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About the Sport Explanatory Brochures

The Sport Explanatory Brochures you are reading offer an introduction to each sport at the 2nd Summer Youth Olympic Games, Nanjing 2014, as well as providing information on some other key issues that may be of interest and importance to all participating teams.

Each Brochure is divided into several topics:

Sport-specific information on subjects such as the competition format and schedule, training and qualification system.

Key contacts.

All information contained in this Explanatory Brochure was correct at the time of compilation. However, please note that certain details may change between our compilation and the Games. NOCs are advised to check the official website of the 2nd Summer Youth Olympic Games, Nanjing 2014 for updates.

Wish you a pleasant stay in Nanjing!

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2. Key Dates & Activities

| Date | Time | Meeting | Place |
|--------|-------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Aug 15 | 10:00 | Team Managers Meeting | Press Conference Room of Venue |
| Aug 15 | 11:00 | Official Draw | Press Conference Room of Venue |
| Aug 15 | 14:00 | Technical Officials Briefing | Press Conference Room of Venue |



3. Events & Quotas

3.1 EVENTS (3)

| Men's Events (1) | Women's Events (1) | Mixed Events (1) |
|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Men's Singles | Women's Singles | Mixed Doubles |

3.2 QUOTAS

| Category | Qualification Places | Universality Places | Host Country Places | Total |
|----------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------|
| Men | 27 | 4 | 1 | 32 |
| Women | 27 | 4 | 1 | 32 |
| Total | 54 | 8 | 2 | 64 |

3.3 NOC QUOTA

| | Maximum Quota Per NOC |
|-------|-----------------------|
| Men | 2 |
| Women | 2 |
| Total | 4 |

A maximum of two men and two women from each NOC will qualify, only if both men and/or both women are among the top four of the 2014 World Junior Rankings on 1 May 2014.

4. Qualification System

4.1 ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to participate in the Youth Olympic Games athletes must have been born between 1 January 1996 and 31 December 1999.

4.2 QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

For each qualifying event, the quota places obtained for the Youth Olympic Games will be allocated to Athletes.

Qualification for the Youth Olympic Games shall be achieved through the men's and women's singles events from the designated qualification competitions. Players qualified for the singles events will then be paired by random lot to compete in the mixed doubles.

It will be mandatory for all players qualifying for the Youth Olympic Games to play mixed doubles.

Entries will be accepted in the following order:

1. The World Junior Championships 2014 quarter-finalists in the men's and women's singles events, if eligible, will qualify, unless a total of two athletes from any one NOC would thereby be exceeded.
2. The remaining places in each men's and women's singles event will be filled from the highest eligible ranked places on the World Junior Rankings of 1 May 2014. Players in the men's and women's ranking list will be considered in turn, if eligible, and unless a total of two athletes from any one NOC would thereby be exceeded.
3. In each singles event there must be at least one player from each of the five BWF Continental Confederations. Players must be on the World Junior Ranking list of 1 May 2014. If there is no player from a particular BWF Continental Confederation on the list, the place will go to the next eligible player on the World Junior Ranking list of 1 May 2014, regardless of continental representation.

The World Junior Ranking list of 1 May 2014 will be based on results during the period from 29 April 2013 to 27 April 2014. Participation in any of the following competitions will count towards the ranking list during this period:

BWF World Junior Sanctioned Tournaments
Continental Junior Championships
World Junior Championships



Thomas & Uber Cup (all stages)

Sudirman Cup

World Championships

BWF Sanctioned Tournaments Levels 2 – 4

Continental Championships (Individual & Team)

And any other international event sanctioned by the BWF and identified in advance as being part of the World Junior Rankings or World Rankings and with prior BWF approval, individual and team events at other multi-sport Games.

4.3 HOST COUNTRY REPRESENTATION

Provided there are no athletes qualified, the highest ranked man and the highest ranked woman from the host country on the World Junior Ranking list on 1 May 2014 will be invited.

If there are no ranked athletes, the host NOC may decide on its representation.

4.4 UNIVERSALITY PLACES

To be eligible to receive Universality Places, athletes must comply with the eligibility criteria as defined under 4.1 of this document. Four universality places will be allocated per gender, provided that the technical level is sufficient.

5. Qualification Timeline

| DATE | MILESTONE |
|-------------------------------|--|
| March 2013 | Validation of final allocation of Universality Places by YOG Tripartite Commission |
| 29 April 2013 – 27 April 2014 | YOG 2014 BWF qualification period |
| 1 January – 27 April 2014 | 2014 World Junior Championships |

| DATE | MILESTONE |
|----------------------|--|
| 16 May – 7 July 2014 | Reallocation of unused NOC universality places and final reallocation period for unused quota places |
| 8 July 2014 | Entries deadline by name for all sports |
| 16 – 28 August 2014 | 2nd Summer Youth Olympic Games – Nanjing 2014 |

6. Competition Format

The format is a combined pool and knock-out tournament with three events: Men's Singles, Women's Singles and Mixed Doubles. Players qualified for the singles events will be paired by random lot to compete in the mixed doubles. The players/pairs will initially play each other on a round-robin basis in eight pools of four players/pairs. The eight winning players/pairs will play a knock-out competition. A losing player in the knock-out competition will only contest another match when losing Semi-Finalists meet in the 3rd place match decider. The expected number of entries in each event is as follows:

| Event Name | Number of Players | Event Code |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------|
| Men's Singles | 32 | BS |
| Women's Singles | 32 | GS |
| Mixed Doubles | 64 | XD |

6.1 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE BWF JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS & THE YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES

There are no differences in the general Competition Regulations and Laws of Badminton, however the format is different. The BWF World Junior Championships is a straight knockout competition; whereas the Youth Olympic Games has a Round Robin format in pools leading



to a knockout competition from the quarter finals stage for the eight players/pairs who are the winners of each pool. The BWF World Junior Championships field contains more competitors due to the different quotas for NOC participation (at the Youth Olympics there is a maximum quota of two players per NOC).

7. Competition Rules & Procedures

7.1 TOSS

Before play commences, a toss shall be conducted and the side winning chooses to serve or receive first, or to start playing at one end of the court or the other.

7.2 SCORING SYSTEM

A match consists of the best of three games. A game shall be won by the side which first scores 21 points. A point is awarded to the winner of each rally, which is an unbroken sequence of strokes from the service until a player fails to make a valid return. The winner of the point becomes the next server. If the score becomes 20–all, the side which gains a two point lead first, shall win that game. If the score becomes 29–all, the side scoring the 30th point shall win that game. The side winning a game serves first in the next game.

7.3 RANKING IN POOLS

- i. Ranking will be established by the number of matches won.
- ii. If two players/pairs have won the same number of matches, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.
- iii. If three or more players/pairs have won the same number of matches, ranking will be established by the difference between total games won and total games lost, with greater difference ranked higher.
- iv. If this still leaves two players/pairs equal, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.

- v. If three or more players/pairs have won the same number of matches and are equal in the difference between total games won and total games lost, ranking will be established by the difference between total points won and total points lost, with greater difference ranked higher.
- vi. If this still leaves two players/pairs equal, the winner of the match between them will be ranked higher.
- vii. If three or more players/pairs are still equal, then ranking will be established by drawing lots.
- viii. If illness, injury or other unavoidable hindrance prevents a player/pair completing all the pool matches, all the results of that player shall be deleted.
- ix. A player/pair is entitled to prizes according to results actually obtained before any withdrawal due to injury.

7.4 SUBSTITUTIONS

No substitutions will be permitted after the Youth Olympic Games draws have been made.

7.5 CLOTHING REGULATIONS

All competitors in Nanjing will be required to display their name on the back of their shirt whilst on court (see BWF Competition Regulation 19 for further information).

7.6 PENALTIES/ DISQUALIFICATION RULES

A coloured penalty card system (yellow, red and black) exists to act as a visual aid when an umpire issues a warning for misconduct or other misdemeanor (see below).

Disqualifications in badminton are uncommon, with the most common cause being a player reporting late for a match.

Players can also be disqualified for returning late after the two-minute break between games or for serious or persistent misconduct.

During the match an umpire can issue a warning (and a yellow card) if



a player:

- a. Delays play to recover strength or breath;
- b. Deliberately causes delay in or suspension of play;
- c. Deliberately modifies or damages the shuttle in order to change its speed or flight
- d. Behaves in an offensive manner or is guilty of other misconduct.

7.7 FAULTS

If the player has already been warned for misconduct, or when the offence is flagrant, the umpire can call a fault and issue a red card.

If the player is guilty of persistent or flagrant acts of misconduct, the umpire shall fault the offending side, and report the offending side immediately to the Referee. If the Referee decides that a disqualification is necessary, s/he hands a black card to the umpire to issue to the offending side, signaling their disqualification from the match, which has happened only twice in badminton history.

7.8 PROTESTS

In badminton the result is final once the player leaves the court. Any decision taken by the referee is final.

8. Equipment & Clothing

Equipment used or clothing worn by athletes and other participants at the Youth Olympic Badminton competition must comply with the BWF Constitution and Technical Rules and with the Bye–Law to Rule 50 of the Olympic Charter.

9. Doping Control

The Nanjing 2014 Anti–doping team will plan and implement the YOG Doping Control Programme in accordance with the World Anti–

Doping Code, IOC Anti–Doping Rules and other related international standards.

The Doping Control Programme will specify the anti–doping activities to be conducted during the Games–time, including notification procedures, sample collection, storage and transport to the laboratory of China Anti–Doping Agency accredited by WADA.

The Programme is aimed at maintaining the dignity of the Olympic Movement and protecting athletes' fundamental right to participate in clean sports, so as to promote the health, justice and equality of athletes in sports events.

The test biological specimens, including urine and blood samples, will be collected from selected athletes from the date of YOV official opening to the date of the Closing Ceremony of Nanjing 2014 (12 August to 28 August 2014). All samples will be sent to the laboratory of China Anti–Doping Agency for analysis.

10. Competition Venue

| Name | Distance to YOV | Driving Time | Seats Capacity |
|---|-----------------|--------------|----------------|
| Nanjing Sports Institute Gymnasium (NSG) | 31km | 40min | 3,000 |

Number of Courts : 3 Competition Courts

11. Event Schedule

| Tentative Event Schedule By Event | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Day 1 | Sunday (August 17) |
| | 9:00–11:55 Men's Singles/ Women's Singles 13:30–16:25 Men's Singles /Women's Singles 18:30–21:25 Mixed Doubles |



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|-------|---|
| Day 2 | Monday (August 18) |
| | 9:00–11:55 Men's Singles/ Women's Singles 13:30–16:25 Men's Singles /Women's Singles 18:30–21:25 Mixed Doubles |
| Day 3 | Tuesday (August 19) |
| | 9:00–11:55 Men's Single/ Women's Singles 13:30–16:25 Men's Singles /Women's Singles 18:30–21:25 Mixed Doubles |
| Day 4 | Wednesday (August 20) |
| | 18:30–20:45 (Quarter–finals) Men's Singles Women's Singles Mixed Doubles |
| Day 5 | Thursday (August 21) |
| | 17:00– 21:10 (Semi – finals) Men's Singles Women's Singles Mixed Doubles |
| Day 6 | Friday (August 22) |
| | 12:00–13:40 (Bronze) Men's Singles/Women's Singles/Mixed Doubles 17:00–18:40 (Gold/Silver) Men's Singles/Women's Singles/Mixed Doubles |

*The event schedule is subject to change in accordance with the final entries.

12. Training Information

12.1 TRAINING VENUES

| Name | Distance to YOY | Driving Time |
|--|-----------------|--------------|
| Badminton Training Hall of Nanjing Sport Institute (NSB) | 31km | 40min |

Number of Courts: 4 Practice Courts

12.2 TRAINING SCHEDULE

12.2.1 Familiarization Training

12.3 TRAINING POLICIES

Training facilities will be provided for all athletes from the opening of the Youth Olympic Village (YOV) (12 August 2014) to the end of Badminton competition of Nanjing 2014 (22 August 2014).

All training before the games time will be assigned under the supervision of the practice court supervisor. All training during the games-time will be assigned under the supervision of the BWF Referee.

The booking service for practice courts is located at Event Information Center (EIC) in YOY and SID in the venue.

13. Medals

The top three winners in the finals will each receive a Gold medal, Silver medal and Bronze medal respectively.

14. Victory Ceremonies

Victory Ceremonies will be held in accordance with the requirements of the YOG Event Manual of the IOC.

The Victory Ceremonies will be held following the completion of each event final on the Field of Play (FOP). Medallists will be invited onto a podium to receive the medals and the mascots in the sequence of the bronze, silver, and gold medallists. At the Ceremony, the anthem of the NOC of the gold medallist will be played; and meanwhile the flags of the NOC of the medallists will be raised. The Olympic flag and anthem will be used for the mixed NOC team events.



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