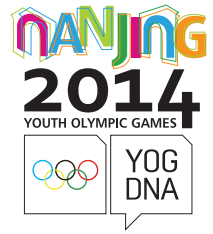


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About the Sport Explanatory Brochures

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

Activities	Date	Place	Time
Official Gymnasts' Draw	TBC	TBC	TBC
Team Leaders Meeting - Orientation Meeting	24 August 2014	Nanjing Olympic Sports Center Gymnasium	19h00–20h00

3 Events & Quotas

3.1 EVENTS

Women's Events (2)
1) Individual All-around 2) Group All-around

3.2 QUOTAS

CATEGORY	QUALIFICATION PLACES	HOST COUNTRY PLACES	NOC UNIVERSALITY PLACES	TOTAL
Individuals	15	1	2	18
Groups	25 (5 groups of 5 gymnasts)	5 (1 group of 5 gymnasts)	0	30 (6 groups of 5 gymnasts)
TOTAL	40	6	2	48

3.3 NOC QUOTAS

	MAXIMUM QUOTA PER NOC
Individual	1
Groups	1 group of 5 gymnasts
TOTAL	6

4 Qualification System

4.1 ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

All NOCs, as well as candidates for NOC universality places and the host country, must have participated in their Junior Continental Championship (or any other qualifying continental event approved by FIG). The gymnasts competing in the individual all-around competition must have reached the minimum standards as defined in the FIG 2014 YOG Rules and all participants must hold a valid FIG License until the end of the YOG 2014 Rhythmic Gymnastics competitions. To be eligible to participate in the Youth Olympic Games, athletes must be 15 years old (born between 1 January 1999 and 31 December 1999).

Athletes who have participated at FIG senior competitions or multisport games (including continental championships and world cup



events) may not participate in the Youth Olympic Games

All NOCs, as well as candidates for Universality Places and the Host Country, must have participated in the FIG approved continental qualifying competition and reached the minimum standards as defined below at the relevant qualifying competition phase(s):

- a. Individual (CI Qualification): the gymnasts must participate at all apparatus and reach an average minimum Execution Score of 7.5, thus a total Execution Score of minimum 30 points.
- b. Groups: no minimum requirements.

4.2 QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

For each qualifying event, the qualification places obtained for the Youth Olympic Games will be allocated at the NOCs' discretion for Individuals and Groups.

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

The Junior Continental Championships or any other qualifying continental event approved by the FIG (strictly following FIG Rules for Juniors) in the year of the YOG are used to qualify.

The exact dates and locations of the qualifying competitions will be decided by the FIG and communicated to the NOCs as soon as finalized.

The best ranked individuals and groups at each qualification event will grant a quota place to their NOC, according to the following quotas, and based on one (1) gymnast per NOC for Individuals and five (5) gymnasts per NOC for Groups. These quotas include the Universality Places for Rhythmic Gymnastics Individuals and the host country places:

CATEGORY	Europe	Asia	Africa	America	Oceania	Total
Individual	7	4	3	3	1	18
Groups	1 (5gymnasts)	1 (+1Host) 5(+ 5 gymnasts)	1 (5gymnasts)	1 (5gymnasts)	1 (5gymnasts)	5 (+1Host) (30gymnasts)

4.3 HOST COUNTRY REPRESENTATION

4.3.1 Individual Competition

The host country will be represented with one (1) eligible individual gymnast in the individual competition (as mentioned above), provided that the host country has participated in the relevant Individuals' qualifying event. The host country place will be allocated to the best ranked gymnast of the respective Junior Continental qualification event by name.

4.3.2 Group Competition

The host country will be represented with one (1) eligible group of five (5) athletes at the NOC's discretion in the group competitions (as mentioned above), provided that the host country has participated in the relevant Groups' qualifying event.

4.4 UNIVERSALITY PLACES

Candidates for Universality Places will have to participate in the relevant qualifying event. The gymnasts must reach the minimum standards defined by the FIG and hold a valid FIG License until the end of the YOG 2014 Rhythmic Gymnastics competitions. The process to allocate the Universality Places either by name or at NOCs' discretion will be defined by IOC at a later stage

Note: No NOC Universality Place will be allocated to the Rhythmic Groups

5 Qualification Timeline

DATE	MILESTONE
March 2013	Validation of final allocation of Universality Places by the YOG Tripartite Commission
1 April 2013–8 June 2014	YOG 2014 qualification period



DATE	MILESTONE
21–24 February 2014	13th Junior Rhythmic Gymnastics Asian Championships, Kuala Lumpur (MAS);
26 February–1 March 2014	Rhythmic Gymnastics Grand Prix, Moscow (RUS);
25 March–4 April 2014	12th African Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships, Pretoria (RSA);
7–12 May 2014	PAGU Youth Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships, Daytona Beach (USA);
9–11 May 2014	Rhythmic Gymnastics Qualifying Event, Auckland (NZL)
8 July 2014	Entries deadline by name for all sports
16–28 August 2014	2nd Summer Youth Olympic Games – Nanjing 2014

6 Competition Format

Only female gymnasts will compete in the Rhythmic Gymnastics events at the Nanjing Youth Olympic Games. They compete in two (2) Medal events: Individual all-around competition and Group competition.

Individual gymnasts Competition I

18 gymnasts. Qualification for Competition II

Individual gymnasts Competition II

All–Around–Final with the 8 best gymnasts from Competition I

Groups Competition I

6 groups. Qualification for Competition II (2 exercises)

Groups Competition II

All–Around Final with the top 4 groups from Competition I (2 exercises)

7 Competition Rules & Procedures

7.1 JUDGING

13 judges in 1 panel (4D + 4E + 4Reference) + 1 reserve

8 TC members.

Each Jury (Individuals and Groups) consists of 2 groups of judges:
Difficulty and Execution

While the D Jury gives the ‘D’ score for difficulty, the E Jury gives the ‘E’ score by evaluating the execution.

7.2 CALCULATION OF SCORES

The Judges determine the Final score (‘F’), which is calculated as follows:

$F = D + E - \text{penalties.}$

The Final score: 18.00 points maximum

By addition: D score of 8.00 points maximum + E score of 10.00 points maximum

The ‘D’ score is calculated by dropping the highest and lowest D Judges’ scores and averaging the two remaining scores. The ‘E’ score is calculated by dropping the highest and lowest E Judges’ scores and averaging the two remaining scores.

The Reference Judges’ System has been introduced to establish an automatic correction system in case of any problems with ‘E’ scores and “D” scores. The ‘RE’ scores are calculated by averaging the scores of the Reference Judges.

If the gap between the ‘E’ score and the ‘RE’ score exceeds the predefined permitted tolerances, the ‘E’ score will be replaced by the average of the ‘ER’ score and the ‘E’ score. Otherwise, the ‘E’ score will remain unchanged.

However, if the gap between the scores of the Reference Judges exceeds the predefined permitted tolerances, the ‘RE’ score will not be taken into account, and the ‘E’ score will remain unchanged.

The two RD–Judges shall be seated next to each other and agree on a common score.

In case the delta is equal to or less than the allowed tolerance, the score of the D–Jury stands; in case the delta is greater than the



allowed tolerance the average of the RD– and D–Jury Scores forms the “final” D–Score.

7.3 PENALTIES / DISQUALIFICATION RULES

Scoring penalties are incurred for major mistakes or misconduct such as loss and retrieval of apparatus, leaving the floor area, using non–standard apparatus, broken apparatus, contact of the apparatus with the ceiling, communication by the coach or group members during the exercise. There is also a stringent dress code for outfits regarding the cut and fit of the leotard. Penalties range from 0.10 – 1.00 points per occurrence.

7.4 INQUIRIES / APPEALS

Inquiries for the difficulty scores are allowed, provided that they are made verbally to the Inquiry Officer immediately after the publication of the score or at the very latest before the score of the following gymnast is shown. For the last gymnast of a rotation, this limit is one minute after the score is shown on the score board.

The person designated to receive the verbal inquiry (Inquiry Officer) has to note the time of receiving it and this starts the procedure. Only the accredited coaches next to the competition area are entitled to submit an inquiry. An area close to the podium where the coach of the competing gymnast can observe the exercise will be designated. Late verbal inquiries will be rejected.

A NOC is not allowed to complain against a gymnast from another NOC. Inquiries for all other scores (i.e. Execution) are not allowed.

The inquiry must be confirmed as soon as possible in writing (by completing the Inquiry form), but within 4 minutes at the latest after the verbal inquiry and requires an agreement of payment of USD 300.-- for the first complaint; USD 500.-- for the second complaint and USD 1'000.-- for the third complaint (NOCs are not requested to pay cash) . Should the inquiry not be confirmed in writing within 4

minutes, the procedure becomes obsolete.

Should the inquiry prove correct and is accepted, this sum will not be invoiced by FIG to the NOC. Otherwise, the sum will be transferred to the FIG Foundation. Every inquiry must be examined by the Superior Jury and a final decision (which may not be appealed) must be taken at the very latest:

at the end of the rotation for the qualifying competitions and the All-Around competitions

Please note that coaches should not approach the Technical Table directly.

During this examination, the inquiry will be announced to the audience and a marker will be placed against the gymnast's name on the scoreboard. If the inquiry is upheld, the NOC will be notified by return of the form, and the new score will be announced to the audience and corrected on the scoreboard. If the inquiry is unsuccessful, the announcer will inform the arena and the score will remain the same on the scoreboard.

A global video analysis will be carried out by the Technical Committee (TC) (or representatives designated by the TC).

8 Equipment & Clothing

Equipment used or clothing worn by athletes and other participants at the Youth Olympic Games Gymnastics competition must comply with the FIG 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 Olympic Sports Center Gymnasium(OSG)	3km	8min	13500

11 Event Schedule by Day-TBC

Day 10	August 26 (Tuesday)		
	Session GR01	start: 11:00 end: 13:00	Nanjing Olympic Sports Center Gymnasium
		Individual Qualifications (Rotations 1 and 2 – Competition I)	
	Session GR02	start: 14:30 end: 16:30	Nanjing Olympic Sports Center Gymnasium
		Individual Qualifications (Rotations 3 and 4 – Competition I)	
	Session GR03	start: 19:00 end: 20:00	Nanjing Olympic Sports Center Gymnasium

Day 10	August 26 (Tuesday)		
		Group Qualifications (Rotations 1 and 2 – Competition I)	
Day 11	August 27 (Wednesday)		
	Session GR04	start: 13:30 end: 15:30	Nanjing Olympic Sports Center Gymnasium
		Individual Finals (Rotations 1, 2, 3, and 4 – Competition II)	
		start : 15:30 end: 15:40	
		Victory Ceremony Individual Finals	
	Session GR05	start: 19:00 end: 20:00	Nanjing Olympic Sports Center Gymnasium
		Group Finals (Rotations 1 and 2 – Competition II)	
		start : 20:00 end: 20:10	
		Victory Ceremony Group Finals	

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

12 Games–Time Training

12.1 TRAINING VENUE

Nanjing Sports Institute Comprehensive Training Hall

12.2 TRAINING POLICIES

Training facilities will be provided for all athletes from the opening of the Youth Olympic Village (YOV) (August 12, 2014) to the end of Nanjing 2014 (August 28, 2014).

Games–Time Training consists of three phases – Pre–Competition, During Competition and Post–Competition.

12.2.1 Pre–Competition Training and Training during Competition

Training sessions fall into two main categories – Open Training and



Allocated Training .The type of training for each sport is determined in consultation with the IF of the respective sport.

a. Open Training

Training Sessions for Open Training are not NOC–specific—they are open to all participants to conduct their training. The NOCs will neither be allocated nor required to book the training sessions. The training schedule for sports with Open Training will be provided to the NOCs in January 2014.

b. Allocated Training

Majority of the training sessions fall into this category and will be scheduled by the Competition Management of NYOGOC. The schedule of the training sessions will be distributed to the participating NOCs upon the finalisation of entries.

The SID will be operational upon the opening of the YOV on 12 August 2014, which will also provide pertinent information relating to sport training schedules.

12.2.2 Post–Competition Training

All Nanjing 2014 athletes are required to stay throughout the Games. Training facilities will also be provided for athletes who have completed their competition where possible.

Post–Competition Training sessions will be scheduled by the Competition Management of NYOGOC. The schedule of the training sessions will be distributed to the participating NOCs upon the finalisation of entries.

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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