

YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES

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THE FIRST YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES MASCOTS UNVEILED BY SINGAPORE 2010!

towards a sustainable future. She also wants to encourage young people to play an active role in their communities and promote respect for one another.

appearing at many Singapore 2010 events in the coming months as the buzz and excitement for the Games builds.

Left: Asafa Powell and the mascots at the Friendship Camp in December 2009

The Singapore 2010 Organising Committee unveiled the first Youth Olympic Games mascots on Saturday 21 November 2009: Lyo (pronounced Leo) and Merly.

Lyo is short for "Lion of the Youth Olympics". A sports fan, he is fun-loving and hopes to inspire young people to keep fit and enjoy sport for life. He symbolises young people's boundless energy, their determination to live life to the full and zeal to strive for excellence.

Merly got her name from "mer" (meaning the sea) and "ly" which stands for liveliness and youthfulness. A passionate advocate of environmental protection, Merly believes that everyone has a role to play in working



YOG GOES LIVE AS IOC AWARDS SINGAPORE 2010 BROADCAST RIGHTS

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) announced last November agreements with MediaCorp, SingTel and StarHub to become the official broadcasters within Singapore for the first Youth Olympic Games in Singapore in 2010.

Olympic Broadcasting Services (OBS), the host broadcast subsidiary wholly owned by the IOC, will be responsible for delivering to these three organisations, as well as to more than 40 broadcasters around the world, live broadcast feeds and a 24-hour Youth Olympic News Channel, which will incorporate two daily highlight programmes. The coverage will embrace all broadcast platforms,

including free-to-air television, radio, cable television, mobile phone and online.

IOC President Jacques Rogge said: "The first ever Youth Olympic Games will be an important moment for the Olympic Movement. It is the first time we have launched a new event since the first Winter Games in 1924. This is a big step forward in ensuring that the Youth Olympic Games are available to viewers on all broadcast platforms, both within Singapore and around the world."

For more information on the broadcast rights for Singapore 2010 Youth Olympic Games, visit www.olympic.org media section.



FOREWORD BY JACQUES ROGGE

With less than 200 days to go before Singapore 2010's Opening Ceremony, the Youth Olympic Games (YOG) are in the final stretch to becoming a reality. On 14 August 2010, Singapore will open its doors to the world's best young athletes in what will be a celebration of sport, culture and education.



With the Singapore Youth Olympic Games Organising Committee (SYOGOC) in full swing and making final preparations to celebrate this inaugural edition, NOCs and IFs are also at work selecting the 3,600 most talented athletes through their qualification systems around the world.

Also participating will be 30 Young Ambassadors and 30 Young Reporters representing NOCs from all five continents, who will take part together with the competing athletes in the festive and vibrant Culture and Education Programme (CEP) at Games time.

The YOG is already engaging with young people around the world through digital media and social networks as illustrated by the successful online Medal Design Competition that was launched last November, with entries from 34 nations put forward by participants aged from 18 to 73.

To rally all YOG initiatives, the "YOG-DNA" label, a visual identity for young people, was launched last autumn representing the spirit of the Youth Olympic Games. With the launch of Innsbruck 2012's emblem and the election at the IOC Session in Vancouver of the host city of the second Summer YOG in 2014, the spirit of the YOG is also already reaching out beyond 2010 and well into the next Olympiad.

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“THE YOG CUBE” HAS LANDED!

In November last year the IOC launched a dedicated Youth Olympic Games (YOG) microsite on its official web site, www.olympic.org.

The launch of this platform included the introduction of the “YOG-DNA” label, a new visual identity for young people embodying the Spirit

of the Youth Olympic Games.

Known as “the Cube”, this dynamic and vibrant platform will support and promote youth projects in the spirit of the YOG.

The Cube will feature news, participants’ profiles and the sport, culture and education programmes for Singapore 2010.



It will also allow young people to engage and participate in YOG-related activities in the build-up to next August and to the Winter YOG in Innsbruck in 2012.

Check out www.olympic.org/yog and enjoy!

OLYMPIC CHAMPIONS VISIT SINGAPORE FRIENDSHIP CAMP

Olympic champions Veronica Campbell-Brown, Asafa Powell and Jamaican sprinter Dexter Lee found a break in their training schedules to drop in on young athletes participating in the Friendship Camp, an event that took place in Singapore in December as part of the pre-Games activities.

Over 400 young athletes from around the world gathered in the host city to test out some of the exciting activities from the Culture and Education Programme that will be introduced at the Games in August. Athletes from 130 National Olympic Committees (NOCs) participated in a variety of games, discus-

sions and workshops with Singaporean student athletes.

The main objective of the camp was to promote the Olympic values among participants, providing them with a unique experience and the opportunity to form life-long friendships.

The highlight of the camp was the opportunity to ‘Chat with Champions’, as part of the Culture and Education programme, where athletes got the opportunity to ask the sports stars questions and ended with an impromptu dance from Asafa Powell!



INNSBRUCK 2012 QUALIFICATION SYSTEM PRINCIPLES

INNSBRUCK 2012
Host City for the Youth Olympic Games



BALANCING CONTINENTAL PARTICIPATION, PERFORMANCE, HOST COUNTRY REPRESENTATION AND GENDER EQUITY

The Youth Olympic Games (YOG) Qualification System Principles (QSP) were created to ensure that the following pillars remain the focus for participation to all competitions on the programme of the YOG.

Continental representation: To ensure the widest possible participation, specific continental quotas will be defined by each IF in order to adequately reflect usual sport specific participation figures across continents.

Performance and qualification events: The participation of the world’s best young athletes will be ensured at the first edition of the Winter YOG through the Qualification Systems developed by each relevant IF. Existing events and/or rankings already approved by the respective IF should be used for qualification.

For sports in which qualification is based on meeting specific standards, the

respective IFs have specified the events in which such standards must be met, and implemented clear regulations regarding the distribution and verification of results from these events. **(See the summary of all Qualification Systems attached as a folding poster at the centre of this newsletter.)**

Host country participation: In principle, all sports and disciplines should include quota places for Host Country participants. However, these places will not be attributed automatically and will therefore be dealt with on a case-by-case basis, subject to athletes or teams reaching a minimum level of performance.

In total, 1,058 athletes will be able to qualify

for the winter YOG through the qualification events.

“We sincerely believe the Qualification Systems proposed by the IFs will promote continental representation and will allow the best young athletes to

participate in the first edition of the Winter YOG in Innsbruck in 2012,” said Gilbert Felli, Olympic Games Executive Director.



2012 YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES IN INNSBRUCK – SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATION SYSTEMS

IF	SPORT - DISCIPLINE	EVENTS	QUOTA			MAXIMUM NOC QUOTA	ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY	QUALIFICATION SYSTEM	
			Qualifying Process	Host Country Places	Total			Qualifying Events	Procedure
IBU	Biathlon	5 M sprint 7.5 km, M pursuit 10 km W sprint 6 km, W pursuit 7.5 km Mixed Relay (2M & 2W) *Cross-Country Biathlon mixed team relay (see below under FIS CC)	98	2	100	2 men & 2 women	Born between 1/1/1994 and 31/12/1995	Men's & Women's World Cup Nations Cup Rankings	The quota available to each NOC is determined by the World Cup Nations Cup Ranking from the 2010-2011 season: Men's / Women's Nations Cup Score • Places 1-20: 2 entries per NOC • Places 21-29: 1 entry per NOC • 1 place reserved for host NOC The selection of athletes will be made by the respective NOC.
FIBT	Bobsleigh	2 Two-man bob race Two-women bob race	36	4	40	4 men & 4 women	Born between 1/1/1993 and 31/12/1994 Participation in 3 youth races on 2 different tracks	FIBT Bobsleigh Ranking	Participation, for each of the men's and women's competitions, is limited to a total of 10 crews, including the host nation. The NOC quotas are based on the updated FIBT ranking. Qualification is achieved by the results of athletes, who gain a qualification place for their NOC. Male and female athletes of non represented continents may also participate, with 1 men's and 1 women's crew, provided that the maximum quota of 20 men and 20 women is not yet filled.
	Skeleton	2 Individual men Individual women	28	2	30	2 men & 2 women	Born between 1/1/1995 and 31/12/1996 Participation in 3 youth races on 2 different tracks	FIBT Skeleton Ranking	Participation, for each of the men's and women's competitions, is limited to a total of 15 athletes, including the host nation. The NOC quotas are based on the updated FIBT ranking. Qualification is achieved by the results of athletes, who gain a qualification place for their NOC. Male and female athletes of non represented continents may also participate, with 1 male and 1 female athlete, provided that the maximum quota of 15 men and 15 women is not yet filled.
WCF	Curling	2 Mixed team competition (2M & 2W) Mixed NOC doubles competition (1M & 1W)	60	4	64	2 men & 2 women	Born between 1/1/1994 and 31/12/1995	2011 Junior World Championships 2011 European Junior Challenge 2011 Pacific Junior Championships	The 16 mixed teams will be selected based on the highest number of points accumulated during the qualifying events, according to the following distribution: • 1 team from host country • 2 teams from North America • 1 team from South America • 3 teams from Asia • 1 team from Oceania • 8 teams from Europe The NOC shall determine how their teams of 2 men and 2 women will be selected to represent them. The same athletes will participate in mixed doubles, however teams will be composed of 1 man and 1 woman from different NOCs.
IIHF	Ice Hockey	4 Men 5 team tournament Women 5 team tournament Men's Individual Skills Challenge Women's Individual Skills Challenge	136 30	34 (1 M & 1 W team)	200	17 athletes (1 M or 1 W team) (except host NOC)	Men born between 1/1/1996 and 31/12/1996 Women born between 1/1/1994 and 31/12/1994	2011 IIHF World Ranking (for 5-team tournament) National Skills Challenges and final Global Skills Challenge (for Individual Skills Challenge)	5 team tournaments: Austria will be awarded 1 men's and 1 women's team for the tournaments. The remaining 8 teams will be awarded to the top 8 nations in the joint Men's and Women's 2011 IIHF World Ranking, with the higher ranked nations having the first option of selecting team gender for their participation. Individual Skills Challenge: 15 male athletes and 15 female athletes from nations not competing in the tournaments will qualify through a 2-stage process: • National qualification through a Skills Challenge organised by each National Association • 15 highest ranked men and women during Global Skills Challenge will be selected
FIL	Luge	4 Men's singles Women's singles Doubles Mixed team relay (1M, 1W, 1 double)	64	6	70	6 athletes (2 men, 2 women, 1 double)	Born between 1/1/1994 and 31/12/1995 FIL minimum standard	Ranking from Junior World Cup or Youth-A World Cup races 2010/2011	Athletes achieving the minimum standard qualify their NOC for the YOG. Should athletes from more than 20 nations (for singles) or 15 nations (for doubles) achieve the minimum standard, then a ranking list will determine the top 20 nations (in each singles event) and 15 nations (in doubles) which are qualified. The last quota place in each event is reserved for the host country, if athletes have achieved the minimum standard. The minimum standard consists of participation in a total of 3 Junior World Cup or Youth-A World Cup races, and the obtainment of a minimum of 10 points in total.
ISU	Figure Skating	5 Single men, Single ladies Pairs, Ice Dance Mixed NOC team event (1 single M&W, 1 pair & 1 couple)	70	6	76	6 men & 6 women	Born between 1/1/1996 and 31/12/1997 Male in Ice dance and Pairs: 1/1/1994 – 31/12/1997	Junior World Championships 2011 ISU Junior Grand Prix 2011	Maximum number of entries per event: 16 singles, 10 pairs and 12 ice dance couples. The JWC will serve to qualify 12 male and female singles, 7 pairs and 9 ice dance couples. NOCs ranked among the first 3 at the JWC may enter 2 skaters/couples in the respective event. The next best ranked NOCs at the JWC may enter 1 skater/couple to fill these entries. Remaining entries (2 singles in M&W, 3 pairs and 3 ice dance couples) will be filled by the best ranked NOCs at the Junior Grand Prix (not yet qualified through JWC) who may enter 1 skater/couple in the respective event until the total quota per event is filled.
	Short Track Speed Skating	5 500m (M / W), 1000m (M / W) Mixed NOC Relay (2M & 2W)	30	2	32	2 men & 2 women	Born between 1/1/1996 and 31/12/1997	Junior World Championships 2011	Quota places are assigned based on the order of placement in the overall final results at the JWC. NOCs ranked among the first 3 in the overall final results may enter 2 competitors. Next best ranked NOCs may enter 1 competitor until the quota is filled. If the total number of skaters cannot be filled, NOCs ranked 4th and lower may qualify a second athlete, until the total of 16 is filled. The mixed relay event will be open to all entered skaters.
	Speed Skating	8 500m (M / W), 1500m (M / W) 3000m (M / W), Mass start (M / W)	54	2	56	2 men & 2 women	Born between 1/1/1996 and 31/12/1997. Achievement of qualifying time standards	ISU Junior World Championships 2011 2 designated ISU Junior World Cup competitions in 2011	Top 6 placed NOCs at the ISU World Junior Championships in 500m, 1500m and all-round qualify 1 athlete for the 500m, 1500m and 3000m respectively. An NOC may qualify up to 2 athletes of each gender. Remaining places will be allocated through the 2 designated World Cup competitions according to the results in 500, 1500m and 3000m, to the best ranked NOCs not yet qualified through the JWC. An athlete may participate in a maximum of 2 distances, if qualifying time standards are achieved. All skaters may participate in the mass start event.
FIS	Alpine Skiing	9 Slalom (M / W), Giant Slalom (M / W) Super G (M / W), Combined (M / W) Mixed parallel team event (2M & 2W)	111	4	115	2 men & 2 women	Born between 1/1/1995 and 31/12/1996 FIS points	FIS Junior Alpine World Ski Championships 2011	Top 7 nations in the overall Marc Hodler Trophy standings for AS at the FIS JWC, as well as the host nation, qualify 2 men and 2 women. The following nations scoring points in the men's and/or women's standings in the Marc Hodler Trophy standings are entitled to 1 starting place in the respective gender, until the maximum quota is filled. Any remaining places will be distributed (with a max of 1M or W per NOC) by FIS to NOCs not yet qualified and applying for a quota place, in consideration of international representation throughout all FIS disciplines at the YOG.
	Cross-Country Skiing	5 M Sprint, W Sprint 10km men, 5km ladies Cross-Country Biathlon mixed team relay	86	4	90	2 men & 2 women	Born between 1/1/1994 and 31/12/1995 FIS points	FIS Junior Nordic World Ski Championships 2011	Top 7 nations in the overall Marc Hodler Trophy standings for CC at the FIS JWC, as well as the host nation, qualify 2 men and 2 women. The following nations scoring points in the men's and/or women's standings in the Marc Hodler Trophy standings are entitled to 1 starting place in the respective gender, until the maximum quota is filled. Any remaining places will be distributed (with a max of 1M or W per NOC) by FIS to NOCs not yet qualified and applying for a quota place, in consideration of international representation throughout all FIS disciplines at the YOG.
	Freestyle Skiing	4 Ski half pipe (M / W)	22	2	24	1 man & 1 woman	Born between 1/1/1995 and 31/12/1996 FIS points in respective event	FIS Junior Freestyle World Ski Championships 2011 OR FIS points list	If FIS Freestyle JWC are confirmed by FIS Council meeting on 5 June 2010: Top 12 nations in men's and women's ski cross at JWC are entitled to 1 athlete in the respective event. Top 8 nations in men's and women's ski half pipe at JWC are entitled to 1 athlete in the respective event. 4 remaining places per event will be distributed (with a max of 1M or W per NOC) by FIS to NOCs not yet qualified and applying for a quota place, in consideration of international representation throughout all FIS disciplines at the YOG. If FIS Freestyle JWC are not confirmed by FIS Council meeting on 5 June 2010: Top 12 nations in men's and women's ski cross in FIS points list are entitled to 1 athlete in the respective event. Top 8 nations in men's and women's ski half pipe in FIS points list are entitled to 1 athlete in the respective event. 4 remaining places per event will be distributed (with a max of 1M or F per NOC) to NOCs not yet qualified and applying for a quota place, in consideration of international representation throughout all FIS disciplines at the YOG.
		4 Ski cross (M / W)	30	2	32	1 man & 1 woman			
	Nordic Combined	1 Individual competition (M)	19	1	20	1 man	Born between 1/1/1995 and 31/12/1996. Have participated at FIS level or Continental Cup competition	FIS Junior Nordic World Ski Championships 2011	Top ranked nations scoring points in the Marc Hodler Trophy standings for NC at the FIS JWC are entitled to 1 starting place, as is the host nation. Any remaining places up to the maximum of 20 will be distributed to the next ranked nations in NH/5km event at FIS Nordic JWC 2011. If places still remain, they will be allocated by FIS to NOCs not yet qualified and applying for a quota place, in consideration of international representation throughout all FIS disciplines at the YOG.
	Ski Jumping	3 Individual competition (M / W) Team competition	43	2	45	1 man & 1 woman	Born between 1/1/1995 and 31/12/1996 Have participated at FIS level or Continental Cup competition	FIS Junior Nordic World Ski Championships 2011	Top ranked nations scoring points in the men's and/or women's Marc Hodler Trophy standings for SJ at the FIS JWC are entitled to 1 starting place in the respective gender, as is the host nation for both men and women. Any remaining places up to the maximum of 25 (M) and 20 (W) will be distributed to the next ranked nations in the SJ individual event at the FIS Nordic JWC 2011. If places still remain, they will be allocated by FIS to NOCs not yet qualified and applying for a quota place, in consideration of international representation throughout all FIS disciplines at the YOG.
Snowboard	4 Half pipe (M / W)	30	2	32	1 man & 1 woman	Born between 1/1/1995 and 31/12/1996 FIS points in respective event	FIS Junior Snowboard World Championships 2011 OR FIS points list	If FIS Snowboard JWC are confirmed by FIS Council meeting on 5 June 2010: Top 12 nations in men's half pipe and slopestyle at JWC are entitled to 1M in the respective event. Top 10 nations in women's half pipe and slopestyle at JWC are entitled to 1W in the respective event. The 6(M) and 4(W) remaining places per event will be distributed (with a max of 1M or W per NOC) to NOCs not yet qualified and applying for a quota place, in consideration of international representation throughout all FIS disciplines at the YOG. If FIS Snowboard JWC are not confirmed by FIS Council meeting on 5 June 2010: Top 12 nations in men's half pipe and slopestyle in FIS points list are entitled to 1M in the respective event. Top 10 nations in women's half pipe and slopestyle in FIS points list are entitled to 1W in the respective event. The 6(M) and 4(W) remaining places per event will be distributed (with a max of 1M or W per NOC) to NOCs not yet qualified and applying for a quota place, in consideration of international representation throughout all FIS disciplines at the YOG.	
	4 Slopestyle (M / W)	30	2	32	1 man & 1 woman				
TOTAL			63	977	81	1058			

GLOSSARY: M = MEN, W = WOMEN, WC = WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, JWC = JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Note: All *mixed* events signify mixed gender team competitions, combining male and female athletes.
All *mixed NOC* events signify mixed gender and mixed NOC team competitions, combining male and female athletes from different NOCs