Throw	16	16
5000m Race Walk	16	16
<b>Totals</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>340</b>

## **2.5 Relays**

All athletes participating in the YOG shall also be expected to participate in the 8 x 100m Exhibition Mixed Relay.

## **2.6 Age Categories**

Only athletes aged 16 or 17 on 31 December in the year of the competition (that is, for the 2018 YOG, born in 2001 or 2002) 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 is 31 August 2018.

## **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 YOG;
- 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 the IAAF proposal.

## **3.2 The IAAF shall:**

- 3.2.1 approve, jointly with the IOC, the Regulations of the Athletics Competition of the YOG;
- 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 following 25 IF Representatives:
  - 3.2.3.1 one Event Delegate,
  - 3.2.3.2 two Technical Delegates,
  - 3.2.3.3 one Chief and seven International Technical Officials (ITOs) selected from the IAAF Panel,
  - 3.2.3.4 three members of the Jury of Appeal and one Jury Secretary,
  - 3.2.3.5 one English-speaking Announcer,
  - 3.2.3.6 one International Photo Finish Judge selected from the IAAF Panel,
  - 3.2.3.7 one Chief and five Race Walking Judges selected from the IAAF and/or Area Panels,
  - 3.2.3.8 one International Starter selected from the IAAF Panel,
  - 3.2.3.9 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. Alternatively, approved selection criteria may be used.

- 4.1.2 These competitions shall be conducted at the latest by 31 July 2018.
- 4.1.3 The host cities of the Area/Continental Youth Championships (or selection competitions) and the date(s) on which they will be held or approved selection criteria shall be confirmed by the Area Associations to the IAAF by 31 October 2017.
- 4.1.4 All IAAF Member Federations will be invited to participate, even those which do not have an NOC, viz: 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 or to take up quota places.

## 4.2 Organisation

- 4.2.1 The Area Associations shall be responsible for the organisation of their respective qualification competition or determination of selection criteria.
- 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.

## 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 The IOC shall pay the costs of one pre-YOG visit for one IAAF Representative.  
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Any additional visits, if required, shall be agreed between the IAAF and BAYOGOC and the costs paid by BAYOGOC.
- 5.1.3 No IAAF Delegate listed under 3.2.3 may be a member of his NOC's delegation.
- 5.1.4 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 throwing 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 one day after the Competition and for two preliminary visits as per YOG Event Manual.

**5.2.2 Two Technical Delegates (TD)**

They shall be appointed one year before the Competition and shall assist the Event Delegate with the successful running of the competition.

BAYOGOC shall bear the expenses of the Technical Delegates for a period of two days before the Competition until one day after the Competition.

**5.2.3 One Chief and Seven 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.

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

**5.2.4 Three Members of the Jury of Appeal and One Jury Secretary**

The members of the Jury, one of which shall serve as Chairman, shall be appointed one year before the Competition. They will act according to their duties as defined in IAAF Competition Rules 119 and 146.

BAYOGOC shall bear the expenses of the members of the Jury of Appeal for a period of two days before the Competition until one day after the Competition.

A Secretary to the Jury of Appeal shall be appointed one year before the Competition.

BAYOGOC shall bear the expenses of the Jury Secretary for a period of two days before the Competition until one day after the Competition.

**5.2.5 One English-speaking Announcer**

The announcer shall be appointed one year before the Competition.

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

**5.2.6 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.

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

**5.2.7 One Chief and 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.

BAYOGOC shall bear the expenses of the IRWJs/ARWJs for a period of two days before the Competition until one day after the Competition.

**5.2.8 One International Starter (IS)**

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, 162.

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

**5.2.9 One Statistician**

The Statistician shall be appointed one year before the Competition.

BAYOGOC shall bear the expenses of the Statistician for a period of five days before the Competition until one day after the Competition.

**5.3 National Competition Officials**

BAYOGOC 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 YOG Athletics Competition shall be held in a stadium conforming in all respects with the requirements of IAAF Rules.

The main stadium facility must be fully in accordance with the current IAAF rules and specifications in the IAAF Track and Field Facilities Manual and 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 proximity to 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 BAYOGOC in the main stadium. These include:

- **Call Rooms** at the warm-up facility and in the main stadium;
- **Post Event Area** including a Mixed Zone for flash interviews and a clothes collection area;
- **Award Ceremonies waiting area;**
- **Doping Control Station**, the location and layout of which needs to be agreed with the Anti-Doping Delegate;
- **Medical Centre;**
- **Technical Information Centre (TIC)** located at the Stadium;
- **Competition Information Desks (CIDs)** located at the athletes' accommodation venue(s);
- **Coaches Seating** close to the field event sites reserved by BAYOGOC 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;
- **Equipment storage;**

- **Technical Officials Lounge;**
- **ITO Lounge (also for use by IS, IPFJ, IRWJs);**
- **Event and Technical Delegates Observation and working room;**
- **Photo-finish booth;**
- **Video Distance Measurement (VDM) Room (if applicable);**
- **On Venue Results (OVR) Room;**
- **Jury of Appeal Room for six persons;**
- **Video Recording room;**
- **Competition Directors booth;**
- **Event Presentation booth,** ideally together with the Competition Director;
- **Press Tribune;**
- **Press Centre;**
- **IAAF President's Lounge.**

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

#### 6.1.5 **Cross Country Course**

A loop course of approximately 1000m with undulating surface is required. The design of the course should avoid lengthy straight sections and should include natural obstacles and hills. The length of the cross-country race should be between 4-6km.

### 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 certified 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 to assist the Referees in their decision making and in order that the Jury of Appeal may check the video if there is an appeal (IAAF Rule 150).

A Video Judge shall also be appointed by BAYOGOC.

#### 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 48m<sup>2</sup>. 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 - 800m - 100/110mH - 400mH – Race Walk**

There will be two stages of competition with all athletes competing in both. The performance of each athlete in both stages will be added together to determine the overall final placings.

In Stage 1, except for the Race Walk, the heats will be arranged using the IAAF seeding rules. Where applicable, the results of all



heats will be combined and the athletes' times will determine their allocation to the Stage 2 heats.

In Stage 2, the top eight athletes from Stage 1 will compete in the last heat. The remaining athletes will be spread equally over the other heats according to their times in Stage 1.

For the Race Walk events, there shall be one race only at each stage, and the Pit Lane rule, according to IAAF Rule 230.7(b), will be used.

Athletes who did not start (DNS), did not finish (DNF) or were disqualified (DQ) for a technical reason in Stage 1, may compete in Stage 2.

**6.3.2 1500m – 3000m – 2000mSC - Cross Country**

In Stage 1, all athletes will compete in one heat of their individual event.

In Stage 2, all athletes will compete in a Cross-Country race (exact distances to be determined) with one boys race and one girls race.

The placings of athletes in each individual event and in the Cross-Country event will be added to determine the overall final placings with the athlete having the lowest total score being the overall winner (i.e. an athlete placing 2nd in the 3000m and 4th in the Cross-Country race will receive 6 points which will count as his total score). For that purpose, the results of the Cross-Country will be adjusted to reflect a separate ranking for the 1500m, 3000m and 2000mSC participant respectively.

**6.3.4 High Jump, Pole Vault, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Shot Put, Discus Throw, Hammer Throw, Javelin Throw**

There will be two stages with all athletes competing in one group in both. The performance of each athlete in both stages will be added together to determine the overall final placings.

In both Stages of all Field Events, except for Pole Vault and High Jump, all athletes will receive four (4) trials. There will be no change of order after three trials.

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

**6.3.5 Ties**

Except in the 1500m, 3000m and 2000mSC, in the event of the same result in the overall ranking, it shall be resolved in favour of the athlete who achieve a better performance. If then the athletes still remain equal, it shall be determined to be a tie.

In the case of the 1500m, 3000m and 2000mSC, the athlete who finished nearer to first place in the Cross-Country race shall be awarded the higher place.

**6.3.5 8 x 100m Mixed Relay - Exhibition event**

The 8 x 100m Mixed Relay shall be a shuttle relay with the baton passed from a static position and run entirely in lanes. Teams shall consist of four boys and four girls mixing athletes from different NOCs and disciplines. Selection of team members shall be completely random. (See separate guidelines attached.)

**6.4 Implements**

**6.4.1 Official Implements List**

The ED, in conjunction with BAYOGOC, and based on the implements most commonly used, shall determine a list of Official Implements which NOCYOG 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 BAYOGOC free of charge (by a deadline set by the ED). However, all such implements must have IAAF certification and be approved by the ED.

#### **6.4.3 Personal Implements**

Personal implements complying with IAAF Rule 187.1 may be allowed providing they are not on the official list and have been checked in accordance with the ED'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**

BAYOGOC 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 Rules 168 and 169.

### **6.6 Team Manual**

BAYOGOC 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 the BAYOGOC website (and be available for download) prior to the competition and NOCs informed.

### **6.7 Technical Meeting**

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

### **6.8 Athletes' Bibs**

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

### **6.9 Medals**

Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be presented in each individual event and the Distance Events to the first three placed athletes in the overall ranking.

Each athlete will be presented their medal, followed by the national anthem of the first placed athlete together with the raising of the flags of the respective countries. In all cases, the medals will be presented in ascending order: third, second, first.

For the relay event, no Medal Ceremony will be held.