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The following text is a summary of the qualification process for the Youth Olympic Games (YOG) to be celebrated in Buenos Aires, Argentina in October 2018:

General

There will be a total of 48 athletes allowed for karate divided in 3 weight categories for Kumite male and 3 categories for Kumite female, therefore there will be 8 athletes per each category.

Athletes participating in the qualification event, or selected by any other process, must be at least 16 years old and no older than 17 at the first day of the qualification event (exact date to be confirmed, will be around June 2018).

All ranking places are per (date to be confirmed, will be approx. 3 weeks before the qualification event). Results for the last 12 months count 100% while results from the year before counts 50%.

Categories

Men will have the following categories:

Kumite - 61 kg (merging -55 kg and – 61 kg)

Kumite - 68 kg

Kumite + 68 kg (merging – 76 kg and +76 kg)

Women will have the following categories:

Kumite -53 kg (merging -48 kg and -53 kg)

Kumite -59 kg

Kumite +59 kg

No country can have more than one participant qualified in a category.

1. Selection based on highest WKF World Ranking (2 in each YOG category)

For each of the YOG categories the top two athletes per gender from the WKF World Ranking as (date to be confirmed, will be approx. 3 weeks before the qualification event) will be qualified, or those rankings where two WKF categories are merged the top ranked athlete of each individual WKF category will obtain one (1) quota place respecting the maximum quota per gender per NOC. For those rankings where two WKF categories are merged the highest ranked athlete for each of the two WKF categories will be selected. In case the two highest ranking athletes of each category are from the same country, the one with the highest ranking scores will obtain the place – whereas in the category of the non-qualified athlete, the second



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highest ranked athlete will qualify. Where the YOG category corresponds to the WKF category the highest and second highest athlete will be selected.

2. Places allocated by Qualification Tournament (4 places per YOG category)

There will be a qualification tournament held towards the end of June 2018, which will be conducted in two phases. The first phase will be a regular tournament with maximum one entry per country per category, with the exception that the YOG weight categories will be used - and that there will be a match for one single third place. First and second place of each category will qualify for the YOG. The 3rd place winner will be given priority to fill the place of any 1st or 2nd place winner that for some reason cannot participate in the YOG.

The second phase of the tournament will be conducted in the same way, with the exception that those that qualified in the first phase will not participate. Also, the 1st and 2nd place winners of place two are qualified for YOG, and the 3rd place winner becomes the second priority substitute in case one of the athletes qualified through the tournament is unable to compete in the YOG.

With 1 & 2 we will have selected 6 of the 8 athletes in each category

3. Host Country Places (2 male and 2 female - all in different YOG categories)

The host country is guaranteed 2 places for men and two places for women, but these athletes must be selected according to their world ranking.

4. Universality places (2 male and 2 female)

There are further 2 places for men and 2 places for women allocated as universality places. Filling these places will be determined by a tripartite commission. The NOC in the eligible countries will take charge of this process towards the applicable NF.

5. Qualification based on Continental Representation

Remaining open places will be filled according to world ranking with one man and one women of any continental federation not already qualified giving priority to the smallest continental federations by picking each pair of athletes in the following order OKF, UFAK, PKF, AKF, EKF until all continents are represented – or until there are no more open places. Continents already represented by both genders are eliminated from this step in the process.

Should not all places be needed for continental representation, unfilled quota places will be allocated to the next best-ranked athletes not yet qualified on the WKF World Ranking as of (date to be confirmed, will be approx. 3 weeks before the qualification event) respecting the maximum quota per gender per NOC.



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Substitution

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 the initial qualification through WKF World Ranking , the quota place will be reallocated to the next best-ranked athletes not yet qualified on the WKF World Ranking as of (date to be confirmed, will be approx. 3 weeks before the qualification event), subject to the athlete being in the top 50 athletes in his/her weight category. Should the athlete not be in the top 50 athletes the place will be reallocated to the next best-ranked athlete not yet qualified through the qualification tournament whilst respecting the maximum quota per event per NOC.
- If the athlete qualified through phase 1 of the qualification tournament, the quota place will be reallocated to the next best-ranked athlete not yet qualified through the qualification tournament whilst respecting the maximum quota per event per NOC.
- If the athlete qualified through the second phase of the qualification tournament , the quota place will be reallocated to the next best-ranked athlete not yet qualified through phase two of the qualification tournament whilst respecting the maximum quota per event per NOC
- If the athlete qualified based on Continental Representation, the quota place will be reallocated to the next best-ranked athlete not yet qualified from the respective continent WKF World Ranking as of (date to be confirmed, will be approx. 3 weeks before the qualification event), subject to the athlete being in the top 50 athletes in his/her category.

Host Country Places: Any unused Host Country Places will be reallocated to the next best-ranked NOC not yet qualified in the respective weight category on the WKF World Ranking as of (date to be confirmed, will be approx. 3 weeks before the qualification event), on condition that the maximum quota per NOC is not exceeded.

Any unused Universality Places, including those returned after the final allocation by YOG Tripartite

Commission, will be reallocated to the next best-ranked NOC not yet qualified on the WKF World Ranking as of (date to be confirmed, will be approx. 3 weeks before the qualification event) subject to the athlete being in the top 50 athletes in his/her category.