

FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DE GYMNASTIQUE



**RULES FOR THE
YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES**

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INTRODUCTION

The Youth Olympic Games propose to young athletes an event whose programme includes sports competitions with a strong emphasis on education. Themes such as healthy lifestyle, ethics in sport and the threats of doping, violence and corruption are addressed, in order to provide young athletes with all the assets needed regarding their sporting career. The objectives are to protect young athletes against health and safety risk, by following correct growth and development principles, and allow them to become future role models, guided by Olympism.

1. PARTICIPATION

1.1 Quota

– Artistic gymnastics:	Men:	36
	Women:	36
– Rhythmic gymnastics:	Women:	36
– Trampoline gymnastics:	Men:	12
	Women:	12
– Acrobatic gymnastics:	Men and Women:	24 (= 12 pairs)

1.2 Universality, FIG qualified, and Host Country Places

Universality being one of the central pillars of the YOG, a number of Universality Places was decided together with the Host Country places. The Universality Places and Host Country places are included in the quota assigned to each continent, number of places see IOC document “Qualification System – Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018”.

2. QUALIFICATION AND REQUIREMENTS

2.1 Qualifying Events

The Continental Junior Championships or any other continental qualifying event approved by the FIG (strictly following the FIG Rules for Juniors) will take place between September 2017 and June 2018.

For Acrobatic Gymnastics the qualification will be made at the 2018 World Championships (5th to 8th April 2018) respectively the Acrobatic World Age Group Competition Age Group 13-19.

For each qualifying event, the following competition phases will serve as qualification for the YOG'18

- Artistic gymnastics: Qualifications, All-Around results 6 apparatus Men, 4 Women
- Rhythmic gymnastics: Qualifications, All-Around results 4 apparatus
- Trampoline gymnastics: Qualifications (1st and 2nd routine)
- Acrobatic gymnastics: Qualifications (balance and dynamic)

2.2 Athletes' eligibility

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to, Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors). Only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Youth Olympic Games.

All participants must hold a valid FIG License until the end of the respective YOG competitions.

All NOCs, as well as candidates for Universality Places and the Host Country, must have participated in the FIG approved qualifying competition.

For Artistic Gymnastics, Rhythmic Gymnastics and Trampoline Gymnastics athletes who have participated in FIG senior competitions or multisport games (including Continental Championships and World Cup events) may not participate in the Youth Olympic Games.

2.3 IOC Ages requirements for the qualifying events and the YOG'18

- Men Artistic gymnastics: 16 - 17 years (born between 01.01.2001 and 31.12.2002)
- Women Artistic gymnastics: 15 years (born between 01.01.2003 and 31.12.2003)
- Rhythmic gymnastics: 15 years (born between 01.01.2003 and 31.12.2003)
- Trampoline gymnastics: 16 – 17 years (born between 01.01.2001 and 31.12.2002)
- Acrobatic gymnastics: 15 – 18 years (born between 01.01.2000 and 31.12.2003)

3. QUOTA PLACES

3.1 Artistic Gymnastics

Allocation

For each qualifying event, the FIG qualification places are allocated at the NOC's discretion and based on one (1) athlete per NOC and per gender.

The host country will be represented with one (1) eligible male and one (1) eligible female athlete (as mentioned underneath), provided that the host country has participated in the relevant men's and women's qualifying event. The host country places will be allocated to the best ranked athlete of the respective Junior Continental qualification event by name.

	Qualification via FIG	Host Country Places	Universality Places	Total
Men	34	1	1	36
Women	34	1	1	36
TOTAL	68	2	2	72

The best ranked athletes at each qualification event will grant a quota place to their NOC, according to the following quotas. These quotas include the Universality Places and the Host Country Places.

	Europe	Asia	America	Africa	Oceania	Total
GA / Men	17	8	7	3	1	36
GA / Women	17	8	7	3	1	36

In the event of ties, the Olympic Games tie-breaking rules, as set in the FIG Technical Regulations, will apply.

Reallocation of unused quota places

Unused FIG quota places

Should an NOC decline, or not be able to use an allocated quota place, the place will be reallocated to the next eligible NOC from the same continent.

In case this qualification place must be reallocated to a different continent because of lack of participating NOCs, then this place will be reallocated in order of priority as follows:

- GA/Men: 1. Europe / 2. Asia / 3. America / 4. Africa / 5. Oceania
- GA/Women: 1. Europe / 2. America / 3. Asia / 4. Africa / 5. Oceania

Unused Host Country places

Should the host country qualify through the Continental Junior Championships (or equivalent), or should the host country be unable to fulfil the conditions as detailed in IOC document – Qualification System – Youth Olympic Games, section C., or should the host country decline the allocated quota place, then the places will be reallocated to the next best ranked NOC from America.

In case this host country place must be reallocated to a different continent because of lack of participating NOCs, then this place will be reallocated in order of priority as follows:

- GA/Men: 1. Europe / 2. Asia / 3. Africa / 4. Oceania
- GA/Women: 1. Europe / 2. Asia / 3. Africa / 4. Oceania

Unused Universality places

Any unused Universality Places, including those returned after the final allocation by the YOG Tripartite Commission, will be reallocated to the next eligible NOC from the same continent according to the results of the men's or women's qualifying event.

In case this quota place must be reallocated to a different continent because of lack of participating NOCs, then this place will be reallocated in order of priority as follows:

- GA/Men: 1. Europe / 2. Asia / 3. America / 4. Africa / 5. Oceania
- GA/Women: 1. Europe / 2. America / 3. Asia / 4. Africa / 5. Oceania

3.2 Rhythmic Gymnastics

Allocation

For each qualifying event, the FIG qualification places are allocated at the NOC's discretion for Individuals based on one (1) athlete per NOC.

The host country will be represented with one (1) eligible individual athlete in the individual competition (as mentioned underneath), provided that the host country has participated in the

relevant qualifying event. The host country place will be allocated to the best ranked athlete of the respective Junior Continental qualification event by name.

	Qualification via FIG	Host Country Place	Universality Place	Total
Individuals	34	1	1	36

The best ranked individuals at each qualification event will grant a quota place to their NOC, according to the following quotas. These quotas include the Universality Places for Rhythmic Gymnastics Individuals and the Host Country Places.

	Europe	Asia	America	Africa	Oceania	Total
Individuals	18	7	7	3	1	36

In the event of ties, the Olympic Games tie-breaking rules, as set in the FIG Technical Regulations, will apply.

Reallocation of unused quota places

Unused FIG quota places

Should an NOC decline, or not be able to use an allocated quota place, the place will be reallocated to the next eligible NOC from the same continent.

In case this qualification place must be reallocated to a different continent because of lack of participating NOCs, then this place will be reallocated in order of priority as follows:

- GR Individuals: 1. Europe / 2. Asia / 3. America / 4. Africa / 5. Oceania

Unused Host Country places

Should the host country qualify through the Continental Junior Championships (or equivalent), or should the host country be unable to fulfil the conditions as detailed in IOC document – Qualification System – Youth Olympic Games, section C., or should the host country decline the allocated quota place, then the places will be reallocated to the next best ranked NOC from America.

In case this host country place must be reallocated to a different continent because of lack of participating NOCs, then this place will be reallocated in order of priority as follows:

- GR Individuals: 1. Europe / 2. Asia / 3. Africa / 4. Oceania

Unused Universality places

Any unused Universality Places, including those returned after the final allocation by the YOG Tripartite Commission, will be reallocated to the next eligible NOC from the same continent according to the results of the qualifying event.

In case this quota place must be reallocated to a different continent because of lack of participating NOCs, then this place will be reallocated in order of priority as follows:

- GR Individuals: 1. Europe / 2. Asia / 3. America / 4. Africa / 5. Oceania

3.3 Trampoline Gymnastics

Allocation

For each qualifying event, the FIG qualification places are allocated at the NOC's discretion and based on one (1) athlete per NOC and per gender.

The host country will be represented with one (1) eligible male **OR** one (1) eligible female athlete (as mentioned underneath), provided that the host country has participated in the relevant men **OR** women's qualifying event.

The host country places will be allocated to the best ranked eligible male **OR** female athlete of the respective Junior Continental qualification event by name. In case both female and male athletes have the same rank, the host country place will be allocated to the athlete participating in the qualifying event with higher number of participating athletes.

	Qualification via FIG	Host Country Place	Universality Place	Total
Men	10 or 11*	1	1	12
Women	10 or 11*			12
TOTAL	22	1	1	24

* 11 qualification places will be granted to the gender where a host country place is not allocated.

The best ranked athletes at each qualification event will grant a quota place to their NOC, according to the following quotas. These quotas include the Universality Places and the Host Country Places.

	Europe	Asia	America	Africa	Oceania	Total
Men	5	3	2*	1	1	12*
Women	5	3	2*	1	1	12*

* including one place for the Host Country place (either in GT men **OR** in GT women)

In the event of ties, the Olympic Games tie-breaking rules, as set in the FIG Technical Regulations, will apply.

Reallocation of unused quota places

Unused FIG quota places

Should an NOC decline, or not be able to use an allocated quota place, the place will be reallocated to the next eligible NOC from the same continent.

In case this qualification place must be reallocated to a different continent because of lack of participating NOCs, then this place will be reallocated in order of priority as follows:

- GT Men and GT Women: 1. Europe / 2. Asia / 3. America / 4. Africa / 5. Oceania

Unused Host Country places

Should the host country qualify one (1) man or one (1) woman through the Continental Junior

Championships (or equivalent), or should the host country be unable to fulfil the conditions as detailed in the IOC document Qualification System - Youth Olympic Games, section C., or should the host country decline the allocated quota place, then the places will be reallocated to the next best ranked NOC from America.

In case this host country place must be reallocated to a different continent because of lack of participating NOCs, then this place will be reallocated in order of priority as follows:

- GT Men and GT Women: 1. Europe / 2. Asia / 3. Africa / 4. Oceania

Unused Universality places

Any unused Universality Places, including those returned after the final allocation by the YOG Tripartite Commission, will be reallocated to the next eligible NOC from the same continent according to the results of the men or women's qualifying event.

In case this quota place must be reallocated to a different continent because of lack of participating NOCs, then this place will be reallocated in order of priority as follows:

- GT Men and GT Women: 1. Europe / 2. Asia / 3. America / 4. Africa / 5. Oceania

3.4 Acrobatic Gymnastics

Allocation

At the qualifying event, the FIG qualification places are allocated at the NOC's discretion and based on one (1) mixed pair per NOC.

The host country will be represented with one (1) eligible mixed pair, provided that the host country has participated in the qualifying event.

The host country place will be allocated to the best ranked eligible mixed pair of the qualifying event by name.

	Qualification via FIG	Host Country Place	Universality Place	Total
Pairs (M & W)	10	1	1	12
TOTAL (athletes)	20	2	2	24

The best ranked pair at the qualification event will grant a quota place to their NOC, according to the following quotas. These quotas include the Universality Places and the Host Country Places.

	Europe	Asia	America	Africa	Oceania	Total
Pairs (M & W)	6	2	2*	1	1	12*

* including one place for the Host Country

In the event of ties, the tie-breaking rules, as set in the FIG Technical Regulations, will apply (considering only two exercises – balance and dynamic).

Reallocation of unused quota places

Unused FIG quota places

Should an NOC decline, or not be able to use an allocated quota place, the place will be reallocated to the next eligible NOC from the same continent.

In case this qualification place must be reallocated to a different continent because of lack of participating NOCs, then this place will be reallocated in order of priority as follows:

- Pairs: 1. Europe / 2. Asia / 3. America / 4. Africa / 5. Oceania

Unused Host Country places

Should the host country qualify one mixed pair through the qualifying event, or should the host country be unable to fulfil the conditions as detailed in the IOC document Qualification System - Youth Olympic Games, section C., or should the host country decline the allocated quota place, then the places will be reallocated to the next best ranked NOC from America.

In case this host country place must be reallocated to a different continent because of lack of participating NOCs, then this place will be reallocated in order of priority as follows:

- Pairs: 1. Europe / 2. Asia / 3. Africa / 4. Oceania

Unused Universality places

Any unused Universality Places, including those returned after the final allocation by the YOG Tripartite Commission, will be reallocated to the next eligible NOC from the same continent according to the results of the qualifying event.

In case this quota place must be reallocated to a different continent because of lack of participating NOCs, then this place will be reallocated in order of priority as follows:

- Pairs: 1. Europe / 2. Asia / 3. America / 4. Africa / 5. Oceania

4. CONFIRMATION PROCESS

The FIG will inform the qualified NOCs immediately following the completion of each qualifying event approved by FIG. NOCs will have two weeks from the day of the email/letter to confirm that they will use the quota places obtained. After this deadline, unused quota places will be reallocated as per the above procedure.

5. REGISTRATION

As the Youth Olympic Games are under the auspice of the IOC, the registration procedure is determined and managed by the IOC. While the deadline for the validation of final allocation of Universality Places by the YOG Tripartite Commission will be March 2017, the entries deadline by name are set by IOC on 23rd August 2018.

6. COMPETITION FORMAT

The difficulty limits (as per the Technical Regulations) are set out in the respective Code of Points.

6.1 Multi-discipline Team Event (Qualifying and Medal Event)

6.1.1 Number of athletes and composition of group

156 athletes from all continents will be drawn into **12 groups of 13 athletes** in each group competing as a multinational and multidiscipline team. Each group will be composed as follows:

- 3 GA/Men athletes
- 3 GA/Women athletes
- 1 GT athlete (M)
- 1 GT athlete (W)
- 1 GACRO mixed pair (W+M)
- 3 GR athletes (W)

6.1.2 Result calculation

Results are calculated by adding “ranks” obtained by athletes on each apparatus in GA and GR (counting only the top two ranks for each apparatus), and on each exercise in GT and GACRO. Intermediate results can therefore be given after each competition session. The group with the lowest total of “ranks” wins. In the event a counting gymnast does not compete on an apparatus/exercise (including DNS), they will receive the final rank available for their discipline (24th in MAG, WAG, and RG; 12th in GT and GACRO) for calculation of the multidiscipline team event score only.

Note: All gymnasts must participate and earn a score on all apparatus in their discipline during Qualifications to be eligible for their respective All-Around and/ or Apparatus Final. (Only exception- medical certificate and recommendation from LOC doctor). Example: (X is a non-counting rank for each gymnast)

	Ranks Group X:	Ranks Group Y:	Ranks Group Z:
GA Men 3 Counting best 2 of 3 on each apparatus (6 exercises)	G 1: 5, 8, 10, 2, X, X Total ranks G1 = 25 G 2: 4, 1, 2, 5, 3, 7 Total ranks G2 = 22 G 3: X, X, X, X, 13, 2 Total ranks G3 = 15 Total Ranks GA M = 52	G 1: 1, 3, 4, 2, 10, 5 Total ranks G1 = 25 G 2: 10, 22, 20, X, X, X Total ranks G2 = 52 G 3: X, X, X, 9, 7, 9 Total ranks G3 = 25 Total ranks GA M = 102	G 1: 10, 22, 20, 9, 7, 9 Total ranks G1 = 77 G 2: X, 15, 17, 15, 16, 10 Total ranks G2 = 73 G 3: 20, X, X, X, X, X Total ranks G3 = 20 Total ranks GA M = 170

GA Women 3 Counting best 2 of 3 on each apparatus (4 exercises)	G 1: 2, 4, 12, 14 Total ranks G1 = 32 G 2: 5, 2, X, X Total ranks G2 = 7 G 3: X, X, 9, 4 Total ranks G3 = 13 Total ranks GA F = 52	G 1: 1, 3, 9, X Total ranks G1 = 13 G 2: X, 8, 10, 14 Total ranks G2 = 32 G 3: 14, X, X, 17 Total ranks G3 = 31 Total ranks GA F = 76	G 1: 6, 8, X, X Total ranks G1 = 14 G 2: 5, 6, 1, 6 Total ranks G2 = 18 G 3: X, X, 19, 5 Total ranks G3 = 24 Total ranks GA F = 56
GT Man 1 (2 exercises)	G 1: 5, 6 Total ranks GT M = 11	G 1: 4, 7 Total ranks GT M = 11	G 1: 2, 3 Total ranks GT M = 5
GT Woman 1 (2 exercises)	G 1: 3, 4 Total ranks GT W = 7	G 1: 8, 9 Total ranks GT W = 17	G 1: 6, 2 Total ranks GT W = 8
GACRO 1 MXP (3 exercises)	MP: 3, 1, 5 Total ranks G ACRO = 9	MP: 5, 6, 1 Total ranks G ACRO = 12	MP: 1, 4, 2 = Total ranks G ACRO = 7
GR Women 3 Counting best 2 of 3 on each apparatus (4 exercises)	G 1: 7, 11, X, X Total ranks G1 = 18 G 2: X, 5, 5, 4 Total ranks G2 = 14 G 3: 6, X, 2, 8 Total ranks G3 = 16 Total ranks GR = 48	G 1: 1, 4, 6, X Total ranks G1 = 11 G 2: X, X, 2, 15 Total ranks G2 = 17 G 3: 11, 8, X, 9 Total ranks G3 = 28 Total ranks GR = 56	G 1: 2, X, X, X Total ranks G1 = 2 G 2: X, 18, 19, 11 Total ranks G2 = 48 G 3: 1, 5, 6, 7 Total ranks G3 = 19 Total rank GR = 69
Total ranks groups	179 (1st)	274 (2nd)	315 (3rd)

In the event of ties in the final medal ranking for the multi-discipline team event, they will be broken by adding up the results (counting scores) of the exercises performed by the athletes of the group.

6.1.3 Draw procedure for the formation of groups

Since the composition of the groups must be as international as possible it must therefore be avoided that more than one athlete per NOC is drawn into the same group.

The draw shall therefore be organised as follows:

1. Prepare 6 bowls, one for each discipline, containing all the names of respective athletes.
2. Prepare one bowl with names of the Groups.
3. Start drawing by discipline until all athletes from the respective discipline are drawn into the groups in the following order:
 - 3a) GACRO
 - 3b) GT (w)
 - 3c) GT (m)
 - 3d) GA (w)
 - 3e) GR
 - 3f) GA (m)

4. For each of the steps mentioned in 3a) to 3f)
 - Draw an athlete from bowl
 - Draw a group name from the bowl with group names.
 - Continue the same procedure with the athletes from each discipline from 3b) to 3f)
 - Should there already be an athlete from the same NOC in the group, draw another group name until it is guaranteed that there is no more than one athlete per NOC in the respective group.

6.1.4 Starting Order

The Starting Order is drawn electronically before 31st August 2018 by the FIG office for each discipline, for each apparatus or exercise. For the Multidiscipline event all places will be assigned for the group, not by name or NOC.

6.1.5 Group representation and names of the groups

At the YOG 2018 on site in Buenos Aires a meeting will be held with all participants and directed by the FIG Athletes' representative. Each group will choose a captain who will lead and represent the group and act as spokesperson. Each group will discuss and decide the name of the group which must be a well-known multiple Olympic or World Champion of an FIG discipline. The group will also decide the starting order within the group for GA (w), GA (m) and GR on each apparatus.

6.2 Artistic gymnastics

Medal events for GA/Men (Individual All-Around, Floor Exercise, Pommel Horse, Rings, Vault, Parallel Bars, Horizontal Bar) and 5 Medal events for GA/Women (Individual All-Around, Vault, Uneven Bars, Balance Beam, Floor Exercise)

Multi-discipline Team Event

36 men and 36 women take part in the Multidiscipline Event which also serves as a qualification.

All-Around Final

All-Around Final with the 18 best athletes from the Multidiscipline event, provided the respective athlete has participated at all 6 apparatus for men and 4 for women in the Multidiscipline event.

Finals

Apparatus Finals with the 8 best athletes per apparatus from the Multidiscipline event.

6.3 Rhythmic gymnastics

Medal event: Individual All-Around competition

Multi-discipline Team Event

36 athletes take part in the Multidiscipline event which also serves as a qualification.

Individual gymnasts All-Around Final

All-Around Final with the 8 best athletes from the Multidiscipline event.

6.4 Trampoline gymnastics

2 Medal events: Men's Individual competition and Women's Individual competition

Multi-discipline Team Event

12 men and 12 women. Qualification for Finals (2 exercises each)

Finals

Finals with the top 8 men and top 8 women athletes from Multidiscipline Event (1 exercise)

6.5 Acrobatic gymnastics

Medal Event: Finals

Multi-discipline Team Event

12 mixed pairs (24 athletes) take part in the Multidiscipline event performing as "mixed pairs" 3 exercises: balance, dynamic and combined.

Finals

Finals with top 8 mixed pairs from the Multidiscipline Event (combined exercise)

7. OFFICIALS

7.1 Judges

Judges in good standing (max. 1 per NOC per discipline, if possible neutral (for GR and GT) and irrespective of the qualified athletes/NOCs) will be nominated by the FIG, taking into account the degree of the brevet, the experience and the quality of the judges, as well as the particular demands of the IOC.

The TCs propose the judges and members of the Superior Jury for the YOG based on the results of the Intercontinental and International Judges' courses. The list of the detailed criteria is submitted to the EC for approval.

Quota

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DISCIPLINE / FUNCTION	NUMBER OF PANELS	COMPOSITION OF PANEL/S	SUPERIOR JURY	TOTAL
GA/MEN	2	2D, 5E+2R = 9 (+1 common reserve)	4	23
GA/WOMEN	2	2D, 5E+2R = 9 (+1 common reserve)	4	23
GT	1	1 CJP, 2D, 6E, 1 reserve	4	14
GR	1	4D, 6E+2R, 1 reserve	8	21
GACRO	1	1 CJP, 2D, 4E, 4A+4R, 1 reserve, 3 T/L	4	23
JURY OF APPEAL				3
APPARATUS COMMISSIONER				1

Time & Line Judges are NTOs with brevets unless noted above.

Age requirements

35 years maximum (achieved in the year of the Youth Olympic Games) for the judges in all disciplines (if possible), except for CJP, members of the Superior Jury and the Jury of Appeal.

Other Officials (NOC Officials)

e.g. Chef de mission, dpt. Chef de mission, Olympic attaché, coaches, trainers, doctor, physiotherapist, medical personnel, etc.

As per IOC YOG Accreditation Rules

8. PROGRAMME AND SCHEDULES

The detailed programme including the arrival dates of officials and the training sessions are determined by IOC and FIG.

GA, GR, GT and GACRO training sessions are in principle scheduled on a daily basis and during the entire duration of the YOG.

Day	Provisional Programme
TBC	Opening of the Olympic Village – Training as per schedule
-3	Podium training / training as per schedule
-2	Podium training / training as per schedule
-1	Podium training / training as per schedule
0	Opening Ceremony
1	2 sessions: GA/Women FX, GA/Men PH and GACRO dynamic exercise GA/Men FX and GACRO balance and combined exercise
2	2 sessions: GA/Men SR, GA/Women VT and GT Women GA/Men VT and GT Men
3	2 sessions: GR hoop and GA/Women UB GR ball and GA/Men PB
4	2 sessions: GR clubs and GA/Women BB GR ribbon and GA/Men HB
5	Men's AA final
6	Women's AA final
7	GA/Men FX and PH apparatus finals, GA/Women VT and UB apparatus finals
8	GA/Men RG and VT apparatus finals, GT/Men and GT/Women finals

9	GA/Men PB and HB apparatus finals, GA/Women BB and FX apparatus finals, and GACRO combined exercise finals
10	GR AA finals
11	Closing Ceremony

These Rules for the Youth Olympic Games 2018 have been approved by the FIG Presidential Commission 2016 which was empowered to do so by the FIG EC in its meeting 16.-17 October 2016. These rules were updated based on the current YOG conditions at the FIG EC Meeting on 26 July 2018.

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