



EYOF Charter

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DEFINITIONS

EOC:	the European Olympic Committees
General Assembly:	a General Assembly of the European Olympic Committees
Executive Committee:	the Executive Committee of the EOC as constituted in accordance with the EOC Articles of Association
EYOF:	the acronym for European Youth Olympic Festival
EYOF Commission:	the commission of the EOC responsible for the EYOF
EYOF Coordination Commission (COCOM):	the body appointed by the EYOF Commission in accordance with Rule n 8
Organising Committee (OC):	the body created by the NOC and the Host City, which takes on the responsibility of organizing the EYOF
European Federations (EFs):	the highest bodies representing their sport at European level
International Federations (IFs):	the highest bodies representing their sport at international level
Host City:	the city or cities, region or regions that host an EYOF, or a combination of any of these

FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

1. The EYOF Charter 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 EYOF, 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 everywhere place 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. The EYOF is the top multisport event open to young athletes of the National Olympic Committees that are Members of the European Olympic Committees who have their 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th or 18th birthday during the year in which the EYOF in which they will compete is held. The minimum and maximum age for each sport is specified in each sport technical manual. EYOF is held every two years, in odd years, in both summer and winter editions.

RULES

RULE 1 Ownership Rights

The "European Youth Olympic Festival" (EYOF) is property of the European Olympic Committees (EOC) and is organised on behalf of said Association, which owns all rights concerning their organisation, exploitation, broadcasting, marketing and reproduction by any means whatsoever, both present and future, 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 EYOFs 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 published for each EYOF edition. The criteria for the qualification of athletes/teams are in the remit of the respective NOCs with the exception of team sports 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 that is entering him/her or have the right of being a national or citizen of such country when the competitor reaches the legal age of majority. In any case, the NOC must, on the request of the Organising Committee (OC) or the EOC, duly prove the nationality, citizenship or right to obtain the one or the other by the competitor. An NOC that wishes to enter an athlete who does not meet these criteria, must submit a written and detailed request to the EYOF COCOM not later than four months before the date of the Opening Ceremony. The EYOF COCOM will make a recommendation to the EOC Executive Committee, which will at its sole discretion decide whether the request can be accepted or not.

RULE 4 Official Language, Flag and Logo

The official language of the EYOF is English.

The official flag is the EOC flag.

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

The organiser is free to create a Logo (emblem) and brand design for the EYOF edition it organises and subject to the indications provided in the EOC Brand Book. Said Logo shall not include the Olympic Rings and must be approved by the EOC.

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 15th January and the end of February.
- For summer editions, the 3rd or 4th week of July

The final decision on dates rests with the EOC.

The duration of EYOF shall be of a maximum of 8 days.

The number of participants in the Winter EYOF must not exceed 2000 (athletes and officials) and in the Summer EYOF must not exceed 4000 (athletes and officials). The recommended number of participants is 1600 for the Winter EYOF and 3600 for the Summer EYOF. These limits do not include judges/referees, technical delegates, other officials, guests or journalists.

Bye-Laws to Rule 5:

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 Sport Director 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, composed of two members of the EYOF Commission and EOC Sport Director, 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 OC 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 (OC)

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 OC for the EYOF.

All agreements relating to the incorporation and the existence of the OC must be submitted to the EOC for approval.

The OC 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 OC shall centralise the management of the organisation and shall be the sole interlocutor with EOC and NOCs on behalf of the different actors of the host country.

The OC 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 OC shall submit its Master plan for the EYOF to the EOC. The contents of the Master plan shall be duly communicated on the basis of the document previously provided by the EOC to the OC.

RULE 8 Control, Reporting and Official meetings and documents

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

The EYOF Coordination Commission (COCOM) supervises all issues that arise or could arise concerning the EYOF they are given charge of.

The EOC Sport Director is the liaison between the EYOF Commission, COCOMs, EFs/IFs and the EYOF Candidates and Organisers.

The EYOF Commission shall appoint, for every EYOF edition, an EYOF Coordination Commission (COCOM) with the following composition:

- a) Three members of the EYOF Commission, one of which will be the Chair;
- b) Chief Medical Officer, appointed by the EOC Medical Commission;
- c) EOC Sport Director.

The EYOF COCOM shall manage the working relationship with the OC, the EOC, the European/International Federations and the participating NOCs.

The EYOF COCOM shall monitor the progress of preparations of the EYOF by the OC. 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 OC the EYOF COCOM shall carry out an inspection visit to the Host City at least once per year and meet with the representatives of the OC.

The OC 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 OC 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 OC 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 to gain a lot of valuable information and knowledge.
- c) The OC must prepare and organise the Chefs de Mission Seminar no later than 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 OC 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 OC, 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 OC 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 OC shall prepare the Final Report within four months after the conclusion of the EYOF. A final presentation must be made to the EOC General Assembly taking place at the end of the same calendar year as the EYOF.
- g) The OC must provide the EOC with the various documents and materials for the EOC EYOF archive according to the instructions of the EYOF COCOM.
- h) The OC 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

For each Summer edition, the sports programme shall include at least 5 individual sports and at least three team sports included in the Olympic programme. All sports on the programme shall be both for boys and girls. The total number of participants shall comply with Rule 5 of this document. The proposed sport programme shall follow the principles of continuity and must be approved by the EOC.

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 with the corresponding EF.
- b) The number of participant teams in team sports shall be defined by the EOC, according to the contracts signed by the EOC with the corresponding EF. 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/referee's 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 determined by the EOC according to the contracts signed by the EOC and the corresponding EF.
- e) The OC shall submit the daily sports programme to the EYOF COCOM 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.
- f) The EOC shall decide on any change proposed by the Organising Committee.

RULE 10 Sports programme of the Winter EYOF

For each Winter edition, the sports programme shall include at least six individual sports and at least one team sport included in the Olympic programme. All sports on the programme shall be both for boys and girls. The total number of participants shall comply with Rule 5 of this document. The proposed sport programme shall follow the principles of continuity and must be approved by the EOC.

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) For each sport, discipline and event, the EOC shall determine the procedures for judges' /referees' designation according to the instructions given by the respective EF/IF.
- c) 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 determined by the EOC according to the contracts signed by the EOC and the corresponding EF/IF.
- d) The OC shall submit the daily sports programme to the EYOF COCOM 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/IF.
- e) The EOC shall decide on any change proposed by the OC.

RULE 11 EYOF Regulations

The OC shall respect the minimum technical requirements for each sport and each event, as defined by the rules of the respective European/International Federation. The OC shall submit any major technical consideration for the approval to the EYOF COCOM 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 EOC Sport Director 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 COCOM visit and during the Chefs de Mission Seminar. The OC must stay in close touch with all nominated Technical Delegates and consult them about all issues related to the sport's 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) The international referees and judges for specific sports are nominated by the respective EF/IF in agreement with the EOC, unless otherwise defined in the Sports Technical Manual. The cost of the flights and participation fees for said referees and judges shall be equally shared across the NOCs participating in the related sport/tournament. 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 OC

- 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 EYOF COCOM, Chairman of the OC.
- e) The OC 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 OC 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 OC based on the request of the Technical Delegates.
- h) Test events shall be organised for each sport prior to the EYOF in order to test the venues, infrastructure, logistics and the operation of the OC.

RULE 12 **Entries / Accreditation**

The OC 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, or at the discretion of the EOC. In any circumstance the final decision rests with the EOC.

The OC 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 OC. Nevertheless, the NOCs with 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 OC and the EYOF COCOM.
- c) The Olympic standards (groups, colours, acronyms etc.) shall be applied for the accreditation system/infrastructure.

RULE 13 **Entry formalities and customs**

The OC 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 OC 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 OC 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 OC.

The OC 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, unless otherwise approved by the EOC.
- 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) The catering plan, which shall be approved by the EOC, must allow athletes access to the Athlete Village dining hall in line with training and competition schedules, from the date of the opening of the Village to the day of its closure, and must provide an amount and a variety of food and beverage suited to the diet of athletes of the age group concerned, including provisions for special dietary requirements.
- d) Water and ice must be provided in all venues.

RULE 15 Transportation

Throughout the duration of the EYOF the OC 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 OC 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 shall establish the anti-doping programme and carry out doping controls in compliance with the EOC Medical and Anti-Doping Guidelines. 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 Chief Medical Officer (member of the EYOF COCOM).

- b) Doping tests, the number of which is to be defined in each Host City Contract, shall be under the responsibility of the OC in close cooperation with the National Anti-Doping Office/Agency.

RULE 17 **Other services**

NOCs Relations and Services

Suitable information services and support must be provided to the participating NOCs. The OC must establish the department of the NOCs Relations & Services, in coordination with the EOC Sport Director, 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 centre must be operated by the OC.

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.

The security plan must be approved by the EOC.

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. Free of charge wireless Internet connection must be provided at all venues.

RULE 18 **Ceremonies**

The Organising Committee shall organise an Opening, a Closing 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
- bringing of the EOC flag, anthem and the raising of the EOC Flag
- 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 90 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 OC
- 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
- anthem
- lowering of the EOC flag
- Farewell party for the athletes

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

Medal Ceremonies

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

At the Winter EYOF the Medal ceremony may take place in the evening in the Host City/Athletes' Village or another 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 OC 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 OC with clear instructions of what must appear on both sides of the medals.
- e) The scenario of the Medal ceremony as well as the Flower ceremony must be approved by the EOC.

RULE 19 Media operations

Services for media

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

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 fully or partially cede the broadcasting rights to the OC.

The OC shall sign an acceptance of basic rules/policy for what can be broadcast.

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 OC 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, pigeonholes 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 OC 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 OC 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 OC 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 OC 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 OC. The OC 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 OC. The OC'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 OC 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 OC 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.

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

The OC 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:

The EOC EYOF Rules regarding this topic must be fully respected by the NOCs:

- a) The OC 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.
- b) As soon as it has been created, the OC 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.

- c) The OC shall make all documents addressed to the NOCs available to them through their website.

RULE 21 Finances

Unless otherwise explicitly stated in the Host City Contract, the Host City, the NOC and the OC 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 OC shall submit a detailed budget to the EOC EYOF Commission.

The OC 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 OC 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:

- a) Each participating NOC shall cover their travel costs to the designated international airport(s) in the host country. The OC shall cover the transfer costs from the airport to the Athletes’ Village during the event and return to the designated International Airport(s).
- b) In the event that any NOC has financial debts towards an EYOF OC, 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 OC 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 OC or the EOC.

RULE 23 Infractions to the EYOF Rules

The EYOF COCOM 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 OC, the OC 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 OC 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.