



1ST SUMMER YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES IN 2010

ALLOCATION PROCEDURE FOR NOC UNIVERSALITY PLACES

Universality being one of the central pillars of the Youth Olympic Games (YOG), a process has been developed to facilitate the participation of National Olympic Committees (NOCs) which have traditionally sent small delegations to the Games of the Olympiad.

A number of quota places have been reserved in each of the individual sports to allow four (4) athletes per NOC to take part in the YOG.

ELIGIBILITY

NOCs which have had less than 9 athletes on average between the Athens and Beijing Games (excluding team sports and invitations) will each receive four (4) "Universality Places" at the start of the qualification period.

At the end of the qualifying period, any of the remaining NOCs that would not have managed to qualify four (4) athletes will be allocated the outstanding Universality Places to ensure a minimum delegation size of four (4) athletes.

PROCEDURE

The process will comprise three distinct phases:

1. Invitation (January – March 2009)

Following the release of all IF Qualification Systems and corresponding documents, the nomination period for NOC Universality Places will commence in January 2009. The eligible NOCs will be asked to provide, for March 2009, their preferences for the sports in which they would like to receive Universality Places, in accordance with the following criteria:

- A total of 8 preferences in priority order (listed by sport/discipline/event), among which:
 - At least two (2) different sports
 - A balanced gender repartition

2. Allocation (March 2009 – May 2010)

In March 2009, a YOG tripartite commission, in collaboration with the respective IFs, will prepare the attribution list of Universality Places taking into account, whenever possible, the preferences listed by each NOC and the places available in each sport. NOCs will then be notified accordingly and be communicated a deadline by which they will have to confirm the names of the athletes using the Universality places. Unless exceptional circumstances, the places allocated need to be used by the NOCs.



It should be noted that a certain number of sports require the fulfilment of criteria for the allocation of Universality Places, such as the obtaining of minimum standards, in order to preserve the physical integrity of participants. Verification by IFs will be made at the end of the qualification period.

3. Complementary allocation (June 2010)

At the end of the qualification period, any of the NOCs which were not offered Universality Places and would not have managed to qualify four (4) athletes will be allocated the necessary number of quota places to ensure a minimum size delegation (4).

The YOG tripartite commission will liaise with each of these NOCs in order to accommodate where possible their requests for specific sports.

TIMELINE

December 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ IF Qualification Systems for all sports approved by IOC EB✓ IF Qualification Systems released to NOCs
January to March 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ NOCs to submit preferences by sport/discipline/event for NOC Universality Places
March – May 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ YOG tripartite commission allocates Universality Places
March 2009 to May 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ YOG 2010 IF qualification period (14 Months)✓ IFs and SYOGOC to monitor qualification process for each sport
1- 21 June 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Confirmation of NOC Universality Places✓ NOCs which have not yet managed to qualify four athletes to receive extra quota places so their delegation is at least composed of four athletes
15 July 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Entries deadline (by name) for all sports
14 - 26 August 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ 1st Summer Youth Olympic Games