

YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES (YOG) EUROPEAN QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT

SYSTEM OF PLAY

1. The competition shall be played in three stages:
 Stage 1 (Friday - 1st day) group matches (8 groups with 3, 4, 5 or 6 players)
 Stage 2 (Saturday - 2nd day) knock-out system
 Stage 3 (Sunday - 3rd day) knock-out system

2. STAGE 1 (Friday - 1st day)

- 2.1 Participating players shall be drawn into 8 groups (A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H) in accordance with the latest available World Ranking list.
- 2.2 The players ranked 1 – 8 shall be placed in descending ranking order respectively at the top of the groups A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H.
- 2.3 The remaining players shall be drawn 2 by 2 among the 8 groups taking into account the 'snake system'.
- 2.4 The winners and position 2 players from each group will qualify for the 2nd day DRAW 'A'
- 2.5 The position 3 and position 4 players from each group will qualify for the 2nd day DRAW 'B'.
 The players eventually ranked 5th or 6th in a group finish his/her participation.

3. STAGE 2 (Saturday - 2nd day)

3.1 DRAW 'A'

In stage 2 the progressive knockout system will be used in order to determine the final position for every player, with the exception of a match for position 1 and 2. The winner of group A goes to position 1, the winner of group B goes to position 16, the winners of groups C and D will be drawn among positions 8 and 9, the winners of the groups E, F, G, H will be drawn among positions 4, 5, 12, and 13. The players finishing in position 2 of the first stage groups shall be drawn by lot into the remaining places but in the opposite half to the winners of their initial group (see diagram).

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| 1 | Winner gr. A | |
| 2 | 2 nd of gr. B, C, D, E, F, G, H | |
| 3 | 2 nd of gr. B, C, D, E, F, G, H | |
| 4 | Winner gr. E, F, G, H | |
| 5 | Winner gr. E, F, G, H | Qualifier 1 |
| 6 | 2 nd of gr. B, C, D, E, F, G, H | |
| 7 | 2 nd of gr. B, C, D, E, F, G, H | |
| 8 | Winner gr. C/D | |
| 9 | Winner gr. C/D | |
| 10 | 2 nd of gr. A, C, D, E, F, G, H | |
| 11 | 2 nd of gr. A, C, D, E, F, G, H | |
| 12 | Winner gr. E, F, G, H | |
| 13 | Winner gr. E, F, G, H | Qualifier 2 |
| 14 | 2 nd of gr. A, C, D, E, F, G, H | |
| 15 | 2 nd of gr. A, C, D, E, F, G, H | |
| 16 | Winner gr. B | |

The finalists of the DRAW 'A' become **Qualifier 1 and Qualifier 2** for Buenos Aires 2018 YOG. The remaining 14 players will be drawn into DRAW 'C' of the qualification.

3.2 DRAW 'B'

In stage 2 the progressive knockout system will be used in order to determine the final position for every player, with the exception of a match for position 1 and 2. The players finishing in position 3 of the first stage groups will be drawn randomly into DRAW 'B'. The players finishing in position 4 of the first stage groups shall be drawn by lot into the remaining places but in the opposite half to the winners of their initial group (see diagram).

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| 1 | 3 rd of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H | |
| 2 | 4 th of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H | |
| 3 | 4 th of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H | |
| 4 | 3 rd of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H | |
| 5 | 3 rd of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H | Qualified for DRAW 'C' on the 3 rd day |
| 6 | 4 th of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H | |
| 7 | 4 th of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H | |
| 8 | 3 rd of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H | |
| 9 | 3 rd of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H | |
| 10 | 4 th of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H | |
| 11 | 4 th of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H | |
| 12 | 3 rd of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H | |
| 13 | 3 rd of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H | Qualified for DRAW 'C' on the 3 rd day |
| 14 | 4 th of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H | |
| 15 | 4 th of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H | |
| 16 | 3 rd of gr. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H | |

The finalists of DRAW 'B' will qualify for DRAW 'C' to be played on the 3rd day.

4. STAGE 3 (Sunday - 3rd day)

4.1 DRAW 'C'

The 14 remaining players from DRAW 'A' and the 2 qualified players from DRAW 'B' will play in a single knock-out system DRAW 'C'. The semi-finalists of DRAW 'A' will go to position 1 and position 16 of DRAW 'C'. All remaining players will be drawn randomly to the remaining positions.

The finalists of DRAW 'C' become **Qualifier 3 and Qualifier 4** for Buenos Aires 2018 YOG.

The losers of the semi-final matches of DRAW 'C' will play an additional match to determine the 1st and 2nd reserve players.