



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES BUENOS AIRES 2018

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Tennis

A. EVENTS (5)

Men's Events (2)	Women's Events (2)	Mixed Events (1)
Men's singles Men's doubles	Women's singles Women's doubles	Mixed doubles

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total Quota for Tennis:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Universality Places	Total
Men	28	1	3	32
Women	28	1	3	32
Total	56	2	6	64

2. Maximum Number of Athletes per National Olympic Committee (NOC):

	Quota per NOC
Men	2
Women	2
Total	4

3. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The quota place is allocated to the athlete(s) by name.

C. ATHLETE 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.

Age

To be eligible to participate in the Youth Olympic Games, athletes must have been born between 1 January 2000 and 31 December 2003.



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Additional IF criteria

Any tennis athlete is eligible for participation in the Youth Olympic Games Tennis Event provided he/she is in good standing with his/her National Association and the International Tennis Federation (“ITF”) and meets regulation 27 ‘Eligibility of a Player to Represent a Nation’ of the ITF Junior Team Competition Regulations available here: (<http://www.itftennis.com/media/251717/251717.pdf>).

- Only NOCs of countries whose National Tennis Associations have been members of the ITF prior to 1 January 2018 may nominate athletes for participation in the 2018 Summer Youth Olympic Tennis Event. For the purpose of such eligibility, both Full and Associate members of the ITF may participate.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

QUALIFICATION PLACES

MEN & WOMEN

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Event
D.1. 22 Men 22 Women	<p>D.1. ITF Junior World Rankings & ATP/WTA Professional Rankings</p> <p>The top twelve (12) athletes per gender from the ITF Junior World Rankings as of 16 July 2018 will be allocated one (1) quota place respecting the maximum quota per gender per NOC.</p> <p>A further ten (10) athletes will be allocated one (1) quota place (respecting the maximum quota per gender per NOC) according to the following (in priority order):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Athletes ranked ATP 450 or better for men or WTA 200 or better for women in the Professional Rankings of 16 July 2018 not already qualified. ii) The next best ranked athletes on the ITF Junior World Rankings of 16 July 2018.
D.2. 6 Men 6 Women	<p>D.2. Regional Representation</p> <p>One (1) quota place will be allocated to the best-ranked athlete on the ITF Junior World Rankings as of 16 July 2018 from any of the six Regional Associations (plus North America) not yet represented following the allocation of quotas in D.1.</p> <p>Should not all places be needed for regional representation, unfilled quota places will be allocated to the next best-ranked athletes not yet qualified on the ITF Junior World Rankings as of 16 July 2018 (respecting the maximum quota per gender per NOC).</p>



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D.3.	<p>D.3.1 Composition of Doubles</p> <p>All athletes participating in the singles events will participate in the doubles events. Doubles teams will have to sign-in on-site.</p> <p>The draw will take place on Friday 5 October 2018 (TBC) after the singles draw. The teams will be composed as per the following order of priority:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">i. Same NOCii. Same regioniii. Same zoneiv. Intercontinental teams <p>D.3.2 Composition of Mixed Doubles</p> <p>All athletes participating in the singles events will participate in the mixed doubles events. Mixed doubles teams will have to sign-in on-site.</p> <p>The draw will take place on Friday 5 October 2018 (TBC) after the singles and doubles draws. The teams will be composed as per the following order of priority:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">i. Same NOCii. Same regioniii. Same zoneiv. Intercontinental teams
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HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The host country will automatically qualify one (1) male and one (1) female athlete, on the condition that the athletes meet the eligibility requirements described under section C.

Should the host country already have a representative in the men's and/or women's' singles according to the qualification pathway set out above, then the host country place for each respective event will be reallocated as set out in the reallocation section below.

UNIVERSALITY PLACES

Three (3) male Universality Places and three (3) female Universality Places will be made available to eligible NOCs at the YOG, subject to the athletes meeting the required technical level and the eligibility criteria defined under section C.

The International Olympic Committee will invite all eligible NOCs to submit their requests for Universality Places by 15 January 2017. The Tripartite Commission will confirm, in writing, the allocation of invitation places to the relevant NOCs, in collaboration with ITF, as of 13 March 2017. The NOCs will have until 31 March 2017 to confirm the use of their places to the Tripartite Commission.



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E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

CONFIRMATION OF QUALIFICATION PLACES

ITF will publish the ITF Junior World Rankings as of 16 July 2018 on their website at www.itftennis.com/juniors. The ITF will confirm in writing to NOCs on 18 July 2018 the quota places they have achieved.

The NOCs will then have two (2) weeks until **1 August 2018**, to confirm to ITF and BAYOGOC by submitting a nomination form if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in section G. Qualification Timeline.

CONFIRMATION OF HOST COUNTRY PLACES

If the host country is not allocated a quota place through D.1 or D.2, the host country must confirm in writing to ITF and BAYOGOC by 1 August 2018 the participation of its athletes.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION PLACES

If a quota place allocated is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated as follows:

- If the athlete qualified through D.1, the quota place will be reallocated to the next best-ranked athlete not yet qualified on the ITF Junior World Rankings as of 16 July 2018.
- If the athlete qualified through D.2., the quota place will be reallocated to the next best-ranked athlete not yet qualified on the ITF Junior World Rankings as of 16 July 2018 of the respective Region.

Unused quota places from D.2 will be allocated to the next best-ranked athletes not yet qualified on the ITF Junior World Rankings as of 16 July 2018.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Any unused Host Country Places will be reallocated to the next best-ranked athlete from an NOC not yet qualified on the ITF Junior World Rankings as of 16 July 2018.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED UNIVERSALITY PLACES

Any unused Universality Places, including those returned after the final allocation by YOG Tripartite Commission, will be reallocated to the next best-ranked athlete from an NOC not yet qualified on the ITF Junior World Rankings as of 16 July 2018.



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G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Universality Places	31 March 2017	Validation of final allocation of Universality Places by the YOG Tripartite Commission
Qualification	16 July 2017 – 15 July 2018	YOG 2018 qualification period
Accreditation Deadline	<date>*	Buenos Aires 2018 Accreditation Deadline (All potential athletes must be registered in the system)
Inform and Confirm	16 July 2018	Publication of ITF Junior World Rankings and Professional Singles Rankings
	18 July 2018	ITF to inform NOCs of their allocated quota places
	1 August 2018	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places to ITF and BAYOGOC Host Country to confirm the participation of athletes
Reallocation	22 August 2018	ITF to reallocate all unused quota places and NOCs to confirm
	30 August 2018	End of reallocation period
Sport Entries Deadline	31 August 2018	Entries deadline by name for all sports
Finalisation of DRP Deadline	<date>*	Finalisation of DRP Deadline
YOG	6 – 18 October 2018	3 rd Summer Youth Olympic Games – Buenos Aires 2018

*To be defined