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2012: IT'S INNSBRUCK!

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On 13 January 2012 the Olympic Movement will gather for the Opening Ceremony of the 1st Winter Youth Olympic Games (YOG) in Innsbruck, Austria. The reaction in Innsbruck to the announcement made by IOC President Jacques Rogge in December was more than enthusiastic.

"This is so amazing! I could hardly sleep last night, because I was so excited about the result," said 14-year old student and skier Maria Bergmann from Innsbruck, who came with her classmates to hear the announcement. "Taking part in an Olympic Games is the dream of every young athlete. With the Winter Youth Olympic Games in Innsbruck we will have the chance to participate in such an event and even better, it will all be happening in our home country. I can't wait for 2012."

Situated in the heart of the Alps and surrounded by impressive mountains, Innsbruck's geographical location is extraordinary. The city is also famous for its extremely varied sports opportunities and facilities. The competitions will be held in two main venues, Innsbruck and the region of Seefeld, which is just 20 minutes away. Most of the facilities are already established and fulfil all the necessary requirements. A new Olympic Village will be built to accommodate the more than 1,000 young athletes expected from over 70 nations.

The Youth Olympic Games will not only be about sports competition. There will also be an integrated "Culture and Education Programme" (CEP) aiming to bring together not only the athletic community but also young people from around the world. Interactive workshops

are also planned, including an innovative multimedia-reporting project, which will be implemented by young people for young people.

With Innsbruck, the IOC has found a strong and experienced partner to host the first edition of the Winter Youth Olympic Games. Following the Olympic Games in 1964 and again in 1976 this will be the third Olympic event to be held in the capital of Tyrol. Innsbruck has indeed already built up its reputation as a young and dynamic city for sports by hosting the 2005 Winter Universiad and the famous Air & Style Snowboard Contest.

"The 1st Winter Youth Olympic Games 2012 in Innsbruck will be a memorable and a unique experience for all involved," said Christoph Platzgummer, who headed up Innsbruck's 2012 bid.

Innsbruck is ready to go!

FOREWORD BY JACQUES ROGGE

A SPIRIT IN THE MAKING

Ever since the decision of the IOC in July 2007 to organise the Youth Olympic Games (YOG) we have steadily moved forward and the project is now in full speed, with two host cities on board: Singapore and Innsbruck.



The professionalism and enthusiasm of the Singapore Youth Olympic Games Organising Committee (SYOGOC) have been outstanding and assure us that all the athletes of the 1st Summer Games in 2010 will compete in the best of conditions.

We are thrilled that all Olympic Summer Sport International Federations have embraced the concept and have integrated high quality youth-driven sports events to the programme. This innovative approach includes not only new formats, but also integrates mixed gender and mixed National Olympic Committee (NOC) team events. This creativity together with a far reaching Culture and Education Programme will propose a unique and powerful introduction and celebration of Olympism to the young athletes of the world.

The exciting journey continues with the recent election of Innsbruck as host for the first Winter Games. Boasting great sports venues and a great experience in hosting sporting events this proud Tyrolean city will certainly deliver a top-notch event in 2012.

As the two cities prepare to play host to the youth of the world, NOCs have also embraced the spirit of the Games and are now gearing up to select and prepare those young athletes who will participate in this exciting new event!

INSPIRING YOUNG ATHLETES

Pernilla Wiberg brought her passion and outstanding experience in winter sports to the job of chairperson of the Evaluation Commission for the first Winter Youth Olympic Games. A four-time Olympian (with two gold and one silver medals), Wiberg's role as head of the Commission was to provide the voting IOC members with the information needed to select the city that will welcome the first winter edition of the youth sporting celebration. An active athlete in her youth, Wiberg com-

peted in athletics and basketball before concentrating on skiing at the age of 12.

WHAT DO THE WINTER YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES MEAN TO YOU?

I hope this event will inspire young athletes and provide them with answers to questions they have on sport related topics through the Culture and Education Programme. Sport seems to be less popular amongst young people today as there are many other distractions. I hope young people will look forward to taking part in this and in the long run continue to do sport and even promote sport to athletes younger than the 15 to 18 age group that these Games are aimed at.



WHAT EVENTS WERE YOU COMPETING IN WHEN YOU WERE IN THE 15 TO 18 AGE BRACKET AND WHAT DID THEY REPRESENT TO YOU?

I was lucky and was able to take part in a youth championship Alpine skiing event that was organised in Italy when I was 15. I remember that it was great to meet people from all around the world. It was also interesting to compare yourself to them athletically but the actual competing bit however was not that important. It was more exciting to be able to meet and talk to athletes from around the globe. This will also be the attraction at the Youth Olympic Games – on a much bigger scale!

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10 January 2009: SYOGOC held a vibrant ceremony to launch its emblem with 570 days to go!

CULTURE AND EDUCATION PROGRAMME (CEP)

An innovative element of the Youth Olympic Games alongside the sports competitions, the Culture and Education Programme (CEP)'s objective is to share the Olympic values with the young athletes as well as the youth of the whole world and to discuss important themes linked to the practice of sport. In autumn 2007, the International Olympic Committee President set up a group of specialists in sports education from inside and outside the Olympic Movement. This "Culture and Education Consultative Group(*)" has already met twice in Lausanne to first

define the framework and themes of the CEP and, more recently, to discuss the proposal to implement the Programme in Singapore in 2010 by the Organising Committee for the Youth Olympic Games in Singapore (SYOGOC). Furthermore, the IOC has met with various international organisations known for their youth activities, such as the World Scout Organisation, in order to learn from their experience.

The three central themes of the Programme are: the Olympic and Sports Movement; athletes' development; and their roles and responsibilities in sports

practice and society. This Programme will be run during the Games in the form of interactive workshops, forums and other various activities. Before and after the Games, the programme will be activated and spread further through web 2.0 type communication platforms.

(*)ANOC, ASOIF, CIPF, CIPC, CGF, FIG, ICSSPE, IOA, IOC Athletes Commission, IOC Commission for Culture and Olympic Education, IOC Medical Commission, ITF, OLYMPAFRICA, Panathlon International, UN, and WADA.

LEARNING AND SHARING

THE JOURNEY TO SINGAPORE

"We will deliver an exciting, meaningful and youth-centric experience. Besides competing in their sport, athletes will participate in a wide variety of Culture and Education Programme activities during their 12-day stay in Singapore" said Mr Goh Kee Nguan, Chief Executive Officer of SYOGOC.

But the YOG are more than just the 12 days from 14 to 26 August 2010. Various initiatives involving youths have already been launched to prepare for Singapore 2010.

"Friends@YOG" will be introduced in 2009 to create opportunities for youth around the world to connect with one another and to the YOG. 360 schools in Singapore will be paired up with schools selected by each participating National Olympic Committee (NOC). It will kick-start a long-term programme to promote learning and understanding between young people around the world.

To connect the youth of the world to the YOG, a youth website will be launched in 2009. Young people across the globe will be able to blog about their sports, chat about the latest trends and make friends, all that before the beginning of the Games.

A series of arts and culture festivals to celebrate YOG will also kick off in Singapore



in early 2009. Organised by the young people themselves, these events will encourage young people to take part in YOG activities and celebrate Singapore 2010.

Through the integrated Sport, Culture and Education Programme, the YOG will challenge and inspire young people to embrace, embody and express the Olympic values of Excellence, Friendship and Respect.

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SINGAPORE 2010 QUALIFICATION SYSTEMS PRINCIPLES

YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES QUALIFICATION PRINCIPLES – BALANCING UNIVERSALITY AND PERFORMANCE

The Youth Olympic Games (YOG) were created with the objective to reach out to young athletes world wide. The effective participation of all two hundred and five (205) National Olympic Committees (NOCs) is therefore a key factor in ensuring the universality of the YOG. The qualification systems are hence based on the two principles of universality and performance.

Universality

To ensure that universality is respected in individual sports, places have been reserved in the qualification system for

each sport so that at least 4 athletes per NOC (referred to as *NOC Universality Places*) will be given the possibility to participate in the YOG. Early 2009, NOCs with least participation in the last two Summer Olympic Games will be asked to provide a list of the preferred sports and disciplines in which they would like to enter their 4 athletes, in at least 2 different sports and with a balanced gender repartition.

Furthermore, in order to enable every NOC to participate, the maximum number of athletes per delegation has been limited to 70 for individual sports, with a maximum number of athletes per NOC within each sport, discipline or event.

The team sports will be organised in a six-team tournament, thus enabling the 5 continents to be represented at the

YOG. For team sports (Football, Handball, Hockey and Volleyball) (*), the best national team of each continent will have the honour of representing its continent at the YOG. The sixth team shall represent the host NOC or be proposed by the IF for IOC approval. Participation in team sports shall be limited to one women's and one men's team per NOC across all team sports, as well as one men's or one women's host country team in each sport.

Performance

To ensure performance, Qualification Systems have been developed by each of the 26 Summer Sports International Federations (IF), which will allow for the participation of the best athletes through a fair and transparent process. Existing

Junior/Youth events at the global or continental level and/or rankings are used for qualification.

See the summary of all Qualification Systems attached as a folding poster at the centre of this newsletter.

In total, 3,594 athletes will be able to qualify for the YOG, be it through their performance or via universality places.

"The aggregation of the Qualification Systems proposed by the IFs is indeed innovative allowing for universality all the while ensuring that the best young athletes in the world will compete in Singapore" said Gilbert Felli, Olympic Games Executive Director.

(*) Basketball, for Qualification purposes, is considered as an individual sport.

2010 YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES - SPORTS PROGRAMME AND SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATION SYSTEMS

IF	SPORT - DISCIPLINE	EVENTS	QUOTA				NOC QUOTA	AGE GROUP	QUALIFICATION SYSTEM		
			Qualified via IF	NOC Universality Places	Host Country Places	Total			Qualifying Events	Procedure	
FINA	Aquatics – Diving	4	Individual 3m springboard (M&W) Individual 10m platform (M&W)	36	8	4	48	1 M and 1 W	1/1/93 - 31/12/94	One dedicated qualification event in 2010	9 best ranked athletes in each event will qualify their respective NOC.
	Aquatics – Swimming	34	M: 16 individual events, W: 16 individual events, 2 mixed gender relays	280	112	8	400	4 M and 4 W	1/1/92 - 31/12/93 (M) 1/1/93 - 31/12/94 (W)	FINA 2009 WC (for NOC quotas) and sanctioned events in 2009/2010 (for qualification times)	NOC team ranking at FINA 2009 WC and achievement of qualification times establishes number of athletes qualified per NOC. Top 16 teams qualify max of 8 athletes, while lower ranked teams qualify a max of 4 or 2 athletes. Selected athletes can achieve qualification times at all events sanctioned by FINA.
FITA	Archery	3	Recurve Individual (M&W), Mixed gender and NOCs team event	46	16	2	64	1 M and 1 W	1/1/92 - 31/12/93	Special qualifying competition at 2009 YWC and 5 continental qualification tournaments in 2009 and 2010	17 places at YWC allocated to NOCs of highest ranked archers. 6 places distributed during continental events to NOCs not yet qualified (2 places for Europe and 1 place each for Asia, Americas, Africa and Oceania).
IAAF	Athletics	36	M: 17 individual events and 1 mixed NOCs relay W: 17 individual events and 1 mixed NOCs relay	544	126	10 (TBC)	680	1 athlete per event	1/1/93 - 31/12/94	5 YCC in 2010	16 athletes per event will qualify through YCC, with the number of positions available per area/continent based on results from last 3 YWC.
BWF	Badminton	2	Singles (M&W)	46	16	2	64	2 M and 2 W	1/1/92 - 31/12/93	5 YCC in 2010, JWC in 2010	Highest ranked M and W (1 per NOC) qualify according to continental quotas at YCC or based on continental ranking list (Africa, America and Oceania - 2 per event; Asia and Europe - 5 per event). The remaining 7 places qualify through the 2010 JWC ranking list.
FIBA	33 Basketball	2	20-team tournaments (M&W)	128	24	8	160	1 M team and 1 W team	1/1/93 - 31/12/94	FIBA gender ranking	16 teams will qualify: the 4 best placed teams in the FIBA gender ranking and 12 teams based on (1) A, B or C membership and results in senior and youth competitions (2) participation in official FIBA competitions or (3) the level of development of the sport in the country.
AIBA	Boxing	11	M: 48kg, 51kg, 54kg, 57kg, 60kg, 64kg, 69kg, 75kg, 81kg, 91kg, +91kg	44	20	2	66	3 M	1/1/92 - 31/12/93	2010 AIBA YWC	4 best placed athletes per weight category qualify for the YOG.
ICF	Canoe-Kayak	6	Head to Head Sprint, K1 (M&W), C1 (M) Head to Head Obstacle Slalom, K1 (M&W), C1 (M)	45	16	3	64	2 M (K1/C1) and 1 W (K1)	1/1/93 - 31/12/94	2008 Slalom JWC 2009 Flatwater JWC	The best ranking athletes will qualify their NOCs according to continental quotas for Flatwater and Slalom JWC.
UCI	Cycling	1	Combined BMX-Mountain Bike-Road Mixed gender team event (3M, 1W)	104	20	4	128	3 M and 1 W	1/1/92 - 31/12/93	2009 Nations Cup rankings, 2009 World MTB XCO JWC, 2009 BMX JWC	Endurance criteria: 15 first ranked NOCs from Nations Cup qualify. Performance criteria: 11 best ranked NOCs in combined ranking of nations from World MTB XCO JWC and BMX JWC qualify.
FEI	Equestrian - Jumping	2	Individual event, Mixed NOCs team event	21	8	1	30	1 M or 1 W	1/1/92 - 31/12/93	3 JCC and final classification from FEI Challenge in 2009 and 2010	Athletes qualify their NOC based on individual final classification from respective JCC or FEI Challenge Category A, with 5 athletes representing each of the 6 geographical Groups.
FIE	Fencing	7	Sabre Individual (M&W), Epée Individual (M&W) Foil Individual (M&W), Mixed gender and NOCs team event	54	18	6	78	3 M and 3 W	1/1/93 - 31/12/94	2010 Cadet WC	Best ranked fencers from each geographical zone at Cadet WC qualify, respecting the following distribution: Asia/Oceania and Europe - 3 per event, America - 2 per event, Africa - 1 per event.
FIFA	Football	2	6-team tournaments (M&W)	198	N/A	18	216	18 athletes per team	1/1/95 - 31/12/95	TBD	TBD
FIG	Artistic Gymnastics	14	Individual all-around (M&W), Individual apparatus finals (M&W) Trampoline (M&W)	73	32	3	108	1 M and 1 W (AG) 1 M and 1 W (TR)	1/1/93 - 31/12/94 (MAG and TR) 1/1/95 - 31/12/95 (WAG)	5 JCC in 2010	Best ranked gymnasts from each JCC will qualify their NOC for the YOG, according to the respective continental distribution (quotas vary between Artistic Gymnastics and Trampoline).
	Rhythmic Gymnastics	2	Individual all-around (W), Group event (W)	33	4	5	42	5 W (1 group and 1 individual)	1/1/95 - 31/12/95	5 JCC in 2010	Best ranked individual gymnasts and groups from each JCC (or other continental qualification event) will qualify their NOC for the YOG, according to the respective continental distribution.
IHF	Handball	2	6-team tournaments (M&W)	154	N/A	14	168	14 athletes per team	1/1/92 - 31/12/93	5 continental qualification events in 2009 and 2010	The highest ranked NOC at each of the continental qualification events qualifies for the YOG.
FIH	Hockey	2	6-team tournaments (M&W)	176	N/A	16	192	16 athletes per team	1/1/93 - 31/12/94	5 YCC in 2009 and 2010	The winner of each of the 5 YCC qualifies their NOC for the YOG.
IJF	Judo	9	M: - 55kg, 55-66kg, 66-81kg, 81-100kg W: - 44kg, 44-52kg, 52-63kg, 63-78kg Mixed gender and NOCs team event	64	38	2	104	1 M and 1 W	1/1/93 - 31/12/94	2009 YWC	Medals winners of the 16 categories at the YWC qualify for the 8 YOG categories with further places distributed through preference list of next best placed NOCs.
UIPM	Modern Pentathlon	3	Individual event (M&W), Mixed gender and NOCs relay	34	12	2	48	1 M and 1 W	1/1/92 - 31/12/93	2009 YCC and 2010 YWC	Top ranking athletes at each YCC (3 places -Europe, 2 places each - Asia and Americas, 1 place each - Africa and Oceania) will qualify directly for the YOG. 2010 YWC will qualify the remaining 7 athletes in each gender.
FISA	Rowing	4	Single sculls (M&W), Pairs (M&W)	68	26	2	96	1 M boat and 1 W boat	1/1/92 - 31/12/93	2009 JWC	The boats with the following rankings at JWC will directly qualify their NOC for the respective event: For 1x: top 6 places in 1x, top 3 in 2x and top 3 in 4x. For 2-: top 5 places in 2-, top 3 in 4- and top 3 in 8+.
ISAF	Sailing	4	Windsurfer (M&W), 1 person dinghy (M&W)	84	14	2	100	1 M and 1 W	1/1/94 - 31/12/95	WC for each event and 6 continental qualification events in 2009 and 2010	Highest ranked athletes qualify their NOCs, based on continental quotas available per event.
ISSF	Shooting	4	Air rifle 10m (M&W), Air pistol 10m (M&W)	54	24	2	80	2 M and 2 W	1/1/92 - 31/12/93	Designated youth event at each of the 5 CC in 2009 and 2010	Shooters obtain one qualification place for their NOC based on rankings and continental quotas at each continental qualification event. NOCs select athletes for YOG from those having achieved the MQS.
ITTF	Table Tennis	3	Singles (M&W), Mixed gender team event	54	8	2	64	1 M and 1 W	1/1/94 - 31/12/95	Cadet Challenge 2009, Under 15 world ranking, Junior Circuit events, 5 continental qualification events	Top 4 of Cadet Challenge, Top 4 of Under 15 World Ranking, winner of Junior Circuit and assigned number of top ranked athletes at continental qualification events.
WTF	Taekwondo	10	M: - 48kg, 48-55kg, 55-63kg, 63-73kg,+73kg W: - 44kg, 44-49kg, 49-55kg, 55-63kg, +63kg	60	34	6	100	3 M and 3 W	1/1/93 - 31/12/94	YOG Qualification tournament during 2010 JWC	The semi-finalists of each weight category will each obtain one qualification place for their NOC. The other four losing quarterfinalists will face each other to determine the remaining 5th and 6th athlete quotas in each weight category.
ITF	Tennis	4	Singles (M&W), Doubles (M&W)	56	6	2	64	2 M and 2 W	1/1/92 - 31/12/93	Junior World Combined Ranking and Professional Singles Ranking in 2009 and 2010	12 Direct qualifications based on Junior World Combined and Professional Singles rankings (ranked within ATP 450 or WTA 150), and 16 qualifications based on the Junior Davis Cup and Junior Fed Cup regional zone breakdown quota and selected on the same rankings.
ITU	Triathlon	3	Individual sprint distance (M&W) Mixed gender and NOCs relay (2M, 2W)	46	16	2	64	1 M and 1 W	1/1/92 - 31/12/93	5 continental qualification events in 2009 and 2010	Top ranking athletes from different NOCs at continental qualification events will qualify (8 places - Europe, 7 places - Americas, 4 places - Asia, 2 places each - Africa and Oceania).
FIVB	Volleyball	2	6-team tournaments (M&W)	132	N/A	12	144	12 athletes per team	1/1/92 - 31/12/93	2009 YWC and 5 YCC in 2009 and 2010	The 5 winner of each YCC plus the host country (or the 2009 World Junior champion) will qualify their NOC.
IWF	Weightlifting	11	M: 56kg, 62kg, 69kg, 77kg, 85kg, +85kg W: 48kg, 53kg, 58kg, 63kg, +63kg	86	22	2	110	2 M and 2 W	1/1/93 - 31/12/94	2009 YWC and 5 continental qualification events in 2010	NOCs will achieve qualification places according to their position in the team classification by points at the 2009 YWC or at their respective continental qualification event (YCC for NOCs not already having obtained a place at YWC).
FILA	Wrestling	14	Greco-Roman (M): 42kg, 50kg, 58kg, 69kg, 85kg Freestyle (M): 46kg, 54kg, 63kg, 76kg, 100kg Freestyle (W): 46kg, 52kg, 60kg, 70kg	93	17	2	112	4 M (2 FR, 2 GR) and 1 W	1/1/93 - 31/12/94	5 continental qualification events in May 2010	Best ranked athletes from each continental qualification event qualify according to continental quotas per weight category.
TOTAL		201		2813	637	144	3594				

GLOSSARY: M = MEN, W = WOMEN, WC = WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, CC = CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, JWC = JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, JCC = JUNIOR CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, YWC = YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, YCC = YOUTH CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

■ = SPORT WITH UNIVERSALITY PLACES □ = SPORT WITHOUT UNIVERSALITY PLACES

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