



Competition Format and Rules

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Youth Olympic Competition Format

The Athletics competition at the Summer Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018 comprises 18 events for men and 18 events for women. The events will be held over six days comprising two stages of three competition days each. All athletes shall compete in both stages. During the Summer Youth Olympic Games an extensive Culture and Education Programme will be organised for the athletes in which the IAAF encourages athletes to participate.

Events and Competition Phases

List of Events			
Men	Women	Stage 1	Stage 2
Track			
100m	100m	Yes	Yes
200m	200m	Yes	Yes
400m	400m	Yes	Yes
800m	800m	Yes	Yes
110m Hurdles	100m Hurdles	Yes	Yes
400m Hurdles	400m Hurdles	Yes	Yes
5000m Race Walk	5000m Race Walk	Yes	Yes
Jumps			
High Jump	High Jump	Yes	Yes
Pole Vault	Pole Vault	Yes	Yes
Long Jump	Long Jump	Yes	Yes
Triple Jump	Triple Jump	Yes	Yes
Throws			
Shot Put	Shot Put	Yes	Yes
Discus Throw	Discus Throw	Yes	Yes
Hammer Throw	Hammer Throw	Yes	Yes
Javelin Throw	Javelin Throw	Yes	Yes
Distance Events*			
1500m / Cross-Country	1500m / Cross-Country	Yes	Yes
3000m / Cross-Country	3000m / Cross-Country	Yes	Yes
2000m Steeplechase / Cross-Country	2000m Steeplechase / Cross-Country	Yes	Yes

*Distance Races are held in Stage 1 and Cross-Country Races are held in Stage 2.

Differences between the IAAF World Youth Championships and the Summer Youth Olympic Games

There are no Cross-Country races at the IAAF World Youth Championships.

There are no relays or combined events at the Summer Youth Olympic Games.

Changes since the Summer Youth Olympic Games Nanjing 2014

- 8x100m Mixed Team Relay event has been removed
- Men's and Women's Cross-Country races have been added

Sport Rules and Procedures

Track Events:

100m, 200m, 400m, 100/110m H, 400m H, 800m

- There will be two stages of competition with all athletes competing in both
- The performance of each athlete in both stages will be added together to determine the overall final placings



- In Stage 1, the heats will be arranged using the IAAF seeding rules. Where applicable, the results of all heats will be combined and the athletes' times will determine their allocation to the Stage 2 heats.
- In Stage 2, the top eight athletes from Stage 1 will compete in the last heat. The remaining athletes will be spread equally over the other heats according to their times in Stage 1.
- Athletes who did not start (DNS), did not finish (DNF) or were disqualified (DQ) for a technical reason in Stage 1, may compete in Stage 2

Race Walking:

- The Race Walking events are mass start events with two rounds. All athletes shall compete in both rounds.
- The distance for men is 5000m and the distance for women is 5000m
- The performance of each athlete in both rounds will be added together to determine the overall final placings
- Athletes who did not start (DNS), did not finish (DNF) or were disqualified (DQ) for a technical reason in Stage 1, may compete in Stage 2
- For the Race Walk events, there shall be one race only at each stage, and the Pit Lane rule, according to IAAF Rule 230.7(b), will be used

Distance Events: 1500m, 3000m, 2000m Steeplechase / Cross-Country

- All athletes will compete in one heat of their individual events
- All athletes will then compete in a Cross-Country race
- The placings of athletes in each individual event and in the Cross-Country race will be added to determine the overall final placings with the athlete having the lowest total score being the overall winner (i.e. an athlete placed 2nd in the 3000m and 4th in the Cross-Country race will receive six points which will count as his total score)

Field Events: High Jump, Pole Vault, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Shot Put, Discus Throw, Hammer Throw, Javelin Throw

- There will be two stages with all athletes competing in one group in both
- The performance of each athlete in both stages will be added together to determine the overall final placings
- In both stages of all Field Events, except for Pole Vault and High Jump, all athletes will receive four trials. There will be no change of order after three trials.

Tie Break Rules

- Except in the 1500m, 3000m and 2000m Steeplechase / Cross-Country, in the event of the same result in the overall ranking, it shall be resolved in favour of the athlete who achieve a better performance. If the athletes still remain equal, it will be considered a tie.
- In the case of the 1500m, 3000m and 2000m Steeplechase / Cross-Country, the athlete who finished nearer to first place in the Cross-Country race shall be awarded the higher place

Penalties / Disqualification Rules

According to the IAAF Rules, disqualifications are possible in several situations.

For Track Events the most common cases are:

- False start
- Lane infringement (200m, 400m)
- Hurdle fault (missing hurdle, trailing leg, deliberately knocking down hurdle)
- Passing the relay baton outside the takeover zone
- For events not conducted in lanes, jostling and obstruction are the most common cases

Disqualifications in Field Events are very uncommon.



Protests / Appeals

Protests are possible and will be resolved under the IAAF Rules. Protests concerning an athlete's status to participate in the Summer Youth Olympic Games must be made to the IOC, prior to the commencement of the meeting. There will be a right of appeal to the Jury of Appeal of the decision made by the IOC.

An appeal to the Jury of Appeal must be made within 30 minutes of the official announcement of the decision made by the Referee. It must be in writing, signed by the responsible official on behalf of the athlete, and must be accompanied by a deposit of USD 100, which will be forfeited if the appeal is not upheld. All appeals must be lodged at the TIC at the Olympic Stadium. All appeals will be immediately forwarded to the Secretary of the Jury of Appeal.