



**CHARTER**

**OF THE**

**EUROPEAN YOUTH OLYMPIC FESTIVAL**

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## **FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES**

1. The Charter of the European Youth Olympic Festival (EYOF) is the codification of the Fundamental Principles, Rules and Bye-laws adopted by the Association "The European Olympic Committees". It governs the organisation and operation of the European Youth Olympic Festival and stipulates the conditions for the organisation of such event.

2. The fundamental principles of the European Youth Olympic Festival, which are aimed at the youth of Europe, are based on the Olympic Charter. These include:

a) Olympism is a philosophy of life, exalting and combining in a balanced whole the qualities of body, will and mind, blending sport with culture and education. Olympism seeks to create a way of life based on the joy found in the effort, the educational value of good example and the respect for universal fundamental ethical principles.

b) The goal of Olympism is to place everywhere sport at the service of the harmonious development of the human being, with a view to encouraging the establishment of a peaceful society concerned with the preservation of human dignity.

c) The goal of the Olympic Movement is to contribute to building a peaceful and better world by educating youth through sport practised without discrimination of any kind and in the Olympic spirit, which requires mutual understanding with a spirit of friendship, solidarity and fair play.

3. European Youth Olympic Festival is the top multisport event open to young athletes between 14 and under 18 years of age of the European National Olympic Committees associated in the EOC. EYOF is held every two years, in odd years, in both summer and winter editions.

## **RULE 1      Ownership Rights**

The "European Youth Olympic Festival" belongs to the Association of the European Olympic Committees (EOC) and is organised on behalf of said association. The EYOFs are the exclusive property of the EOC that owns all rights concerning their organisation, exploitation, broadcasting, marketing and reproduction by any means whatsoever and the intellectual property rights arising there from.

All symbols, design and graphic elements, audio, video and photo materials created for the EYOFs are the sole property of the EOC.

## **RULE 2      Patronage by the International Olympic Committee (IOC)**

The EYOF are held under the patronage of the IOC.

## **RULE 3      Conditions for participation and nationality of competitors**

Participation in the European Youth Olympic Festival is open to all European young athletes nominated by their National Olympic Committee, subject to the current EYOF Charter and EOC regulations on age categories and quotas for each EYOF edition. The criteria of the qualification of athletes/teams are in the remit of the respective NOC/NFs with the exception of ice hockey, basketball, handball and volleyball where the qualification systems/criteria are set up by the respective IF/EFs.

Any competitor in the EYOF must be a national or citizen of the country or territory of the NOC which is entering him/her or have the right of being a national or citizen of such country when the competitor reaches the legal majority of age. In any case, the NOC must, on the request of the Organising Committee or the EOC, duly prove the nationality, citizenship or right to obtain one or other by the competitor. A NOC which wishes to enter an athlete who does not meet these criteria, must submit a written and detailed request to the EOC EYOF Commission not later than four months before the date of the Opening Ceremony.

## **RULE 4      Official languages, flag, logo**

The official languages of the EYOF are French and English.

The official flag is the EOC flag.

The official logo of the EYOF is the EOC/EYOF logo.

Each organiser is free to create a logo (emblem) and brand design approved by the EOC, for the EYOF edition it organises.

## **RULE 5 \*      Frequency and duration of the EYOF, number of participants**

The EYOF Winter and Summer events are organised on a bi-annual basis, and take place during odd years.

The period of organisation shall be

- For winter editions between 15<sup>th</sup> January and the end of February
- For summer editions, the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> week of July.

The duration of EYOF shall be of a maximum of 8 days, 6 of which at the most may involve competition.

The number of participants in the Winter EYOF must not exceed 1600 (athletes and officials) and in the Summer EYOF must not exceed 3600 (athletes and officials). These limits do not include judges/referees, technical delegates, other officials, guests or journalists.

**\* Bye-laws to Rule 5:**

a) For summer editions, the dates must be protected in the European calendars by the relevant European Federations, according to the contracts signed with the EOC. For winter editions, the EOC EYOF Commission communicates the dates of organisation to the International Federations concerned as soon as the Host City is chosen by the EOC General Assembly. The International Federations shall include these dates in their respective competition calendars in order to protect the dates.

**RULE 6\* Candidatures, evaluation procedure and election of the Host City**

Every application for the organisation of the Summer and Winter EYOF shall be presented jointly by the interested City and NOC to the EOC Executive Committee, based on the call for EYOF Candidates sent by the EOC, in March of the sixth year preceding the EYOF.

The bidding procedure is governed by the EYOF Guidelines for Candidate Cities and NOCs and all procedures and documents submitted to the EOC must fulfil the requirements established in the current Guidelines for applicant/candidate Cities/NOCs for EYOF, EYOF Charter, Host City Contract and other documents approved by the EOC.

**\* Bye-laws to Rule 6:**

- a) In the first phase the Applicant Cities and NOCs must submit the application document to the EOC. For every edition, the EOC Executive Committee once the application documents submitted by the applicant cities and NOCs have been studied, may refuse the bids not fulfilling the requirements and/or make a pre-selection of up to a maximum of 3 candidate cities.
- b) An EOC Evaluation ad hoc Commission (maximum 3 persons) shall then visit and evaluate the candidate cities.
- c) The candidates have to work out the detailed Bid file and include the recommendations of the EOC Evaluation Commission and submit the Bid file to the EOC.
- d) The Bid files are sent to all European NOCs for their information prior to the elections in which the host Cities are elected.

- e) The Evaluation Commission will elaborate the Evaluation report based on the official visit findings and the information given in the Bid file and present it to the EOC General Assembly.
- f) The election of the Host City shall take place at the EOC General Assembly of the 5th year before the corresponding EYOF edition, according to the rules approved by the EOC Executive Committee for every election, and duly communicated to the candidate NOCs and voting NOCs.
- g) The Bid file of the selected City and NOC shall be binding on the Organising Committee and the NOC and shall form the annex to the Host City Contract.
- h) The Host City Contract shall be signed on the day of the election.

#### **RULE 7 Organising Committee**

As soon as the EOC has selected the Host City, the NOC and the City concerned shall sign the “Host City Contract”, a sample of which is annexed to the Guidelines for Candidate Cities and NOCs and, not later than six months after this signature, create an Organising Committee for the EYOF.

All agreements relating to the incorporation and the existence of the Organising Committee must be submitted to the EOC EYOF Commission for approval.

The Organising Committee shall include, among the members of its board of directors and executive committee, the President “and/or” Secretary General of the NOC of the host country, and at least one member representing and designated by the Host City.

The Organising Committee shall centralise the management of the organisation and shall be the sole EOC, EF/IF and NOCs interlocutor on behalf of the different elements of the host country.

The Organising Committee must present its structure to the EOC and start early enough to recruit professional staff as well as the volunteers. Close cooperation with National Sports Federations and local sports clubs is necessary.

No later than six months after its creation, the Organising Committee shall submit its Master plan for the EYOF to the EOC EYOF Commission. The contents of the Master plan shall be duly communicated on the basis of the document previously provided by the EOC to the Organising Committee

#### **RULE 8 \* Control, Reporting and Official meetings and documents**

The EOC Executive Committee holds control of the organization of each EYOF edition.

The EYOF Commission supervises all issues that arise or could arise concerning the EYOF.

The EOC EYOF Manager is the liaison between the EYOF Commission, Coordination Commissions, EFs/IFs and the EYOF Candidates and Organisers.

The EYOF Commission shall appoint, for every EYOF edition, an EYOF Coordination Commission of a maximum of five members, which shall manage the working relationship with the Organising Committee, the EOC, the European/International Federations and the participating NOCs.

The EYOF Coordination Commission shall monitor the progress of preparations of the EYOF by the Organising Committee. It shall provide help and carry out any other task delegated to it by the EOC Executive Committee and/or the EYOF Commission. Apart from regular communication with the Organising Committee the EYOF Coordination Commission shall carry out an inspection visit to the Host City as least once per year and meet with the representatives of the Organising Committee.

The Organising Committee must report on the progress of the preparation of the EYOF on a regular basis and whenever requested by the EOC.

**\* Bye-laws to Rule 8:**

- a) The Organising Committee must present the Progress Report during the Coordination Commission visits. The regular Annual Progress Report must be presented to the EOC General Assembly and information regarding the stage of the preparations must be provided whenever required by the EOC.
- b) The Organising Committee is requested to take part in the EYOF Observer programme and the EYOF Debriefing of the previous EYOF organiser. Both events are important parts of the EYOF Transfer of knowledge procedure which allows the Organising Committee gain a lot of valuable information and knowledge.
- c) The Organising Committee must prepare and organise the Chefs de Mission Seminar three months prior the EYOF in order to inform the NOCs in detail about the organisation, logistics, infrastructure and other elements of the organisation. The venue tour must be included.
- d) The Organising Committee have to elaborate the Chefs de Mission Manual and Technical Manual (including the technical manuals of all sports on the programme of the EYOF edition). These Manuals are considered as the key documents worked out by the Organising Committee, duly approved by the EOC and Technical Delegates that instruct the NOCs on all issues related to the organisation and sports. Both manuals must be available for the NOCs one month prior to the Chefs de Mission Seminar taking place.
- e) The Organising Committee is responsible for the organisation of the EYOF Observer programme during the EYOF that is designated for future applicants, candidates and organisers of the EYOF as well as the interested group of people within the Olympic movement.
- f) The Organising Committee must prepare the Final Report within four months after the conclusion of the EYOF. The Final presentation based on the Final Report must be presented to the EOC General Assembly taking place at the end of the same calendar year as the EYOF.
- g) The Organising Committee must provide the EOC with the various documents and materials for the EOC EYOF archive according to the instructions of the EYOF Coordination Commission.
- h) The Organising Committee and the host NOC are required to organise the Debriefing within three months after the EYOF to which the future EYOF organiser is invited. Such debriefing

serves as the evaluation of the organisation of the EYOF and the transfer of knowledge and experience to the next organiser.

## **RULE 9\* Sports programme of the Summer EYOF**

The sports programme includes, for each summer edition: Athletics, Cycling, Artistic Gymnastics, Judo, Swimming, Tennis, Basketball, Handball and Volleyball and one optional current Olympic sport at the year of bidding\*, each sport both for boys and girls. The inclusion of the optional sport is not compulsory.

\* If a candidate wishes to include the optional sport, which will most probably mean that the number of participants will exceed the limit of 3600 athletes and officials, the EOC will evaluate such a proposal and decide. In such case the candidate/organiser must guarantee that it is ready to accommodate and handle the higher number of participants.

### **\* Bye-laws to Rule 9:**

- a) The number of participants per country in each sport shall be defined by the EOC, according to the contracts signed by the EOC and the corresponding EF.
- b) The number of participant teams in Basketball, Handball and Volleyball shall be 8, for both boys and girls. The EOC shall determine the systems or criteria to qualify teams for EYOF according to the instructions given by the respective EF.
- c) For each sport, discipline and event, the EOC will determine the procedures for judges/referees designation according to the instruction given by the respective EF.
- d) In principle participants in the EYOF shall be between 14 and under 18 years of age or as otherwise agreed with the EFs, but the age difference of participants in each sport shall be limited to 2 years. The age categories for each sport shall be permanent and determined by the EOC according to the contracts signed by the EOC and the corresponding EF.
- e) No demonstration or exhibition sports shall be included in the programme.
- f) The Organising Committee shall submit the daily sports programme to the EOC EYOF Commission for approval at least one year before the EYOF. The EOC may introduce changes to the programme if they are in the interests of the EYOF and in consultation with the relevant EF.
- g) The EOC shall decide on any change proposed by the Organising Committee.



## **RULE 10\* Sports programme of the Winter EYOF**

The sports programme shall include for each edition following sports/sports disciplines: Biathlon, Ice Hockey, Short Track Speed Skating or Figure Skating, Alpine Skiing, Cross-Country Skiing, Snowboarding and other optional winter sports (Ski Jumping, Nordic Combined, Freestyle Skiing, Short Track Speed Skating or Figure Skating, Curling and Luge). The total number of sports on and the programme of the Winter EYOF shall not be less than seven nor more than nine\*. With the exception of Ice Hockey and Nordic Combined all sports shall be both for boys and girls.

\* If a candidate wishes to include a 10<sup>th</sup> sport (from the above listed sports), or increase gender participation or add a discipline, which will most probably mean that the number of participants will exceed the limit of 1600 athletes and NOCs officials, the EOC will evaluate such proposal and decide. In such case the candidate/organiser must guarantee that it is ready to accommodate and handle the higher number of participants.

### **\* Bye-laws to Rule 10:**

- a) The number of participants per country in each sport shall be determined by the EOC, in agreement with the International Federations concerned.
- b) The number of participating teams in Ice Hockey shall be six.
- c) For each sport, discipline and event, the EOC shall determine the procedures for judges/referees designation according to the instructions given by the respective IF.
- d) In principle the participants in the EYOF shall be between 14 and under 18 years of age or as otherwise agreed with the IFs, but the age difference of participants in each sport shall be limited to 2 years. Age categories for each sport shall be permanent and determined by the EOC according to the contracts signed by the EOC and the corresponding IF.
- e) No demonstration or exhibition sports shall be included in the programme.
- f) The Organising Committee shall submit the daily sports programme to the EOC EYOF Commission for approval at least one year before the EYOF. The EOC may introduce changes to the programme if they are in the interests of the EYOF and in consultation with the relevant IF.
- g) The EOC shall decide on any change proposed by the Organising Committee

## **RULE 11\* EYOF Regulations**

The Organising Committee shall respect the minimum technical requirements for each sport and each event, as defined by the rules of the respective European/International Federation. The Organising Committee shall submit any major technical consideration for the approval to the EYOF Coordination Commission and the nominated Technical Delegates.

EYOF Regulations are adopted for each EYOF edition by the EYOF Commission upon the proposal of the Coordination Commission in agreement with the European/International Federations concerned.

EYOF Regulations must include sports, disciplines, events, age categories, quotas, participation specification for each sport, qualification criteria for team sports, numbers and nomination procedure of judges/referees and if necessary other information.

National Olympic Committees shall have the sole and exclusive authority to prescribe and determine the clothing and uniforms to be worn by the members of their delegations on the occasion of the EYOF, and in connection with all sports competitions and ceremonies related thereto. The official uniforms must comply with the respective Rules in force concerning the Uniforms' appearance and commercial identifications.

**\* Bye-laws to Rule 11:**

- a) The EYOF Commission/EYOF Manager shall be responsible for liaising with the European/International Federations to ensure that the relevant technical regulations are respected.
- b) Technical Delegates and other International Technical Officials shall be appointed by the European/International Federations two years prior the event. They should visit the Host City at least two times – on the occasion of the EYOF Coordination Commission visit and during the Chefs de Mission Seminar. The Organising Committee must stay in close touch with all nominated Technical Delegates and consult them about all issues related to the sports respective operations. The venues must be visited and approved by Technical Delegates as well. The official documents especially the Technical Manual must be elaborated in cooperation with the Technical Delegates and approved by them.
- c) NOCs delegations taking part in the EYOF must bring with their delegation and at their own cost international Referees and Judges for specific sports. The nomination criteria and numbers must be duly communicated by the EOC to the Organising Committee and participating NOCs. The other necessary competent Judges and Referees as well as Timekeepers, Scorers and other Sports Technical Officials must be provided by the respective National Sports Federations of the hosting country and the Organising Committee. If any specific international Referees/Judges/Technical Officials are required by the EF/IF, out of the Judges or Referees provided by the NOCs, such referees shall be nominated by the EF/IF concerned.
- d) The EYOF Coordination Commission shall form one month before the EYOF the Jury of appeal consisting at minimum of three people: Chairman of the EYOF Commission, Chairman of the Coordination Commission, Chairman of the Organising Committee.
- e) The Organising Committee shall endeavour to ensure that the maximum number of sports venues is located in close proximity to each other and to the Athletes' Village and the

administrative and accreditation centres. This will minimise the travel times during the EYOF and enable maximum spectator exposure and offer good opportunities to team members to watch and support other sports.

- f) The competition and training venues provided by the Organising Committee shall respect and fulfil the criteria and requirements established for every sport by the respective European/International Federation. The sports venues shall be approved by the EF/IFs.
- g) The EOC may ask for the re-location or modification of the sports venues proposed by the Organising Committee based on the request of the Technical Delegates.
- h) Test events prior to the EYOF are highly recommended in order to test the venues, infrastructure, logistics and the operation of the Organising Committee.

#### **RULE 12\*    Entries / Accreditation**

The Organising Committee may ask for the Preliminary Entries by Number. At least 4 months prior to the event the Organising Committee shall require Final Entries by Number. Entries by Name (the Long list) shall be submitted, through the on-line system, at least 4 weeks prior to the event. Final Entries by Name (the Short list) from the original long list shall be confirmed not less than 2 weeks prior to the start of the competitions but an individual athlete may be substituted (by gender and sport only) for reasons of illness or injury.

The Organising Committee shall be responsible for the implementation of an online Registration and Accreditation System as decided by the EOC, and the accreditation logistics and infrastructure including the accreditation cards, access rights and privileges assignment to various groups of accredited people (based on the accreditation matrix), etc. The accreditation logistics must fit in with the venue logistics (zones, areas, access etc.).

#### **\* Bye-laws to Rule 12:**

- a) Final entries by number shall constitute the financial commitment of each NOC to the Organising Committee. Nevertheless the NOCs up to 50 members can decrease 10% and NOCs over 50 members 5% from their Entries by Numbers without financial consequences in the period between submission of Entry by Numbers and Short list deadline. In the event that an NOC arrives at the EYOF with a smaller delegation, its financial contribution shall remain on the basis of the committed entries by name (short list).
- b) No NOC shall be permitted to increase the number of its entries without the agreement of the Organising Committee and the EYOF Coordination Commission.
- c) The Olympic standards (groups, colours, acronyms etc.) shall be applied for the accreditation system/infrastructure.

### **RULE 13\*    Entry formalities and customs**

The Organising Committee shall provide a guarantee from the appropriate authorities undertaking to facilitate free access to the country for all participants and officials, whatever their country of origin in Europe, on presentation of a passport or equivalent identity document, or facilitating the issuance of entry visas.

The Organising Committee shall also take all necessary measures to facilitate the importation, free of customs duties, of the supplies and equipment (e.g. biathlon rifles and ammunition, medical accessories etc.) needed by the EOC, the National Olympic Committees and the European/International Federations for the EYOF, and of the supplies and equipment needed by the accredited media and sponsors, on condition that such supplies and equipment are used during the EYOF and re-exported to their country of origin after the EYOF.

### **RULE 14\*    Accommodation and Catering**

The Organising Committee is responsible for the accommodation and board of the NOCs delegations (athletes and officials) for the period of a maximum two days prior to the day of the opening ceremony and one day after the closing ceremony. The ideal situation is to accommodate NOC delegations in one place “The Athletes’ village” which guarantees the same conditions for all accommodated members of the delegations. The NOCs delegations must pay a participation fee per day and person to the Organising Committee.

The Organising Committee shall undertake all the measures to guarantee the appropriate number of hotel rooms necessary for Judges/Referees, Technical Delegates and other Sports Officials, the EOC officials and staff, guests, media representatives and other accredited groups during the EYOF. Also the accommodation for families, fans and spectators must be taken into consideration.

#### **\* Bye-laws to Rule 14:**

- a) The participants’ accommodation and meals shall respect a minimum level of comfort standards similar to a 3 star hotel. The ratio of athlete per WC/Shower must not exceed 4 athletes per WC/shower.
- b) Daily arrangements must be made for a chambermaid and housekeeping service to maintain resident accommodation in a clean and acceptable condition (sanitary facilities, collection of waste disposal etc.). Bed linen must be changed once per week. Sets of towels must be changed at least three times per week.
- c) Three meals per day including the sufficient amount of beverages must be provided to the NOCs delegations members. Water and ice must be provided in all sports venues.

## **RULE 15      Transportation**

Throughout the duration of the EYOF the Organising Committee is responsible for providing a free of charge safe, reliable and efficient system of transport for all the accredited persons, and for the equipment needed by athletes for training and competition, between the airport(s) (official port of entry), and the accommodation sites, and to and from all official competition and non-competition venues (including training venues) connected with the EYOF. The transportation system must meet the specific needs and requirement of different groups and must be approved by the EOC.

## **RULE 16\*      Medical and Anti-doping**

The Organising Committee is responsible for all health, medical and anti-doping services connected with the EYOF, through the intermediary of the competent authorities of the host country.

Medical care shall be provided free of charge to all people accredited for the EYOF, and in all circumstances arising during their stay in the EYOF host country.

The Organising Committee is obliged to establish the anti-doping programme and carry out doping controls. It shall bear the costs occasioned by such controls.

### **\* Bye-laws to Rule 16:**

- a) All competition and training venues must provide medical facilities and personnel providing services in accordance with the EFs/IFs Medical Regulations and subject to the approval of the EOC Medical delegate (member of the EYOF Coordination Commission).
- b) In doping controls, the criteria and rules of the World Anti-Doping Code shall apply in accordance with the instructions of the EOC.
- c) Doping tests, the number of which is to be defined in each Host City Contract, shall be under the responsibility of the Organising Committee in close cooperation with the National Anti-Doping Office/Agency.
- d) Analyses shall be carried out by a laboratory accredited by WADA.

## **RULE 17      Other services**

### **NOCs Relations and Services**

Adequate information services and support must be provided to the participating NOCs. The Organising Committee must establish the department of the NOCs Relations & Services which serves as the main liaison with the NOCs during the preparation and the event itself. The main task is to collect and handle all the queries and requests of the NOCs, to inform regularly and provide the NOCs with important information and facts & figures on the EYOF organisation. During the EYOF the NOC services center must be operated by the Organising Committee.

## **Security**

All the appropriate and necessary security measures must be taken by the competent authorities of the host country, the region and the City in order to guarantee the safe and peaceful running of the EYOF and the security and safety of all participants.

It is of essential importance to set up the transparent structure and to perform risk assessments in cooperation with the competent authorities, in order to determine what security measures are required.

## **Information Technology**

Technology is a vital element in the preparation and staging of the EYOF. Functional up-to-date Information Technology systems must be established and implemented into the organisation of the event, including data & timing & scoring & results systems, in order to guarantee the reliable, quality and rapid production and transmission of information and services to the accredited participants and the public.

## **RULE 18\* Ceremonies**

The Organising Committee shall organise an Opening, a Closing and a Victory and Medal Award ceremonies in accordance with the guidelines and protocol set up by the EOC.

### **\* Bye-laws to Rule 18:**

#### **Opening Ceremony**

a) The Opening Ceremony shall include the following obligatory elements:

- national anthem and the raising of the National Flag
- parade of the NOCs delegations
- Olympic anthem and the raising of the Olympic Flag
- bringing of the Olympic flag and its hoisting on the flagpole erected in the arena (stadium)
- bringing of the Torch into the arena/stadium and the lighting of the Flame
- athletes', judges' and coaches' oath
- three short official speeches at maximum (OC and EOC President, IOC President if present)
- declaration of the opening of the EYOF by the highest politician present (Head of State or his representative)
- cultural programme

b) The Flame must burn in a prominent position throughout the period of the EYOF.

c) The total length of the Opening Ceremony shall not exceed 100 minutes.

d) The scenario of the Opening Ceremony must be approved by the EOC.

#### **Closing Ceremony**

a) The Closing Ceremony shall include following obligatory elements: - address by the President of the Organising Committee

- address by the President of the EOC, or his/her representative + declaration of the closing of the EYOF
- handing over of the EOC flag to the next organiser
- extinguishing of the Flame
- Olympic anthem
- lowering of the Olympic flag
- Farewell party for the athletes

b) The scenario of the Closing Ceremony must be approved by the EOC.

### **Victory Ceremony**

Unless otherwise authorised by the EOC the Victory Ceremony at the Summer EYOF shall take place immediately after the event at the corresponding sports venues.

At the Winter EYOF the Victory ceremony may take place in the evening in the City / Athletes' Village/or other place approved by the EOC. In such case only the Flower ceremonies are held in the respective sports venues immediately after the competitions.

- a) The Organising Committee shall provide the medals for the first three placed athletes/teams in each discipline or event.
- b) The presentation of the medals/flowers shall be carried out by the representatives of the EOC/IOC/EFs/IFs and the representatives of the Host NOC/Country/City, according to the protocol plan approved by the EOC.
- c) The national anthem of the winner's delegation is played while the national flags of the first three athletes/teams are hoisted on the flagpoles.
- d) The design of the medals must be approved by the EOC. The EOC shall provide the Organising Committee with clear instructions of what must appear on both sides of the medals.
- e) The scenario of the Victory ceremony as well as the Flower ceremony must be approved by the EOC.

### **RULE 19\* Media operations**

#### **Services for media**

The Organizing Committee shall invite and encourage national and international media representatives to take part in the EYOF.

During the EYOF the Organising Committee shall provide all the appropriate facilities and standard services to permit the work of the accredited representatives of the media (journalists, photographers, radio, movie and television) and ensure their access to all relevant information.



## TV Broadcasting

All Broadcasting rights (including traditional transmission techniques and by way of telecommunications satellite, cable, ATM closed circuit, Internet or any other transmission technique existing and future), are the sole property of the EOC.

The EOC may cede the broadcasting rights to the LOC.

The LOC will sign an acceptance of basic rules/policy for what can be broadcasted.

All original "master" tapes are the property of EOC and must be delivered to the EOC in the determined format after the conclusion of the EYOF, together with a 3/5-minute video of the highlights of the event.

### \* Bye-laws to Rule 19:

- a) The Organizing Committee must establish a Main Press Centre, which must be open as of one day before the Opening Ceremony, throughout the whole EYOF till one day after the Closing Ceremony. The Main Press Centre must provide up-to-date, standard free of charge services to accredited media representatives (working space, electrical point, access to internet, printing and photocopy service, pigeon holes with information, Help/Welcome Desk).
- b) At each competition venue, a Sub-Press Centre or at least the Media point must be provided. Sub-Press Centres must be available for use one hour prior to the start of competition and two hours after the competition. The sub-press centres must provide the working space, the Internet access and the info desk providing the information (start and result lists etc.)
- c) Wherever possible, the Organizing Committee must ensure that the competition venues, from which the competitions will be broadcast/streamed, are lit to minimum television requirements following the Minimum Requirements for lighting and EFs/IFs regulations.
- d) The LOC must guarantee, as a minimum, production of free Internet streaming of competitions/ceremonies through a web-based platform according to the instruction of the EOC. The final streaming programme and scope will be agreed between the LOC and the EOC, based on coverage of the following:
  - Finals (medal events) of each sport (with basic timing/scoring/results info)
  - Daily highlights including medal ceremonies
  - Opening/ Closing ceremony streaming, or at least highlights agreed with the EOC
- e) The LOC is further expected to post video/footage after the end of each streaming on the EOC YouTube channel (or platform indicated by the EOC) in a particular section as instructed by the EOC, as well as the daily highlights and any other videos available.



## **RULE 20\* Commercial matters, Propaganda and advertising**

The marketing rights, owned by the EOC, are assigned to the Organising Committee. The Organising Committee shall nevertheless guarantee the EOC sponsors advertising space in the arenas. The scope of the EOC advertising shall be agreed upon between the EOC and the Organising Committee. The Organising Committee's sponsors shall not be in conflict with the EOC sponsors and the Organising Committee must obtain the prior approval of the EOC.

In order to avoid any misuse of Olympic Symbols and to secure the protection of the NOC and IOC Olympic sponsors programme, the EOC requires very close cooperation between the hosting NOC and the Organising Committee of the EYOF in all commercial activities and aspects.

All commercial activities of the Organising Committee related to the EYOF must be approved by the relevant National Olympic Committee. The NOC is the highest authority in the respective territory for the protection of the Olympic Symbols. The NOC is the unique partner of the EOC and IOC and at the same time a contractual party of the Host City contract of the respective EYOF.

The Organising Committee may enter into any contract, providing it is not in conflict with regulations stipulated by the International Olympic Committee or the EOC and has the prior approval of the EOC.

Matters related to the commercial and advertising issues are regulated by the EOC EYOF Commercial and Advertising Rules which rules must be respected.

In the event of any dispute concerning any contract or agreement between the EOC and/or the Organising Committee, and/or the Host NOC and/or the Region concerned, then the laws of Switzerland shall apply.

No kind of demonstration or any form of propaganda is permitted in the areas directly or indirectly connected with the EYOF.

The Organising Committee shall take all measures to ensure the visibility and promotion of the event at a national level: in the City/Region and in all official EYOF venues in tune with the approved brand design of the EYOF including the look of the event.

### **\* Bye-laws to Rule 20:**

- a) No form of publicity or propaganda, commercial or otherwise, may appear on sportswear, accessories or, more generally, on any article of clothing or equipment whatsoever worn by the delegations in the EYOF except for the manufacturer's logo or trademark and its graphics elements. The relevant valid EOC EYOF Rules regarding this topic must be fully respected by the NOCs. Any violation of such Rules shall result in disqualification and withdrawal of accreditation.

- b) The Organising Committee is responsible for ensuring that the necessary infrastructure is in place to maintain proper Public and Press relations throughout the preparation and operation of the EYOF and to promote positively the EYOF, Youth sport and Olympic values. Throughout the whole promotion, communication and public relations campaign and activities the EOC EYOF Visibility and Promotion Guidelines must be applied and respected.
- c) As soon as it has been created, the Organising Committee shall set up an Internet website in its own and at least the English language. This website shall include all relevant information concerning the preparation and the organisation of the EYOF for both accredited people and the general public. The use of social media shall also be implemented.

## **RULE 21 \* Finances**

Unless otherwise explicitly stated in the Host City Contract, the Host City, the NOC and the Organising Committee shall bear all costs for the fulfilment of their obligations related to the planning, preparation and staging of the EYOF as well as for any other activity related to the EYOF.

Within twelve months of the signing of the "Host City Contract", the Organising Committee shall submit a detailed budget to the EOC EYOF Commission.

The Organising Committee is allowed to ask the participant NOCs for a daily participation fee, based on the proposal stated in the Bid file, which serves to cover the basic accommodation and catering expenses, as well as some other costs (insurance, etc.), for each participant (athlete, official, referee/judge accompanying the delegation).

The Organising Committee shall cover certain expenses of the members of the EYOF Coordination Commission and nominated EF/IF officials and other services, as stated in the Host City Contract.

The EOC provides a subsidy to the NOC of the country that hosts the EYOF, according to the budget approved by the General Assembly.

### **\*Bye-law to Rule 21:**

Each participating NOC shall cover their travel costs to the designated international airport(s) in the host country. The Organising Committee shall cover the transfer costs from the airport to the Athletes' Village during the event and return to the designated International Airport(s).

### **Debts**

In the event that any NOC has financial debts towards an EYOF Organising Committee, such NOC shall be subject to sanctions as the EOC Executive Committee shall decide. Similar sanctions shall be applied by the EOC Executive Committee to the NOC of any Organiser of an EYOF that has not fulfilled its obligations.

## **RULE 22 Insurance**

The EOC shall not be responsible for any claim for loss, injury or damage arising from the holding of the EYOF.

The Organising Committee shall contract, at its cost:

- An appropriate general liability insurance policy covering the risks of any liability or damages arising out of the organisation of the EYOF and any act of the Organising Committee, or its mandatories and employees, from its constitution to its dissolution. The insurance shall cover without limitation, except in the case of local legal constraint, all claims for loss, injury or damage to goods and individuals arising from the holding of the EYOF,
- Medical coverage and individual accident insurance (permanent disability, consequential damage, or costs of medical treatment).

All NOCs are nevertheless advised to provide an adequate insurance policy to cover travel and participation, as they are not the responsibility of the Organising Committee or the EOC.

## **RULE 23 Infringements to the EYOF Rules**

The EYOF Coordination Commission may withdraw accreditation and access from any person who infringes the EYOF Rules. Furthermore, if appropriate, the competitor or team at fault shall be disqualified and lose the benefit of any ranking obtained, and any medals won shall be withdrawn. In such an event, new final ranking lists shall be published and, if appropriate, medals reallocated.

## **RULE 24 Crisis management**

In the case of any kind of crisis that can affect the normal running of the EYOF or part thereof due to force majeure, such as but not limited to any event affecting the performance of any provision of the Host City Contract arising from or attributable to acts, events, omissions or accidents which are beyond the reasonable control of the Organizing Committee, the Organizing Committee shall immediately inform the EOC and perform all necessary actions needed for the safety and security of the participants, in particular the young athletes.

In such case as the EOC may deem there to be a risk of such an event of force majeure that may affect the smooth running of a future EYOF, or in such case as the Organizing Committee may find itself short of funds, the EOC can, entirely at its discretion, decide to cancel, change the dates of or move the EYOF to another location.

## ANNEX

### Definitions

**The EOC** is the European Olympic Committees.

**The General Assembly** is a General Assembly of the European Olympic Committees

**The EOC Executive Committee** is the highest responsible body in-between EOC General Assemblies.

**The EYOF Commission** is appointed by the EOC Executive Committee to supervise the EYOF.

**The EYOF Coordination Commission** is appointed by the EYOF Commission to liaise with and assist the Organising Committee.

**The Organising Committee** is appointed by the NOC and the Host City, which are given the responsibility of organizing the EYOF.

**The European Federations (EFs)** manage every technical matter related to their corresponding summer sports/disciplines, according to the contract signed with the EOC and to the Technical Regulations.

**The International Federations (IFs)** manage every technical matter related to their corresponding winter sports/disciplines, according to the Technical Regulations.

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