



INTERNATIONAL
OLYMPIC
COMMITTEE

2nd Summer Youth Olympic Games, Nanjing 2014

Universality Places Allocation procedure

1. OBJECTIVES

The Youth Olympic Games (YOG) were created to reach out to young athletes worldwide. Over 3'000 athletes are foreseen to participate in Nanjing 2014 and the criteria for participation as specified in the qualification systems are based on two principles: performance (direct qualification) and universality (Universality Places - UPs).

The objective of the Universality Places is to strengthen the principle of universal representation at the YOG by ensuring the participation of all NOCs. In this respect, a limited number of quota places have been reserved in each individual sport (Beach Volleyball is counted as an individual sport) so that each NOC will be given the possibility to participate in the YOG.

2. UNIVERSALITY PLACES FOR THE NANJING 2014 YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES

A total of 496 quota places will be available for allocation to all eligible NOCs before the beginning of the qualification period. No athlete names are required at this stage. All places that cannot be allocated to eligible NOCs will be returned to the relevant IFs for redistribution according to the principles defined in their qualification systems.

The allocation by sport is conditional and at the end of the qualification period if an NOC is not in a position to enter an athlete having the minimum technical level (see point 5), the Universality Place in question will be withdrawn from the NOC and returned to the relevant IF for redistribution according to the principles defined in their qualification system.

The number of Universality Places to be allocated to the eligible NOCs remains at the full discretion of the Youth Olympic Games Tripartite Commission (YOG/TC) 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.

Following the entries by name, the Universality Places by sport as well as the names of the athletes will need to be approved by the YOG Tripartite Commission before the allocation can be confirmed to the NOCs.

See Annex 1 for sports with Universality Places

3. YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES TRIPARTITE COMMISSION

The allocation of the Universality Places is the responsibility of the Youth Olympic Games Tripartite Commission (YOG/TC) representing the National Olympic Committees (NOCs), the International Federations (IFs) and the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

The NOCs are represented within the YOG Tripartite Commission by the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC) and the IFs by the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF) and the relevant IF.



All matters related to the Universality Places or the YOG Tripartite Commission must be addressed to the Olympic Solidarity Athletes Section:

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4. NOC ELIGIBILITY

Universality Places can only be allocated to NOCs that qualified and participated in the Singapore Youth Olympic Games with:

- four (4) or less athletes
or
- less than one (1) man **and/or** one (1) woman

Universality Places and team sports quotas are excluded from all calculations (for the Singapore YOG, team sports = Football, Handball, Hockey and Volleyball)

Exceptions can be made when a complementary allocation is necessary (see point 6).

See Annex 2 for list of eligible NOCs

5. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

The athletes proposed for Universality Places must have an international level in an individual sport included in the YOG programme.

It is important to note that there are specified minimum eligibility standards for athletes applying for, or receiving, Universality Places and that the level of each athlete will be assessed by the relevant IFs. These standards are defined, where applicable, in the qualification system of the sport concerned which can be accessed on the IOC NOCnet (<http://extranet.olympic.org>).

Minimum technical level:

The athletes entered by the NOCs for Universality Places must have an adequate technical sports level which will be assessed by the YOG Tripartite Commission in collaboration with the respective IFs. Should an athlete be considered insufficiently prepared to participate in the YOG, the YOG Tripartite Commission may refuse his/her registration.

Age group:

All athletes qualified or proposed by their NOC to benefit from a Universality Place to participate in the 2014 YOG must fall within the specified age group corresponding to the relevant sport. Age groups for each sport or discipline have been defined by each IF and are available in the 2014 YOG qualification systems which can also be found in the list of sports and events – Annex 1.

6. COMPLEMENTARY ALLOCATION

After the qualification period, all NOCs (eligible and non-eligible) that have not entered at least one (1) man and one (1) woman through the qualifications or the Universality Places, will be offered the possibility to enter one athlete from each gender not already entered by the NOC.

A maximum of two (2) Universality Places (one (1) man and one (1) woman) in Athletics and/or Swimming combined will be available per NOC if needed.

This complementary allocation will ensure that all NOCs participate in the Nanjing 2014 YOG with a **minimum delegation size** of at least two (2) athletes (one (1) man and one (1) woman).



7. ALLOCATION PROCESS

A. Application:

Eligible NOCs are requested to provide a list of sports and/or disciplines in which they would like to enter their athletes. NOCs may propose up to a maximum of eight (8) events in at least two (2) different sports and with a balanced gender repartition. (Deadline: 15 December 2012)

See Annex 3 for the Universality Place Application form

B. Analysis:

Once the list of applications is consolidated, the NOC requests will be analysed by the YOG Tripartite Commission in collaboration with the respective IFs.

C. Allocation:

The allocation of Universality Places will take into account, whenever possible, the preferences listed by each NOC, the places available in each sport and the sporting relevance in the country. The NOCs will be notified of their conditional allocations in writing. (Deadline: 15 March 2013)

D. Confirmation of NOCs:

Once notified of the Universality Places allocation, the NOCs will be requested to confirm their intention to use these Universality Places (Deadline: 31 March 2013).

E. Qualification and Training:

Despite the allocation of a Universality Place, the athlete to be entered must still train, participate in competitions and try to qualify for the YOG, thus ensuring that he/she deserves the Universality Place. The allocations are conditional upon acceptance by the YOG Tripartite Commission and particularly the concerned IFs. NOCs are strongly recommended to make use of the opportunities offered by Olympic Solidarity to prepare their athletes and make sure they deserve their Universality Places.

NOCs will also be invited to enter the Universality Places by number within the NYOGOC entry system in due time.

F. UP entries by name:

At the end of the qualification period and following the confirmation of the list of qualified athletes, NOCs will be requested to reconfirm the use of their Universality Places by registering their athletes by name within the NYOGOC entry system. (Deadline: 8 July 2014)

The eligibility of all athletes entered by name will be assessed before the final allocation list is submitted to the YOG Tripartite Commission for approval. Universality Places will be withdrawn from athletes judged insufficiently prepared and the NOCs will be notified accordingly.

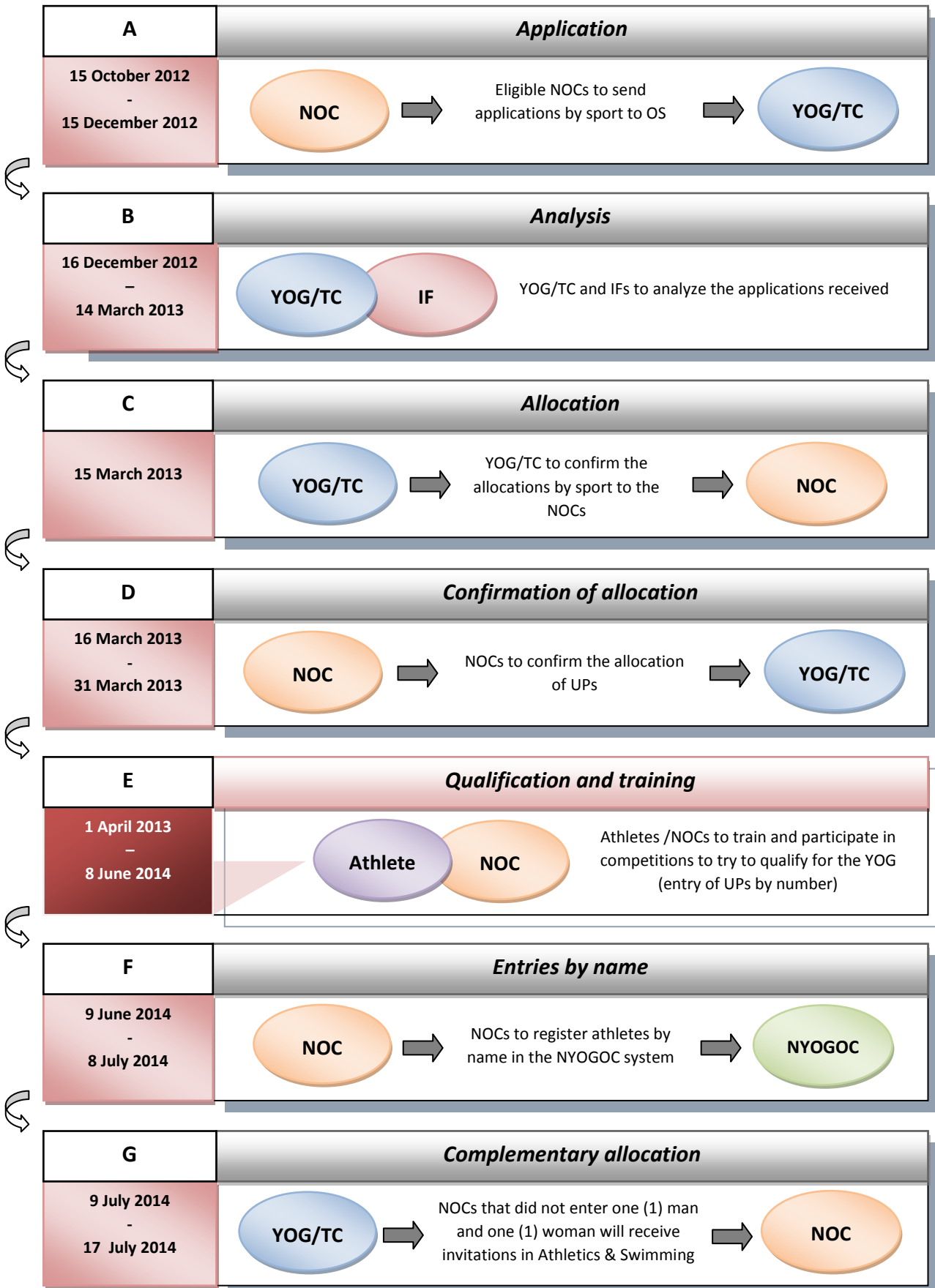
G. Complementary allocation:

Following the entries by name, those NOCs (eligible and non-eligible) that will not have entered at least one (1) man and one (1) woman through the qualifications or the Universality Places, will be offered Invitations in Swimming and/or Athletics. (Deadline: 17 July 2014)



- NOC** : National Olympic Committee
- IF**: International Federation
- YOG/TC**: Youth Olympic Games Tripartite Commission
- NYOGOC**: Nanjing Youth Olympic Games Organizing Committee

8. ALLOCATION PROCESS SUMMARY (see page 3 for details)



Important: All places that cannot be allocated to eligible NOCs will be returned to the relevant IFs for redistribution according to the principles defined in their qualification systems.